



CHURCH PROFILE

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OUR STORY

Who We Are

On August 14, 1898, Rev. J.M. Mizzell and six charter members decided to organize a new church in order to meet the spiritual needs of those living in and around the sleepy little German community of Boerne (pronounced "Bernie"), located in the Texas Hill Country between San Antonio and Kerrville. As they celebrate their 122nd anniversary with a rich heritage and loving congregation, First Baptist Church Boerne (FBC Boerne) has grown into one of the area's largest Baptist churches and continues to actively meet the spiritual and community needs of one of the fastest growing geographic areas in the country!

FBC Boerne is a multigenerational Gospel-centered church where every person finds community and purpose in living their lives on mission for Jesus.

FBCB's prayer is that the impact of their vision would be life transformation... that everyone would have the opportunity to accept the love of God and experience God's reconciliation provided through His son, Jesus Christ and thus be transformed into God's adopted sons and daughters. (Romans 8:15-16, Galatians 2:20)

First Baptist Church Boerne is a congregation affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention (<http://www.sbc.net>), Texas Baptists (<https://texasbaptists.org>), and is an active member of the Hill Country Baptist Association. FBC Boerne values historic Baptist distinctives including the autonomy of the local church and the priesthood of the believer. For more information regarding First Baptist Boerne's vision, values, and beliefs, please visit: <https://www.fbcboerne.org/beliefs/>

LEADERSHIP & CULTURE

FBC Boerne operates according to a "congregationally led" organizational structure. Day-to-day operations and decisions are made by church staff and assisted by several "councils." These councils include a Church Council led by the Senior Pastor, as well as a Business Council, Human Resources Council, Ministry Council, and Deacon body. Business is conducted according to a Structure Document, which was initiated in 1996 and has been updated on a regular basis since that time.

FBC Boerne believes that unity is a part of God's will for the Body of Christ and that each member is responsible for maintaining this atmosphere of unity. To assist us in ensuring unity, all Council, Deacon, Committee or Ministry Team decisions are made solely on the basis of consensus, and are never based on majority and minority positions. Consensus means individual "general agreement of accord" with the overall group which leads toward unity of purpose and action. Consensus requires perseverance and patience, but provides a powerful opportunity for the Holy Spirit to speak through a group as it comes into agreement. Consensus decision making at the Council and Committee level is part of the fabric of the church and has resulted in congregational unity with no major church division.

After a two year search for a new senior pastor, the church called Pastor Jason Smith to lead their church in December of 2019. In this brief time, he has faced unprecedented and unexpected challenges as the COVID-19 pandemic forced churches to learn to do their work in new and different ways. His leadership style has been tested and proven effective, and his passion for reaching out to the lost has become very apparent during this short time. He believes that it is not enough to model and exhort members to witness to lost people, but he is committed to providing the congregation with tools and training necessary for sharing the Gospel. For example, prior to sending members out into the community to provide meals during this crisis, he held a Zoom class where he taught members how to pray for people who would receive the meals. He stressed including a simple Gospel message in the prayer.

With the staff, Pastor Jason has shown himself to be a consummate team builder through listening, affirming, and always being open to new ideas. The staff is trusted to operate in their areas of expertise and are empowered to lead in those areas. Those who work at FBC Boerne enjoy a collaborative and friendly environment where everyone enjoys working and having a good time together.

Exciting days are ahead as FBC Boerne continues to embrace their mission and vision and empower people to lead.

LOCATION & DEMOGRAPHIC

First Baptist Church of Boerne is located in Boerne, TX, just 30 minutes north of San Antonio. Boerne was founded by German immigrants over 150 years ago and is situated in the beautiful Texas Hill Country near rivers, hiking trails, and plentiful parks. With a population of around 15,000 that is rapidly growing, the people here enjoy a small-town ambience while being in close proximity to the excitement, energy and amenities of a large metropolitan city. Between 1990 and 2010, the population of Boerne doubled, due in large part to beautiful land, a close-knit community, and fantastic schools. In spite of this, the town has managed to capitalize on the positive aspects of growth while still maintaining the feel and culture that have made it a great place to live for over 100 years. The town has been rated as one of the best places to live in Texas. People who live in Boerne are often described as conservative, generous, affluent, and friendly.

For more information about Boerne including cost of living, real estate and demographics, try visiting <https://www.niche.com/places-to-live/boerne-kendall-tx/>.