

Mullen Memorial Baptist Church

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Located in the center of town Established February 1, 1923

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Vision Statement

“Making Christ the Center of Our Life, Relationships, and Service.

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Mission Statement

Mullen Memorial Baptist Church is affiliated with the American Baptist Churches of the USA, American Baptist Churches of Ohio, and the Marietta Association.

The Mission of this church shall be to preach the Whole Word of God, endeavor to bring the lost to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, edify the believers, and observe the ordinances commanded by Christ for His Church. It shall, also, foster the spreading of the Gospel throughout the world by prayers, stewardship, and the sending forth from its own membership those who give evidence of having been called of God.

City of Belpre OH

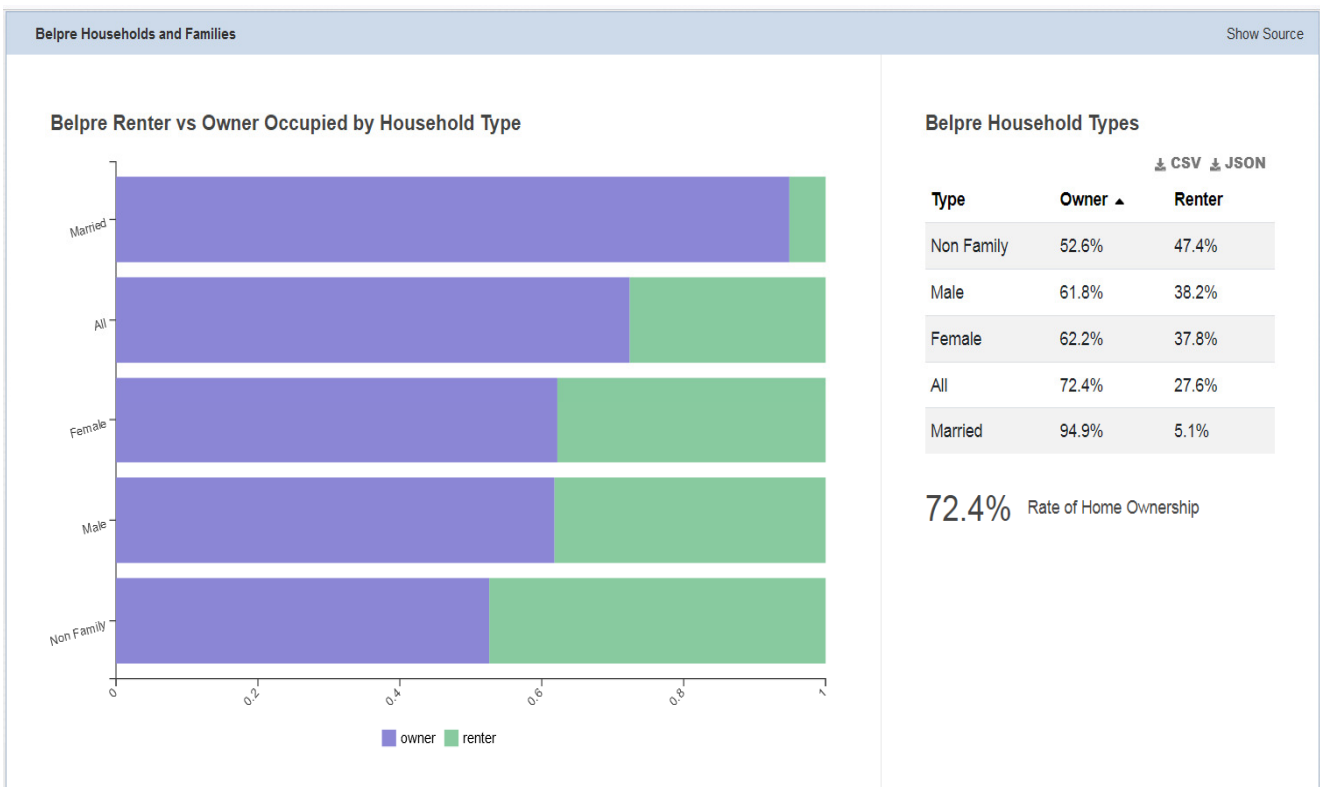
The town of Belpre sits on the Ohio River in Southeast Ohio. The city of Columbus is 100 miles northeast of Belpre. The city of Parkersburg, West Virginia is just across the Ohio River from Belpre.

Belpre is a city located in [Washington County Ohio](#). With a 2020 population of 6,382, it is the 222nd [largest city in Ohio](#) and the 4171st [largest city in the United States](#) . Belpre is currently declining at a rate of **-0.03%** annually and its population has decreased by **-0.92%** since the most recent census, which recorded a population of 6,441 in 2010. Spanning over 4 miles, Belpre has a population density of 1,831 people per square mile.

