WELCOME

TEA CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Welcome Booklet

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The Story Behind TCBC





For more than 150 years, our small country church has been a place where God's love is shared, community is strengthened, and the gospel of Jesus Christ is at the heart of all we do. As an American Baptist congregation, we are rooted in faith, guided by Scripture, and committed to serving our neighbors with sincerity and compassion.

In the winter of 1871-72, Rev. A.J. Robbins of the Zion Baptist Church started holding monthly meetings in the Tea Creek Schoolhouse, just across the road from the current church building.

In the summer of 1872, community aid and land donated by Robert Levitt gave the church the opportunity to build the same building that stands today. The building has undergone upgrades and additions through the years, but the original framework remains.

Tea Creek Baptist Church has been a touchstone of this community for over 150 years. From the humble gathering in the school house to where we are today, this church has always had a heart for the community. The mission of the church has always shone brightly: to spread Christ's love to all who need it.

The Story Behind TCBC





Our church building is a three-level facility that serves as a central gathering place for worship, fellowship, and ministry.

The main level includes the sanctuary, which features a baptismal pool, along with a small library, the pastor's office, an administrator's office, two classrooms, and restrooms.

The upper level includes two classrooms and the attic.

The lower level contains the church kitchen and fellowship hall, which are frequently used for meals, gatherings, and church events. This level also includes a nursery, two additional classrooms, and restrooms.

Just outside the basement entrance (behind the church) is a small playground with updated equipment that has brought much joy to our youth.

In addition to the church building itself, the property also includes a church cemetery, which reflects the long history and heritage of the congregation and community. Overall, the facilites are functional and well suited for a close-knit church family and a variety of ministry needs.

OUR COMMUNITY

NORTH VERNON

North Vernon, Indiana and is comprised of approximately 6,600 residents. The town is in Jennings County which has an approximate population of 27,000. Four locations in town are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. North Vernon has a variety of locations to visit including city parks, county parks, and many locally-owned businesses. This is a rural community with a big heart.

SCHOOLS

Jennings County has 6 public elementary schools, Jennings County Middle School, Jennings County High School, St. Mary's Catholic School elementary, and Columbus Christian School - North Vernon. Four of the public schools are STEM certified. As of 2026, approximately 3,800 students are enrolled in the Jennings County School Corporation.

HOSPITAL

Ascension St. Vincent Jennings is a critical access hospital and ER. Ascension Jennings provides primary care and specialty care. Check out their website for more info.

- https://healthcare.ascension.org/locations/indiana/inasc/north-vernon-ascension-st-vincent-jennings

DOWNTOWN

Downtown North Vernon has many events throughout the year for all ages. Check out their Facebook page for more info.

- https://www.facebook.com/northvernonmainstreet/

PARKS AND REC

There are a variety of parks in the area to explore. The following sites will provide more info.

- https://jcparksrec.com/
- https://www.facebook.com/people/City-of-North-Vernon-Parks-and-Recreation/100071414965262/#

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

More than a building—it's a family.

WHO WE ARE

Tea Creek is a rural congregation with a warm, welcoming atmosphere and a strong sense of community. We strive to be a kind and loving church family where people feel genuinely cared for and encouraged in their faith.

We are affiliated with the American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky and are part of the Coffee Creek Baptist Association.

On Sunday mornings, we typically have 80-90 people in attendance, creating a close-knit environment where relationships are important and visitors are made to feel at home.

Our worship services are approximately 60 minutes in length and reflect the relaxed and approachable nature of our congregation. While we take our faith and the teaching of God's Word seriously, we also enjoy laughter, fellowship, and simply doing life together. We value authenticity over formality and desire to be a church where people grow spiritually while feeling comfortable and connected.





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OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT

Weekly:

- Sunday School for all ages
- Sunday morning worship service
- Sunday morning Children's Church
- Wednesday Bible Study for all ages
- Adult Choir

Monthly:

- Kids Night
- Missions Committe meeting
- American Baptist Women meeting

Bi-monthly:

- Family Night Dinner



Special occassions:

- Youth field trips
- Vacation Bible School
- Spring Bean Supper and Fall Soup Supper missions fundraisers
- Easter and Christmas Cantatas by the Choir
- Special recognition for Mother's Day, Graduation, Memorial Day, Father's Day, Pastor Appreciation, Veteran's Day, and Advent
- Good Friday service
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- Halloween "Trunk-or-Treat" with warm drinks and hot dog / marshmallow roast.
- Hanging of the Greens
- Christmas Party with card exchange
- Christmas Eve service



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KIDS NIGHT

Kids Night holds a special place in the hearts of TCBC members. We care deeply about our youth and want them to have a space that is safe, loving, and where they can learn of the love of Jesus Christ. Kids Night is held on the second Friday of each month from 6pm-8pm. Each child receives a snack and participates in a craft or game.





My favorite part of Kids Night is....

"Playing with my friends on the playground." -Madi

"Getting to play outside and getting to learn about Jesus." -Bryar and Bodee

"Story-telling and crafts." -Gemma, Tinley, Willow, and Myles

"Making crafts like we did for Mother's Day and playing on the playground with my friends." -Emaline



Statements of FAITH

WHAT WE BELIEVE

The Bible is the final authority and trustworthy for faith and practice. It is to be interpreted responsibly under the guidance of God's Holy Spirit within the community of faith.

The Church is a gathered fellowship of regenerated believers, a sign of the coming universal reign of God.

The freedom to respond to the Lordship of Christ in all circumstances is fundamental to the Christian gospel and to human dignity.

The witness to Christ is the ongoing task of every Christian and of every church.

We affirm that God through Jesus Christ calls us to be a redeemed people, a biblical people, a worshiping people, a mission people, an interdependent people, a caring people, an inclusive people, and a contemporary people.









VISION OF MINISTRY

We desire to grow in discipleship and spiritual life development. Our members care about learning from all parts of the Bible and understanding how to apply the lessons to our daily lives.

Tea Creek has always cherished all of our members, including those who can't attend services in person. Therefore, we hope to continue to have active members and our pastor visit those who are homebound and in hospitals or nursing homes.

We aim to continue the growth and outreach of our church. Tea Creek is an active and strong church. We aim to continue this through regular meetings, special celebrations, and community outreach outside of Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services.

Our VISION

COLLABORATION

HOPES AND EXPECTATIONS

It is our hope that you will come alongside us to help us grow our spiritual lives, church, and community outreach. We are looking for the person who is willing to cooperate with and advise church leadership and teach applicable lessons from the whole Bible. We hope for compassionate pastoral care for all members, ideas to improve current programs, and passion for church growth and outreach.

OUR COMMITTMENT

We commit to support you and help you in any way we can. We will pray for you. We will love you as one of our own.

YOUR COMMITTMENT

We ask that you commit to guide us, love us, and let us know how we can best support you.



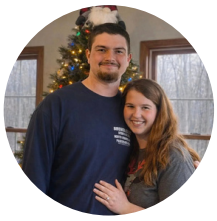
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