

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
12716 Warwick Boulevard
Newport News, VA 23606-1807
SCHOOL OF MUSIC

We welcome you to our **SCHOOL OF MUSIC** for the 2019-2020 school year. As we begin working and studying together, several items of importance concerning the School of Music need to be explained.

1. To study in our School, you must complete the appropriate form and contact the director, Rev. Dennis Adams, for placement in the school.
2. The **cost** for private, 30-minute, weekly lessons is \$18.00 per lesson. The cost for Kindermusik is available from Peggy Watson, licensed Kindermusik educator.
3. Fall, 2019: One-time annual registration fee of \$35 per student. The registration fee will help with instrument upgrades and upkeep. The registration fee will cover both Fall and Spring semesters. This will be an annual fee, payable in September.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR PAYMENT BY CHECK to FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. You may pay weekly or monthly. If you pay monthly, please pay at the **first lesson** of each month. This payment schedule will simplify bookkeeping and will assist you in keeping your account up to date.

4. We follow the Newport News Public School calendar. When the schools are closed, so are we. This will apply even in inclement weather (snow, ice, etc.). If your teacher chooses to teach when Newport News Schools are closed, you will be notified in advance.
5. Children should not wait for lessons without an adult. Also, parents should pick up their child promptly at the conclusion of his or her lesson.
6. In the event you must miss a lesson, **and you cancel in advance**, your teacher may schedule a make-up lesson. If you must miss a lesson, you must notify your teacher at least 24 hours in advance, or you may forfeit your missed lesson. Lessons missed without 24 hours advance notice will be charged to the student, except in emergencies. Please work with your teacher to keep missed lessons to a minimum. When canceling your lesson, whether in advance or on the day of your lesson, please contact your teacher directly. The Church office staff will put a notice on the teacher's mailbox, but cannot be responsible for contacting your teacher.
7. The only telephone line into the music area after 4:00 PM (when the church staff leaves) is 930-0042. Music students will not be able to get through to the church on the other extensions after 4:00 PM. **Before calling the church, please try to contact your teacher at home.**
8. The School will have annual Spring Recitals and an annual Christmas Recital. Most students are required to participate; only your teacher can excuse you from this activity.

If you have questions or problems, feel free to call your teacher or the Director of the School, Rev. Dennis Adams (930-0911).

The School of Music of First Baptist Church serves to provide quality musical instruction, taught by competent, qualified, Christian instructors, with special emphasis placed on utilizing and dedicating each student's talents to the glory of God through Christian service.

Please complete the attached form and return it to Rev. Dennis Adams, the church office, or one of the School of Music's faculty members, prior to or at your first lesson.

You may also register online by visiting our church's website at www.fbcnn.org and click on the Music tab at the bottom of the page.

Private instruction is offered in: Piano, Voice, Guitar, Saxophone, Clarinet, and Strings. Class instruction is offered in Kindermusik for ages 1.5 – 5 years old. For information on Kindermusik and String instruction, contact Peggy Watson at 930-8353 or Peggy.Watson@cox.net

In Christ's service,

Dennis L. Adams
Director, School of Music

SCHOOL OF MUSIC REGISTRATION FORM

I wish to be enrolled in the School of Music for the 2019-2020 school year.

NAME OF STUDENT: _____

COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

INSTRUMENT(S) DESIRED: _____

AGE: _____ YRS. OF EXPERIENCE: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

PARENT'S NAME _____

DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER: _____

In the event parent cannot be reached call: _____

relationship: _____ phone: _____

1. _____ I would like to be enrolled in the School of Music for private lessons (\$18.00 per lesson).

2. _____ Registration fee of \$35 is enclosed. Make check payable to First Baptist Church.

3. The best day of the week for my lesson is _____. I could, however, have my lesson on one of the following days: _____, _____, or _____.

4. The best time of the day for my lesson is _____. I could, however, have my lesson at any one of the following times: _____, _____, or _____.

5. I would prefer to study with _____.
(name of teacher)

6. I am a returning student of _____.
(name of teacher)

7. I am a new student in the School of Music. _____

8. I would like to enroll in Kindermusik. _____

9. Today's date _____.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT(S) - if applicable _____

PARENT(S) NAME (please print) - _____

(For office use only)

Date Received _____ Lesson day and time _____

Instructor _____ Instrument _____

School of Music Faculty

Rev. Dennis Adams, Director of the School of Music, Piano, Voice

Rev. Adams has been the Minister of Music and the Director of the FBC School of Applied Music since 1986, and has been a piano and vocal instructor since 1978. He received both his Bachelor and Master of Music Education from Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, after studying vocal pedagogy and choral conducting at Westminster Choir College, under Dean Wilder and Joseph Flummerfelt. He also served as an adjunct professor in the Music Department of Christopher Newport University.

Holly Bard, Piano

Ms. Bard has been teaching at the School of Music since the Fall of 2017. She graduated from Christopher Newport University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music, concentrating in Piano. Her passion is to share her love of Jesus and music with each of her students and to build relationships with them and their families.

Darlene Wiggins Dockery, Piano

From a musical family, Dr. Dockery cannot remember a time when she was not making music at church, around the family piano or at school as a singer or on piano. She has taught piano for over 25 years.

Robert Lewis, Piano

Mr. Lewis taught music at Newport News Public Schools for 22 years and is now teaching private lessons. He has a Master of Education degree, as well as a Bachelor of Music, Piano Performance, and a Bachelor of Music Education.

Sarah Miller, Piano, Voice

Miss Miller received her Bachelor degree in Music with a concentration in Education from Christopher Newport University. Previously, she has taught lessons to youth of all ages on many different instruments including piano, voice, and guitar.

Nick Robinson, Guitar

Mr. Robinson teaches beginning, intermediate, and advanced guitar in a variety of styles (acoustic or electric, rock, pop, classical). He currently studies classical guitar at Christopher Newport University under the direction of John Boyles.

Benjamin Tomassetti, Clarinet, Saxophone

Dr. Tomassetti has loved teaching private lessons for 30 years. His Doctor of Music, Master of Music, and Bachelor of Music degrees are in music composition and he has been a professional jazz saxophone player for many years.

Julia Williams, Piano, Staff Accompanist

Miss Williams, a life-long member of First Baptist Church NN, is a retired educator. She has been an active participant in the music ministry of the church for more than thirty years.