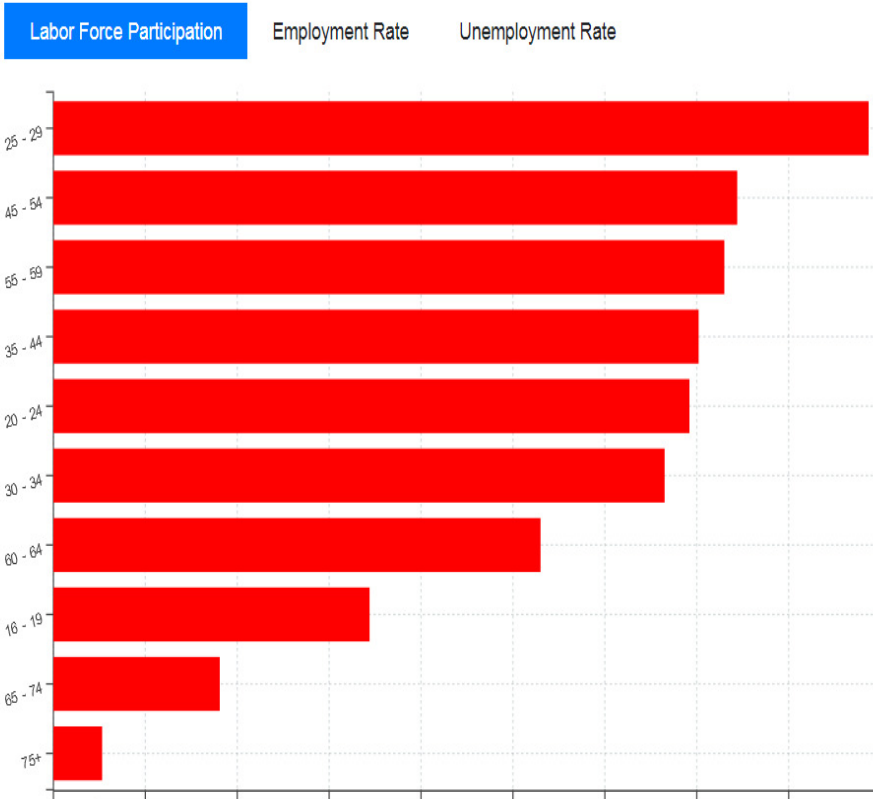
Belpre Demographics

According to the most recent ACS, the racial composition of Belpre was:

- White: 91.05%
- Two or more races: 4.17%
- Black or African American: 2.13%



Belpre Employment by Age



53% Labor Force Participation
 50.3% Employment Rate
 5.1% Unemployment Rate

Buy Rent Sell Home Loans Agent finder



Manage Rentals Advertise Help Sign in

Belpre Home Values

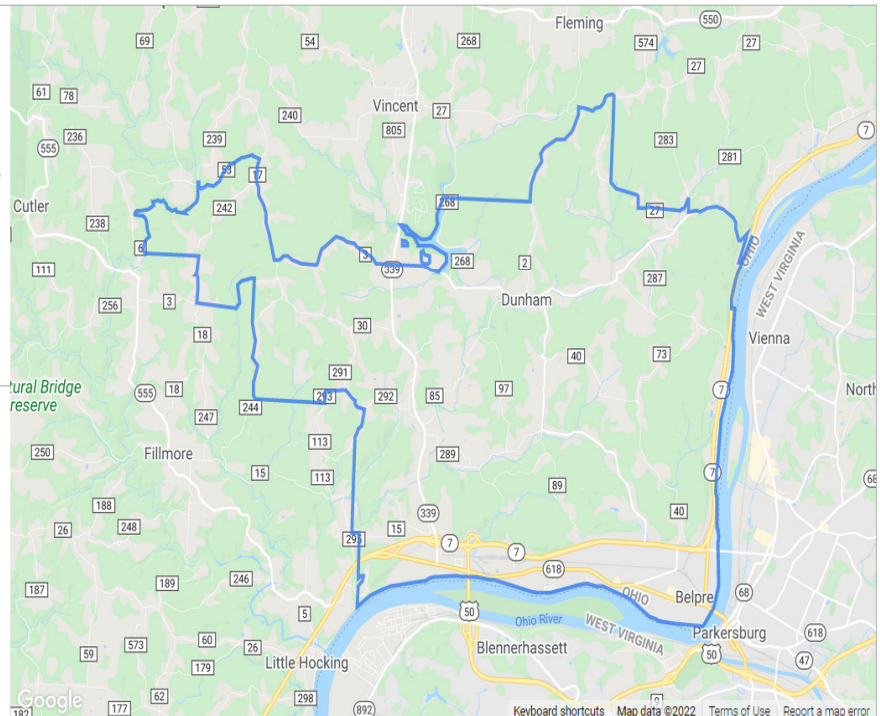
ZILLOW HOME VALUE INDEX

\$159,699

14.4% 1-year change



The typical home value of homes in Belpre is \$159,699. This value is seasonally adjusted and only includes the middle price tier of homes. Belpre home values have gone up 14.4% over the past year.



