

Nappanee First Brethren Church is seeking a Senior Pastor who is a servant leader with a passion for ministry within our congregation as well as a desire for reaching our local community for Christ.

NAPPANEE FIRST BRETHERN CHURCH (NFBC) is affiliated with The Brethren Church, with headquarters located in Ashland, Ohio.

What Do Brethren Believe

- Brethren agree with other theologically conservative Christians on the central points of the faith. (The Concept of a Believer's Church)
- Brethren are "non-creedal" - they affirm the New Testament as their final authority in belief and practice rather than man-made creeds.
- Brethren take a Christ-centered approach to doctrine.
- Jesus Christ - the supreme revelation of God's character, will, and purposes
- Scripture – both Old and New Testament as the inspired written Word of God.
- The Holy Spirit - active in the life of believers and the church today
- Salvation is offered to everyone through the gospel, but an individual must respond to the gospel in repentance and faith to receive its benefits
- The church - The idea of community is central to Brethren belief.

NFBC has been in the community for over 125 years and currently sits on the north end of town of Nappanee (population just over 7,000) with 150 regular worshippers. A large part of our congregation grew up as Amish and have a deep love for community. The average age of our attendees is in the 40 – 55 range. The focus of our ministry falls into three categories: *UP (worshipping) as Community, IN (fellowship) with Community, and OUT(reaching) to Community.* We come together to study the Word of God through sermons and discipleship classes. We encourage personal study so that we can walk it out daily. NFBC prepares others to grow in personal discipleship by training and encouraging people to share their faith both locally and beyond.

18% of our yearly budget-goes toward outreach in addition to support (\$15,000 +) for our Mission Partners who are serving across the globe.

We are excited about the future of our church as we have seen growth in attendance over the last few years of families with young children, believers' baptisms, baby dedications, and sharing of testimonies of those in our congregation

Thank you for taking the time and looking at the Senior Pastor job to consider Nappanee First Brethren Church.

Mission Statement

To be lovers of God, while becoming transformed in Christ Jesus. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, in order to reach out to our world.

Ephesians 2:19-22