

CHURCH INFORMATION: Valley Bible Baptist Church in beautiful Packwood, Washington seeks a Pastor. We are on the White Pass Scenic Byway near White Pass ski area, the Pacific Crest Trail, Mount Rainer National Park, and several National Forests.

LOCATION: Packwood, Washington 98361

FACILITY: Packwood, Community Center (Annual Lease)

DENOMINATION: Baptist (recent affiliation with Northwest Baptist Convention)

AGE: Nine Years

CORPORATE DESIGNATION: Washington Non-profit

MEMBERSHIP: 15

REGULAR ATTENDERS (Members and Non-Members): 12 – 25

CHURCH MINISTRIES: Sunday Morning Worship; Sunday Evening Prayer Worship, Wednesday Evening Bible Study; Tuesday Afternoon Women's Bible Study

COMMUNITY LOCATION AND INFORMATION: Packwood (elevation approx. 1,050 feet) is an unincorporated community in far eastern Lewis County. It is located on US HWY 12 approximately 75 miles west of Yakima, 20 miles west of White Pass Ski Resort, 17 miles east of Randle, 34 miles east of Morton, and 75 miles east of Chehalis. A sewer system for the central Packwood business district is currently underway which should boost growth of business and services.

It is important to note that Packwood is an outdoor community (hunting, fishing, skiing, hiking, 4-wheeling, etc.). The Pastor will need to be actively involved in the community. There is an active Packwood Improvement Club, see the page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/PackwoodPIC) for information. Also check out www.discoverlewiscounty.com for area information. The local area paper the Highway Shopper (www.highwayshopper.com) was located in Packwood, but as of September 7, 2022 ceased business, their website is still active for a flavor of the community.

The population within a radius of 10 miles is approximately 1,300, although the town of Packwood itself is much smaller. There is a post office, library, one grocery store, hardware store, two gas stations, five restaurants/eateries, six hotels/motels, two coffee shops, a museum, as well as, other miscellaneous businesses. More substantial shopping areas can be found in Yakima and Chehalis/Centralia.

There is a single runway, public general aviation airport in Packwood, 3 blocks from the main thoroughfare. No commercial service is available and flight operations are mainly private. The nearest major airports are Portland International Airport (PDX) and Seattle – Tacoma International Airport (SEA) both similar distance and driving time from Packwood.

A community transportation service makes multiple, daily, scheduled trips to Chehalis.

The closest banks are in Morton; regional Security State Bank (ATM/drop box located at the Packwood grocery store) and the larger national Key Bank.

Packwood is serviced by the Lewis County Sheriff's Office with an office in Morton. There is one Deputy that resides in Packwood. Fire protection is provided by the Lewis County Fire District 10 Packwood Washington.

The White Pass School District encompasses the Packwood area. The White Pass schools (K-12) are located in Randle with school bus service provided.

MEDICAL SERVICES: Arbor Health Medical Clinic in Packwood (planned by YE2022). Arbor Health Medical Clinic in Randle. The nearest community hospital is Arbor Health - Morton General Hospital. Major medical facilities are found in Yakima (Virginia Mason Memorial) and Chehalis/Centralia (Providence Centralia Hospital). Ambulance services are located with the Packwood Fire Department. The closest pharmacy is in Morton. There is a dental office in Randle.

HOUSING RESOURCES: There are two Realty Offices and two RV Parks in Packwood.

Four U Realty – 360-494-4848

Pacific Trail Realty 360-706-3123

Packwood RV – 360-494-5154 (in town)

Cascade Peaks RV – 360—494-7931 (within 7 miles)

WEATHER INFORMATION: Temperature - Average High – 60 degrees; Average Low – 39 degrees
Moisture - Average Rainfall – 55 inches (over an average of 147 days); Average Snowfall – 28 inches

Lewis County is currently conducting a Packwood Subarea Plan details at

<https://lewiscountywa.gov/departments/community-development/rezones/comprehensive-plan-and-development-regulation-amendments/packwood-subarea-plan/> which is a road map that guides how a specific geography, like Packwood, will grow and develop over the next 20 years. Packwood has experienced significant changes/growth in the past few years particularly during the pandemic.

OTHER GENERAL INFORMATION: Valley Bible Baptist Church's membership and attendees are a mix of seniors, retirees, couples, singles, and families with school aged children.

It may be necessary for our Pastor to be bi-vocational or have an additional form of financial support to supplement the compensation the church can provide. Valley Bible Baptist is very giving but still a small new church. Living in the rural, remote, small town of Packwood brings a higher cost of living (fuel, food, etc.).

Valley Bible Baptist has a website www.valleybiblebaptist.org . It includes our statement of faith. Recent and past sermons are available for download which can give a "feel" for the church.