Church History

Mullen Memorial Baptist Church is located atop a hill overlooking one of the main intersections in town at Putnam Howe Drive and Washington Boulevard. The church sits between a senior citizens apartment complex and the city building. The location offers easy access and visibility to the community.

The history of Mullen Memorial Baptist Church began with a Sunday school class that met on Sunday afternoons.

In the early 1900's three sisters, Abbie (Mullen) Druce, Nora (Mullen) Goodno, and Emma Mullen, all who lived in Belpre, crossed the Ohio River to attend the First Baptist Church of Parkersburg. Later in the afternoon, Nora would lead a Sunday school class in her home.



As the population in Belpre grew, so did the Sunday school class. It was not long before the class began to meet in the schoolhouse across the road from Nora's home. When the schoolhouse was no longer used for education, the Mullen sisters purchased the schoolhouse, and the property surrounding the school.



The schoolhouse still stands today, and is used for the Boy Scout Troop which is Church Sponsored.
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List of Officers

The officers of this church shall be:

1-Pastor	Vacancy
9-Deacons	6-Vacancy
6-Trustees	2-Vacancy
Advisory Board - All Officers & Church Members	
6-Board of Christian Education	1-Vacancy
1-Church Clerk	
1-Church Treasurer	
1-Bookkeeper	
1-Financial Secretary	
1-Assistant Financial Secretary	
1-Sunday School Superintendent	Vacancy
1-Assistant Sunday School Superintendent	Vacancy
1-Sunday School Secretary	Vacancy
1-Cradle Roll Director	Vacancy
1-Music Director	
1-Assistant Music Director	
1-Head Usher	Vacancy
1-Social Coordinator	
1-Nominating Committee	Vacancy
1-Missions	Vacancy
1-Church Moderator	

Pastor and the Officers

PASTOR:

The Pastor shall discharge the duties and responsibilities enjoined upon him by the Scriptures as a bishop or elder of the local assembly. He shall fulfill in his personal and ministerial life the qualifications of such as set forth in I Timothy 3:1-7; II Timothy 4:2; and Titus 1:5-9.

He shall preach the Word, conduct regular services, administer the Ordinances, tenderly watch over the membership and spiritual interest of the church, and organize and develop the church for the best possible service. He shall confer with the Moderator in setting the Agenda to carry out the business of the church. He shall, in cooperation with the Board of Deacons, prepare a written report of the spiritual life and work of the church during the past year to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

The Pastor shall be given sufficient personnel and equipment to conduct the work of his office in an orderly and efficient manner. As spiritual head of the church, he shall not be burdened with responsibilities that might detract from the Great Calling. The pastor shall be an ex-officio member of all boards and committees. He shall have utmost freedom in advising the various boards and committees of the church but shall not be responsible for their action. He shall have the undivided and wholehearted support of the church in his ministry.

DEACONS: Deacons will be ordained according to Acts 6:5-8. The qualifications of a deacon are set forth in I Timothy 3:8-13.

The active Board of Deacons, with the pastor, will review and recommend those men who possess the necessary qualifications of a deacon. Those recommended will then be presented to the church at a regular Business Meeting for election as deacons. The voting will be by written ballot.

The board consists of nine (9) members, previously elected by the church. Three (3) members are elected each year by vote of the church for a term of three (3) years. One third of the board will rotate each year. There is a mandatory one year out of office before being eligible to serve another term. If a vacancy should occur, it will be filled by another eligible deacon upon vote of the church. The voting will be by ballot.

Duties of active Deacon Board Members include the following:

They shall assist the pastor in developing the spiritual life of the church, meeting regularly with him for prayer, consultation, and program planning. They shall cooperate with the pastor in visiting the membership and in caring for the sick, needy, and distressed members. They shall oversee the disbursement of the Deacon Fund and prepare for observance of the Ordinances of the church.

The deacons, with the pastor, shall compose the Membership Committee and shall interview all candidates for baptism and membership. They will continually review the Membership Roll and, at a scheduled Business Meeting, shall present their recommendations for changes to the roll.

TRUSTEES: Two trustees shall be elected at the December Business Meeting to serve the term of three years.

The trustees shall have the care and custody of all church properties. They shall be responsible for all necessary repairs, administering the funds provided by the church to maintain the properties, disbursing the same as the church shall direct. The trustees shall maintain the building in good order and provide for all preparations for services of the church.

