



## Why McMinnville?

McMinnville is a small town surrounded by the natural beauty of Tennessee, where all things relating to health, comfort and happiness may be found. When visiting, you will find a slower pace lifestyle where you can relax, breathe deeply, and enjoy some Southern comforts. We hope you will look around some and say “howdy” to those you meet. You will find friendly people, neighbors helping neighbors, safe streets and quiet neighborhoods. On Sunday, you may hear the gentle sound of church bells ringing. You will discover there is a good life going on in our community.

**Why we live in McMinnville:** Here are some important reasons we live in McMinnville.

- **For a Good Life.** You can enjoy *a good life* living in our safe, small town. McMinnville is surrounded by natural beautiful and is conveniently located between Nashville and Chattanooga. Why live in a big city with daily traffic and other problems? When we are ready for big city attractions, we take a short, pleasant drive to those cities for the fine arts, entertainment, excellent health care and the best higher education opportunities available.
- **It is Affordable.** Our community is an affordable place to live. For that reason McMinnville makes good dollars and cents.
- **It is Safe.** You can relax and make yourself at home in our safe community.
- **Our Community is surrounded by Natural Beauty.** You may immerse yourself in the natural beauty of Tennessee.
- **We enjoy a Relaxed, Friendly Pace.** We invite you to slow down, don't move too fast. You are entering a friendly, family centered community.
- **We live in The Bible Belt.** Please take some time to commune with God. We welcome those who live in God's World.

**Interested in McMinnville?** Please visit us at [www.visitmcminnvilletn.com](http://www.visitmcminnvilletn.com)

**We really hope you will visit us in person.** When you do, our PNC will be delighted to give you a personal tour. Or, the Warren County Chamber of Commerce will show you around. A lovely person, Jackie Borowiak, who is Visitor and Relocation Coordinator, will provide all you need to know about our community. Jackie's office phone: 931-473-6611.

Peace of Christ,

Pastor Nominating Committee, First Presbyterian Church, McMinnville  
Ray, Donna, Tom, Debbie, Barry Cell: 931-259-5383



## Supporting Links for “Why McMinnville?”

● **We have a Good Life here.** In McMinnville we live every day on the peaceful side. We enjoy many great outdoor activities which are just out the back door. There are good local places to eat, music and theater entertainments, shopping, leisure time, and a restored historic downtown area. The public schools in McMinnville are highly rated. Motlow State Community College in McMinnville offers accredited degrees.

<https://www.motlow.edu/index.html> Healthcare is convenient at Ascension Saint Thomas River Park Hospital. <https://healthcare.ascension.org/locations/tennessee/tnnas/mcminnville-ascension-saint-thomas-river-park> And, we have the best of both worlds. Being centrally located between Nashville and Chattanooga, for a quick getaway, we have easy access to their superb arts and entertainment, plus world class health care, and higher education. Visit McMinnville; [www.visitmcminnvilletn.com](http://www.visitmcminnvilletn.com) Visit Nashville; <https://www.visitmusiccity.com/> Visit Chattanooga; <https://www.visitchattanooga.com/>

● **McMinnville is Affordable.** Tennessee ranks #9 in affordability compared to all other states with an average cost of living index of 90.3%. Source: Alex City Outlook <https://search.app/wonWqWTGDvccuQA99> *US News and World Report's* Affordability Ranking puts Tennessee #5 in Financial Stability, #12 in Economy, #17 in Cost of Living, and #18 in Affordability.

The average cost of living in Tennessee is relatively low at \$42,469. [www.sofi.com/cost-of-living-in-tennessee/](http://www.sofi.com/cost-of-living-in-tennessee/) The average cost of living for a family of four is \$61,039. <https://worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/cost-of-living-index-by-state> A teacher with a Master's degree makes \$53,000 starting salary with Warren County Schools. Tennessee does not have a State Income Tax.

For a cost of living comparison calculator; [www.bankrate.com/real-estate/cost-of-living-calculator/](http://www.bankrate.com/real-estate/cost-of-living-calculator/)

● **McMinnville is Safe.** We are a safe home-town. You can relax in our community because *it is* a quiet, low crime, non-violent community. You can visit, walk or jog downtown day or night and feel safe. The town's low crime rate and strong sense of community create an environment where families can feel secure and at ease.

● **McMinnville is surrounded by Natural Beauty.** There are nearly 60 State Parks in Tennessee open to the public seven days a week, year-round where you can immerse yourself in the natural beauty of Tennessee. They charge no entrance fees. Less than one hour drive from our community are three of the very best state parks. Fall Creek Falls; <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/fall-creek-falls>

Savage Gulf; <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/savage-gulf>

Rock Island State Park; <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/rock-island>

Camping, hiking, exploring, swimming, biking, rock climbing, fishing, skiing, golfing, picnicking while surrounded by scenic vistas and cascades are sure to get your relaxing thing going.

● **We enjoy a Relaxed and Friendly Pace.** Hospitality is a hallmark of our culture. *Newsweek* ranks Tennessee as the 2<sup>nd</sup> friendliest state in the nation. Source: *Newsweek* <https://search.app/FjGTvpNDhUaXprVM6> We are a welcoming, family centered place where community and people matter.

● **We live in The Bible Belt.** Pastors and their families can count on support from our congregation and our community. We have many friends and we are not alone – our community has over 150 religious organizations. We stand strong with God and our Pastors are respected.