

First Baptist Church of West Allis West Allis, WI



Beginning in 1995, First Baptist Church-West Allis (FBCWA) focused on making our building accessible for all people. The Agape Fine Arts Center was finished and dedicated. It has been used by community groups for jam sessions, choir concerts, rehearsal space, art shows and a prom! An elevator was installed, ramps were built, bathrooms were upgraded, and the barriers to participation were removed. Along with other ABC churches, we began serving as a conduit for refugees from Myanmar (Burma), providing furniture, clothing, assistance with governmental paperwork, English classes, driving lessons, and support as they acclimated to the community. From 2008 to 2015, our sanctuary served as worship space for Chin Baptist churches. These churches moved on to their own spaces as they flourished. We continue to have ties to the Chin community through our Sunday School program which is well-attended by the children. FBCWA is a mission-minded community that supports a number of local ministries. Since 2000, we have served as a transitional employment partner with Grand Avenue Club, a community-based non-profit that works to assist people with mental illness. For over 175 years, FBCWA has been serving the community, identifying needs and filling them. As we move into 2020, we will continue to keep our eyes open to the community and listen to how God is calling us to serve, for that is who we are.

FBCWA believes in empowering its members to exercise their gifts in ministry. This results in diverse and inter-generational leadership in worship and small groups.

Our vision at FBCWA is to make the love of Christ known in our community. Matthew 35:25 is a clear challenge to all who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to live out the gospel in our communities. We are the hands and feet of Christ and so we serve.