

Meet a Fairhaven Family

Marvin and Tina Buckland, Chesterton

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

Since around 2008

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

Our son, Michael, was playing in the front yard of our home where we lived in Michigan City. Nancy Kelso was out bus visiting and asked if he could ride the bus to Sunday School. She invited Tina out as well. Eventually, Tina asked if someone could stop by and talk to Marvin. Bruce Leake and Keith Grigsby were the first members from FBC to visit him.

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

Marvin - I was saved as a child at Faith Baptist Church in Laporte after a convicting sermon on hell. Soon after this, my mom was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and was confined to a wheelchair. During this time my father left our home. I blamed God for breaking up my family and spent 40 years living for whatever pleasures the world had to offer. God found me again through Fairhaven Baptist Church—this literally saved my life.

Tina - When I was about 38 years old I knew in my heart that I needed to be saved. I went to my dad's house and he led me to the Lord. Years later I began doubting my salvation and Valerie O'Hair helped me get it settled.

4. *Please share a verse and/or special answer to prayer that God has given you.*

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" John 8:32.

Marvin - When you're an addict, you're convinced that you'll never know freedom again. I tried every imaginable way to be free of my addictions. I was incarcerated and even tried rehab, but nothing worked until I claimed the promise of John 8:32.

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

Our pastor and the leadership of this church stand on the pillar and truth of the Word of God. The members here live what they preach. Fairhaven is a refuge for our family. There is nowhere else for us to go. This church is pure and real. There are many people in this church who have helped us along the way—we could never thank them enough for their time and efforts. In particular, we are grateful to the Jancys, O'Hairs, and lastly, the Leslies, who head up the Reformer's ministry which has been so instrumental in getting our lives on the right track.

