

GOD AT WORK

***We exist to GLORIFY
GOD and SEE
LIVES CHANGED***



1857

MARSHFIELD FIRST BEGINS - A group of Marshfieldians first met to form the body that came to be known as First Baptist Church, Marshfield. Fifteen people attended the first service. In 1861 the church charter was drawn to officially begin the ministry of Marshfield First.



1866

FIRST CHURCH BUILT - Led by Pastor Jacob Good, a vacant lot on the northeast corner of the square was purchased for \$150. In 1868 a building was erected and in 1873 the church burned to the ground. Worship continued at the homes of ten different families and was led by Pastor Good. The church continued to meet in homes until April 18, 1880 and on this date the town of Marshfield was destroyed by a cyclone and the homes of the parishioners were demolished in the storm.



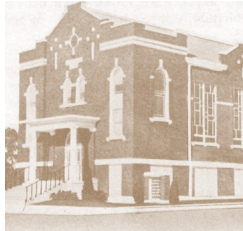
1880

REBUILDING - An endowment of \$3250 was given to the town of Marshfield to be used to rebuild the churches. A new church was built at the corner of Jefferson and Fulton and was dedicated in December of 1880 and included membership of 47.



1891

GOD MOVES AMONG US - First Sunday School groups started meeting.



1923

GROWTH - The church was replaced with a brick building at a cost of \$14,000. This building was remodeled and an addition was added in 1961. Future growth at this location would be difficult because of being landlocked between other buildings and streets. This building remained in use until 1978.



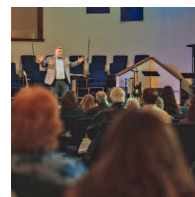
1938

LUTHER RODGERS BECOMES PASTOR - He pastored the congregation for the next 38 years. Membership grew to 700 at the time of his retirement in 1979.



1978

WE BUILD IN RESPONSE TO GROWTH - Sixteen acres of land were donated by Shirley Condra and her mother Dephia Burchfield at 1001 South White Oak Rd. June 4 was the groundbreaking for the church now located on this property under the guidance of Pastor Dwayne Reed, and the formal dedication of the church building was September 16, 1979.



1995

MARSHFIELD FIRST WELCOMES DURWIN KICKER - Pastor Durwin Kicker was called as senior pastor, having already served as youth director and assistant to the pastor at Marshfield First.

1996

EXPANDING OUR REACH - In September of 1996 1st Kids Preschool was formed and opened for community families.

2002

GOD MOVES AMONG US - God shows us another season of growth with the completion of the Kicker Life Center and the north and south wings of the church.

2003

A HEART FOR THE COMMUNITY - We are happy to use our new facility to host the community with the first season of Upward Basketball. Upward Cheerleading would be added several years later and this community outreach program continues today.

2018

GOD IS FAITHFUL - Through the faithful giving of our membership, Marshfield First paid off all bank notes held on the property.

2020

UNEXPECTED CHALLENGES - During this season Marshfield First went through a period of mourning with the sudden death of Pastor Durwin Kicker and the Covid outbreak. However, God was faithful and continued to give us hope by sending Transitional Pastor JC Beckner to serve our church family.

2021

MARSHFIELD FIRST LOOKS FORWARD - The church enthusiastically calls its 40th pastor, Rich Cochran. Pastor Rich has a love for helping people follow Jesus and engaging with the community.

2023

PURSUING GOD'S WORD - As we look forward, Marshfield First is launching new programs and partners with Lake Avenue Community Church in Pueblo, Colorado as well additional mission partners. In January, the pews in the Worship Center were replaced with chairs along with updating the lobby to position us to reach new families.