



Faithfully Energy Efficient

Fairview Freewill Baptist Church Johnson County, Kentucky

Since 1948, Fairview Freewill Baptist Church in Johnson County, Kentucky has been supporting its small but tight-knit congregation and the surrounding community. When the church's heat pump went out in 2010, they contacted Ryan Burchett of Burchett's Heating and Cooling for help. Burchett estimated it would cost about \$8,000 for a highly efficient Trane XLI4C packaged heat pump and some ductwork alterations. Such a system should save the church about \$860 a year on utility bills at current utility rates and reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 6.3 metric tons a year. However, the church did not have the cash available to pay for the urgently needed system. Burchett told them about an energy microloan available for \$10,000 or less from MACED, which he had learned about during a roundtable meeting of contractors hosted by MACED. Fairview Freewill Baptist Church applied for a microloan and MACED was able to finance the \$7,983 project with a written guarantee from church leadership. After the installation, the church held special collections among congregants and raised enough money to pay MACED back in full in less than six months.

MACED works with people in eastern Kentucky and Central Appalachia to create economic opportunity, strengthen democracy and support the sustainable use of natural resources.

Development Impact

Energy efficiency promoted.

Greenhouse gas emissions reduced.

Utility bills reduced.



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