



Church Profile
Free Baptist Church
East Waterboro, Maine
April 2025



Introduction



Free Baptist Church (FBC) was established in 1902 with the church building being used for all aspects of the ministry at that time. As the church grew, there was a need for additional space. In the early 1980's, the church added the educational wing which provided classroom space, two restrooms, an office for the Pastor, and a full basement. Our church seating capacity is (110) people and we average a weekly

attendance of (50) people. We currently have (60) active members.

Prior to 2020, we have similar attendance numbers for the Sunday morning service and (20) to (30) people attending the Family Night Bible Hour held for all ages on Sunday evenings. This included an adult bible study and children's clubs based on age. We also held a Wednesday evening prayer meeting and a weekly women's Bible study.

In January of this year, our beloved Pastor of 37 years Charles Storey announced his plans to retire from the ministry on May 11, 2025. We are thankful that Pastor Storey has encouraged the men of our church to exercise their gifts of teaching and preaching. Pastor Storey has prepared the men of the church to share the responsibility between us, and we as a church are blessed to have men who will provide pulpit supply as we seek a replacement pastor.

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Current Leadership



Craig Kelley - Head Deacon - he and his family have been attending FBC since 2000. Craig also serves on the Board of Trustees and is backup for the Audio/Visual Team. Craig's wife Julie serves as Treasurer of FBC, a Deaconess and a leader of the Women's Ministry Team.



Dwayne Morin – Deacon - he and his family have been attending FBC since 1994. Dwayne also serves on the Board of Trustees, leads the Audio/Visual Team, and serves as Auditor of FBC. Dwayne's wife Shannon serves as part of the Audio/Visual Team, Chairperson of the Social Committee, a Deaconess and a leader of the Women's Ministry Team.



Nathan Ford – Deacon - he and his family have been attending FBC since 1999. Nathan also serves as Head Trustee. Nathan and his wife Sandy, serve as leaders of the Children's Ministry Program and lead the Wednesday night supper and Bible study. Sandy also serves as a Deaconess and Church Clerk.



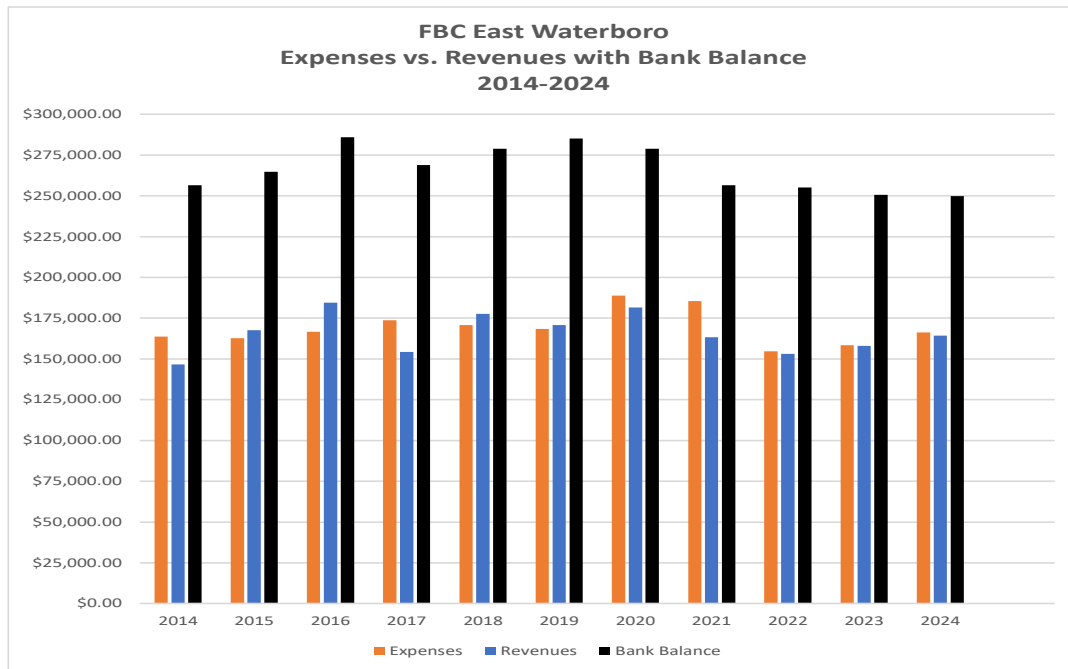
Hector Bethel – Deacon - he and his wife have been attending FBC since 2017. Hector's family has a long history with FBC and many of Hector's family have attended FBC over the years. Hector's wife Patty serves as a Deaconess.



