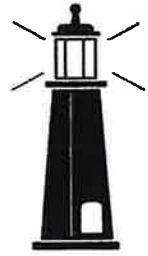


# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CONNEAUT, OHIO



## *2025 Church Profile*



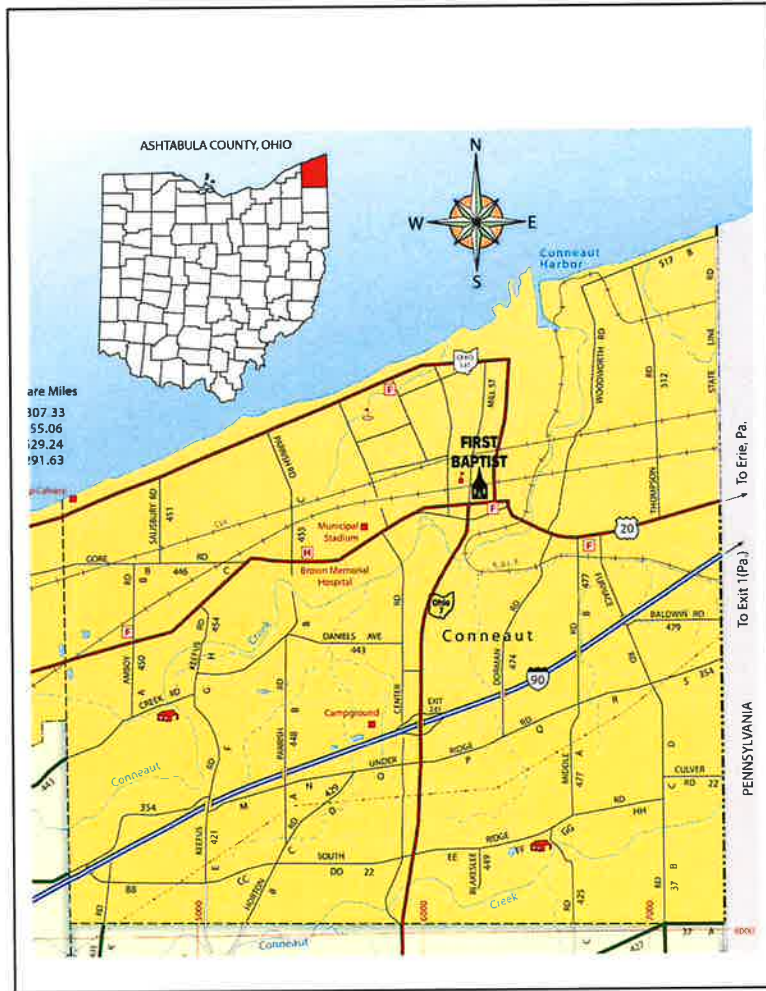
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## Our Community

The First Baptist Church of Conneaut is located at 370 State St. in downtown Conneaut, and is located in the County of Ashtabula, Ohio. Conneaut is a small city of approximately 12,400 people, which lies on the south shore of Lake Erie in the northeast corner of Ohio. Our eastern boundary is the Ohio-Pennsylvania border. Conneaut was founded in 1796 and is remembered for its participation as a railroad hub of three main rail lines, The Bessemer, CSX and Norfolk & Southern, the Pittsburg-Conneaut Dock Co. Conneaut is home of four of eighteen covered bridges in Ashtabula County. Our water ways which include Lake Erie and Conneaut Creek provide plenty of recreational opportunities both on water and shore, like beach combing, sunbathing, swimming, boating, fishing, jet skiing, kayaking, beach glassing, etc.

Conneaut's location provides access to area attractions which include two state parks in Ashtabula County and one state park in Erie County, PA. There are several metro parks throughout the counties for walking and hiking, three scenic rivers which include Conneaut Creek, a fisherman's paradise for steelhead fishing, along with 30 miles of Lake Erie shores to explore. For the golf enthusiast there are several courses in the Ashtabula/Erie County areas as well. Conneaut is also known for hosting the largest D-Day reenactment every third weekend in August which attracts many spectators from miles around.





## Ministry thru Missions

Our church is a strong supporter of the mission program. We support our missionaries, Dave and Linda Mutchler, serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Dave is a personal coordinator of the Seed Company program. Linda is a nurse. Since retiring from serving in Papua New Guinea and Guatemala they now serve state side in Duncanville, Texas.

