

Who We Are

The First Baptist Church in Greensburg was organized in 1873 and met in a wooden chapel in Ludwick Borough (*now the 6th Ward of the city of Greensburg*) from 1874 to 1892. The next location was the brick church building, located next to the Greensburg Post Office. We moved to our present location in 1975.



We are part of a larger American Baptist family (*2 million members across the country – from Alaska and Hawaii to Puerto Rico*). We have often served and participated in our region, national, and international ministries and missions. We support several local mission programs right here in the Greensburg area. We are a family sized, family friendly church, integrating all ages into our education, fellowship, and worship.

Our Vision

*We are the
People of Christ,
Transformed by His Love,
Sharing His Love with the
World through Worship,
Fellowship, and Service.*

What We Believe

As a Baptist church, here are several foundational beliefs that form and guide us:

Jesus Christ alone is the head of the church. His atoning death on behalf of sinners is the only way to forgiveness and eternal life.

We are a Bible-believing church. God's infallible word is the authority in all matters of Christian faith and practice.

The local church is made of those who have repented from sin, received new life in Jesus and testified to that new life through believer's baptism by immersion.

Our other ordinance is the Lord's Supper, with the bread and cup serving as *memorial symbols* of Christ's broken body and shed blood.

Every Christian has direct access to God through Jesus, and is responsible to share the Gospel news and live it for others to see. The church is built as each member contributes their spiritual gifts to the work of the whole.

The local church is the center of mission in carrying the Gospel to the world. We identify and help equip members gifted for mission, and Baptist churches cooperate to send them out and support them.

Each person is responsible to God for decisions that will determine his/her eternal destiny, and must be free to worship God as the Scriptures and Holy Spirit direct their conscience.

We uphold the need for autonomous congregations, who articulate their own doctrine, style of worship and mission.

Baptists advocate separation of Church and State, having faced much intolerance and State oppression in our past.

Our Minister



Rev. Scott Jones has been an American Baptist minister since 1997. He was born in Des Moines, Iowa, growing up in Iowa and South Dakota. He received his Bachelor of Arts in vocal music at Iowa State University in 1992 and earned a Masters in

Divinity from Northern Seminary in 1997. He was ordained in 1997 in the Mid-America Baptist Churches (Iowa and Minnesota). Before becoming our Pastor, he has served in six Baptist churches: New Bethlehem, PA; Greenville, IL; Peru, IN; Webster City, IA; Elwood, KS; and Worthington, PA. Scott is the 21st minister of the First Baptist Church of Greensburg.

Scott first responded to Jesus in faith as a young child and was baptized at age 13. He has been blessed throughout his life with wonderful role models in his parents, ABY youth group, and ABC summer camp, where he was invited to say "yes" to the Lord's call on his life. His ministry is about worship, preaching, teaching, evangelism, and relationships. He uses his musical background to lead people into the presence of God. He is involved in our Region through lay-pastor training and assisting pastor searches in sister churches. He also sings with the Irwin Male Chorus.

Scott has been married to his wife and dearest friend, Carol, for over 25 years. Together they have two sons, Nathanael and Simeon, both gifted, loving young men in their own right. They are an open, informal family, given to good humor and long visits. Scott loves reading, music, games, fishing, camping, and "groaner" jokes.

Our Shared Ministries Connections with God, His Word, and Each Other

GOD CONNECTIONS

Weekly Worship is Sunday at 10:45am. Communion, each first Sunday of the month.

Kids Connection, our Children/Youth ministry, is Sunday morning approximately 11:00 following a children's message in the worship service. These are learning and activity hours.

Worshiping under the pavilion is a wonderful time on warm Sunday mornings to be outside and enjoy God's creation with live music and a message. (*weather permitting*)

BIBLE CONNECTIONS

Morning Devotions, by Pastor Scott, every morning from Tuesday-Saturday usually 9-9:30 am.

Out to Lunch Bunch Bible Study, led by Pastor Scott, meets in Fellowship Hall each Wednesday from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. A snack is provided.

Sisters of Light Bible Study, led by Cheryl Thomas meets on Mondays in Room 121 at 6:00 pm.

PEOPLE CONNECTIONS

Connection Café invites visitors and members for light refreshments and fellowship every Sunday from 9:30-10:30 am in the foyer prior to the worship service.

Pastor Scott visits our shut-in members on a regular basis, for love and support, and serving communion, if desired.

Church Council meets the second Thursday each month at 6:30 pm to conduct the business of the church. Minister and elected officers attend, however, these meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

CallMultiplier Communication System enables us to make announcements, prayer requests, meeting reminders, etc. to our membership at the same time at a moment's notice.

Men's Breakfast is held the first Saturday monthly at a local restaurant providing time for our men to relax and fellowship together with Pastor Scott.

First Baptist Praise Team practices Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

Irwin Male Chorus, a Christian men's touring choir, 100 years old, rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm.

Summer Bocce is a great time of fun for family and friends of every age! We play from June to August at the Bocce court behind the church.

There are various ministries and events that occur throughout the year. Please call the church office for details - 724.837.1080

Missions & Outreach

Our Outreach Ministries are dear to our hearts. Reaching out to support local, national, and international ministries in their time of need is what we are called to do - *"to be the hands and feet of Jesus."*

Salvation Army's "Back-to-School" Bash supports our local children with much-needed school supplies and much more. This is a mission we work in conjunction with other local churches.

Blackburn Center supports abused women and families.

We host four Narcotics Anonymous Groups weekly.

Life-Way Pregnancy Center & Baby Ministry. We support first-time mothers with completely filled baby dressers.

Camp Carmel, a Christian camp for youth.

Christian Layman Corps provides clothing, food and furniture to those in need.

College Ministry keeps our college kids in constant touch through prayer, cards, and "goody boxes."

Meals-on-Wheels, a local organization that provides meals to our senior community.

"Souper" Bowl Sunday, a distribution of soup cans into the community for the hungry.

Operation Christmas Child, a collection of shoeboxes filled with gifts for children in third-world countries.

Trash & Treasure Sale held at our church benefits various ministries currently in need.

Union Mission, the only men's shelter in Westmoreland County.

American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware Our Regional Partners in Ministry

ABCOPAD consists of approximately 300 congregations.

Churches are challenged to new dreams and visions as they go through Co::lab, led by the Regional Pastor with Congregations.

Believers see their world enlarged as they participate in a Regionally-sponsored mission trip.

Congregations are aided in finding their next pastoral leader.

Youth & Young Adults consider what it means to grow as a disciple of Christ through Regionally-sponsored camps and retreats.

Financial help assists ministries through grants.

These are just a few ways ABCOPAD supports their Partners in Ministry. The list goes on and on!

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