

2002—In the Fall of 2001, Cascade Christian High School approached First Baptist and Grace Christian School, and asked if the church would consider receiving back the gift of Cascade Christian High School.

2003—Cascade Christian High School, though a separate corporation, was voted on by the church family to return underneath the leadership of FBC.

2006—Cascade Christian High School was beginning to outgrow their building so the process of selling the facility in Jacksonville and purchasing property in Medford began. In September of 2007—Cascade Christian High School moved into their new facility at 855 Chevy Way in Medford.

2015—Grace Christian School & Cascade Christian combine to become a Community Christian School with their own governing board and are no longer under the leadership of FBC; however, 3 members of FBC will serve on the board.

"And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy."

Colossians 1:18

Pastors of First Baptist Church **1885 - 2014**

Rev. A.M. Russell - 1885
Elder G. G. Thomas - 1886

Senior Pastors

Rev. H.A. Barden - 1889
Rev. L.D. Goodwin - 1890
Rev. T.H. Stevens - 1892
Rev. Jenkins - 1895
Rev. Annes - 1897
Rev. Crandall - 1899
Rev. Carstens - 1904
Rev. G. LeRoy Hall - 1907
Rev. Holmes - 1910
Dr. M. Collough - 1913
Rev. Carstens - 1915
Rev. Spriggs - 1918
F.R. Leach - 1920
Dr. W.H. Eaton - 1925
Rev. W.A. Dawes - 1935
Rev. J. Neely - 1955
Rev. B. Andrews - 1961
E.P. Fosmark - 1967 (I.T.)
Rev. D. Croy - 1968
D. Storey - 1999 (I.T.)
Pastor B. Brown - 2001
Pastor R. Williams - 2005
Pastor Greg Spires - Current

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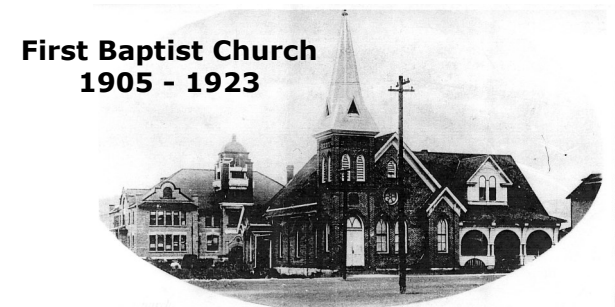
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HISTORY OF FBC MINISTRIES MEDFORD

1886 - 2017



**First Baptist Church
1886 - 1905**



**First Baptist Church
1905 - 1923**

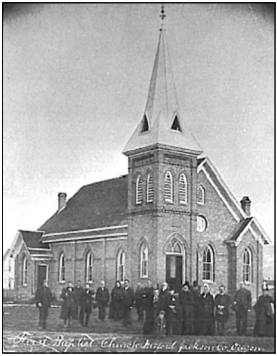


**First Baptist Church
1923 - 1963**



**First Baptist Church
1963 - 2017**

June 7, 1885 - Elder Russell, of the First Baptist Church of Ashland, asked permission to hold services in the nearby village of Medford. Ten people (Mr. S.L. Bennett and along with nine woman), banded together and organized the First Baptist Church of Medford. There were no churches in Medford at the time, so they met in a schoolhouse.



1886—Medford was a sleepy little village in the midst of the Rogue River Valley. A few local residents, spurred on by a recently formed group of Baptists in Ashland, met and organized the First Baptist Church. They purchased property at the corner of 5th and Central and erected this first building of red brick. This was one of the first churches to be erected in the community and played an important part in the affairs of the city. Folks came by horse and by carriage. Stables behind the church provided the "Parking Spaces" of that day.

1923 - With great vision, the membership of the growing church determine to build a new and larger building. They secured the High School as a meeting place and preceded to tear down the original building to make way for the new one on the same site. Much of the original brick was preserved to be used in this building. It was a stately structure for the still young but growing city and it occupied a prominent place on the main street through town. How many came to Christ through the faithful preaching of God's Word in this building, only eternity will reveal.



1963 - Progress! It would have been difficult for those charter members to anticipate the growth of their infant community to what it is today, or to realize the future needs of the church. That 100 X 100' downtown lot seemed large enough then but the hustle and bustle of modern civilization, and all that goes with progress, the church was outgrown and inadequate. No room for the "four-wheeled horse" of the mid-twentieth century! In August of 1963, the congregation occupied the present sanctuary a mile from the former location, but once again in the very hub of Medford, but this time, there was nearly eight acres to grow into.



1968 - The church began to grow, ministries were expanded, and an extra morning worship service was added. One of these services was broadcast on T.V. for those unable to attend.

1974—Grace Christian School begins

A need for a Christian school in the valley was evident. In the early years, it was for grades Kindergarten-8th grade with approximately 190 in attendance.

1978 - A Growing Church and Growing

As the church and Grace Christian School continued to grow, and with the start of a high school, the Lord opened the doors for a new three-story Educational Building. The new addition would include 14 classrooms, gymnasium, church offices, and a library.



1982 - With the change in the economy came a change in the church. Grace Christian school decided to keep only grades Kindergarten through 8th, and the high school become a parent run school. The high school moved to a different facility and eventually relocated to Jacksonville.

April 24, 1994 - Grace Christian school began to grow and once again, the need to add space was evident. Building plans were considered, but once again the Lord opened up the door to provide the building complex right behind the playground on Royal Avenue. This gave us a total of 32 classrooms, library and multi-purpose space for the school and church.

