

Meet a Fairhaven Member

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1. *How long have you been attending FBC?*

I have been attending Fairhaven Baptist Church for over 10 years.

2. *How did you hear about our church?*

I was initially invited by a friend who attended the college, and then after a few years I began attending church through the bus ministry.

3. *Please share a little about your salvation experience.*

I grew up in a non-Christian home where I only attended charismatic Baptist churches. We went to church on Sundays, but not consistently. I believed God existed, but didn't know about salvation or that I was on my way to hell.

Thankfully, my friend who attended the college had a burden for my soul. She invited me to several church activities where I heard a very clear plan of salvation. Although I didn't get saved right away, God began to work on my heart. Through the preaching of His Word, I was saved.

4. *Please share a verse and/or special answer to prayer that God has given you over the last month or so.*

"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." Psalm 37:4-5

I don't deserve it, but God has taken good care of me and continues to do so. One of my desires was to be closer to the church. I wanted to be more involved in church activities and serving God. In the past year, God has blessed me with a job in Valparaiso.

With my previous job in Chicago, I'd often miss out on visitation and activities. This new job now allows me to take advantage of those opportunities.

Also, God answered my desire to live closer to the church. Several weeks ago, I moved to Chesterton!

6. *What do you like best about our church?*

My favorite aspect of the church is that it's an active church with a great burden for souls and getting God's Word out in any way possible. I love the various ministries that I'm able to be involved in such as TNT and the bus ministry.

Another favorite aspect is the teaching and preaching of God's Word. I've been blessed to benefit from many classes that the church has given over the years for Christian growth (i.e. Growing in Grace class, soul-winning classes, Word study, and ministry classes).

