

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SULLIVAN, ILLINOIS



Graduate Recognition: Tyler Kilpatrick

First Baptist Church will celebrate its 135th Anniversary in 2018



Ladies' Night



Pastor Gene and Jackie



State of Grace performs at Ladies' Night

Celebrating the Past, Involved in the Present, Focused on the Future

The First Baptist Church of Sullivan, Illinois, was founded on May 27, 1883. In the early years, the church met in several locations. In 1890, a church building was constructed at the corner of Hamilton and Adam Streets. The church was dedicated on November 23, 1890; and it served the congregation for eighty-three years until the present building was purchased in June 1973 from First Christian Church.

The first youth group was started in 1899, and the Ann Judson Missionary Society was organized in 1936. Dr. Joseph Hoy became the first full-time pastor in 1946 at a salary of \$32.50 a week. Several times over the years, the original church building was remodeled and redecorated. In October 1985, the church accepted the challenge to include in our budget the giving of ten percent of our gross income to missions. Missions is listed in our church constitution as one of our primary purposes.

In late 1990 and early 1991, a new parsonage was build. In March 1994, at a Miracle Sunday Service, funds were given and designated to purchase three new stained glass windows and to repair and replace the old one at a cost of \$10,641. First Baptist Church has now been in existence for one hundred and seventeen years (2000). Its top priority has been the spreading of the gospel and the enrichment of the spiritual lives of its people. God has used the church and blessed it greatly. With faith in our hearts, we continue to pursue the tasks God gives us to do.

Heritage and Horizons: Historical Sketches of American Baptist Churches in Illinois and Missouri (2000)
Richard H. Clossman, Coordinating Editor & Greg Alvis, Area IV Editor

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Sunday 9:00 A.M.

CHURCH SERVICE - Sunday 10:00 A.M.

CHOIR PRACTICE on Thursday at 7 P.M. Youth Groups, Church Camp, VBS
Men's Breakfast and Women's Breakfast 8 A.M. on the first Saturday of the month
Women on a Mission meet on third Wednesday at 6:30 P.M.

Trustees meet at 7 P.M. on second Tuesday of month and Deacons meet at 7 P.M. on second Sunday of the month.

**Pastor Gene Godfrey
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May 2017

Special Events in May & June 2017

**Men's' Breakfast 1st Saturday of month
Women's Breakfast 1st Saturday of month
Social Hour between Sunday School & Church
GRR ABWM Conference - June 2-4
Church Camp - Nine campers
Blanket Sunday - June 25th**

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YOUTH GROUPS-Sundays 5:00 - 6:30 P.M.

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CHURCH MISSION

The mission of First Baptist church, Sullivan, Illinois is to increasingly know God as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and to continually make Him known through worship, witness, nurture and ministry.

YOUTH MINISTRY MISSION

The purpose of the First Baptist Youth Ministry is to invite young people into God's presence, minister to the young people's needs, stretch young people's faith while providing support from the church body and to worship God in all that we do.