Boothbay Baptist Church: About Us

Boothbay Baptist Church is an independent Baptist church (in fellowship with the Conservative Baptist Association) on the Boothbay peninsula in Lincoln County on the coast of Maine, an hour northeast of Portland and 50 minutes south of Augusta. Strategically located on a state road in Boothbay Center, it draws worshipers from several mid-coast towns. The Boothbay region, comprising Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Edgecomb and Southport Island, is a fishing and boat-building community which has long attracted tourists and summer residents to its scenic shores, woodlands and islands. With a year-round population of around 7,000, it swells nearly ten times in summer as hotels, inns, campgrounds and seasonal colonies fill up. The peninsula is home to Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences, a world-class oceanographic lab; the Boothbay Harbor Coast Guard station; renown shipyards that build mega-yachts and tugboats; Boothbay Region Land Trust with miles of hiking trails on woodland and shore front preserves; Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, the largest botanical garden in New England; and one of the best-equipped YMCA's in the state of Maine as well as St. Andrews urgent care center and St. Andrews Village, a retirement community. Because of these amenities, the plethora of active clubs and organizations, the retirement village and the natural beauty of the area, the Boothbay region has drawn a large population of retirees to settle here. The church building itself is a picturesque New England-style white clapboard structure with tall steeple facing the Boothbay Common which is the scene of craft fairs, farmers markets, band concerts, art shows, barbecues, parades and holiday festivities. The church was founded in 1809, therefore making it an organization of Bible-believing Christians in the region for 211 years. Its longevity stands as a testimony of God's faithfulness and preservation.

The church is led by the Board of Elders whose members, including the pastor, serve as spiritual leaders. The Boards of Deacons and Deaconesses assist in shepherding and ministering to the flock. The Christian Education Board oversees Sunday School, youth groups (both grammar and high school ages) and Vacation Bible School. Other committees include Buildings and Grounds, Stewardship, Missions, Hospitality, Fellowship, and the Worship Committee. The business of the church is conducted at quarterly and annual meetings by voting members. Sunday morning worship services are intimate and informal and feature a variety of musical styles from traditional hymns to contemporary praises. Special music is offered by member musicians, vocalists and a children's choir. People's attire in church ranges from jeans to more dressy. Boothbay Baptist Church is a missions-minded body which not only supports a dozen full-time missionaries but has also in the past sent out teams on short-term mission trips to Uganda, East Africa where they ministered to a needy village. Several teams traveled to Uganda over several years to build homes for widows and orphans, build schools, take medical supplies and treat hundreds of sick villagers. Individual church members with a heart for mission work have traveled on their own to Russia, Korea, China, Japan, Peru, and other countries. And many members have been involved in local ministries in Maine prisons, soup kitchens, the Boothbay Region Food Pantry and we provide a place for the local AA to meet. Our most prolifically attended community outreach is our "Trunk or Treat" night when we reserve the local YMCA and offer the region a Halloween option where there are bounce houses, free food, games and festively decorated booths (no dark themes) with candy for the kids. We have a table with folks handing out tracts, Bibles and taking prayer requests. We also have a place where the regional "Child Evangelism Fellowship" does face painting while giving the kids the gospel. Last year one of our members noted they handed out over 250 snack size zip-lock bags with a tract and candy in them!

For more information on our church we invite you to browse the website, boothbaybaptist.com