

First Presbyterian Church of Jasper Indiana



Brief Church History: First Presbyterian Church Jasper (FPCJ), was founded in 1830 as part of the Cumberland Presbyterians. As the automobile became the primary mode of transportation, FPCJ merged with the other Cumberland Presbyterian churches in the county. In 1909 the church rejoined the PCUSA. In 2001 the members built a new church building. By 2015 the conservative church had fallen victim to the PCUSA's far move to the left and attendance dropped dramatically. By God's grace the church was able to join the PCA in 2017. The church building is owned by the congregation and the church is debt free.



How we seek to glorify God: We certainly pray that the Holy Spirit will grant us continued resolve to purely preach the gospel, purely administer the sacraments, and exercise church discipline, and that He would protect us from ascribing more power and authority to ourselves than to the Word, from refusing to submit ourselves to the yoke of Christ, from adding to and taking from Christ's sacraments, from relying more on men than on Christ, and from persecuting those who live godly lives.

What does FPCJ currently look like? We meet Sundays for Bible study and worship and on Wednesday afternoons for weekly Bible study. We fellowship after Sunday services and meet once a month for a fellowship meal. We have teams that meet to upkeep the church i.e., painting, cleaning, mowing, projects. Our evangelism efforts are directed toward our neighbors and friends. We hope they can see that it is our "ambition to lead a quiet life" 1 Thessalonians 4:11

What we hope God will provide: The members of FPCJ are seeking to support a young church planter with a family. FPCJ is looking for someone with the skill set of a planter (ie. in addition to being a solid, passionate preacher, he must possess exceptional people skills, be a natural "gatherer" - and thus be charismatic and most certainly extroverted. This man will be energized by people and by being with people. He will be demonstrably zealous about outreach and evangelism, and able to patiently lead the members of the church to follow in his footsteps. FPCJ is offering our new church planter a church building, money to cover the expenses of the building and a \$30,000 salary, and an established core group of members at the onset. Initially the church planter will likely need to raise additional support to meet their financial needs.

Worship Ministry: Preaching Elder

- While we have a deep love for the old hymns, we recognize newer music can also be utilized to assist in growing our ministry.
- Evaluate our current situation, develop and implement innovative solutions to expand the worship ministry.
- Conduct worship services.
- Meet monthly with the Church Leadership for prayer and planning.
- Train Ruling Elders and particularize the church.
- Become involved in and be known in the community

Qualifications: Called by God

- Possess a reformed understanding of the scripture.
- Be of strong character and demonstrate that by actions.
- Possess good communication skills.
- Be an ordainable Teaching Elder

Responsibilities: Overseer

- Oversee worship – Put together a pleasing worship service unto the Lord.
- Oversee the Shepherding of God's flock- members, shut-ins, and potential new members given unto him.
- Oversee the Christian Education of the flock by helping them through the sanctification process.

Interested candidates may contact Trustee, Daryl Hensley, at hensley.daryl@gmail.com or 812-582-9147. An attachment to this Pastoral Position Letter, contains information on the city of Jasper Indiana.



[Jasper Community Video](#)

There are many attributes which make a community a desirable place to live. They are defined by the term Quality of Place. In Jasper, these qualities are best described in answers to simple questions:

Who's here?

Our significant commercial and international manufacturing sectors contribute to Jasper's diversity in welcoming new residents daily. With a work ethic unmatched by few other cities, Jasper's strength lies in blending our traditional families with those who have been invited to call us their home. This is accomplished through the cooperation of the business community, the faith community, the educational community and the philanthropic community.

What's happening?

We are a community of action. It's been said if something needs to be accomplished give it to someone from Jasper and it will get done and done well. Public-private partnerships have invested several million dollars over the last ten years to build upon this unique characteristic along the Riverfront of the Patoka River. Anchored by a 2.1 mile meandering Riverwalk, the redevelopment also includes the Jasper City Mill, a Train Depot and the amazing Spirit of Jasper Luxury Excursion Train - with specially-designed passenger cars featuring the talent of our local craftsmen. This renewal led to three Downtown Jasper projects completed or currently underway:

[River Centre](#) . a mixed use residential, retail and hotel development right along the Patoka River.

The [Thyen-Clark Center](#) . a joint venture bringing the Jasper Arts and the Jasper Public Library under one roof.

Through public/private/philanthropic partnership spearheaded by The Next Act, Inc., the historic [Astra Theater](#) reopened in 2018 as an extraordinary performance venue on the Jasper Square.

We are a community of arts, entertainment, education and opportunity. We are doing something few others communities in the United States have done: We are combining our award-winning municipal arts program with the Jasper Public Library bringing a unique combination of cultural development under one roof.