The Board of Trustees, with the pastor, may recommend to the Nominating Committee those persons willing to serve as Trustees.

ADVISORY BOARD: The Advisory Board shall consist of the Pastor, all church officers and chairpersons or presidents of all boards and committees and auxiliary organizations. Any interested member of the church is welcome to attend the Advisory Board meetings. The duties of the Advisory Board will be to coordinate the activities of the church and provide advisory oversight.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The Board of Christian Education shall consist of six members. Two members shall be elected at the December Business Meeting to serve the term of three (3) years. There shall be a Chairman and/or Co-Chairmen of the Board and a Chairman of Missions elected annually from within the Board.

The Sunday School Superintendent or the Assistant Sunday School Superintendent shall be an ex-officio member of the Board.

The Board, working with the Sunday School Superintendent or the Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, shall plan and carry out the entire educational program of the church, including the work with children, youth, adults; missionary and stewardship supervision and education; leadership training; summer camps, and Daily Vacation Bible School.

All literature used in the Education, Study, or Devotion Program of the church for children, youth, or adults must be brought to the Board for approval. If a new class or group of any kind is to be formed, suggested teachers and proposed literature must be presented to the Board by the Sunday School Superintendent or the Assistant Sunday School Superintendent for approval.

All approved literature shall be ordered by the Sunday School Superintendent or his/her appointee.

Board of Christian Education 2021

The BOCE is responsible for several areas of instruction within the church.

The main function of this organization within the church has been dealing with the Sunday School classes and various activities for the youth. In the past, we have had more than one adult Sunday school class, and we have had various configurations of classes from nursery to post high school and career classes. The Sunday school classes have mainly been conducted with quarterly literature, but in recent years we have used church-wide programs, introducing topics for study in Sunday school and reinforcing these topics in the sermons. This unifying model helped a lot during Covid, allowing study to continue individually, and reinforcing these studies with online sermons and parking lot church, broadcast over radio frequency. The BOCE has tried to encourage the youth of our church, during these times, of not meeting face-to-face by taking surprise goody bags periodically to the children at their homes. We want to let them know we are still here for them and look forward to seeing them at church in the future.

Until 2020, MMBC held Vacation Bible School every summer for area youth, almost since the church began in 1923. Some of the themes in more recent years have been, "Jesus Helps You Power UP," "The Jungle Adventure," and "Hometown Heroes." Usually the church began VBS with a Kick-off on Sunday evening and ended with a program and picnic. Due to Covid, we have not held VBS for the last two years.

In order to provide outreach to the Belpre community and beyond, the BOCE has sponsored several activities at the church for families that were well advertised throughout the community including flyers to area schools. These activities included: Winter Carnival in January, Egg hunt near Easter, and our Fall Festival that included a meal and Trunk or Treat for the children. (More details on these events can be found under Ministry Events- Guide Book.)

The church also participated in the community program, “The Gathering,” held at Civitan Park in September. All of these activities have been postponed for the last two years.

We have recently renewed our “Come to the Table,” program on September 12, 2021. These get-togethers occur on Sunday evenings with a devotion, a meal and a group activity in which the tables compete or just participate. The BOCE also hopes to be able to have the Fall Festival and the annual Christmas movie night PJ party and participation in the Light Parade.

We just finished collecting bacterial wipes, tissues and paper towels for Belpre Elementary School.

In the future, we hope to add a new Junior Youth program and see some of our past programs be reinstated as the virus diminishes. We pray for health for our children and adults as we strive to do God’s will.

ASSISTANT SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: The Assistant Sunday School Superintendent shall aid the Superintendent in the management of the Sunday School and take charge in the absence of the Superintendent.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY: The Sunday School Secretary shall present an accurate record of each Sunday School Class, together with the total combined attendance every Lord’s Day. An Annual Report of Sunday School activities must be prepared for the Annual Business Meeting.

In the absence of the Sunday School Secretary, the Assistant shall fill the vacancy.

CRADLE ROLL DIRECTOR: The Cradle Roll Director is responsible for calling on and enrolling new babies in the church family.

CHURCH CLERK: The church Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the church at all Business Meetings, retain a complete registry of the membership, issue letters of dismissal and recommendation as directed by the church, conduct its official correspondence, preserve all documents, papers and letters received during the term of office. The Clerk shall deliver the same and all records kept to the successor.

In the absence of the Church Clerk, the Assistant Church Clerk shall fill the vacancy.

TREASURER: The Treasurer shall receive a record of all funds contributed and disburse the same as directed by the church. The Treasurer shall make a Monthly and Annual report of receipts and disbursements, showing the actual financial condition of the church and shall be ready to show the records at all times upon request.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer shall fill the vacancy.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: The Financial Secretary shall receive and record all money contributed to the church and shall be ready at all times to show the records. The record book must correspond with the Treasurer's books at all times. All money shall be deposited to the church account on the next banking day after it is received and recorded.

