

# **A PROFILE OF CRESTON BAPTIST CHURCH 2020**

## Defining Statements

- Purpose:** Our Purpose is to glorify God
- Mission:** Our Mission is to play our part in the fulfillment of the Great Commission (Matt. 28:20) by engaging in discipling through evangelism, baptizing believers and teaching the word of God.
- Vision:** Our Vision is to reach people in the Creston Valley who do not know Christ and introduce them to our church family where they will be loved, cared for and nurtured in their walk with God.
- Values:**
- a. Relevant Bible teaching
  - b. Corporate prayer and worship
  - c. Fellowship in care groups
  - d. Evangelism and Missions
  - e. Life enrichment for children, youth and seniors

## History:

Creston Baptist Church is located in the town of Creston, in south eastern British Columbia. It is affiliated with the North American Baptist Conference, but is made up of believers from many denominational backgrounds.

Creston Baptist Church began as a church plant in 1963. In 1966 it was recognized as a North American Baptist Church, then in 1967 construction was begun on the present facility. In 1976 Creston Valley Christian School was founded and operated as a ministry of Creston Baptist Church until 1990. In 1993, Creston Baptist Church hired its first associate pastor of youth, a position that continued until 2014. This position was then replaced with the pastor of Family Ministries.

Creston Baptist Church has had 13 senior pastors, 4 youth pastors and 1 pastor of family ministries over the years. The church currently has open positions for both the Senior Pastor and Associate Pastor.

Creston Baptist Church is associated with the North American Baptist Conference and more directly with the Alberta Baptist Association. The church is associated with the Alberta Baptist Association because it was foundational in establishing Creston Baptist Church and because of our close proximity to the regional centre.

The NAB churches are distinct from many other denominations of churches in that they are autonomous - the local church itself is responsible for the government and discipline of its members and is directly accountable to the Lord in every area of church life. The church supports and cooperates with the denomination in joint ministries such as missions, church planting and leadership development.

Sunday Attendance:

Morning Worship Service: 2019 Avg. 156,

Since Covid-19 we have been meeting in groups in backyards and two services in the church through the summer months. We are now meeting in two locations in our building for two services. One location is in the sanctuary and the other in the basement Heritage Room by closed circuit TV. Currently we have put Sunday School on hold but normally have a very active Sunday School program with 20-30 children attending each Sunday.

Number of Members:

65

Age Demographics

0-9	34
10-14	14
15-19	17
20-29	31
30-39	10
40-49	17
50-59	17
60-69	38
70-79	35
80-89	17

Activities/Ministries

Labour of Love  
Ladies Bible Study  
Library - Open to the community  
Shoe Box/Samaritan's Purse  
Sunday Morning Service  
Sunday Evening Prayer Time  
Youth Group

Form of Government

Creston Baptist Church government consists of both a Board of Elders and a Church Board. All activities and affairs of the church are under the direction or oversight of the Board of Elders. The elders are equally accountable to one another. The teaching, administration and leadership roles of the pastor and pastoral staff are exercised under

the direction and authority of the Board of Elders. The church board is designed for the exchange of information regarding programs, ministries and activities of the church. The Church Board is responsible for making decisions pertaining to Church Board matters which are not directly related to the spiritual oversight of the church. Both the Elders Board and Church board are accountable to the congregation.

### Worship Style

The worship style at Creston Baptist Church is characterized by a commitment to a blend of music, providing a balance of style for young and old alike. The worship teams lead worship on a rotating schedule. Included on the teams are piano, guitars, vocalists and electric drums. The purpose each Sunday is to bring the believers together to worship and praise God.

### Congregational Involvement in Ministry

Approximately 55% of the congregation are involved in ministry within the church, including Bible teaching, Sunday school teaching, Labour of Love, Missions, as elders, trustees, administration, worship leaders, musicians, ushers, money counters, kitchen group leaders, youth ministry, and Sunday morning greeters, and other ministries.

### Missions Involvement

As a church we regularly support, both prayerfully and financially, individuals involved in missions. These missionaries are serving through a number of organizations including NAB missions, Ethnos, InterACT Ministries, CTEN, and Faith at Home. We also support Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Ministry. The congregation is kept aware of missionary needs through weekly bulletin updates featuring one mission each week.

### Facility Description

The Creston Baptist Church facility includes:

- on the main floor: a large lobby, the main sanctuary with the nursery in the back and a balcony above, a prayer room, a library, 3 offices and 2 classrooms.
- on the lower floor: 3 classrooms, a large conference/youth room, an open hall area, a new kitchen, and a gymnasium.

The building has wheelchair access to the upper floor and we are currently making plans for a wheelchair lift to the bottom floor.

There are two parking lots, one on either side of the building.

### Youth Group

The present youth group at Creston Baptist Church is made up of anywhere between 15-25 youth ages 12-18. The group consists of youth from other church's in the area as well as Creston Baptist Church. Right now it is being organized weekly by different families.

### Salaried Personnel

Senior Pastor  
Pastor of Family Ministries  
Secretary Custodian

Operating Budget for 2020: \$278,536.00

