

First Baptist Church of Woodland Hills

Church Profile



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Pastoral Search Committee

For The First Baptist Church of Woodland Hills:

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Vision For Ministry

“Our vision is to be a Christ-centered, Bible-believing, missional community empowered by the Holy Spirit, passionately pursuing God, and boldly advancing His kingdom. We dream of a future where lives are transformed by His love and every believer is equipped and sent to make Him known—in their homes, neighborhoods, and to the nations all around the world.”

As a multi ethnicities community group, we bring people together for many types of events from monthly birthday celebrations to Bible studies and praying for petitions from the congregation and community. In addition the English and Spanish congregations come together annually to decorate the Easter flower cross and Christmas Tree. We are a close knit church looking to grow.

Our ability to adapt is found in all areas of the church, from our major projects to weathering the COVID pandemic together, always continuing to lean on and encourage one another. With God’s grace and guidance, we have always been a church who welcomes challenges and adapts as the surrounding community grows and changes.

We are an active Baptist community with high hopes for the church's future as we strive with the Holy Spirit to reignite and grow our church community. We pray that the person God calls to our church will support us in reviving some of our past activities, such as having a choir, and enhancing our current active programs, Bible study and children ministries. We also hope to collaborate on new and exciting programs to encourage growth for all both physically and spiritually.

Examples of the programs we support:

West Valley Food Pantry Support
Easter Flower Cross
Monthly Birthday Celebrations
Christmas Bags
World Missionary Month
Deaconess Fund
Prayer Chain

Pastor Priorities

We are seeking a pastor that will embrace the tradition that founded our church as being known by the community as a friendly, welcoming, and loving church. We are seeking a Pastor to embrace this tradition while inspiring and leading us all in our Faith Journey which includes worship programs, and outreach.

We are praying for a Pastor who will provide the following:

- Leadership abilities to manage the daily operations of the church and serve as an advisor to the Management Board, assisting them in church related decisions.
- Provide weekly sermons based on Biblical scripture with relevance to day to day living.
- Participate in collaborative communications with the ability to express clarity in ideas. This individual must be open to the ideas of others, as well as being an active listener.
- Will foster opportunities for learning and growing in smaller groups who seek deeper spiritual and personal connections.
- Will support people in finding their unique gifts and encourage them to infuse these gifts into the life of the church.
- Will reach out to those who are unable to participate in person through pastoral care and outreach.
- Bring energy and interest to support and develop our national and international missionary programs.
- Will work multi-generationally to engage all people regardless of where they are in their Christian life's journey.

While we are aware this is a big prayer request, we know God is good and through Him all things are possible.

*"I can do all this through him who gives me strength."
Philippians 4:13*

Church History

In the aftermath of World War II, the Los Angeles Baptist City Mission Society saw a need to establish churches in the San Fernando Valley. The expanding population growth was an open door to fulfilling the Great Commission. They bought property in many locations all over the San Fernando Valley, and after years of planning, praying and envisioning, the launch service of First Baptist Church of Woodland Hills was held on May 7, 1950. The first congregants were a small group of believers who had moved into the West San Fernando Valley. Many were returning World War II veterans and were anxious to own their own homes.

Our Church has had a great and long history at the same location. Although the demographic of the surrounding neighborhood has changed, the little Baptist Church on Fallbrook Avenue that used to be part of a walnut farm, still plays a vital role in the community.



Church Buildings



Sanctuary Photos



Children's Cottage (Sunday School)



Add fellowship Hall



Fellowship Hall



Spanish Ministry

Our Spanish ministry has been in place since 2018, lead by Pastor Samuel Turcios. It started with a few people that rapidly grew to a congregation of forty people at Sunday services and twenty attending Thursday night prayer meetings. It continues to look for opportunity for growth. Pastor Samuel “Sam” Turcios continues to remain faithful to his ministry and praying for a pastor that will assist him to promote growth to one hundred members in the future.



Pastor Samuel “Sam” and Marlene Turcios

Financial Statement

We remain positive that the income for the church will increase once we have a new pastor that will lead us and work in the community to bring in additional members to our congregation. The Spanish ministry continues as well; they have a steady congregation that also contributes to our income. We also generate additional income from the parsonage rental and renting the parking lot to production companies for crew parking.

Our endowment funds remain strong as we continue the journey to grow our congregation in spite of the many challenges our church has faced. We have continued moving forward making improvements and keeping our buildings well-maintained. Over the last year we have purchased a monitor for the Sanctuary to assist in sermon presentations and installed monitored security cameras.

