

First Family Arts Academy

A ministry of First Baptist Church, Milan

POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

Because music is a gift from God and a natural avenue for worship, First Baptist Church, Milan believes it is our responsibility to provide opportunities to develop people's individual gifts for the advancement of God's kingdom, for the deepening of the worship experience of God's people, and for the ultimate praise of Jesus Christ. It is with this intent that the First Family Arts Academy is created as an extension of the music ministry of First Baptist Church, Milan.

1. Piano and vocal lessons are offered to children, youth, and adults alike. Children must be at least 5 years old on the date of their first lesson or already be enrolled in a kindergarten class. Voice lessons are offered to ages 13 and up.
2. Each prospective student (and parent) will be required to fill out an application for participation in the program.
3. Because this program is being offered by and through First Baptist Church, Milan, members of FBC Milan will have the first opportunity to register for lessons. Non-members will be placed on a waiting list and contacted as to availability as soon as possible.
4. All tuition fees must be made payable to First Family Arts Academy no later than one week prior to the beginning of the instruction semester (no exceptions). You may opt to pay half the fee one week before the semester and pay the other half at mid-semester (March 14). Failure to pay the entire fee or half the entire fee will forfeit the student's lesson time which will then be open to those on the waiting list.
5. The cost for the Spring 2011 semester is \$210 per student and is due in the music office no later than January 24. Lessons will begin the week of February 1.
6. Additional costs for each student will be explained by the instructor such as method books, music, etc. These are not provided by the arts academy but can be secured by the student through local music stores or can be ordered by the instructor and purchased from the instructor.
7. Should a student decide to drop out before the half-way point of the semester (March 14), the student will receive a refund of half the semester's tuition (\$105) if the entire tuition has been paid in advance. If only half of the tuition has been paid, there will be no refund. After the half-way point of the semester no refunds will be issued.
8. The final week of the semester (starting May 3) will be considered as time for make-up lessons. Each student if necessary may make up one missed lesson at no extra charge. The time for make-up lessons should be worked out between instructor and student. Any additional make-up lessons will be provided at a cost of \$17.50 per lesson.
9. At least once every semester, usually at the end of the semester, students will be given the opportunity to perform skills that they have learned here at the church. This will occur either in a group recital or as part of regular church worship services. This is a very important as a teaching tool for the students to develop their roles as musicians in the church setting.
10. For the Spring semester, piano and voice lessons will be provided in the College Sunday School room in the south hall of the Family Life Center.
11. Our instructor for this semester, Kellye Cash Sheppard, is an active part of the music ministry here at FBC and has studied both piano and vocal performance at the University of Memphis. Mrs. Sheppard in an experienced teacher of both piano and voice and we are blessed to have her as a part of this ministry.