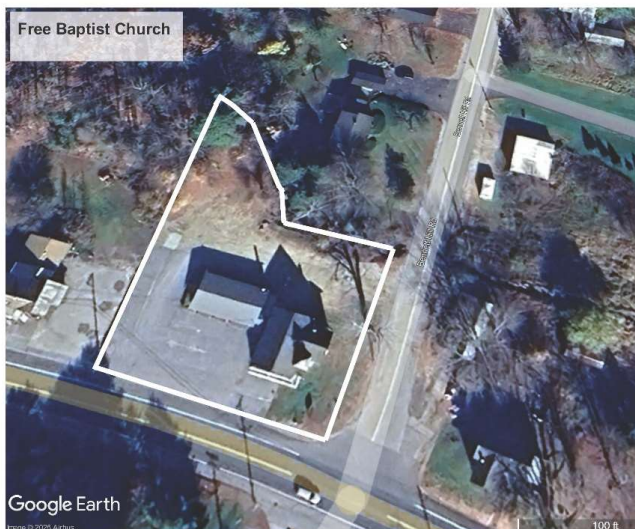
Joshua Young – Deacon - Joshua comes from a family who are missionaries in South Africa. The Young's mission work has been supported by FBC for many years. His mother and grandmother have been long time FBC members. Joshua is a newer member of FBC. In addition to serving on the Board of Deacons, Joshua also serves as pulpit supply and shares the teaching responsibility for the Wednesday night bible study. Joshua's wife Holly serves as a Deaconess and helps with the Children's Ministry.

Financial Status

FBC is debt free and in a good financial position. Our monthly tithes and offerings average for 2023 and 2024 is \$ 11,675.88. FBC is an independent Baptist Church and a missions supporting church.