A competitive compensation package will be offered to the next pastor. We look forward to the next chapter of our church's story. We are encouraged by the Lord's constant faithfulness and we are hopeful to continue to have a positive influence in our community for His glory.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WOODLAND HILLS
PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET - 2025**

	Proposed Operating Budget 2025	Actual 12/31/2024	Actual 12/31/2023	
<u>INCOME:</u>				
Regular Giving	80,000	86,816	94,255	Collection Boxes
Other Income	20,000	29,055	15,700	Parking Lot Rental
Other Income	0	8,000		Gifts to the Church/Fund Raising
Rental House	17,411	17,411	17,411	Rental House
Total Operating Income	117,411	141,282	127,366	
<u>EXPENSES:</u>				
<u>Task Forces:</u>				
Building and Grounds	2,000	13,349	57,215	Church property only; gas line repair, sign final pay- ment
Children Christian Education	500	510	0	Christmas bags
Fellowship	5,000	6,337	5,085	Birthday Cakes Monthly, Park rental, El Polo Loco and SFG
Men's Ministry	0	0	0	
November Missionary Giving	4,000	3,989	2,317	
Women's Ministry	0	0	588	Study Materials, Jill Lowery,
Worship	3,000	7,173	900	Music Guest, Communion, piano tune, sub pastor, mixer/amp, monitors
Spanish Ministry	2,000	368	1,214	
Total Task Forces Expenses	16,500	31,726	67,319	
<u>General Church Fund:</u>				
Salary and Related Taxes	38,880	38,880	32,280	
Missions 11%	8,800	9,550	10,046	
Church Supplies	3,500	3,407		(TP, PT, Coffee Cups, Plates etc.) (Water)
Equipment Rental and Repairs	0	0	0	
Insurance	11,000	10,106	9,580	workman comp, liability coverage, property insurance
Maintenance	17,000	16,113	10,180	Landscape, Trash, Janitorial, Pest ,
Office Expense	2,000	2,802	2,074	Paper, Office Supplies, Letterhead
Property Taxes	3,400	3,308	3,263	
Security	1,278	0	0	Security monitoring and cameras.
Website	351	351	117	Add in Payment
Telephone and Utilities	21,000	20,091	23,651	Phone, Internet, Power, Water, Sewer, Gas
Rental House Expenses	TBD	4,900		quote for painting and repair of ex- terior
Other Operating Expenses	TBD	1,150	0	funerals x3
Total General Church Fund Ex- penses	107,209	110,658	91,191	
Total Expenses	123,709	142,384	158,510	

Appendix A: Schools and Educational Opportunities

Schools in the area of Woodland Hills offer choice and variety. In the Woodland Hills area, there are eight elementary schools, three public middle schools, three private schools and a magnet school that specializes in technology. There are two high schools. One is famous for its sports programs and the other is known for National and California Academic Decathlon Championships. There is Pierce Junior College in the area as well as the California State University in Northridge (CSUN). The University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) is a short distance away.

West Valley Occupational College is also in Woodland Hills and teaches students all types of skills that allow students to work in the trades or services sectors.

Appendix B: The Valley and Recreation

Our church is located in Woodland Hills, California, in the San Fernando Valley which is a suburb of Los Angeles. Although there is no defined center of town, the community has an area known as The Warner Center where restaurants and shopping are limitless.

Woodland Hills is surrounded by mountains that separate us from the Pacific Ocean which is about a 30 minute drive through a beautiful mountain pass. If you enjoy hiking or biking this area is wonderful and has a lot of options.

*I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.*

Psalm 121:1-2

There are opportunities to participate in many indoor/outdoor activities. If you enjoy music or theater, many arenas and concert halls are in the area and have events almost daily. If you like museums, Los Angeles has many options from Fine Art to automobiles. In the Woodland Hills area, there are three private golf courses and three municipal courses, all within a 30 minute drive. Warner Center Park offers outdoor music concerts in the summer and Sunday night movies.

If your passion is winter sports, between the months of November to February, there are areas that you can ski, snowboard or snow tube within a few hours away. Warner Center has an Ice Skating area during Christmas holidays.

The Woodland Hills area has a lot to offer our new pastor and family. We know that whatever interests they may have, we have people in the congregation that share those same interests.

Appendix C: Demographics/Traveling and Accessibility

Woodland Hills is a suburb of Los Angeles City/County, California United States. The population was 71,059 at the 2020 census. There are 30,323 Housing Units in the Woodland Hills area. The median age of people living in Woodland Hills is 41. 63.3% are Caucasian, 6.8% are African American, 13.1% have Asian roots. Another 0.6% are Indigenous Americans, 0.2% are Pacific Islanders, while 5.2% identify as another race. 10.9% of residents identify as two or more races. Families make up 28,004 or 64.9% of the households, while 35.1% are made up of people living alone or with non family (roommates). This offers a great opportunity to increase our church membership.

Transportation Web Links:

Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)

<https://www.flylax.com/>

A one hour drive (depending on time of day) south from Woodland Hills.

Bus transportation available (via Fly Away Bus service).

Burbank Airport (BUR)

<https://www.hollywoodburbankairport.com/>

A 30 minute drive, East in the city of Burbank.

Metro Transit Authority (MTA)

Buses in Los Angeles area can get you mostly anywhere in the city.

<https://www.metro.net/>

Amtrak Train - Station in nearby Chatsworth

<https://www.amtrak.com/home.html>

Most people that live in Los Angeles drive cars and utilize the many roads and freeways that intertwine throughout the city. The busiest times on



All of us look forward to meeting you and your family. May God Bless You as you make this very important decision to potentially lead our Church.