A balanced account of all funds shall be presented to the church at the Annual Meeting.

The Assistant Financial Secretary shall fill this office in the absence of the Financial Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: The Sunday School Superintendent shall direct the sessions of the school and, in every way possible, endeavor to build up the attendance and interest of the church in the study of the Word. The Superintendent shall, at all times, strive to work in cooperation with the Pastor to effect the conversion and spiritual development of those attending Sunday School.

The Superintendent shall call and conduct meetings when necessary for the purpose of outlining the program of the school and directing the same with the Pastor and the Chairman of Christian Education.

MUSIC DIRECTOR: The Music Director shall cooperate with the Pastor and Deacons in the preparation of all music for the church. The Assistant Music Director shall fill the office in case of a vacancy.

The Music Department

For every person there is a favorite way to worship and praise the Lord in song. It could be with praise bands, traditional organ and piano, through a choir or in small groups, or just raising your voice in song, you just need to find what is right for you. At Mullen Memorial Baptist Church we have a blended service of music using today's contemporary songs to the classic hymns of all times, we even have a little southern gospel at times. If you love the Lord and love to worship we welcome you to join us. We have a chancel choir that sings during our morning worship each week. We also enjoy celebrating the holiday season with Special Music and Cantata's We have a Praise Team that leads singing and helps to bring the more contemporary music to our worship. We enjoy doing children's programs and incorporating the children in to our morning worship through song. The Music Department at Mullen Memorial feel it is a blessing to help bring you closer to God through music! We welcome you to come join us! Chancel Choir practice is Wednesday at 5:45pm and Praise Team practices Sunday's at 5:00pm.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

OUR FAITH IS SHAPED BY THE WORD OF GOD AND THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS CHRIST

THE SCRIPTURES: We believe that “all” scripture is given by inspiration of God by which we understand the whole Bible to be verbally inspired by the Spirit of God to Holy men of old.

Luke 24:27, 44; Acts 17:2-3; II Timothy 3:15-16; II Peter 1:21.

THE GODHEAD: We believe that the Godhead eternally exists in three Persons - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - and these three are one in God.

Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 12:29; John 1:1-3; II Corinthians 13:14

MAN CREATED AND FALLEN: We believe that man was originally created in the image and after the likeness of God and that he fell through sin and, thus, lost his spiritual life. This spiritual death or total depravity of human nature has been transmitted to the entire human race, the Man Christ Jesus alone being excepted.

Genesis 1:26-27; Psalm 14:1-3; Romans 3:10-19; Ephesians 2:1-3; Hebrews 4:15

THE FIRST ADVENT: We believe the eternal Son of God came into this world that He might manifest God to men, fulfill prophecy, and become the Redeemer of a lost world. To this end, He was born of the Virgin and received a human body and a sinless human nature. John 1:18; John 3:16; Luke 1:26-35; Hebrews 4:15

As to Christ’s humanity, we believe He became and remained a perfect man, sinless throughout His life; yet, there never was a time when, for one moment, He ceased to be God. Luke 2:40; John 1:1-2; Philippians 2:5-8. We believe the Lord Jesus voluntarily became the sacrificial Lamb to take away the sin of the world. His death was, therefore, substitutionary in the most absolute sense and, by His death, He became the Saviour of the lost. Hebrews 10:5-14; John 1:49; Romans 3:25- 26; I Peter 3:18.

We believe He arose from the dead according to the Scriptures and in the same body, yet glorified. We believe His resurrection body is a pattern of that body that, at the return of Christ, will be given to all resurrected believers. John 20:20; Philippians 3:20-21

We believe that, at His ascension, He was accepted of His Father and that His acceptance is final assurance to us that His redeeming work was perfectly accomplished. Hebrews 1:3

SALVATION THROUGH CHRIST: We believe that no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless born again. We believe, also, that our redemption has been accomplished solely by the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and that no repentance, no feeling, no faith, no good resolutions, no sincere efforts, no submission to the rules of any church, can add in the very least degree to the value of the blood or to the merit of the finished work wrought for us by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leviticus 17:11; Isaiah 64:6; Titus 3:5; I Peter 1:18-19, 23

THE HOLY SPIRIT: We believe that the Holy Spirit, omnipresent from all eternity, took up His abode in the world in a special sense on the day of Pentecost according to the Devine Promise and that He now dwells in each and all believers, thus, uniting them to Christ in one body.

John 14:16; John 16:7-15; I Corinthians 6:19; I Corinthians 12:13.

THE CHURCH, A UNITY OF BELIEVERS: We believe that all who are united to the risen and ascended Son of God are members of the Church which is the Body and Bride of Christ regardless of membership or non-membership in the organized churches of earth. We believe all Christians are under the solemn duty to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, rising above all sectarian differences, and fervently loving one another with a pure heart.

