

FBC Church Profile

Mason City, Iowa

The Possibility Place



***"With man this is impossible, but with God
all things are possible" Matthew 19:26***

Our Vision for Ministry

This profile reflects who we are at First Baptist Church of Mason City, Iowa. Our vision for ministry as a church is striving to meet the needs of the congregation and community as we learn, worship and grow together.

Our Mission Statement is:

Love the Lord, Love His Church, Love your Neighbor

While gathering data about the history and events of the past, it has become evident that as we move forward, we must embrace the new leadership and the great things that God has in store for us as a church.

"For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

As the committee works diligently, faithfully and prayerfully to seek God's plan for the next Pastor of our church we must *"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, Psalm 136:1"*

God has a plan for our church as we move onward as believers in Christ. Together we will continue our mission to be alive spiritually and grow as a body of believers.

Why Choose Mason City, Iowa First Baptist Church?

Our church has a variety of fellowship activities and ministry opportunities for all ages. The following are examples of the activities that are available for the people in our congregation.

Ministry Opportunities for Youth Include

- Weekly Sunday school classes
- Wednesday night "Possibility Kids" that provides Bible based lessons and a home-cooked meal that is served in the church dining area
- Annual Band Festival Parade youth fundraiser
- Easter activities focused on the resurrection of Jesus
- Yearly Vacation Bible School program



Ministry Opportunities for Young Adults and Older Adults

- **Weekly Sunday School Bible based classes that enhance and challenge individuals to grow in their faith**
- **Men's small group weekly Bible study**
- **Women's small group Bible studies**
- **American Baptist Women (ABW) group that provides support to local, national and worldwide missions**



Fundraiser luncheon for missions

- **Evening of Prayer for the church and community**
- **Midweek adult Bible study**

Ministry Opportunities for All Ages

- Baptism service
- Weekly prayer time each Sunday morning
- Opportunities to minister in special music
- Thanksgiving dinner for the community
- Monthly birthday coffees
- Donating of "Back to School" supplies for the local Salvation Army



- Donating to the local food bank
- Annual Christmas caroling to our congregation's shut-ins
- Yearly "Hanging of the Greens" to decorate our church for the Christmas season
- Christmas Eve service



Our Congregation and Worship Style

- Our church is rich in history and tradition. We have a style of worship that includes traditional hymns and praise music.
- We provide an opportunity for personal prayer requests and a time to commit oneself to Christ at the end of each Sunday service.
- Our church is a part of the local, national and international ABC.
- Our local ABW is active in all areas of missions from the local to international level.
- Easter Sunrise Service is shared with another local church, followed by a breakfast in the fellowship hall.
- Our Sunday worship service is shared leadership by the Pastor and praise team.
- Nursery services are provided every Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings during weekly Bible study.
- We serve communion on the first Sunday of the month.
- We donate to local missions including the Salvation Army, food bank and Christmas Angel Tree.
- Van transportation service available. This ministry is a vital part of the Wednesday night youth program.
- A yearly Vacation Bible School program is available to all community children ages 3 - 12.

What We Believe

- We believe in God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit; and the doctrine of the Trinity
- We believe in the Bible as the center of our belief
- We believe in baptism by immersion upon acceptance of Jesus Christ as personal Savior
- We believe in the ordinance of communion
- We believe in the importance of outreach and Christian Education
- Worship and fellowship should be an atmosphere of love and acceptance for all.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer",

Acts 2:42

What we are looking for in our next Pastor

Denominational Affiliation:

First Baptist Church of Mason City is part of the Mid-American Baptist Churches of Iowa and Minnesota region which is part of the wider Baptist family known as the American Baptist Churches USA

Pastoral Expectations:

- Someone who can develop and lead ministry with youth and nurtures them towards Christian faith and discipleship. (Youth Ministry)
- Someone who can lead persons to make decisions for Christ by encouraging their identification with and participation in the church and community. (Evangelism)
- Someone who can help the church develop and implement the goals and objectives of the church (Planning and Management)
- Someone who can communicate a comprehensive understanding of the Bible relevant to people's lives. (Interpreting the Faith)
- Someone who can provide opportunities for individuals, couples and families and/or groups to enter into healing relationships. And knows their limits on what they are trained to do and when to refer to local professionals when it comes to counseling. (Counseling)
- Someone has experience in conflict resolution. (Conflict Management)

- Someone who can develop programs and activities to increase membership. (Church Growth)
- Someone who is comfortable with both formal and informal connections with church members and visitors. (Visitation)

Additional expectations:

- We would prefer that our pastor be ordained in the Baptist Faith and we are open to the person being a male or a female.

