

## Detailed Description for Student Pastor Candidate

First Baptist Church is 200 years old and is reimagining the next century of ministry. We have a long history of strong missions support giving 12% of our 1.1 million dollar budget to the Cooperative Program and 15%+ to SBC Missions activities. In 2018, we reached out to the SEND City of Cincinnati, Ohio and have formed a partnership with The Valley Church (<https://thevalleychurch.cc>) This partnership allows us to strategically focus our missions efforts to advance the Kingdom. In February 2019, we participated in a "Vision Trip" to the Dominican Republic with the intent to establish an international missions partnership there that will provide focus for our international missions involvement in the coming years. We are passionately committed to missions and growing in our practice of evangelism.

We have made some key decisions for the future and are poised on the brink of God's future for us. Our church has chosen to transition our worship style from a traditional/blended model to a more contemporary model that incorporates a worship choir, praise team, a strong lead vocal and is band driven. We are also focusing on improving our building infrastructure as we move forward. We anticipate a significant updating of our current worship center and common areas to be completed in the coming years. We sense that God is moving in the life of our church and that the future is bright for us as we follow His leading.

### The Church Setting:

Our church is located in a county seat town of 32,000 people in a county of 74,000 people. Our zip code has 42,000 people of whom 65% are under the age of 50. The median age of our zip code is 36. Hopkinsville offers a growing number of amenities and cultural opportunities and is one of the 10 largest cities in the state of Kentucky (<http://www.hopkinsvilleky.us/visitors/index.php>). Our church is located in the center of town and while there are challenges that come with a downtown church, there are also opportunities offered to us for ministry, so we have decided to remain downtown and minister to the city. This decision to stay downtown has been demonstrated in the nearly \$4 million dollars we have spent updating our church building in the last 10-12 years as well as our current dream to refresh and update the rest of our buildings in the coming years. It is demonstrated in the number of ministries we offer to the inner city residents and the growing ministry to the downtown business community. We believe that God has a significant role for us to fill as He does His work in our city.

Our Student Ministry is diverse in racial makeup and socio-economic status. This diversity is driven by our downtown location and the demographic composition of the neighborhoods immediately surrounding our church building. We currently average 20-25 students on Sunday morning and about 40 students on Wednesday evening for the Student Worship Service. You can visit the Student Ministry Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FirstStudentsMinistry/> or the FBC Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistHopkinsville/> for pictures and a few videos.

### The Surrounding Area:

We are 1 hour northwest of Nashville, TN (<http://www.visitmusiccity.com/>) and 30 minutes from Clarksville, TN (<http://www.cityofclarksville.com/>). Nashville offers all of the amenities of a large metropolitan area including professional sports (both NFL and NHL teams). While Clarksville is a city of nearly 150,000 people with numerous restaurants and activities and is one of the top 25 growing cities in America. FBC is only 20 minutes from Fort Campbell, Kentucky, one of the largest military bases in the United States. We are also near the Land Between the Lakes (<https://www.landbetweenthe lakes.us>), a family friendly recreation area that you can bike, drive, hike, picnic, relax, swim, and watch wildlife . . . all for free! The proximity to these areas has helped to make Hopkinsville more diverse than many similarly sized cities in our state and allows us to enjoy the slower pace of a smaller town while easily enjoying the amenities of larger cities.