Acts 2:42-47; I Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 1:20-23;

Colossians 3:14-15

THE CHRISTIAN'S WALK: We believe that we are called with a holy calling to walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit and, so, to live in the power of the indwelling Spirit that we will not fulfill the lust of the flesh; but the flesh with its fallen nature is never eradicated, being with us to the end of our earthly pilgrimage; therefore, it constantly needs to be kept in subjection to Christ.

Romans 6:11-13; Ephesians 4:22-24; Colossians 2:1-10;

I Peter 1:14-16.

THE GREAT COMMISSION: We believe that this message of our Lord is to those whom He saved and that they were sent forth by Him into the world even as He was sent forth of His Father into the world. Our relation to the world is that of strangers and pilgrims, ambassadors and witnesses, and our primary purpose in life should be to make Christ

known to the whole world. Matthew 28:18-19; Mark 16:15; John 17:18;

II Corinthians 5:18-20

THE BLESSED HOPE: We believe that, according to the Word of God, the next great event in the fulfillment of prophecy will be the Blessed Hope - the personal, pre-millennial and imminent return of our blessed Lord for His own who are alive and remain unto His coming and all who have fallen asleep in Jesus and, for this, we should be constantly looking.

John 14:1-13; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; I Corinthians 15:51-52; Titus 2:11-14

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST: We believe that following the period of the great tribulation in the earth, the Lord Jesus Christ will return as He went, in Person, to introduce the millennial age, to restore Israel to her own land, to bind Satan and place him in the abyss, to bring the whole world to the knowledge of God, and to lift the curse that now rests upon all creation.

Matthew 24:15-25; Deuteronomy 30:1-10; Romans 11:25-27; Romans 8:19-23.

THE ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH: We believe that the ordinances of the Church are Baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper. Matthew 26:26-29;

Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:17-20; I Corinthians 11:23-25; Matthew 28:19

SATAN: We believe in the existence of a personal devil, the originator of sin, a murderer from the beginning, whose present work in the world is to destroy the souls of mankind. Genesis 3:1-19; Romans 5:12-14; John 8:44; Ephesians 6:10-18

THE ETERNAL STATE: We believe that, at death, the presence of God and there remain in a state of conscious bliss until the resurrection of the just, whereupon soul and body reunited shall be associated with Him forever in Glory. We, also, believe that the spirits and souls of the unbelieving remain after death conscious of condemnation and in misery until the final judgment of the Great White Throne, when soul and body reunited shall be cast into the Lake of Fire, not to be annihilated but to be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord.

Luke 16:19-26; II Corinthians 5:8; II Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 20:11-15; Luke 23:43

CONCLUSION: We firmly believe that the foregoing statements are openly revealed to be the Word of God and, upon such, we solemnly affirm to stand though it be amidst the onslaughts of Satan.

Matthew 10:22; I Corinthians 15:58; II Thessalonians 2:15

American Baptist Churches of Ohio

Resolution on Human Sexuality

Adopted by MMBC July 15, 2015



Because we are all wounded and broken people in need of the healing power of God's grace in Christ Jesus, and being aware of the confusion of voices pertaining to human sexuality, the following statement defines our common understanding for sexual behavior.

We affirm the Bible as our rule for faith and practice and embrace its ethic of compassion, love, and ministry to all persons and the availability of God's grace through repentance. (Luke 5:30-32; John 8:1-11; 1 Corinthians 6:11).

We affirm that God's gracious intention in creation for human sexual conduct as defined in scripture is faithful, lifelong heterosexual union for married persons and committed celibate behavior for unmarried persons. Other sexual practices clearly defined as sinful in Scripture are destructive of individuals, of community, and of the fellowship of believers, and like all sin, call for repentance, openness to the transforming power of God, and restoration to the community of faith. (Genesis 1:27, 2:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8; Hebrews 13:4); (Leviticus 18:22, 20:13; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

We abhor and reject violence of all kinds against persons of all sexual orientations.

Therefore, we resolve that this Region will encourage grace-motivated ministries which respond to human need and offer God's transforming love to all wounded and broken people, including heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual, and transgendered persons.

Acknowledging the high calling of church and Region leadership, we resolve that this Region will not recognize for ordination or recognize the preexisting license or ordination of any person practicing, affirming, endorsing, and/or celebrating adultery, fornication, gay/lesbian/bisexual behavior.

And finally, because of our commitment to do mission together under the authority of the Word of God; we resolve that the professional staff of the American Baptist Churches of Ohio will counsel appropriate action consistent with this resolution to the association* of any church within this Region that endorses, celebrates, or affirms adultery, fornication, gay/lesbian/bisexual behavior.

