

Kenbridge Baptist Church Church Profile

Kenbridge Baptist Church was constituted in 1912 and, at the time, in the field with Victoria Baptist Church until 1920. From 1920-1952 the church was in the field with Dundas Baptist and Jonesboro Baptist Churches. The Kenbridge church withdrew from this organization in 1952 and became a full-time church. The present church building was constructed in 1948 and completely paid for upon completion due to gifts as memorials and through the giving of labor. In 1972 the beautifully renovated and redecorated sanctuary was dedicated. In 1975 the lower floor of the sanctuary building was remodeled and redecorated, adding the Music Room. In 1977 the church launched a campaign to build the Educational Addition to the church and the addition was in use by September, 1979. Most recently the new Social Hall and Gathering Room was completed in 2020 and a fair amount of the labor was contributed by members. The parsonage, located at 114 Grace Street was built in 1952.

Membership was beginning to decline somewhat when COVID discouraged attendance. Also, a large number of our faithful and dedicated aging members passed away. Now we have a range of between 25-50 in attendance for preaching services. At the present time, we do not have any regularly attending youth and children. There are three Sunday School Classes that meet weekly.

Kenbridge Baptist Church enjoys a traditional (with occasional blended style services) worship style. Our church ministries generally both invite people into our church and allow us as members to get out into the community.

Our recent annual budget for the church is approximately \$122,000 (Annual giving \$100,000).

Kenbridge Baptist Church is a small town/rural church affiliated with the following organizations: Baptist General Association of Virginia, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia, Southside Baptist Association, Lunenburg County Ministries

Kenbridge Baptist Church has a website, www.kenbridgebaptistchurch.org, on which pictures of the church are displayed.

The staff at Kenbridge Baptist Church consists of the following paid positions: Pastor, Choir Director/Music Director, and Secretary. Other positions necessary to operate the business of the church are performed on a voluntary basis.

We are seeking a full-time pastor. The person we select should be an effective speaker who is comfortable with traditional worship and have a strong commitment to developing the spiritual lives of our congregation and our community. Key elements to our ministry are outreach, missions and developing a program for youth and children. The majority of our congregation believes that the Bible teaches: "Christ offers the gift of salvation to all. We witness to everyone, knowing that anyone can potentially be saved if he or she will only confess to being a sinner, repent and trust in Jesus. Each person decides whether or not to trust in Christ for salvation." Our church's biblical understanding of pastoral leadership: While serving as the spiritual leader of the church, the pastor should expect the congregation as a whole to retain much responsibility for considering and voting on significant church matters in church-wide business meetings and through committees elected by the congregation. Our church believes that women are accepted into all leadership positions in the church. Although we are seeking a full-time pastor, we will also consider a bi-vocational candidate.

Minimum compensation range: \$40,000

Amount offered for benefits in addition to salary: \$5,000 to \$10,000

Minimum Education Requirement: college degree and some seminary training

Minimum Years of Ministry Experience Preferred: 6-8 years

Community Profile

Kenbridge Baptist Church is in a small rural town located in Lunenburg County, Virginia, United States founded in 1908. The population was 1,257 at the time of the 2010 census, having shrunk from 1,352 in 1980. The racial make-up of the town at the time of the 2000 census was 51.56% White, 44.93% Black, .4% Asian, 4.39% Hispanic or Latino and 1.28% other races. The median income for a household was \$26,818. A local realtor says that the median home price is \$188k and that homes are selling quickly. Kenbridge is in a tobacco (among other crops) farming area. The area is home to noted folk artist Eldridge Bagley. There are many sporting activities available for young people such as little league baseball, girl's softball, youth football and cheerleading, and soccer. There are quaint shops and family-owned business in the area, as well as several manufacturing businesses. There is also a Farmer's Market that opens the first Saturday morning in May.

The county has two Elementary Schools and one High School. We are also privileged to live close to both campuses of the Southside Virginia Community College.

Kenbridge has several larger towns within a 30 to 60 minute drive. There is a small hospital in South Hill, Virginia, about 30 minutes away. We are also within a couple of hours of the cities of Richmond, Virginia and Raleigh, NC if you are in need of serious shopping.

Some computer addresses that you might be interested in looking at are listed below:

Lunenburg Chamber of Commerce	www.facebook.com/LunenburgChamberofCommerce
Lunenburg County(Mother of Counties)	www.lunenburgva.gov
Town of Kenbridge	www.kenbridgeva.net
Lunenburg Schools	www.lunenburgcountyschools.gov
Southside VA Community College	https://southside.edu

A Kenbridge town map, a Kenbridge zoning map as well as Lunenburg County and State of Virginia maps are attached for your reference. Kenbridge Baptist Church is on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Grace Street in town.

The Kenbridge Town Office as well as the Police Department are housed in the former Kenbridge High School which was renovated a number of years ago. The old auditorium is used to present musical and theatrical performances on occasion. The grounds provide a town park with play equipment, a gymnasium and fields for soccer, baseball and softball. Our church is directly across the street from this building.

The Lunenburg County Ministries is an organization that is supported by most all of the local churches. Together, we meet the needs of people who need food, clothes or other services. The office for this organization is on Broad Street in town.