

CHURCH PROFILE



First Baptist Church

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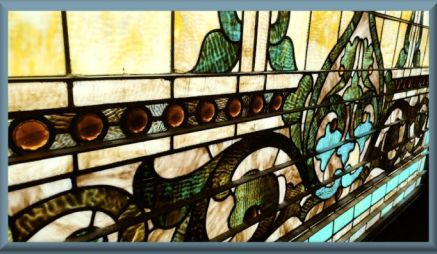
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WHAT WE BELIEVE



Our Mission:

Our mission is to glorify God by helping people find and follow Jesus.

Matt 28:18-20

Our Vision:

Our vision is to create a community of believers marked by worshiping, growing and giving.

Acts 2:41-47



Authority of Scripture: We believe the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, is the inspired Word of God and our final authority in faith and life.

God: We believe the God of the Bible is the only true God. He is infinite, loving, just, omnipotent, omniscient, and unchanging. He exists eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Jesus Christ: We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, He was fully God and fully man. His death, burial, and resurrection are the means by which God reconciles the world to Himself.

Holy Spirit: We believe the Holy Spirit is a real person who shares the nature and attributes of God and reveals truth to humanity, transforming and empowering believers to become like Christ.

Sin: We believe sin is disobedience to God and failure to live according to His will. Sin has separated all of mankind from God and leads to physical death.

Salvation: We believe every person is lost in his rebellion and unable to change his destiny before God. However, God has made a way of salvation through Jesus Christ. A person comes into a right relationship with God by His grace, through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

The Church: We believe the Church is a spiritual body which consists of believers in Christ. Local congregations of believers come together to live out their faith through worship, spiritual formation, and service.

Ordinances: We believe there are two Biblical ordinances. Baptism by immersion is a public expression to the world of a believer's personal faith in Jesus Christ. The Lord's Supper is a communal meal which reinforces our faith in Jesus Christ for His atoning work and our assurance of His return.

Return of Jesus Christ & Eternity: We believe in the second coming of Jesus Christ. Upon His return, those believers who place their faith in Him will exist eternally with God in righteousness and peace. Those who have continued in unrepentance and unbelief will exist eternally separated from God.

Complete Peru First Baptist Constitution available online at:
www.perufirstbaptist.org/what-we-believe/

TEAMS AND MINISTRIES AT FBC

Worship Team
Sunday School (All Ages)
Children's Church
Youth Group
Men's Ministry
Small Groups
Prayer Chain Ministry
Communion to Shut-Ins
Midweek Bible Studies
Ushers, Greeters, Servers
Prayer Counselors
Senior Care Letters/Gifts

Leadership Team
Building & Grounds Team
Finance Team
Nursery Team
Women's Ministry
Funeral Visitation Team
Funeral Meals Team
Technology Team
Benevolence Ministry
American Heritage Girls



ABOUT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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Much like many other churches, our church experienced the loss of several participants after the global pandemic. The live stream participation was strong in the beginning, and then gradually waned. We still have a few that prefer to participate by live stream, but in-person attendance is significantly less than our usual average attendance before the pandemic. We currently see an average of 100 people in our Sunday morning services, compared to 150+ prior to the pandemic.

We're left with a solid group of people who love one another, love the Lord and are regular attenders of Sunday Worship Services. Our congregation is represented in a strong mix of career fields with over half having degrees beyond high school. The majority of our current participants are actively serving in some way.

Having bid farewell to our previous pastor of 20+ years, we look forward to discovering where God will lead us next.

2022 Expense Budget:

Staff Expense	67.7%
General Ministry	6.7%
Property & Maint	12.9%
Util, Phone, Trash	10.0%
Miscellaneous	2.7%

Note: 10% of Income is allocated to Missions and Local Ministries

ABOUT THE PFBC FACILITIES

Originally founded in 1866, Peru First Baptist Church is celebrating over 150 years of reaching the Peru community and beyond for Jesus. Our building is ideally located in the center of Peru, just a block from the Miami County Courthouse and the Main and Broadway intersection.

Beautiful stained-glass windows adorn the semi-circular sanctuary, which can seat over 500 people. It includes a baptistry just behind the altar. Also available on site are: a smaller chapel, a Youth Center, a Welcome Center, sufficient office spaces, multiple conference rooms and classrooms, a library, childcare nurseries, two kitchens, two fellowship halls, many of which are located in an annex building connected to the original church building.

An elevator provides access to all three levels of the church structure and annex building. The parking lot is conveniently available behind the building, with additional handicap spaces surrounding the building itself nearest the elevator. A fenced outdoor patio area facing Main Street is adjacent to the annex building, suitable for outdoor gatherings or seasonal outreach functions.

LOCAL DEMOGRAPHICS

Miami County Indiana Statistics

Named for the Miami Indians and Organized in 1934



Peru is located on the banks of the Wabash River roughly within a one-hour drive to Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, Lafayette and South Bend.

Population by City/Town/Rural

11,106	Peru
21,284	Rural
1,283	Mexico
908	Converse
821	Bunker Hill
477	Denver
202	Macy
36,081	Total County Population

Population by Race:

1.0%	American Indian
0.5%	Asian, Other Pacific
5.1%	Black
91.2%	White
2.2%	Other

Household Types:

17.5%	Married with Children
34.1%	Married, no Children
8.6%	Single Parents
27.8%	Living Alone
12.0%	Other

Employment Types and Earnings by Industry (2020)

	Employment:	Avg Earnings per Job:
Farm Proprietors	700	70,843
Nonfarm Proprietors	11,777	49,372
Government	2,595	65,072
Private:	9,182	44,935
Food & Service Ind.	866	18,866
Arts, Ent, Recreation	111	3,829
Construction	736	47,425
Healthcare & Social Svcs	897	55,013
Information	61	31,934
Manufacturing	1,722	62,125
Professional, Tech	298	46,436
Retail, Trade	1,210	28,377
Wholesale, Trade	264	73,306
Other Private	1,993	62,072

Annual Per Capita Personal Income (2020) \$37,669

Sources: US Census Bureau (2020), Indiana Business Research Center,
US Bureau of Economic Analysis

Things to See and Do in Peru and Miami County

Entertainment:

Roxy 5 Movie Theater
Peru Amateur Circus
Ballet Arts of Peru
FFBT Amphitheater
Miami Indians Bingo
Ole Olsen Theatre
Peru Community Orchestra
Multiple Community Festivals
Apple Orchards (4)
Event Centers (3)
Second Saturday Events
Farmer's Market
Historic Museums
Art Galleries and Studios

Parks/Trails/Walkways

Maconaquah Park
Nickel Plate Trail
River Walkway/MiamisFort
Public Playgrounds
City Parks

And much more!

www.EnjoyMiamiCounty.org

Recreation:

Mississinewa Reservoir
Nickel Plate Trail
New YMCA Facilities
Anytime Fitness
Skate Park
Thrush Tennis Courts
Kayak Rentals
Dragstrip, Speedway
Car Clubs

Golf Courses

Peru Municipal Golf Course (18)
Rock Hollow Golf Course (18)
Indiana Oaks Golf Course (9)
Leaning Tree Golf Course (9)

Disc Golf Courses

Honey Bear Campgrounds (18)
Maconaquah Park (18)
Mississinewa State Park (18)



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COME AND SEE!

Thank you for taking the time to learn about the Peru First Baptist Church. We are a church with a rich history and an exciting future.

Try us out this Sunday! At PFBC you'll find friendly people, biblical teaching, uplifting worship, and quality ministries for all ages.

Come grow in Christ with us! Together we'll discover new ways to impact our world with the good news of Jesus Christ!

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