



# Faith Baptist Church

Loving God. Loving God's Word. Loving Others.

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Dear City of Waukesha Council Members and Plan Commissioners,

Our church began Gospel church ministry to the city of Waukesha on the second Sunday of September in 1963, so we are just coming to our 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a church. Our original location was in the city of Waukesha at the corner of Maple Ave. and Carroll St. across the street from the public library. We used a two-story building on that corner until that small space could no longer meet our needs. In 1988, the church purchased the Meadowbrook Daycare Center (the former Torhorst School) on the west side of Waukesha and the surrounding acreage to build a new church building. After five years of services in that small two room building, we added on the current church building which was completed in 1994.

One of the ministries of our church is an affordable, private, Christian K-12 school that we make available to the community, as long as they are willing to accept our Bible-based curriculum and standards of conduct. The Waukesha Christian Academy began in 1976, and we are just beginning our 43<sup>rd</sup> year. The high school grades of the academy meet in the Torhorst school wing of the church building we purchased in 1988, so education continues in that small two-room schoolhouse that we've divided into four rooms. We also have a full-size soccer field that is used for school and church activities.

Over the years, our church has had a long-standing relationship with the Smart Realty Co., as they helped to sell our old church building downtown and have been friends of our ministry for many years. In recent months, the church has come to an agreement with the Smart Family Trust to reconfigure our property lines for our mutual benefit. Part of the land will be used to reconstruct a different location for the soccer field, and a ranch home will also be added to the church property. Our purpose with the home and the additional property is to use them for church purposes. The home will be used to house church staff and/or caretaker of the property, due to its proximity to the church building. We have no intention to profit from the property or charge rent to any residents. Thus, we would request the same zoning as the current church property and tax exempt status for the home.

Our desire as a church is to use these additions to our property to more effectively serve the community by offering the hope of eternal life through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

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