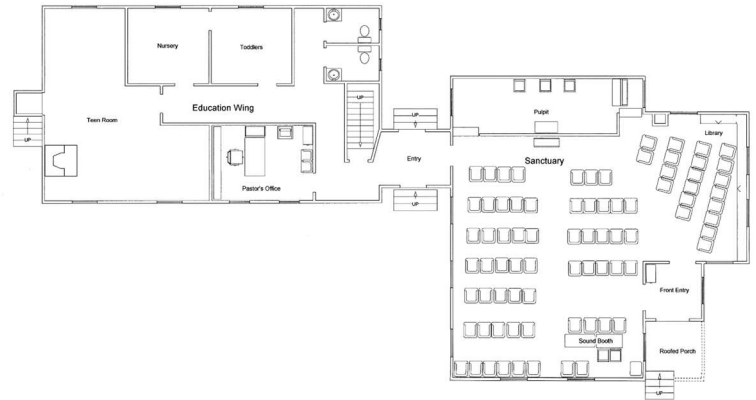


Description of Church Property

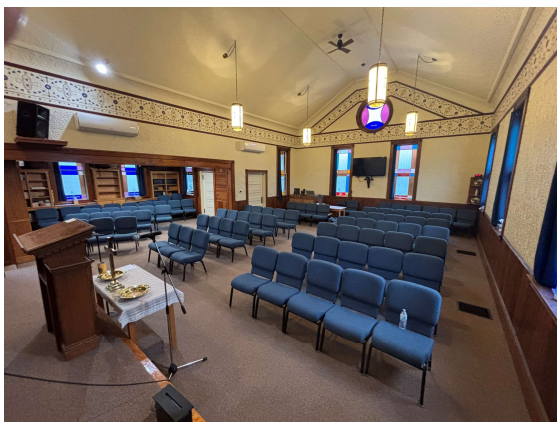
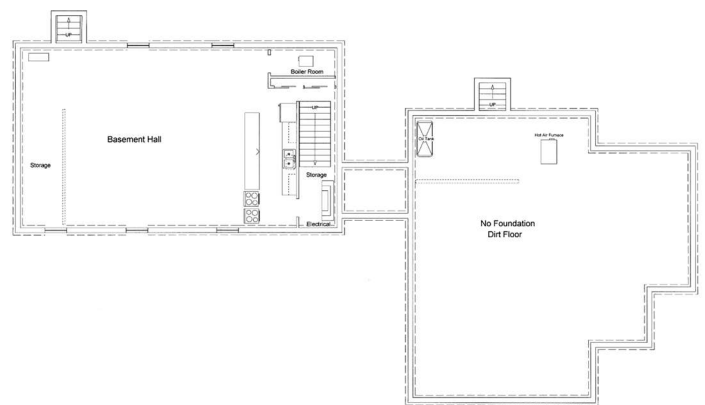


The Church, which was built in 1902 with the addition of the educational wing in 1980, is located on the corner of Main Street (Route 202 and 4) and Bennett Hill Road in East Waterboro. The lot is 0.25 Acres in size and is bordered in the back by an unnamed stream.

The church sanctuary is located on the elevated first floor of the building and has a dirt, half completed foundation under the sanctuary. The sanctuary is 25' x 40' with the bump out of the library being 14' x 20' and the front entrance way of 8' x 8', There is an 8' x 8' covered porch on the front of the church. A handicap ramp is located along the front of the building providing access to the sanctuary and education wing. The Education Wing is 26' x 46' with an Entry of 8' x 10'.



As currently configured, the sanctuary seats (80) with the ability to seat up to (110). The sanctuary has a complete sound system with a Yamaha EMX5016CF 16 channel mixer with a combination of wired and wireless Shure microphones. There are two televisions, one in the front of the sanctuary (85") and one on the backwall (65"). These are connected to a computer system to allow for the display for various service needs such as music, announcements, messages, etc. The church livestreams the morning service using the OBS platform with a YouTube channel. The sanctuary is heated by a hot air furnace and heat pumps that provide heating/cooling.



The educational wing consists of a pastor's office, two restrooms, toddler room, nursery room and classroom. The classroom and nursery have large screen tv's to allow for the viewing of church services or the use of them as educational resources. The wing is heated by a hot water baseboard for heating and window AC units for cooling. The basement under the education wing consists of a kitchen area, utility room for the furnace and a multipurpose space. The front parking lot is paved and the back parking area is gravel.

FBC also owns a 7.5-acre piece of property located approximately one mile away.



Services and Ministries

We currently hold Sunday morning worship service and children's church at 10AM as well as a Wednesday night supper and bible study. The Sunday Worship services are livestreamed to the Church's Youtube channel. Our congregation is a mix of young families to those of retirement age and beyond.

Church activities, functions and operations are managed through members of the following committees as outlined in our Church Constitution:

- Nominating Committee
- Budget Committee
- Board of Deacons
- Deaconesses
- Treasurer
- Church Clerk
- Board of Trustees
- Ministry
- Children's Ministry
- Missions Committee
- Social Committee
- Benevolence Committee
- Ushers
- Music

Our Beliefs

Please see our website for a detailed description of what we believe.

[What We Believe](#)

Membership and Participation

The median age for citizens of Maine is 45 years old. This is reflected in the members at FBC. Our members and regular attendees range from early 20's to 80's with our oldest regular attendee being 100 years old. While the majority attend the morning worship service in person, we do have a number of faithful folks viewing online as they are no longer able to attend in person.

FBC currently has (60) active members and our morning worship service has an average attendance of 50-75 people. This is a mix of active members and faithful attendees who are not members.

FBC is one of seven churches in Waterboro.

Demographics

[U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts: Waterboro town, York County, Maine](#)

Religious Characteristics of Adults in Maine

Maine is considered one of the spiritually darkest states in the Union. As a result, Maine would be considered a post-Christian mission field. Many citizens of Maine have never heard an accurate presentation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.