- Pursuant Bylaws of ABC/Ohio, Rule 3:
- Constituency, Rule 3.2.2

“A church shall be dismissed from the Region, and thus from the denomination, by recommendation of the association of which it is a member. Each association shall implement its own criteria for dismissal of member churches with counsel from the Region's professional staff and with reference to ABC/USA's 'Common Criteria for a Cooperating Church'”.

MINISTRIES

Children's' church 10:45 during worship service

Sunday morning worship service 10:45

Women's Bible Study Monday mornings at 10:00

MINISTRY EVENTS – GUIDE BOOK (of past events)

ADVERTISING; RUN IN CHURCH BULLETIN, YARD SIGN, FLYERS TO SCHOOL

JANUARY

Winter Carnival: Held on a Saturday in January from 11:00- 1:00pm. Open to the community. We will be providing fun games, craft station, free food, a coffee and hot chocolate area etc. Volunteers needed to help with food and game stations.

FEBRUARY

Boy Scout Sunday: The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday before February 8th (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday Recognizing the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. Our church supports Boy scouts, Cub scouts troop 91 and Girl scouts.

I LOVE MY CHURCH SUNDAY: Done on a Sunday after church. A slide show of the year's activities will be shown with a meal afterwards. A potato bar with all the toppings. People are asked to bring a dessert, toppings etc.

MARCH/APRIL

Easter egg donations/events: donations of eggs and pre-wrapped candy for eggs. These donations need to be at the church by Sunday of egg stuffing.

Egg Stuffing Party: Sunday 2 weeks before Easter egg hunt. A light lunch will be served after morning worship and then we begin stuffing eggs. All are welcome!

Easter Egg Hunt: Held two Saturdays before Easter from 10:00 to 12:00. Community is invited. Areas are sectioned off by age. There will be an Easter bunny walking around with the kiddos to take pictures. There will be food and carnival games in the Fellowship hall after the hunt. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Everyone welcome!

Maundy Thursday Service

Good Friday Community Easter Service

MAY

Mother's Day Breakfast. Held on 2nd Sunday in May at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Hosted by the Children's ministry, to honor women. All men, women and children are welcome. Please feel free to invite a family member or friend.

JUNE

Graduation Sunday: first Sunday in June. There will be a flier in the bulletin to fill out with the graduates information and can be submitted to the church office. On 1st Sunday in June, Recognition of Graduates will be in the bulletin to be shared and read by congregation. There will be a graduation card box at the back of the sanctuary. The BOCE will ensure those cards are delivered. There will be no formal recognition done during the service and no luncheon after church.

Vacation Bible School

Announce date and theme in bulletin 8 weeks before event.

Donation list and volunteer opportunities list in bulletin 4 weeks before event.

AUGUST

Vespers Service: Sunday evenings at church shelter with a light dessert.

Back to School Community Picnic: 2nd Wednesday in August at 5:30pm. Food will be provided by BOCE. We are asking the church to bring a side dish/dessert. This will kick off our Wednesday evening activities. All are welcome.

SEPTEMBER

The Gathering: 2nd Saturday in September. Join us for a day of fun, games, music and more! MMBC hosts a table of nachos/cheese and face painting. The event is held by area churches at Civitan park in Belpre. Volunteers needed to help with food.

Grandparents Day Breakfast: 1st Sunday in September at 9:00 am in the Fellowship hall. The children's ministry will host a breakfast to celebrate grandparents. Everyone is welcome and encourage to attend. There will be a photo booth set up to capture those special moments. The children will be participating in the morning worship with songs, poems and skits.

OCTOBER

Fall festival/Trunk or Treat 3rd Sunday in October from 5:00 – 7:00pm. We will be serving chili/soups/sandwiches/desserts. We are asking those attending to bring soup/sandwich/side dish to donate. Those participating in the trunk or treat may decorate their trunk and bring candy to share with the kids. This is a community event. We will be having a best fall dessert and a best trunk decorating contest. Come join in the fun!

NOVEMBER

Veteran's Day: Nov 11

Harvest Dinner

Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday before Thanksgiving

Community Light Parade: Saturday evening after Thanksgiving younger children ride on church's float older children and adults walk and handout candy. Return to the church for refreshments.

DECEMBER

Christmas movie night: 1st Saturday in December from 6:00 -8:00 pm. BOCE will be hosting a children's movie night for families. A movie will be chosen and we will be serving pizza, snacks and drinks. Wear your favorite pj's or comfortable clothing. We will have a best PJ's completion! Everyone is welcome to attend.

Adopt a family for Christmas: a family is chosen from the list at Belpre Elementary school. Clothes and presents are purchased by our shopping team.

Wrapping party: 2nd Sunday in December after church light luncheon followed by wrapping gifts previously purchased. See above.

