

BastropFUMC Congregational Survey Summary

What brought you to this church? (Recruitment)

The attraction of a Methodist Church was important and a high percentage of the congregation came because they were invited by family or friends, which includes those who have been members for many years. Some people were looking for a pre-school parent/family and youth programs. The youth program was noted as the area needing the most improvement. Almost no one ranked the website or local advertising as important in bringing them to this church. We believe there is a need for improvement in these areas.

What keeps you coming back? (Retention)

A meaningful worship experience is extremely important to our members and is a major factor in the retention of our membership. Music is also an important component of the FUMC experience. Our welcoming atmosphere is appreciated by a significant number of the members while Sunday school, education and spiritual growth is also important.

Which aspect of church life is most important to you? (Value)

Worship, prayer and spiritual growth are the overwhelming attributes the congregation values. Belonging to a Christian community that offers fellowship and social interaction is important. Service opportunities scored high, disproportionately so to the number of people who actually participate in church activities beyond Sunday Services.

What stands out when you think of this church? (Outstanding areas)

A family atmosphere scored significantly higher than any other aspect. This supports the view that social interaction is important. The teachings of the church and church leadership also scored well supporting the views that worship is very important as is Sunday school and educational growth.

What changes would you like the church to make? (Needed changes)

Of those who responded more individuals suggested nothing needs to be changed (23%) than any other comment. This is not to be interpreted as a resistance to change, but rather there is some level of satisfaction with the existing environment. The need to improve the youth program was identified as the area needing the greatest improvement. There is a need to improve the fellowship aspect of our church. This response constituted slightly higher than 10% of the write-in comments. The following areas had less than 10% of the write-in comments suggesting these are not serious areas of concern, but there exists opportunities for improvement in facilities, worship and communications. There were several write in comments requesting more familiar songs be selected for services.