

# Senior Pastor Opening

## Church of the Open Bible

### Iowa Falls, Iowa

May 2022

#### **COMMUNITY**

Iowa Falls is in Central Iowa, in Hardin County. Located on some of the most beautiful stretches of the Iowa River with many public parks and a historically preserved downtown. Take a stroll in one of the 17 parks, paddle the river, enjoy miles of biking and hiking trails, ride the Empress (Riverboat), explore Calkins Nature area, or go golfing at one of two golf courses. The Swinging Bridge can be found in Assembly Park. This historic swinging bridge in Iowa crosses the Iowa River and showcases a breathtaking view in the heart of the city's downtown area. Hardin County is home to 16,868 residents with 5,106 of them residing in Iowa Falls. It is centrally located between Ames, Waterloo, Mason City and Fort Dodge, with a 1-hour drive to reach any of them. Iowa Falls is home to Ellsworth Community College with an average attendance of 800 students during the school year. The Iowa Falls Community School District has a preschool, elementary, middle, and high school all located in Iowa Falls.



**SWINGING BRIDGE, IOWA FALLS**

#### **CHURCH**

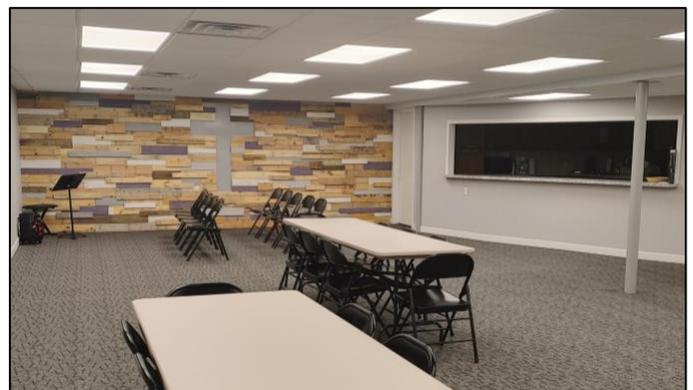
Church of the Open Bible was founded in 1929 and was originally known as “Foursquare Tabernacle”. In 1935 the church became part of the Open Bible Organization and was later renamed to “Church of the Open Bible”. The sanctuary seats up to 175, and along with the Fellowship Hall, Sound Booth, and Offices, was recently remodeled and updated. The Old Chapel, Children’s Ministry Room, Nursery, Kitchen, and Hallway have been painted and updated as well. The church currently has no debt. The finances are handled by the Board of Elders with a volunteer treasurer.



**CHURCH BUILDING**



**OFFICE/CONFERENCE ROOM**



**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

## CONGREGATION

Sunday morning attendance ranges from 70-100 with the median age being between 30-40. Wednesday Nights are busy with Children's Ministry classes (preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade), Middle School youth group, High School youth group and Worship Practice for Sunday mornings. There are several small groups active in the church that are thriving. Weekly groups include Ladies Prayer Coffee, Men's Bible Study Group, several in-home small groups, and a monthly Men's Breakfast. The church is governed by a board of elders with the pastor serving as the chairperson. The website for the church is [IowaFallsOpenBible.com](http://IowaFallsOpenBible.com).



SANCTUARY

## PARSONAGE

The church owns a brick parsonage with three bedrooms, two bathrooms, with a large family room in the basement. It is located right next to the church and is connected to the church by an underground tunnel. Recently added to the parsonage was a Mini Split (HVAC System) to regulate the heating and cooling in the home. Appliances included are a washer and dryer, stove/oven, and refrigerator.



PARSONAGE

## PASTOR

This is a full-time position and the following are the traits we desire in our next pastor:

- Willing to follow the Holy Spirit's lead
- Proven study and prayer life
- Lead and live with integrity
- Be organized and self-motivated to accomplish the goals/tasks in ministry
- Strong leadership skills
- Patient and encouraging with all church members (young and old)
- Strong focus on Discipleship
- Recognize strengths and gifts in congregation and encourage them to walk in those gifts
- Willing to lead the church to develop & grow ministries beyond the church walls

## APPLICANTS

Submit the following attachments to Bruce A. Pfadenhauer, Regional Executive Director, at [bruce@openbiblecentral.org](mailto:bruce@openbiblecentral.org) by June 10, 2022:

- Cover letter expressing why you are interested in this position
- Resume with references
- Philosophy of Ministry
- Family Photo
- 2 Sermon Videos or MP3/MP4 audio
- [Pastoral applicant questionnaire](#)

Applicants may be asked to give permission to have a credit and criminal background check. The new pastor will be expected to agree to sign the [Pastoral Covenant of Relationship](#) with Open Bible Churches.

If you have any questions, please contact [bruce@openbiblecentral.org](mailto:bruce@openbiblecentral.org) or 515-282-6491.