

# Twelve Keys to an Effective Church

First Baptist Church

Sullivan, Illinois

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## What Sullivan First Baptist Did

1883 Eight were baptized and 14 organized FBC.

1885 Moved to Index Store.

1886 Organized first Sunday School.

1890 Built first church building.

1899 Organized first Youth Group.

1905 Closed briefly.

## What Sullivan First Baptist Did

1925-1930 Church building rented.

(Baptists met in the home of Flora Watson.)

1930 Returned to the original church building.

1933-1944 There were 17 part-time pastors.

1944 Joseph Hoy became full-time pastor (\$32.50)

1952 Easter Sunday had 300 in church.

1973 Moved to Christian Church building.

## What Sullivan First Baptist Did

1978-1982 D. Scott Johnson was pastor.

1985 FBC began giving 10% to missions.

1991 New parsonage was built.

1994 Inserts for stained glass windows purchased.

## What Grace Baptist Church Did

November 2015-October 2018

Sunday School increased 36 to 48.

This was 33% increase.

November 2015 through October 2018

Worship Service increased 66 to 81

This was 22% increase.

## Twelve Keys to An Effective Church

Keys 1-6 are characteristics which create satisfaction and renewal. These are relational characteristics.

Keys 7-12 are characteristics which overcome dissatisfaction and stifle renewal. These are functional characteristics.

## Functional Characteristics

7. Two to three Competent Programs
8. Open Accessibility
9. High Visibility
10. Adequate Parking, Land, Landscaping
11. Adequate Space and Facilities
12. Solid Financial Resources

(Let's look at each and determine:)

- a. Does our church have this characteristic?
- b. On a scale of 0 to 4, how much of this characteristic is evident in our church.



## 7. There Are Two or Three Competent Programs

Characteristics of two or three competent programs:

1. The programs are mission driven.
2. The programs are successful.
3. The programs represent our strength as a church.
4. The programs involve many in the church.
5. The programs depict talented members.
6. The programs are evaluated and changes are made when improvement is needed.

## 7. There Are Two or Three Competent Programs

### Rate our Programs

- 0 Evidence of no competent programs
- 1 Same programs with no changes made
- 2 Programs are not mission driven.
- 3 Some programs are competent.
- 4 Programs are successful and competent.

List some actions we need to take concerning Competent Programs.

## 8. Open Accessibility

Characteristics of a church with open accessibility:

1. If the church is not accessible, the congregation has to be accessible in the community.
2. The pastor should be accessible. The secretary should be accessible.
3. People coming into the church should experience the open-door feeling.
4. Location of church is important.
5. Church must be handicap accessible.

## 8. Open Accessibility

### Rate our Open Accessibility

0 Not accessible

1 Pastor and/or Secretary are not accessible.

2 Open-door feeling is not present.

3 Church location is accessible.

4 Church is handicap accessible.

List some actions we need to take that will make our church more accessible.

## 9. High Visibility

Characteristics of a church with high visibility.

- a. Church facilities are visible in the town.
- b. Church has sufficient media coverage in the local newspaper.
- c. Church has Web Site, brochure, newsletter.
- d. Church has other media recognition through Email, Twitter, and Facebook.
- e. Sunday School teachers and Youth Group Leaders send our information to parents, grandparents, guardians.

## 9. High Visibility

Rate our church visibility:

- 0 Church is not visible in community.
- 1 Church does not use media.
- 2 Church uses some media.
- 3 Church is visible in the community.
- 4 Church uses Web Site, Newsletter, Newspaper, and other media resources for visibility.

List some actions we need to take concerning our visibility.

## 10. Adequate Parking, Land, and Landscaping

Characteristics of a church with adequate parking, land, and landscaping:

- a. There should be one parking space for two people.
- b. There should be a minimal of five acres for a church.
- c. Church grounds tell a lot about a church.
- d. “You never get a second chance to make a good first impression.”
- e. Exterior appearance of church should be appealing.

## 10. Adequate Parking, Land, and Landscaping

Rate our parking, land, and landscaping.

- 0 Church lacks sufficient parking and land.
- 1 Church outside appearance is unappealing.
- 2 Church building is old.
- 3 Church property lacks expansion potential.
- 4 Church property is sufficient for our congregation.

List some actions we need to take concerning the church property.



## 11. Adequate Space and Facilities

Characteristics of a church with adequate space and facilities:

- a. Gathering space is next to worship space.
- b. Worship space is adequate.
- c. Teaching space is adequate.
- d. Restrooms are adequate and handicap accessible.
- e. Nursery room is adequate.
- f. There is sufficient storage space.
- g. Church facilities are clean and well-maintained.
- h. Church facilities are adequate for programs.

## 11. Adequate Space and Facilities

### Rate Facilities and Space at FBC

- 0 Sanctuary is unappealing and inadequate.
- 1 Teaching spaces are inadequate.
- 2 Gathering facility is downstairs.
- 3 Church rooms are appealing and clean.
- 4 Church facilities are adequate for all programs.

List some actions we need to take that will improve our church space and facilities.

## 12. Solid Financial Resources

Characteristics of solid financial resources:

- a. Income increases with participation and not membership.
- b. The indebtedness of a church is usually 5% of total income.
- c. Money follows mission.
- d. People give to people.
- e. People and mission trump money.

## 12. Solid Financial Resources

Rate the financial resources at FBC

- 0 Financial resources are low.
- 1 Church resources stifle good programs.
- 2 Church financial resources cause friction.
- 3 Most resources are designated to maintenance.
- 4 Church financial resources are adequate.

List some actions we need to take that will address how we use financial resources at FBC.