

**The Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church
640 Indiana Avenue
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Position Open
Pastor

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Church Profile

The Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church was established in 1946. Our church motto is "this is the end of your search for a friendly church." Rev. Dr. John E. Roberts was our pastor for 56 years until his retirement and subsequent passing in 2021. The church mission is to win one, invite one, bring one and disciple one. Our continual goal is to reach the lost and help them to find freedom in Christ, discover their purpose, and make a difference in our community. Our future vision is to see continued growth and development of the congregation. We govern ourselves by the church covenant, and church by-laws. The Board of Deacons and Trustee's provide strong leadership. The church is associated with the Northwestern Ohio Missionary Baptist Association and their theme is: UNITE, EQUIP, AND EMPOWER TO SERVE (Ephesians 4:11-13).

Before Covid-19 the average attendance during Sunday morning worship service was approximately 200-250 people. Our current age demographics is middle age and above. Now that the church has re-opened, attendance is increasing as congregants feel more comfortable coming to the sanctuary. Our congregation reflects some diversity. There are currently 3 ordained preachers that preach on a rotating basis. Current ministries include bible studies, Sunday school, junior church, couple's fellowship, men's fellowship (Men's Corner), women's bible studies, youth and young adult group, a music department, and mission's department. In addition, the church has outreach ministries such as a monthly food bank where people in the community are provided food, and we support a homeless shelter - The Family House, which is located across the street from the church.

The church facility has a large fellowship hall/gym, which is also be used for community events. It houses several individual classrooms and a large functional kitchen. There are also classrooms in the basement of the church.

The Covid-19 Pandemic and the retirement and passing of our pastor, presents new and unique challenges for our congregation as we begin the search for a Pastor. Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we seek the man God has called to be our next Pastor. Now, we are ready and anxious to see where God will take our congregation.

Community Profile

Toledo is a city in Lucas County, Ohio. A major Midwestern United States port city, Toledo is the fourth-most-populous city in the state of Ohio, after Columbus, Cleveland, and Cincinnati, with a population of 268,609 and according to the 2010 census, the 71st-largest city in the United States. And is known as the "Glass Capitol of the World". The Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church is in the Northwestern part of Ohio, in the inner city. This area is mostly populated by African Americans.

Activities such as bowling, movie theaters, Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky Ohio, which is an hour from Toledo. An award-winning Art Museum and zoo, Imagination Station Toledo's science center, and Toledo Mud Hens our professional baseball team. Theatre Productions can be enjoyed at the Valentine, and Stranahan Theatres'. We are anxious to see what God will do in our church and community as we move forward with a new Pastor.

Toledo Metro Area Population and Employer Information:

| As of 2020 Ohio US Census Bureau Estimated Population Toledo Ohio Race and Hispanic Origin | |
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| 2020 Ohio US Census Bureau estimated population | 268,609 |
| White Alone | 62.6% |
| Black, African American Alone | 27.4% |
| Native American, Alaskan Native Alone | .03% |
| Asian Alone | 1.3% |
| Two or more Races | 5.4% |
| Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders Alone | 0.0% |
| Hispanic or Latino | 8.6% |
| White not Hispanic or Latino | 58.7% |
| Toledo's Top Employers (7) | |
| ProMedica (Medical Wellness) | 15,000 |
| Mercy health Partners (Hospital) | 6,185 |
| University of Toledo (College) | 4691 |
| UT Health Campus (Hospital) | 3,750 |
| Toledo Public Schools (Education) | 3,193 |
| City of Toledo (Government) | 2,700 |
| Kroger, Inc. (Retail Grocery) | 2,632 |