

Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church (PFBC)

A profile of the Church and the geographical area in which it is located:
550 Pym Street, Parksville, British Columbia, V9P 1B6, Canada



History

The Baptist Church in Parksville was started in 1951 in association with the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada. The first meetings were held in a café and then gradually they moved through various rental premises before the first permanent building was occupied eleven years later. The five acre parcel of land for the present location was bought, and a building constructed, in a giant leap of faith in 1987. A major expansion in 1998 saw the building of the present 500+ seat capacity auditorium/gym and the shape of the structure as seen today. More information is available on the church website. (<http://www.parkvillebaptist.org>)

Present

Current attendance on a Sunday totals around 600 persons in three unique services (or 'venues' as they are often called). There are over 300 on the membership roll of the church and probably something over 800 people would refer to PFBC as their home church. The governance of the church is congregational, led by the men and women of the Board of Deacons. The Pastors and Lay Elders provide the spiritual guidance and direction to the Church. The annual operating budget for 2009-2010 is set at \$635,000.

Our Staff

Lead Pastor
Associate Pastor – Children & Families (hiring)
Associate Pastor – Care & Administration
Associate Pastor – Youth & Young Adults
Associate Pastor – Worship
Executive Secretary
Secretary/Bookkeeper
Admin Assistant/Receptionist
Custodian
Occasional part-time employees
Many volunteers

Statistics

Number of Members 330
Average Sunday Venue Attendance:
● Traditions – 70
● Encounter – 380
● Thirsty – 160

Attendance on Easter 2009: 672

Ministries

** under the direction and guidance of the staff, the ministries of the church include :-

Adult Learning ('Equip') Weekends
Alpha Course or Christianity Explored Course
Care Ministry
Deacons Board
Elders
Greeters
Grief Share Seminar
Harvest Ministries (kitchen - community dinners and catering)
Kidzville - programs from birth to grade 5
Library
Men's Ministries
Ministry to Seniors
- Day-Timers
- Ministry to Care Facilities
Missions (local and overseas)
Outreach Initiatives such as
- Bethlehem Walk
- Welcome Home Weekend
- Fall Kick-Off Show and Shine
Prison Ministry
Singles Ministry
Growth Groups (23)
Technical and Sound
Ushers
Visitation
Vocal and instrumental music teams
Women's Ministries
Worship planning
Youth (PYM) for Grades 6 through 12
Young Adult Small Groups

Core Values

Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church is a group of people characterized by:

- Our desire to worship our Redeeming God
- Our passion to be conformed into the likeness of our Savior,
- Our absolute dependence on the Holy Spirit
- Our love for one another

We deeply value:

- a growing relationship with Jesus Christ
- the Bible as the revealed Word of God for all people
- personal and corporate prayer to God, through Jesus Christ
- the participation of our people in the joy and responsibility of Christian community
- telling others about our Savior
- all people because God values them
- honoring God through giving our best in everything we do
- intentional impact on the needs of our community and world in word and action

Location

The Church primarily serves the city of Parksville and town of Qualicum Beach, plus the surrounding areas. The mild climate and beautiful surroundings of the area continue to attract many young families and those in their retirement years. The area is also a holiday destination and some of the visitors to the hotels and resorts attend the church.

Primary employment is in the various service industries, including the tourism industry and retirement homes, with a few people in forestry or fishing. These jobs tend to be seasonal or inconsistent occupations, but with the more stable incomes from those on pensions and the generosity of all who attend the church, giving to PFBC has consistently exceeded expenses and has put the church on a sound financial base.

Information about the Parksville and Qualicum area can be found on the following websites:

<http://www.city.parksville.bc.ca/cms.asp?wplID=175>

<http://www.qualicumbeach.com/>

<http://www.visitparksvillequalicumbeach.com/>

<http://www.rdn.bc.ca/cms.asp>

Demographics: Parksville-Qualicum Area

Total Population Estimate: 26,518

** Source: BC Stats Population Estimates 2004*

Age Group Population % Distribution (2001)

Under 18 years - 3,850 - 14.5%

18 – 34 years - 2,710 - 10.2%

35 – 54 years - 6,120 - 23.1%

55 – 74 years - 9,540 - 36.0%

75 years and over - 4,295 - 16.2%

Total – Age Groups - 26,520 - 100.0%

Median Age - 56.4

** Source: Statistics Canada Census 2006*

Household Income 2001

Total Households (Occupied Private) 12,195

Median Household Income \$47,940 (\$CDN)

Household Income Group Number % Distribution

Less than \$35,000 - 4,160 - 34.1%

\$35,000 to \$49,999 - 2,230 - 18.3%

\$50,000 to \$74,999 - 2,930 - 24 %

\$75,000 and over - 2,855 - 23.4%

** Source: Statistics Canada Census 2006*

Regional District of Nanaimo - Demographic Trends *(excerpt)*

Population

Population growth is inevitable in the region because the region has a moderate climate and a rich natural environment. The climate and natural environment of the region make the region a desirable place to live. The population of the region continues to grow albeit at a slower rate than experienced in the rapid growth periods of the early 1970's and late 1980's.

It is projected that the population of the region will grow at a rate of 1.9% per year from a current population of approximately 136,000 to a projected population of approximately 220,000 in 2026 as described in Table 1 (below).

Population Age Trends

The region will be home to people of different ages with different housing and government service requirements. These age specific requirements need to be reflected in planning decisions. The proportion of children (0 to 19 years) younger adults (20 to 34 years) and older adults (50 to 64 years) is decreasing while the proportion of seniors (65+ years) and middle-aged people (35 to 49 years) is increasing.

The number of seniors (65 years+) and middle-aged (35 to 49 years) people is increasing the fastest in the region. The number of people under 34 years of age particularly between the ages of 20 and 34 is growing more slowly.

Table 1:

* Current and Projected Population in the Regional District of Nanaimo Jurisdiction 2000;
Population Estimate 2026 Population Projection

RDN Electoral Areas 40,238 >> 64,699
City of Nanaimo 77,202 >> 124,136
City of Parksville 10,094 >> 16,230
Town of Qualicum Beach 8,866 >> 14,256
Total 136,400 >> 219,321

* Source <http://www.rdn.bc.ca/cms.asp?wpID=689>

Real Estate statistics and information are available at:

- http://www.vireb.com/assets/images/pdf/sales-annual_2007.pdf
- http://www.vireb.com/assets/images/pdf/2008_annual_sales_summary.pdf
- <http://www.realtor.ca/map.aspx?&vs=VEResidential&beds=0-0&baths=0-0&minp=0&maxp=0&area=parksville&trt=2#acr:false;ac:false;baths:0-0;beds:0-0;fp:false;gar:false;pmin:0;pmax:0;rmin:0;rmax:0;openh:false;pool:false;stories:0-0;buildingstyle::buildingtypeid::viewtypeid::waterfront:false;forsale:true;forrent:false;orderBy:A;sortBy:1;LisStartDate::mapZ:12;page:1;mapC:49.3307158250942,%20-124.289016723632;curView:0;>