

CHURCH PROFILE

Introduction

Our church family is a loving mix of multi-cultural and multi-aged believers. We believe that God has a purpose and a plan for College Avenue. Our morale is high and there is an underlying sense of excitement about our future in serving our Father together.

From its beginning in 1929 until the present, College Avenue Baptist Church continues to be a "People Sharing Jesus". Meeting needs in our local community and in our world, supplying and supporting ministries, and reaching people for Christ have been possible because of the vision and support of the people of faith at College Avenue.



History and Facilities

College Avenue Baptist Church came into existence on December 8, 1929, in McGregor, with seventy-four charter members. The current church property was purchased in July 1931, with the sanctuary being built in 1948, and the Educational building added in 1953.

The Family Life Center located on Adams Street was built in 1980, and currently houses the church offices, several classrooms, gym and large kitchen.

The sanctuary was remodeled in 2013. The current parsonage at 112 Goliad Street was purchased in 2007. For additional information, visit the church website at www.cabcmcgregor.org.



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Our Location

College Avenue Baptist Church is located just off Main Street in downtown McGregor, a small community of approximately 5,000 people located just outside Waco. McGregor was established in the late 1880s and remains a popular spot for people looking to relocate near Waco. McGregor is 30 miles from the Belton-Temple-Killeen area and approximately 120 miles between both Austin and the DFW Metroplex.

Community Demographics and Needs

McGregor has a large population that commutes to Waco for work. Ethnic groups are Caucasian (~65%), Black, (~8%) and Hispanic (~27%). McGregor has a growing Hispanic population of native Spanish speaking residents, which has impacted school growth and increased the need for ESL and GED classes. McGregor recently built a new primary school which houses pre-K through 1st grade children.

15% of McGregor's population is over 65 years. Many of the aging population live in senior apartments or small single family homes. Other government housing and city-owned housing are filled with single parent families.

College Avenue uses its van ministry to provide transportation to and from church on Sundays and Wednesdays. Kidz of the King groups (Mission Friends, R.A.s and G.A.s) and the youth group are provided a snack and Bible Study on Wednesdays. College Avenue ministers to the senior population in McGregor by hosting monthly Young at Heart Fellowships, weekly church services at Westview Manor, as well as participating in the McGregor Ministerial Alliance church services at the nursing home.

Our Congregation

In the 1970s, the church congregation reached upwards of 700 people. Current membership is around 600 people, with approximately 125 people attending the Sunday morning worship service. Children's attendance at Sunday School fluctuates weekly. The 7:00 PM Sunday service averages around 25 attendees, with the median age being 70 years. Approximately 60 percent of those people attending church are over 60 years of age.

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Ministries and Programs

- Sunday School for adults, youth and children
- Sunday morning corporate worship service with a blend of traditional and contemporary music
- Sunday evening worship service, with music and Bible study
- Wednesday night prayer meeting, along with youth Bible study, RAs, GAs and Mission Friends
- Tuesday morning worship service at Westview Manor Nursinghome
- Youth camps, Discipleship Now events, YEC and other youth events
- RA and GA camps and events
- Mission trips – local, within Texas, within USA and International
- WOM activities
- Coryell Association activities
- Community fellowships
- Texas Baptist Men events and CABC Brotherhood trips

Staffing – Current Structure

- Senior Pastor
- Youth Pastor (Vacant)
- Music Minister, part-time
- Church secretary, part-time
- Nursery workers, part-time
- Custodial staff, part-time
- Deacon body
- Wednesday Evening Children’s Minister
- WOM Director
- Sunday School Director
- Texas Baptist Men Director

Vision for the Future

Our current vision is to be a loving, worshipping and caring family of God who continues to share the hope of Jesus to the broken world around us. We feel that the greatest need for College Avenue is connecting our church members with the local community so that effective evangelism can bring new people to a relationship with Jesus. Meeting this need will require personal discipleship growth and a determination to go outside the church walls. Meanwhile, the age profile of the church continues to rise. Younger people are needed from the surrounding community to be able to plan for the future of this church body.