

Rochester First Baptist



Impacting Lives for Christ

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Introduction

This profile is to briefly tell a little about our church and community. Thank you for showing an interest in our church.

Rochester First Baptist Church was started as a mission church in the 1960's, constituted in 1972 Later this year we will have a 50th Anniversary Celebration! Our faithful God has led us in the past, and is guiding us now. We look forward to His leading in the future.

We are an autonomous local congregation of believers making up a New Testament church. We believe Jesus Christ is the Lord of our church, striving to be led by the peace of the sovereign, one true God, by the love of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Senior Pastor Search Team

Isaiah 26:3- 4 "The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, because he trusts in You. Trust in the LORD forever, for in the LORD, we have an everlasting Rock." NAS

Church History

Our church began as a store-front mission in Rochester, December 5, 1965. We were constituted as a church with 48 charter members February 6, 1972.

The congregation moved into our first building, located on four acres at 6 Vernon Drive on August 11, 1974.

Our first full-time pastor was called, November 14, 1979. Church volunteers, with the help of construction workers from various mission groups, completed a new 170-seat sanctuary, ten additional classrooms and the remodeling of the existing structure, April 29, 1990. We now have a welcome center with a coffee bar. Padded stack chairs have replaced the sanctuary pews allowing flexibility for other uses.

Our first Associate Minister for worship and youth was called in July, 1995.

Statistics

| Year | Total Membership | Baptisms | Worship Attendance | Sunday School Attendance |
|-------|------------------|----------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 2007 | 266 | 1 | 75 | 73 |
| 2008 | 293 | 1 | 73 | 62 |
| 2009 | 247 | 1 | 80 | 61 |
| 2010 | 250 | 6 | 74 | 71 |
| 2011 | 251 | 1 | 80 | 67 |
| 2012 | 253 | 0 | 80 | 47 |
| 2013 | 253 | 2 | 75 | 64 |
| 2014 | 249 | 0 | 75 | 58 |
| 2015 | 243 | 1 | 73 | 60 |
| 2016 | 245 | 3 | 72 | 61 |
| 2017 | 246 | 1 | 71 | 61 |
| 2018 | 269 | 4 | 79 | 66 |
| 2019 | 277 | 2 | 75 | 66 |
| 2020* | 283 141* | 5 | 79 | 66 |
| 2021* | 289 147* | 6 | 71 | 47 |
| 2022* | 294 152* | 1 | | 61 |

*Resident Membership

Church Staff

Staff:

- Pastor
- Worship Minister
- Secretary
- Custodian

Church Organizations

Deacon Body (7)

Worship and Music

- Praise Team
- Children's Church

Missions

- Mission Team
- Women on Mission
- Disaster Relief/Builders for Eternity
- Mission Journey-Kids (MJ-Kids)

Sunday School

- Preschool classes
- Children's classes
- Youth, Jr High/Senior High
- Adult classes
- Vacation Bible School

| Current Committees | Current Coordinators |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ministry Leadership Committee• Communication and Technology Committee• Finance/Stewardship Committee• Trustees Committee• Personnel Committee• Counting Committee• Nominating Committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Children's Ministry Coordinator➤ Outreach Coordinator➤ Decorating Coordinator➤ Hospitality Coordinator➤ Sunday School Coordinator➤ Mission Coordinator➤ Baptism Coordinator➤ Benevolence Coordinator |

Membership Profile

Our Current resident membership is 152 members. The average Sunday school attendance is 61.5, and average worship attendance is 75-80.

Although many of our adult members are retired, we are still a family oriented church. Those members who are employed have stable careers in various occupations.

Our church community extends in excess of a ten-mile radius of the church. The Rochester community extends beyond the Village municipal boundaries. Many residents who live in the southeast part of Springfield, or in the rural areas of the school district, consider themselves a part of the Rochester community.

Although our worship music is mostly contemporary, we consider our worship service to be blended, using some treasured hymns as well.

Website: rochesterfirstbaptist.org

Unique Characteristics of RFBC

1. RFBC is a loving, compassionate, hospitable church.
2. Many members have good friendships within the church body.
3. RFBC is a Biblically based church with an uncompromising teaching of God's Word.
4. RFBC is strongly mission minded.
5. Members have strong community roots due to their age.
6. RFBC has a nice facility and spacious grounds.
7. RFBC has qualified teachers for each Sunday school class for all age groups.
8. RFBC is able to adapt to a virtual church.
9. RFBC has the ability to fill the pulpit from within.
10. RFBC assisted with the start-up of Delta Church.