Our mission board coordinates our mission giving. As a congregation, we participate in the national and international missionary offerings of the American Baptist Churches USA and American Baptist Churches of Ohio. One Great Hour of Sharing, America for Christ, World Missions, and Retired Ministers Missionary Offering, as well as the Operation Christmas Child. These are the missions we currently collect for. We also have a St. Pauly drop off shed for clothing that they send to countries around the world and locations around the states. On the third Saturday of each month our church operates a diaper ministry for the community.

As a member of the Ashtabula Association, along with the Akron and Cleveland associations, we share in the ownership and operation of Camp Koinonia and Conference Center located south of Geneva, Ohio on Cork Cold Springs Road.



## Who we are

Our church was established in 1831. The red brick church building, located conveniently at the corner of Mill and State streets near the business district of Conneaut, was dedicated on March 7, 1901 (after the previous structure at State and Broad streets, burned down).

The building was constructed to the design of the Pastor, Reverend Ely. The sanctuary will accommodate 195 people. Added to the sanctuary in 1901 was a Etsy pipe organ. We are also handicapped accessible complete with elevator.

As technology has changed we have added a sound system to our sanctuary.

Located at the east side of the parking lot is a St. Pauly drop off clothing shed.

We have a fellowship hall on the lower level of the church used for church dinners, get togethers and Bible study. The Fellowship Hall is available for rental for various community organizations.



## Church Organization

Our church organization is made up of multiple boards and committees. Boards include: Trustees, Missions, Christian Education and Diaconate. Committees are, Search, Pastoral Relations, Music, Leadership Council.

Positions include: Moderator, Vice Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary.

## Our Needs

The Church's history dates back to origination in 1831, and we are influenced by our history and traditions. Our ideas and plans are created by responsible boards, committees, and leadership. Our church expects to share leadership with the pastor.

As members, we strive to avoid conflict and confrontation. Regarding social issues, we leave action to individual conscience, however we believe ethical decisions should be based on absolute standards and truth.

There are opportunities for growth within our church. Currently, our church is active in missions and involved in community activities. There are areas in our church we need help, such as a men's Bible study, a plan to help us expand our youth group, increased visitation to our shut-ins, and ways to build our congregation. We believe that with leadership from a strong, Bible-based pastor, and with our members support, these and other needs can be accomplished.



## What We Are Looking For

We are looking for a hard-working, enthusiastic pastor who can help set goals for the church and provide leadership to help us achieve these goals. A pastor who is Bible-based and strong in God's word who will be our guide and spiritual leader. The pastor should possess the ability to help our congregation get along during conflicts—a pastor who brings fellowship and spiritual communion to the congregation. As members of this church, we will support and assist our pastor as we work on growth.

## Ministry Opportunities

Sunday service begins with Sunday school starting at 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., with the morning worship service following at 11 a.m. Sunday school is available for all ages.

A Bible study is available for all women on Tuesday morning at 10:00. A senior group H.A.R.P., also meets on the last Tuesday of the month.

While Sunday morning worship hour might be considered the central worship time, the Sunday school sessions, Bible studies and prayer time are essential for spiritual growth and explanation of the doctrine of the First Baptist Church.



## Our Doctrine

### We believe that....

- God is infinite and the creator.
- Jesus Christ is eternal and the only begotten Son of God. He is human and divine. He died on the Cross for the sin of humankind, rose from the grave, ascended into heaven, and will come to earth again.
- The Holy Spirit is a person who is eternal and divine. He does the work of God in the world today and dwells in the person who receives the Lord Jesus Christ as a Savior.
- The Divine Trinity is God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and Holy Spirit. They are 3 in 1.
- The Bible is God's Holy Word and is reliable in all matters of faith and practice.
- Salvation is given to all humankind by God through Jesus Christ and sustained by the Holy Spirit. Those who receive Jesus Christ are saved from condemnation. Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation. Each saved person is charged by the Lord to witness to saving faith with the intent to connect others in a saving way to Jesus Christ.
- Humankind is sinful by nature due to the fall into sin by Eve and Adam. Our Sinful nature separates us from God and in our sin, we are lost. Through the acceptance of Jesus Christ, we are saved from our sin for all eternity.
- Heaven and Hell are real places. Those who have received/follow Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord ascend into heaven for all eternity following their physical death. Persons spend a Godless eternity in hell forever who do not receive/follow Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