Salary and benefits:

- \$65,000 - to be split between cash salary and housing allowance.
- MMBB retirement/Death Benefits
- Social Security offset
- Continuing education
- Mileage reimbursement
- Hospitality
- Utilities reimbursement
- 1 week of annual continuing education
- 4 weeks of paid vacation

FBC is also willing to pay normative moving expenses.

If you are interested in applying - please submit your resume, and/or ABCUSA Ministrelife profile, along with contact information for at least 5 references. If you have online links to sermons, you have preached and/or blogs you have written please include that information.

Please send all of this to the following email address:
kfaktor@msn.com.

You may also mail information to:

Kathy Hickey

539 8th St SE

Mason City, IA 50401

Please note that applicants will be subject to a background check as well as signing the ABCUSA Ministers Council Covenant and Code of Ethics document prior to accepting the position as pastor.

CHURCH HISTORY

It is unknown when the first Baptist family came to Mason City. For the first ten years the Baptists worshipped in private homes and hired halls. On November 17, 1866, the First Baptist Church of Mason City, Iowa, was organized in an old stone schoolhouse on the corner of Georgia Avenue and First Street Southeast. At that time the population of Mason City was 400. The First Baptist Sunday school was organized on May 18, 1870.

They erected their first house of worship at the intersection of Pennsylvania and State. The church was incorporated on April 22, 1872 and dedicated November 19, 1876. A pipe organ was installed in May 1879 and the building was enlarged and improved to meet the needs of the growing congregation.

The pipe organ was installed in the old church in 1879 and continued use until a fire on February 8, 1895. The congregation was built again. The organ was preserved and installed in the new church. The bell was also saved from the fire and is still being used in the present building.

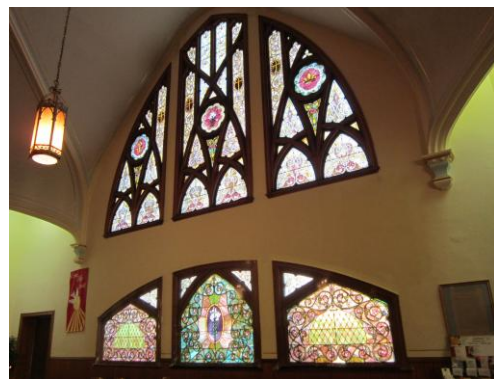
On May 10, 1896, the present house of worship was dedicated with impressive and beautiful services. The pipe organ still in use was installed and dedicated on March 26, 1913.

In the fall of 1927 fire damaged the interior of the church, but within a few months the building was totally repaired and put in excellent condition.

In 1961 the congregation decided it was necessary to construct a Christian Education wing to more adequately accommodate the needs of the Sunday school and church programs. Ground breaking occurred Sunday April 8, 1962. Construction was completed and the building dedicated December 9 of that same year.

In 1994 central air conditioning was installed in all Sunday school rooms on the top floor and in the sanctuary. In 2004 God gave us a new roof.

At the First Baptist Church, you will find an exciting spirit. We are here for those who have needs—lonely, depressed, and discouraged—whatever state you find yourself. First Baptist will take you in and help God's healing power to make you whole. We believe we are not to judge but to accept in love whoever comes through our doors.



CHURCH DEMOGRAPHICS

Regular attendance consists of approximately 45 males and 72 females in the following age ranges.