Pastors of Rochester First Baptist Church

| | |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| Delbert Penrod | March 1972 - September 1973 |
| Terrell Johnson | August 1974 - September 1977 |
| Dan Brogdon | March 1978 - July 1979 |
| Ron Chase | November 1979 - January 1982 |
| Gary Davenport | June 1982 - August 1986 |
| Cecil Renshaw | June 1987 - October 1998 |
| Bob Fulkerson | October 1999 - March 2008 |
| Kevin Carrothers | March 2009 - April 2017 |
| Chad Williams | January 2018 - July 2020 |
| Joey Krol | July 2021 - October 2021 |

Associate Ministers

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| Michael Hillard | Child Care/Education Minister October 1990 – July 1991 |
| Jim Bryant Jr. | Associate Minister of Worship and Youth July 1995 – July 1999 |
| Mark Winkler | Associate Minister of Worship and Youth April 2001 – April 2004 |
| Kenneth “Cal” Callison | Associate Minister of Worship and Youth May 2005 – April 2007 |
| Zaxxon Nation | Youth Minister May 2007 – January 2012 |
| Greg Braswell | Associate Minister of Worship and Youth April 2012 – April 2017 |
| Chris Vieth | Worship Pastor June 2017 - present |

Interim Pastors

Delbert Penrod (3 times)
 Arthur Farmer (2 times)
 Truman Barrow
 Richard Farrow
 Jim Doom
 Mike Copen
 Keith Stanford
 Dale Davenport
 Tom Egglely
 Tim Sadler & John Keyes
 Milton Bost

Budget

| | Actual Receipts & Expenses 6/1/2021 through 5/31/2022 | Approved Budget for 6/1/2022 through 5/31/2023 |
|--|--|---|
| Receipts - General Fund | \$272,390.91 | \$273,234.00 |
| Interest Received | 769.59 | |
| Designated Receipts | 51,193.26 | |
| A. Total Receipts | 324,353.76 | 273,234.00 |
| B. Designated Receipts * | 51,193.26 | |
| C. Total General Fund Receipts + Interest (A-B=C) | 273,160.50 | 273,234.00 |
| | | |
| Budgeted Missions= 15.5% * C | 42,213.56 | 42,350.00 |
| Personnel Expenses | 109,009.57 | 141,699.00 |
| Operational Expenses | 67,019.65 | 49,070.00 |
| Program Activities | 15,885.35 | 29,615.00 |
| Capital Expenses | 0 | 10,500.00 |
| D. Total General Fund Expenses | 234,128.13 | 273,234.00 |
| | | |
| E. Net General Fund Receipts (C-D=E) | 39,032.37 | 0.00 |

*** Designated Receipts**

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| State Missions Offering | 2,650.87 |
| Annie Armstrong Offering | 4,106.90 |
| Lottie Moon Offering | 4,321.77 |
| World Hunger Offering | 240.00 |
| Baptist Children's Home Mother's Day Offering | 500.00 |
| Capital Repairs & Improvements | 22,005.89 |
| Technology Equipment Fund | 6,199.00 |
| Electronic Sign Fund | 1,645.00 |
| Program Reimbursements | 2,468.85 |
| Love Offerings | 2,808.41 |
| Benevolent Assistance Offering | 4,246.57 |
| | <u>\$ 51,193.26</u> |

Accomplishments of RFBC

1. Several mission trips
 - International missions
 - Construction missions/Builders for Eternity
 - Disaster Relief Team Mission Work
2. Debt free
3. Operation Christmas Child
4. Annually run a Vacation Bible School (even during the pandemic)
5. Trunk or Treat each year for the Rochester community
6. RFBC is the kick-off point for the Rochester Homecoming Parade.
7. Community acts of kindness
8. Faithful core members in our church body
9. Egg-Stravaganza

Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it, the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith." NAS

Village of Rochester Overview

What started out as a farming community 150 years ago, the Village of Rochester is now a suburban community, five miles east of Springfield. People choose Rochester because of its close proximity to Springfield, its high quality residences and local services. Rochester retains its small-town charm and friendly atmosphere, high quality education and low crime rate.

Among the services that are a part of the Rochester community are the great school, the library, several churches, and numerous businesses.

The Rochester Public Library, located in the Village Hall, provides a number of services and hosts a variety of special events throughout the year as well as regularly scheduled programs. A monthly newsletter can be found online.

In addition to Rochester First Baptist Church, there are other village churches including:

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Rochester Christian Church
Rochester United Methodist Church
Rolling Prairie Baptist Church
St. Jude's Catholic Church
Grace Bible Chapel

Churches located in the rural Rochester area:

South Fork Community Church
New City Community Church
South Tower Community Church

Public safety needs are addressed by the full-time Rochester Police Department and the Rochester Fire Department which also offers emergency medical and rescue services.

The Rochester business community features many different opportunities. Some of the local business services include: automotive, dining, construction, child care, a funeral home, a gas station, professional services, and medical care to name a few. A new multi-family housing complex, as well as a new daycare facility, veterinary clinic and Senior Living facility are located on the east side of Rochester.

Rochester Schools' Profile

Rochester schools are topnotch. The district is a unit school district of approximately 2,252 students. There are three campuses; Elementary (EC-3rd), Intermediate (4th-6th), and Junior High (7th-8th) / High School (9th-12th) Programs offered by the school system include college preparatory class work, dual credit classes, fine arts education, special education, health services, athletics and summer sports' camps. Rochester also has acclaimed high school band and chorus programs and sports' teams. Because of the Rochester schools' excellence, families are attracted to move here. School events, whether fine-arts, parent-teacher conferences, or athletics are extremely well attended by the parents and the community. Several of our athletes have gone on to play Collegiate Sports

For further information about Rochester schools, please check their website at rochester3a.net.