First Baptist Church

FAIRBURY, NE



FAIRBURY, NE 68352

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Statement of Faith

A COMMUNITY OF FAITH WITH CHRIST AT HEART

Our Story



Brief Church History

On July 3, 1870, thirteen persons met in the County Clerk's office of Jefferson County, Nebraska, to organize the First Baptist Church of Fairbury. From that date to this, the congregation of First Baptist Church has been serving the cause of Christ in Fairbury and Jefferson County and beyond. Throughout the years, the congregation has gathered at four sites in three buildings and been served by 27 pastors.







Our Building



FBC Fairbury's building is a beautifully well-maintained space with room for many activities and ministries.

Worship Area – Our worship area is handicap accessible, including a new handicap bathroom; and includes seating capacity for 300 on the main floor with another 50 seats available in the balcony area. A beautiful baptistry is located in the center of the stage. The worship area includes up to date multimedia presentation equipment and an updated sound system with the ability to enhance audio to the musical instruments and the worship team. The balcony area includes the sound and computer area which is equipped with all the necessary technology to create experiences that incorporate multimedia to enhance all aspects of worship.

The Pastor's Office – Located on the upper level, this area offers ample bookshelves, large desk and reception seating for intimate meetings.

The Secretary Office – The church currently employs a part-time administrative assistant with flexible office hours. The work room is attached to the administrative assistant's office and can be accessed from the hallway. It provides a convenient area with a copier, storage cabinets, and office supplies. Our four-level elevator stops in this room for access to the upper level.

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Foyer Area – The foyer area serves as a greeting and conversation area where everyone is welcomed. Special sign-up boards or handouts can be found here for easy access. Chairs and a table are placed for rest or conversation.

Upstairs Kitchenette – A galley style kitchen offers a countertop, sink, stove, fridge and microwave for small functions, personal lunch preparation and communion prep.

Basement Kitchen/Fellowship Hall Area – The kitchen is equipped with a large gas stove with burners and ovens, multiple kitchen sinks and two refrigerators. Pot-luck dinners, funeral lunches and special occasions have been prepared and served from this spacious kitchen facility. The fellowship hall boasts a newly insulated and drywall finished area. New tables and flooring make this space inviting and comfortable.

Classrooms – The facility, built as a Christian School, has five dedicated youth classrooms, two areas used as adult classrooms, two rooms dedicated to Shoebox ministry work area and storage and other rooms used for storage spaces. Rooms are split between upstairs and mid-level.

The Nursery – The nursery features a secure infant sleeping, nursing, and changing room. It also includes a play area. Volunteers fill the nursery schedule.

Mission and Ministry

- Weekly Teen Girl Bible Study
- Weekly Men's Breakfast
- Weekly Women's/Group Bible Study
- Shoebox Ministry
- Vacation Bible School
- Sunday School for All Ages
- Children's Church
- Nursery Care During Church
- Small group study
- A strong presence at Camp Moses Merrill







Outreach

- Communion to Shut-ins
- Shut-in and Nursing Home Visits
- Trunk Or Treat Presence
- Provide meal at Five Star Bible Camp
- School Clothing Giveaway
- Lenten Luncheon Participant
- Area Churches Nativity Display Tour Participant
- Christian Movie Sponsorship at local theater
- Flood damage relief
- Mission Trips
- Funeral luncheons
- Deacons fund financial assistance







Who We Are

First Baptist Church Fairbury is located in a small town of 5,000 people. The church is an established congregation of 75-members with a long history of ministry to the community, the state of Nebraska, across the US, and around the world.