In addition, Jasper has the only municipally-funded arts department in the State of Indiana and is the only community twice honored with the coveted Governor's Arts Award. The 700-seat Jasper Arts Center serves thousands of patrons annually with four different series of performances. Area schools benefit from on-campus arts demonstrations and the annual Chalk Walk draws hundreds of homegrown artists who bring color to Jasper's downtown sidewalks with displays, demonstrations, hands-on activities, music and an Arts Market. Numerous festivals and events occur annually including the Strassenfest, a street festival honoring the City's German heritage, which draws thousands of people each August.

- Visit the [Jasper Arts website](#)

We are a community of civic-mindedness and charity. Volunteers abound in Jasper as they work on behalf of a myriad of causes providing a solid foundation for all elements of society. Through traditional civic clubs, churches or niche organizations, Jasper has become a center of public service and philanthropy.

We are a community of recreation. Our city's largest park . [The Parklands of Jasper](#) opened in 2018! Situated on 75 acres in the center of our city, The Parklands of Jasper includes the former Jasper Country Club Golf Course and adjacent wooded acreage purchased through contributions by citizens and the Indiana Bicentennial Nature Trust. With nearly 20 neighborhood parks, trails and sports complexes for softball, baseball and soccer, tennis and aquatics we provide activities for all lifestyles, from a park for special needs children. We have 18-hole and 9-hole municipal golf courses and a dog park, too.

- Visit the [Jasper Parks & Recreation website](#)

Want great quality of life? These are the best cities to live in every state across US

Samuel Stebbins and Grant Suneson

24/7 Wall Street

14. Jasper, Indiana

- **Population:** 15,790
- **5 yr. population change:** +6.6 percent
- **Median home value:** \$148,200
- **Median household income:** \$55,209

Jasper is one of the most affordable places to live in Indiana. The cost of living in the city is just 83.6 percent of what the typical American pays. The median household income in Jasper of \$55,209 is higher than Indiana's median of \$50,433. The combination of relatively high income and low costs, as compared to the rest of the state, makes Jasper residents more able to afford homes compared to those in most other areas of Indiana. The median home price in Jasper is \$148,200, compared to Indiana's median home price of \$126,500.

Jasper residents are much less likely to struggle with money than the average Indiana resident. Statewide, 15 percent of Indiana residents live in poverty. In Jasper, the poverty rate is less than half that, at 7.1 percent.

Population in 2017: 15,519 (98% urban, 2% rural).
Population change since 2000: +28.3%

Males: 7,502 (48.3%)
Females: 8,017 (51.7%)

Median resident age: 42.0 years
Indiana median age: 37.7 years

Zip codes: [47546](#).

Estimated median household income in 2017: \$54,812 (it was \$42,051 in 2000)

Jasper: \$54,812
IN: \$54,181

Estimated per capita income in 2017: \$32,697 (it was \$23,547 in 2000)

[Jasper city income, earnings, and wages data](#)

Estimated median house or condo value in 2017: \$147,202 (it was \$96,500 in 2000)

Jasper: \$147,202
IN: \$141,100

Median gross rent in 2017: \$609.

March 2019 cost of living index in Jasper: 76.5 (low, U.S. average is 100)

[Jasper, IN residents, houses, and apartments details](#)

Percentage of residents living in poverty in 2017: 7.1%

(5.0% for White Non-Hispanic residents, 31.8% for Hispanic or Latino residents, 21.1% for other race residents)

2017-2018 Report Card



Greater Jasper Consolidated Schs

Greater Jasper Consolidated Schs received an "A" as its final letter grade for school accountability.

Overall Summary

	Points	Weight	Weighted Points
Performance Domain Grades 3-8	73.40	0.278	20.41
Performance Domain Grade 10	64.90	0.089	5.78
Growth Domain Grade 4-8	99.30	0.278	27.61
Growth Domain Grade 9-12	132.90	0.089	11.83
Multiple Measures Domain Grade 12	100.20	0.266	26.65
Overall points			92.3
Overall grade			A

Performance Domain

Elementary - Mathematics

71.2% of students passed the assessment.
This rate is **above** the state average.
99.8% of students participated in the assessment.

High School - Mathematics

51.0% of students passed the assessment.
This rate is **above** the state average.
98.9% of students participated in the assessment.

Elementary - English/Language Arts

75.5% of students passed the assessment.
This rate is **above** the state average.
99.9% of students participated in the assessment.

High School - English/Language Arts

78.8% of students passed the assessment.
This rate is **above** the state average.
98.9% of students participated in the assessment.

Growth Domain

A school's letter grade may increase, decrease, or remain the same based on student improvement.

