



**First Baptist Church  
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### ***OUR MISSION STATEMENT***

*“The purpose of First Baptist Church is to love God and to share His love with this community and the world.”*

Our church Mission Statement is our family’s expression of both the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. It grows out of our firm conviction that Biblical Christianity is not a religion but a relationship with the Living God through His Son, Jesus Christ! Consequently, our Mission and Ministry Goals are relational in nature as well.

**TO LOVE GOD (Give glory to God)!**  
**TO SHARE HIS LOVE WITH OTHERS (Evangelize)!**

## ***Clinton, Iowa***

Nestled along the banks of the Mississippi River, the historic city of Clinton, IA, has a population of 24,469 residents and is in a state of continuous growth. Founded by European settlers in the early 1800's, Clinton was once known as the "Lumber Capital of the World" and manufactured approximately 70-80 million feet of lumber in the numerous mills that operated along the Mississippi River. By the 1890's, Clinton boasted more millionaires *per capita* than any other town in the nation and was considered to be the main route for westward railroad expansion.

Though close to the Quad Cities metropolitan area, Clinton offers an abundance of shopping, fine dining, and recreational activities, all while maintaining a charming small-town feel. The current industry leaders are MercyOne Healthcare, Archer-Daniels-Midland (ADM), Custom-Pak, Inc., Lyondell, and the Clinton Community School District. To learn more about the Clinton Community, please visit the website at [www.growclinton.com](http://www.growclinton.com).

### ***Church History First Baptist Church Clinton, Iowa 1857-2023***

On New Year's Eve, 1856, some friends met in a home to plan a Baptist Church, and on January 3, 1857, thirteen people met with Rev. A. A. Sawin of the Baptist Home Mission Society and organized the First Baptist Church of Clinton. The small frame structure, which was our first church, was moved to 311 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, to allow construction of the "Brick Church" on S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The first floor was completed and dedicated March 13, 1870. The second floor was dedicated on March 8, 1874. On July 27, 1887, the church burned in a fire that destroyed not only our church, but also most of surrounding properties. Because the brick walls were left standing, it was decided to rebuild within them. On November 27, 1887, we were able to use the first floor, and by June 3, 1888, the second floor was completed and dedicated.

On May 28, 1989, there was a special groundbreaking ceremony for the new land that was purchased by the Northside Church of God. Construction began in August of 1989, and a “Transition Service” was held on Palm Sunday, April 8, 1990, with half of the service at the old building on South 4<sup>th</sup> Street and half at the current location on North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. In 1995, a mortgage burning ceremony was held.

***First Baptist Church  
Clinton, Iowa  
Present Day***

Today, First Baptist Church of Clinton boasts 332 members. The 12,000 square foot brick building comes with two (2) storage garages, two (2) concrete parking lots and 5 acres of land. Inside the church is a sanctuary with seating for over 170 people, which has been updated with modern audio and visual equipment, a fellowship hall, a full kitchen, a nursery, six (6) classrooms and four (4) offices.

The following are the last 4 Senior Pastors of First Baptist Church:

(Interim pastors were utilized 1997-1998)

Rev. Ralph Johnson, 1958-1964

Rev. Frank Patterson, 1965-1983

Rev. Stephen Petro, 1985-1997

Rev. Ronald Lott, 1998-present

## ***Outreach Ministries***

We are a financially healthy congregation with no debt or outstanding loans. This allows us the freedom to do more for our members and the community by hosting special ministry related events and programs. This includes programs such as Men's and Women's Ministry, Sonshine Kids, Youth Group, Brown Bag Ministries, and Kids Outdoor Zone (KOZ):



**Brown Bag  
Ministries**



**Blessing Box**



**Women's  
Shelter  
Mother's  
Day Baskets**



**Pregnancy  
Center Baby  
Shower**





Operation  
Christmas  
Child



Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Trunk-or-Treat





Vacation  
Bible  
School



4th of July Volunteers







Youth Group



Sonshine  
Kids



Community  
Yard Work

## ***Senior Pastor Expectations***

Our congregation is seeking a pastor with a heart for pulpit ministry and preaching, has an outward focus on community and social needs, is personally available, and promotes teaching and leadership development within the church. It's also important that the pastor possess the quality to build relationships, present a caring and loving atmosphere, and is a welcoming presence to all who pass through the doors.





## ***First Baptist Church Staff***



**Transitional Pastor**

Louise Berger



**Associate Pastor**

Jerry Danzinger



**Administrative Assistant**

Doug Murphy



**Director Children's Ministries**

Connie Schmitz



**Choir Director**

Patsy Mohr



**Interim Praise**

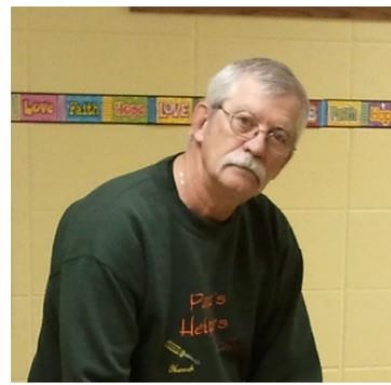
**Team Leader**

Shauna Bullard



**Audio Visual Technician**

David Teal



**Janitorial Services**

John Marcum

## ***Compensation Package***

The negotiable Senior Pastor Compensation Package includes the following:

### **Pastor's Compensation/Benefits:**

- Cash Salary
- Housing Allowance
- Utilities Allowance
- Flexible spending account
- ABC Retirement /Death
- IRA

### **Ministry Related Expenses:**

- Auto Allowance
- Convention Expense
- Continuing Education
- Books/Periodicals
- Pastoral Networking

## ***Pastoral Search Committee***

Rachel Adams  
Sheralyn Bartels  
Jacob Baumgartner  
Cassie Corrigeux  
Kris Corrigeux  
Donna Goddard  
Amy Manemann  
Jacob McLuckie  
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Ron Watt

## ***Contact Us***

If you are an American Baptist Clergy member, please apply using the Ministrelife platform: <https://ministrelife.org/>

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Please include links to any online sermons for review by the committee. All applicants must submit to applicable background checks to be considered for this position.