

# *Let's begin here*

Bethel Baptist Church is seeking a senior pastor to help us step forward into the next chapter of God's calling.

Collaborate with our dedicated executive pastor, associate pastor, and lay leaders as we passionately strive to spread the gospel and make a powerful impact in our community.

We invite you to consider this opportunity to lead, inspire, and see God transform lives.

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In a culture marked by division, we aim to be a place of unity, **steadfast in the truths of God's Word.**



**BETHEL CHURCH**  
JANESVILLE

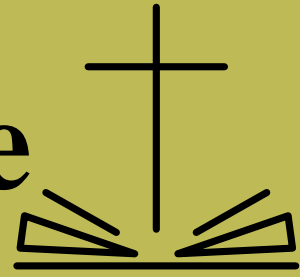
## *Our Church*

We are a multi-generational church with vibrant children's and youth ministries, active adult discipleship groups, and a lively senior community.

At Bethel Church, we firmly believe in the inerrancy of Scripture and are deeply passionate about studying the Word. We offer two family-friendly contemporary services, one featuring acoustic elements. Both are supported by our extensive and talented worship teams.



# What We Believe



We believe the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct. We believe there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons:

God, the Father, who concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer when offered in faith, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit; one mediator, true God and true man. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, burial, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and visible return to earth.

The Holy Spirit, who convicts the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment; who also regenerates, sanctifies, and empowers all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher, guide, and comforter.

**Bethel's Core Values:** <https://www.betheljanesville.org/core-values>

**Full Statement of Faith:** <https://www.betheljanesville.org/statement-of-faith>

# *A Brief History of Bethel*

November 6, 1965



## **Beginnings**

Bethel began as a mission work in Janesville through the Great Lakes Baptist Conference of the Baptist General Conference (now Converge) with the Articles of Incorporation signed on November 6, 1965.

## **Buildings**

The new church plant initially gathered in the home of the church-planting pastor before moving to a rented dining room at the Monterey Hotel.

As the congregation grew, they acquired 6 acres of land at the current location. The first building constructed was the parsonage, which also served as the sanctuary.

Construction on the current building began in 1976, and in 2001, it was expanded.

This expansion included the addition of a new sanctuary, transforming the original sanctuary into a multi-purpose Family Life Center with a commercial kitchen.

## **Services**

As Bethel began in the 1960's, the service was traditional in nature. In 1994, a contemporary worship service was introduced, with a second service added as growth occurred.

By 2010, an acoustic-style contemporary service ran simultaneously in the Family Life Center featuring a live worship band and a live-streamed service.

In October 2016, a second acoustic service was introduced, bringing the total number of Sunday morning services to five across three service times.

In 2018, the traditional and acoustic services were replaced by two predominantly contemporary services, with the Family Life Center used for overflow.

However, in 2022, an acoustic service was reintroduced, bringing the current total to three services during two service times. Communion is celebrated monthly, with weekly attendance around 300.

## **Pastoral Staff**

In its 60 year history, Bethel has been guided by 8 senior pastors and several associate pastors specializing in areas such as worship, youth, children's & family ministries, outreach or visitation, along with an executive pastor. Some positions have been held on a part-time basis.

We currently have an Executive Pastor and a Pastor of Youth/Outreach and Worship. A search committee representing various ministries of the church is working to find the next senior pastor for Bethel.





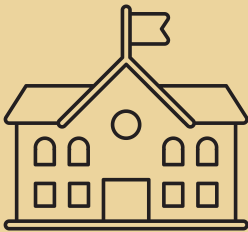
# Janesville, Wisconsin

## HIGHLIGHTS



Our housing costs are below the national average, with a median list price around \$299K

[https://www.realtor.com/realestateandhomes-search/Janesville\\_WI/overview](https://www.realtor.com/realestateandhomes-search/Janesville_WI/overview)



Janesville has many options for K-12, with several schools rating above average. Options include Public, Charter, several Christian schools as well as a growing Homeschool community. There are also many post secondary schools within driving distance.

<https://www.greatschools.org/wisconsin/janesville/>



The cost of living in Janesville is lower than both the national and state averages, making it an affordable place to live.

<https://www.bestplaces.net/city/wisconsin/janesville>



Located 90 min from Chicago, 40 from Madison and 75 min from Milwaukee, Janesville has easy access to city culture, airports, and travel opportunities.

There are loads of outdoor activities, from walking trails, parks, recreational sports, markets and festivals. There is always something to do in Janesville, the “City of Parks”.

<https://www.janesvillecvb.com/>



Janesville has a population of roughly 65,500, with the majority falling between the ages of 25 and 54. About half of the community is involved with a church.

<https://www.bestplaces.net/people/city/wisconsin/janesville>



**We believe our church has the potential to expand our programs, deepen our ministry to our members, and significantly impact our community for Christ.**

We look forward to collaborating with and supporting the vision that God unfolds for our new Senior Pastor and the Overseers/Elders in the years to come.

## *Looking Forward*

## *Current Ministries*

- Discipleship/Care Groups
- AWANA
- Children's Church
- Youth Group
- College Ministry
- Second Harvest
- Men's Homeless Shelter
- Pregnancy Helpline
- Second Wind
- Thanksgiving Outreach
- Men's Ministries
- Women's Ministries
- Senior Adults
- Cross-Cultural Missions
- Adopt a School—Harrison Elementary

**We eagerly anticipate a period of growth and development for our church under the guidance and vision of the next Senior Pastor that God leads to us.**

Our dedicated and compassionate congregation is committed to fostering a supportive and welcoming community where every individual has the opportunity to be encouraged and disciplined to become more like Christ.

We are focused on providing numerous opportunities for involvement, service, connection, and spiritual growth.



# HOW TO APPLY



:All applications for this position **MUST** be made through the Converge Placement Network

**<https://www.convergeplacementnetwork.org>**

(Registration with the network is required prior to application and there is a fee associated with the registration, but once registered you are eligible to apply for all open positions on the network.)