

Meet a Fairhaven Family

Daniel, Amy, Isriel, and Arizona Ray

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

Daniel: Since 2009

Amy: Since 1984

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

Daniel: Through my wife, Amy.

Amy: When I was 18-months-old, a bus worker from FBC knocked on our door and invited us to church. The following Sunday, my twin sister and I attended Sunday School together. Mr. Pat Reamer was a bus worker back when I started riding the bus in 1984 and is still a worker on the same bus!

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

Daniel: When I was about 15 years old I remember hearing a message about salvation on a Sunday night and it touched me. Later that night, sitting by the fireplace at my grandparents' home, my granddad explained to me that my soul without Jesus was like the log burning in the fireplace—I needed to be 100% sure I was a child of God. I accepted the Lord as my Savior that night and I was baptized later that year.

Amy: I was saved when I was 12 years old. I had learned when I was eight that Jesus had died for my sins. I accepted an invitation at church to talk with someone about my salvation. I was saved and then baptized a short time later.

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

We have been praying for extra funds to buy more vegetables because our health requires a healthier diet. We went to the community garden to work, and after weeks of there not being many vegetables available to pick, we found an abundance of vegetables ripe. With just a little bit of

work we now have green beans, kale, bell peppers, swiss chard, hot peppers, and loads of tomatoes!

Also, we've been asking the Lord for more space to live. Our girls are getting bigger and our house seems so small. Unfortunately, rent is so high for a larger space. Recently, our landlord came to us with news of a house that he recently purchased and is renovating. He asked if we would be interested—the rent would only be \$75 more per month than we are paying now and it has a better foundation. Our Lord knows our needs.

Our favorite verses are: Romans 8:5; John 3:16; and Philipians 4:13

4. *What is your favorite aspect of our church as it relates to your family?*

We find that our favorite aspect of our church is that not only do we have the opportunity to learn about our Lord in a loving Christ-filled church, but we feel like we are family. We know that when our girls are away from us at church they are safe. Throughout the year, our church has many great events that we as a family can attend. Our daughters have the opportunity to interact with like-minded children in their Sunday school class as well as at Summer Camp. We have many great families in our church that lend a helping hand when there are times we might think no one truly cares. We're grateful to be a part of this church because we know there is the right amount of discipline and love.