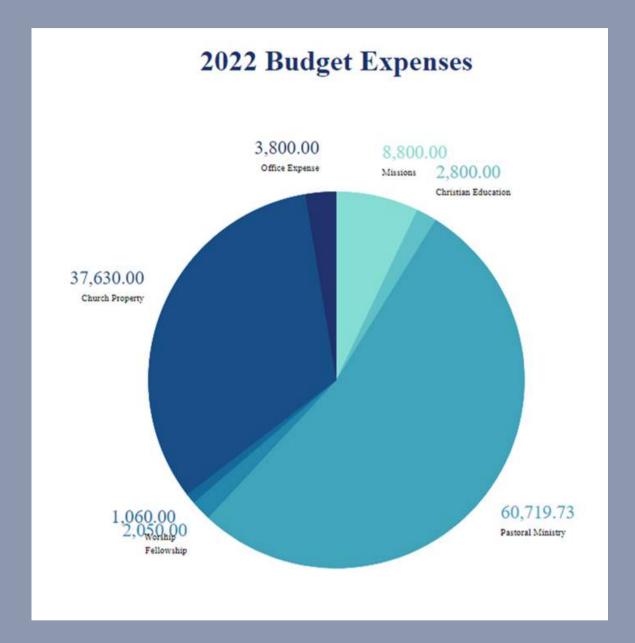
Ages 0-22
22 members

Ages 40-65
21 members

Ages 20-39
4 members

Ages 66+
28 members

CHURCH BUDGET



2023 Budget is \$99,441

Money market funds available for immediate access are \$176,210; Investment/endowment funds total \$596,288

A comprehensive Pastoral salary package is inclusive of housing & retirement ranging from \$62,000 - \$68,000. Specifics are negotiable. The church does not provide health insurance but does offer a generous PTO/Holiday package.

Church Leadership Structure

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Church Structure

Pastor
Moderator
Deacons, Deaconess
Christian Education, Trustees, Mission
Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Clerk
Church Secretary

Mission & Purpose Statements

Our purpose shall be to honor God by building up Jesus' disciples and shining the good news of hope in Christ in our world.

Ministry Model

The Lordship of Jesus Christ
The Sole Authority of Scripture
The Priesthood of the Believers
Believers Church Membership
Believers Baptism by Immersion
The Autonomy of the Local Church
Religious Liberty For All
Democratic Rule
Christian Unity
Evangelization of the World



Learn more about our community

by visiting these links

<u>Fairbury - A Great Place to Live, Work & Play</u>

Fairbury Public Schools

<u>Fairbury Chamber of</u> Commerce

<u>Healthcare in Our</u> <u>Community</u>

Business & Industry
Crystal Springs

Vibrant Downtown





Fairbury, NE



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A lot goes into a decision on where to live and raise a family. We all dream of a safe, affordable community. A place that feels like home. Where neighbors look out for one another, and good memories can be made. On the other hand, it's also nice to be close to the action, with access to entertainment and good food. Where the wheels of tradition are always in motion, and a growing economy helps harvest a variety of jobs and business opportunities. The good news is, you don't have to live life in the fast lane to move forward. Welcome to Fairbury! All within a comfortable drive to Nebraska's capital city. Fairbury's timeless brick streets have paved the way home for generations of Nebraskans. Our historic downtown district, preserved to remind us of the dream that drove our community founders forward. The Little Blue River and the vast green space that once welcomed riders on the Pony Express and Oregon Trail, now feature campgrounds and parks for peaceful retreats into nature. This town, our town, is an active, prosperous community nestled in Americana charm. We invite you to experience the best of both worlds. Come home to Fairbury, Nebraska. A better place to move forward.

"Fairbury - A Great Place to Live, Work & Play." YouTube, uploaded by M Renn, 4 Jan 2022, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sIHNyUCgo-g&t=13s

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FBC Fairbury is an

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Churches Helping Churches American Baptist Churches of Nebraska is one of 33 Regions within the American Baptist Churches USA. ABC Nebraska's mission statement is to encourage, challenge, and empower churches to be transforming Christian communities in the world. www.abcnebraska.com

The Moses Merrill Camp and Conference Center is a year round facility for sharing the gospel while fostering Christian community and discipleship. www.campmerrill.com



Support Local Churches

The region supports local churches in pastoral placement, mission training, conflict transformation, grant funding, ministry resourcing, and other support.



Continuing Education

The Nebraska region hosts two free continuing education events a year for pastors and church leaders. It also hosts an annual meeting for all ABC NE congregations.



Support Pastors

The Nebraska region hosts pastor to pastor care, ordination process, scholarships for continuing education, development, spiritual care, and mental health.



Ministry Network

The local church, and the region serve together in a network of ministry that includes national and international partners.

Thank You!



Submit your resume or ministry profile to

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http://abcnebraska.com/church-pastor-openings/