

OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY CHURCH



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OUR CHURCH STORY

Our Church was founded in 1837 under the leadership of the Reverend Elder Caleb H. Blanchard. In 1851 the first frame building was erected at the present location. Many changes have taken place to the structure over the course of the last 180 + years. There have been additions to the front entry way and to the back where a chapel room was added. In 2012 a new roof was added and in 2013 the bathrooms were upgraded. One significant addition was made in 2008 with the purchase of the property next door. This house was christened "The Open Door" and has added room for educational meetings and social gatherings.

On September 15, 2018, the name of our Church was officially changed to "Open Door Community Church" with the house next door being called "The Open Door Annex". In all legal documents the name remains "The First Baptist Church of Wolcottville" and as such we are still associated with the American Baptist Churches of Indiana.

Our Church has always tried to have an impact upon our community. Our mission statement: "To support each other in Christian Growth and to impact our community for Christ" reflects this goal and it shows our commitment to the people of our congregation and to our town. We have a loving, caring group of people who have always made an extensive effort to reach out to those in need. We have worked with other churches in our community to provide a community summer Vacation Bible School program where we are able to provide Bible lessons and a lunch for the children in our small town. Every year we donate to local charities as well as to the ABC missions. Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child" has been an annual focus.

Locally we have supported: The Food and Clothes Basket of LaGrange, Helping Hands of Rome City, Elijah Haven, Council on Aging, Noble House Ministries, The Farm Place and many other organizations as well as local families in need. We have also been active in the community by participating in the annual Tree Lighting ceremony, Labor Day festival events and town beautification efforts.

As part of our ministry, we have a weekly community dinner and study/fellowship time which draws people who often are reluctant to enter the church sanctuary. We open our doors for a weekly fellowship time called the "Tuesday Lunch Bunch" where the community is welcome to come and enjoy games, crafts, lunch and a devotional lesson.

There is also a weekly children's meeting – The Sparks Club where children can come and have fun, eat a supper, and learn lessons from the Bible.

Our Church is made up of a diverse group of people. People from various denominational backgrounds and socio- economic levels call our church home. But as with most small churches, we do struggle in our efforts to bring people into our building and to Christ. We are making efforts to keep relevant and interesting to all ages in the hopes of reaching more people for Christ.

Our congregation is composed of mostly retired or unemployed people. We do have a couple of young families who also attend semi regularly. Attendance has dropped over the last few years and now averages between 20 and 30 during a given month. We are currently financially sound with no outstanding debts.

Our Community

The community of Wolcottville is facing many challenges. A large number of the town population are low income. The Town board has been working on improvement projects to upgrade the appearance and living conditions in the town. In addition to this, there are also several housing additions in the areas surrounding the many local lakes.

Beliefs and Values

We are a conservative congregation. By this we mean that we believe that Jesus is the Christ and salvation comes through Him. While conservative, we are not legalistic and do not focus on doctrine or the minutia that can be divisive and in the end is truly unimportant. What is important is that we love Christ and that we love His people and do what we can to show Him to all the world.

Position Summary

Pastoral Expectations

Our Pastor would be a person of high moral character who loves God and loves other people. The Pastor would lead our worship service on Sunday Morning and would lead a mid-week Bible Study / Fellowship time. We are aware that a Bi-vocational Pastor would have time pressures, but would hope that time would be made to visit those in the hospital and that some contact would be made with those who are sick or shut in. Our Pastor would also be available to officiate at weddings and funerals.

Education

Our Pastor would have a High School education with some College preferred. If a college education is lacking, there should be a desire and an effort made to continue to grow in knowledge of the Bible and spiritual things.

Experience

Experience as a Pastor is always good, but it is not the most important. Life experience is more important. But most important is a willingness to serve, love and lead.

Leadership Style

Our Pastor would lead us not dictate to us. Our Pastor would suggest and guide us as we work together in making church decisions.

Pastoral Style

Each Pastor has their own style according to their own distinctive personality. We are a flexible congregation and adapt to different approaches. But it is important that the Pastor would be involved in the life of the church.

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Church Organization

Our Church has a Board of Ministries. It consists of five (5) ministry departments: Ministry of Education, Ministry of Evangelism and Outreach, Ministry of Missions, Ministry of Membership and Ministry of Property and Finance. This Board is responsible for the decisions made in the Church. The Pastor reports to the Board.

Our Church



The Open Door Annex



Vacation Bible School 2022



Kids Sparks Club 2023



Tuesday Lunch Bunch 2022



Mill Fest Celebration 2022



CHURCH PROFILE COVER SHEET

1. CHURCH: OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY CHURCH of WOLCOTTVILLE
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3. AREA MINISTER: Bruce Cochran
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Compensation Worksheet

REIMBURSEMENT FOR MINISTRY RELATED EXPENSES		
	This Year	Next Year
Automobile _TBD miles at .50 per mile (IRS recommends .14 per mile for Charitable Groups (2023))		
Convention Expenses	TBD	TBD
Continuing Education	TBD	TBD
Books, Resources	TBD	TBD
Hospitality	TBD	TBD
Other		
Total		
MINISTER'S COMPENSATION		
	This Year	Next Year
Cash Salary	23,000	23,000
Housing		
Parsonage Rental		
Parsonage Allowance		
Utilities Allowance		
Housing Allowance		
Total	23,000	23,000
Benefits		
	This Year	Next Year
Retirement		
Medical / Dental		
Social Security Offset		
Total		

MOVING INFORMATION

If you will expect the pastor to move to your community (rather than commute) please indicate the amount the church will allow for moving expenses. Check that which applies to your church.

_____ will pay all costs (normative)

_____ will negotiate costs (exceptional)

Estimated cost for move \$ TBD