AGE	TOTAL
0-9	4
10-14	4
15-19	5
20-29	7
30-45	14
46-55	12
56-65	22
66-74	17
75-79	17
80-above	15
TOTAL	117

Race/Ethnic Mix and Employment Status of Congregation

Racial/Ethnic Mix			Employment Category	
African American			Employed full-time	49
Asian Americans			Employed part-time	24
European Americans	99%		Homemaker full-time	0
Hispanic/Latino			Retired	35
Native American			Student	20
Other			Unemployed	

OFFICES, BOARDS, COMMITTEES

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OFFICERS

Moderator
Clerk
Treasurer
Financial Secretary
Sunday School Superintendent

BOARDS

Executive	7
Diaconate	6 members
Trustees	6 members
Education	4 members

COMMITTEES

American Baptist Women
Pastoral Relations
Social Committee

Pulpit Committee

Laine Church
Kathy Hickey
Jim Stepleton
Cindy Baker
Phil Frenchick
Dianne Casto
Darren Oelberg

At Large
Board of Education
Trustees
ABW
Music
Moderator
Deacon

About Mason City, Iowa

Location

- Mason City, Iowa is in the heart of North Central Iowa.
- It is conveniently located approximately halfway between Des Moines, Iowa to the south and Minneapolis, Minnesota to the north.
- Driving to either of these two metropolitan areas is approximately two hours.
- Accessible by Interstate 35 to the west, Interstate 27/18 to the south (Avenue of the Saints).

Education

- The public-school system provides high-quality education with graduation rate of 84%. (Niche.com).

- Newman Catholic High School ranks #8 of 24 best catholic highs schools in Iowa.
- North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) ranks in the top 20% of community colleges in the United States.

Population

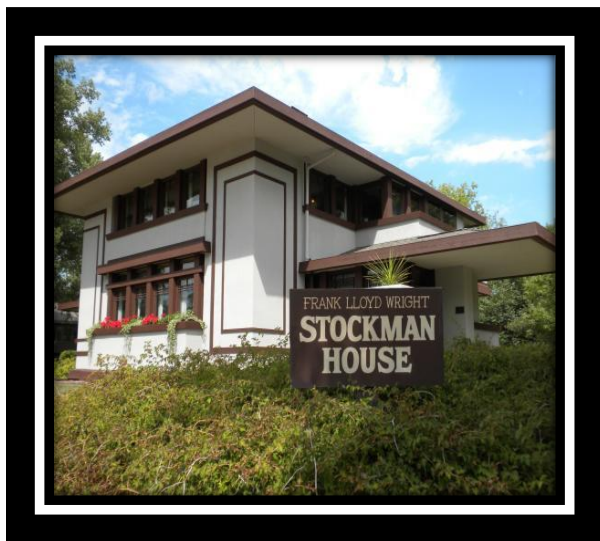
- According to a 2020 census the population of this dynamic community was 26,853



Area Attractions



Beautiful family friendly parks with picnic areas, fishing and play areas



Historical homes rich with the history of Frank Lloyd Wright



Families can have hours of fun at the state of the art family aquatic center



MacNider Art Museum (accredited) is home of the Bill Baird puppets from the Sound of Music.



Art museums, Music Man Square and historical buildings are some of the many places people can find local artist's works, tour and enjoy.



Mason City is also known as "River City" based on the musical "The Music Man". The main actor of the Broadway musical was Meredith Wilson, a Mason City native.

Mason City is also home to a recently remodeled public library.



Veteran's Memorial Monuments



This impressive display stands in Mason City's Central Park to commemorate those who have defended our country



Sculptures on Parade

Permanent and rotating sculptures are displayed along a 1.9-mile self-guided walking tour. Rotating sculptures are owned by the artists and loaned to the exhibit for one year.



River Walk

Set along Willow Creek near the confluence of the Winnebago River, the Riverwalk District is more than a scenic pathway — it's a celebration of Mason City's soul. At its centerpiece stands "Harmony in Light", a breathtaking cylindrical sculpture by internationally acclaimed artists Serge Beaulieu and Yelena Filipchuk of HYBYCOZO Studios. This intricate work of

laser-cut stainless steel fuses classic Prairie School patterns with a contemporary twist, casting enchanting shadows during the day and glowing softly at night.



Rock Glenn is an area of Mason City that is home to homes built by apprentices of Frank Lloyd Wright.

Mason City, Iowa offers a diverse network of over 23 bike trails covering nearly 190 miles, including mountain biking, paved multi-use paths, and scenic singletrack trails.

This 21-mile recreational corridor runs along an abandoned railroad bed from Apple Ave SW of Meservey to Nettle Ave SW of Mason City. Users of this area can expect scenic rural landscapes and summer prairie wildflowers.