Elementary - Mathematics

105.5 points for Top 75% Growth
100.2 points for Bottom 25% Growth
102.9 points for Growth

High School - Mathematics

114 points for Top 75% Growth
160.2 points for Bottom 25% Growth
137.1 points for Growth
0.4 points bonus for 10th-12th Grade Improvement
137.5 points for Overall Growth

Elementary - English/Language Arts

93.6 points for Top 75% Growth
97.6 points for Bottom 25% Growth
95.6 points for Growth

High School - English/Language Arts

112 points for Top 75% Growth
142.9 points for Bottom 25% Growth
127.5 points for Growth
0.7 points bonus for 10th-12th Grade Improvement
128.2 points for Overall Growth

Multiple Measures Domain

Graduation Rate

97.7% of students graduated within 4 years.
100 points awarded for 4 year graduation rate
96.5% of the students graduated within 5 years
0.30 points awarded is awarded for 5 year graduation rate

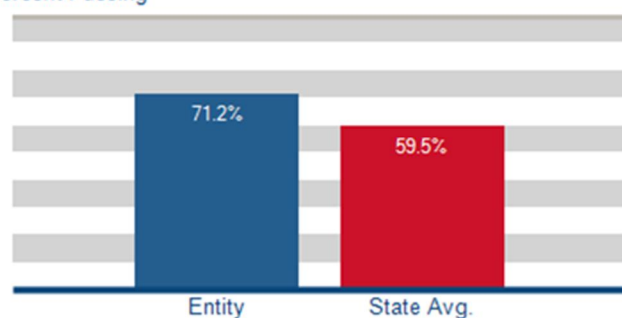
College & Career Readiness (CCR)

87.7% of students achieved CCR.
100.00 points awarded for CCR.

Student Performance (3rd - 8th Grade)

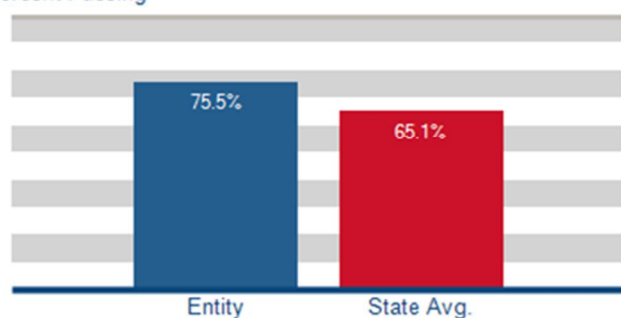
Mathematics

Percent Passing



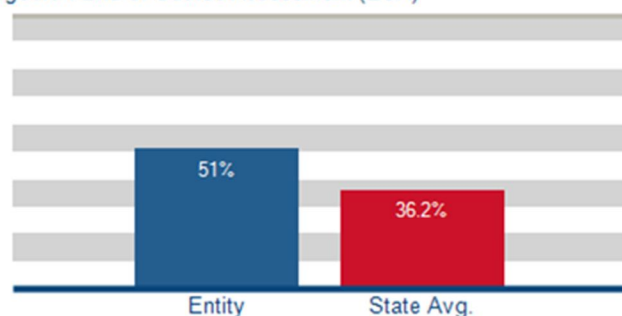
English/Language Arts

Percent Passing

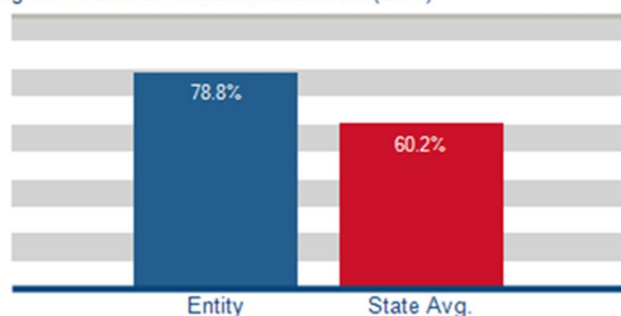


Student Performance (9th - 12th Grade)

Algebra I End-of-Course Assessment (ECA)

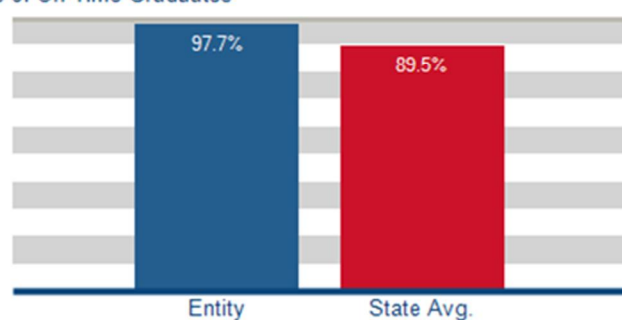


English 10 End-of-Course Assessment (ECA)



Graduation Rate

% of On-Time Graduates



College & Career Readiness

% of AP, IB, Dual Credit, or Industry Certification student success