Family of Faith Breakfast: Sunday before Christmas at 9:00am. The Children's ministry will be hosting the breakfast but asking others to bring a breakfast item.

Children's Christmas Program: The children's ministry will be sharing their Christmas program during morning worship.

BELPRE AREA MINISTRIES

Belpre Area Ministries is a thrift store and pantry. It is supported by local churches. These same churches also volunteer their time to run BAM. Every 10 weeks Mullen Memorial Baptist Church is responsible for serving. We are always in need of volunteers. The ministry is very rewarding as it gives back to those greatest in need. While serving you will not only minister to those in the community, but develop relationships with those in the church. Talk with Sandy Kirk or Lisa Stone for service times and needs.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The men's fellowship group has been a great way for the men of the church to actively encourage each other in the church ministry here at Mullen.

The fellowship's main purpose is to encourage each other in a way to stay focused in the church as responsible members and to encourage fellowship within the church. Over the early years the dedication to God, the future of growth and expansion of the church was very much a part of the men of the church. From the encouragement of the spouses, family members and friends, the men came forward to help build the Educational building in June 1959. Later in 1968, the new sanctuary was built and again the church men and members stepped forward to give assistance, either monetary or actual hands on as support.

The men's fellowship group is a spin-off of the hard work and sacrifice of the men in earlier years. The men now step forward when the need requires to maintain the church spiritually and materially.

The group has not met during the Covid-19 pandemic for the last couple of years but is now meeting again on the second Saturday of each month for encouragement and support.

COMMITTEES

Pastoral Search Committee

Chairman	Mike Lorentz	Deacon
Vice Chairman	Bruce E Hardman	Deacon
Member	Joseph Lowers	Deacon
Member	Jeffrey K Stone	Chairman of Trustees & Treasurer
Member	Sandra Kirk	Church Clerk
Member	Sandy Wiseman	Worship Leader
Member	Kathy Butcher	Vice Chairperson Board of Christian Education
Member	Judy Simmons	Youth Education
Executive Minister	Mark Click	Cincinnati Oh
Consultant	Kent Hall	Newport Baptist Church Oh
Interim Pastor	Richard Sargent	Point Pleasant WV

Social Committee

Members of the social committee have been very loyal to serve when called upon to decorate and help when food is needed for dinners.

Our ladies group provides refreshments for vesper service on Sunday evenings in August under the church shelter.

We hold a harvest dinner every November. The church provides turkey ham, rolls and drinks. The members are asked to bring desserts.

S.W.O.T Analysis

Strengths

- Sunday Evenings
- Facilities
- Location
- Longevity of members (family of God) continue during Covid
- Loving Church

Weaknesses

- Not sufficient activities for new people
- Activities for youth
- Limited finances
- Music instrumentalist
- Low priority for tithing
- Aging Congregation
- Inadequate signage

Opportunities

- BAM Ministries
- Fall Festival-type activities
- Reaching out to schools
- After-game activities
- Red Cross drives
- Bring in music groups (HS Choirs)
- Opening church for recitalist etc
- Babysitting services
- Visitation

Threats

- Covid
- Post-Christian
- Emphasis on sports
- Drug abuse

Pastors' Tenure

December 17, 1922 – February 6, 1924	H. H. Payton
May 14, 1924	N. B. Hamrick
December 1925 – January 1, 1929	F. Russell Purdy
1929 – December 1, 1930	Ray Norris McCann
February 1931 – October 13, 1935	Harold R. Ely
April 1, 1936 – May 28, 1939	Henry Murdock
January 21, 1940 – February 23, 1942	John W. Moe (died while in pastorate)
June 1942 – May 1953	H. K. Freeman
September 1953 – March 1961	Howard L. Underwood
June 1961 – September 1964	Douglas Peters
April 1965 – January 1969	Keith Mann
August 1969 – June 1970	David B. Sigler
April 11, 1971 – August 31, 1973	David G. Sedziol
July 4, 1974 – December 26, 1978	Jack O. Pasko
June 1, 1979 – June 1985	John W. Tennyson
July 12, 1986 – July 31, 1991	Mark R. McClung
1990 – 1995	Mark Eaton (Youth Minister & Associate)
February 1993 – August 1993	Kenneth F. Pierpont
December 1995 – February 1998	George Huffsmith
February 1998 – September 1998	Cecil A. Morrison, Interim
September 1998 – December 31, 2003	D. Larry Hooper
September 2002 – December 31, 2003	Todd Gebhardt (Children's & Youth Director)
January 2004 – December 31, 2004	William Kent Lowther, Interim
January 1, 2005 – Aug. 10, 2014	William Kent Lowther
Aug. 17, 2014	Ed Garrett – Interim
Jan. 1, 2015 – Aug 15, 2021	Seth Fallon