

OUR HISTORY

Randolph Street Baptist Church was birthed out of the fundamentalist-modernist controversy of the 1920s. The first pastor of Randolph Street was C. MacKay Smock. Rev. Smock came to Charleston to serve as the senior pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. During his pastorate, Pastor Smock “took a strong stand against the modernistic denial of the fundamental New Testament doctrines that was then so vigorously being pushed by the leaders of the Northern Baptist Convention.” (20th Anniversary Manual, p.2) As a result of this defense of truth, Pastor Smock was removed from his role at Calvary Baptist Church.

Soon thereafter, 92 men and women met for a time of prayer in the home of Mr. & Mrs. John W. Cooke at 609 Ohio Avenue. The date was October 26, 1923. That evening, after much prayer, they decided to begin a new church committed to the truths of Scripture. Two days later, they would meet for the first time on a Lord’s Day in a vacant store room at 743 Virginia Street. That store was owned by one of the early leaders of this new work, A.D. Hannah. The following was written in 1943 about those early days:

The new church naturally met with a great deal of opposition during the first years of existence, but it had the zeal of a new love and prospered in spite of it. Much of it was due to the pulpit and teaching ability of the pastor, but a study of record leads one to feel that it is also a proof of God’s willingness to bless those who will pray and witness and give. (20th Anniversary Manual, p.4)

On November 21, 1923 this group formally organized and chose a temporary name, Fundamentals Baptist Church. 99 people would form the charter membership. In 1924, they would purchase the current lot on Randolph Street and change the name to reflect the location.

*For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen.
Romans 11:36*

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- **To the End of the Earth Project - Team 1** (SE Asia)
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- **Thornburgs** (Spain)

GIVING

Offering boxes are located on the tables in the back of the Auditorium near the entrances. Gifts can also be made on our website and church mobile app.

Randolph Street Financial Report (as of 10/1/23)	
Fiscal Year (January - December)	
Fiscal Year to Date Budget	\$334,312
Fiscal Year to Date Received	\$334,869
Fiscal Year Status + or -	\$557
321 Project (2022 Goal = \$30,000)	\$12,050



SOLA SCRIPTURA
TO THE
SOLA FIDE
PRAISE
SOLUS CHRISTUS
OF HIS
SOLA GRATIA
GLORY
SOLI DEO GLORIA

Lord's Day Liturgy

October 8, 2023

Greetings & Announcements

Prayer of Preparation & Thanksgiving

*Call to Worship - Old Testament Reading

*Congregational Hymn - *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (p. 1)

*Congregational Hymn - *This is the Day* (p. 1)

New Testament Reading

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

*Congregational Hymn - *Jesus, Strong and Kind* (p. 2)

*Congregational Hymn - *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death* (p. 2)

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Lord's Table

*Congregational Hymn - *There is a Fountain* (p. 3)

Sermon

*Congregational Hymn - *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery* (p. 3)

*The Lord's Prayer

*Doxology

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Following the doxology, let us welcome one another as Christ has welcomed us, for the glory of God (Romans 15:7), and let us seek to fulfill the Scriptures: "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

FALL EVENT SCHEDULE

October

15 - 3rd Sunday Family Night (6pm)

19 - Sojourners Luncheon (12pm-1pm)

29 - 100th Anniversary Gathering & Dinner

November

7 - Men's Theology Breakfast (6:45am-7:45am)

9 - Ladies Wreath Making Fellowship Night

16 - Sojourners Luncheon (12pm-1pm)

19 - 3rd Sunday Family Night (6pm)

December

3 - First Sunday On Mission Meal - After the Gathering

5 - Men's Theology Breakfast (6:45am-7:45am)

17 - 3rd Sunday Family Night (6pm)

21 - Sojourners Luncheon (12pm-1pm)

*For more information on Bible Studies and Small Groups that happen throughout the week, please see Pastor Tim.

Sojourner's Luncheon

Our Sojourner family will be meeting for a lunch and a time of fellowship and encouragement Thursday, October 19th at noon in the Welcome Center. Please bring some food to share with others.

Women's Fall Fellowship

Come make a wreath with us on Thursday, November 9th at 7pm in the Welcome Center! Cost is \$15. Please be sure to register on Facebook or the church website so that we have ample supplies ready. Also, bring a glue gun if you have one, and come snack-hungry for the popcorn bar.

Cross Conference 2024

This conference is designed to challenge students (older high school - 25 years old) about the global gospel work of the church. The conference is January 3-5 in Louisville, KY. We are partnering with Huntington Community Church for this trip. If you are interested, please talk with Pastor Jason.

Randolph Street & The Weekly Observance of the Lord's Table

Observing this sacrament is an act of obedience as this is the command of Christ (1 Cor 11:23-26) and the practice of the early church (Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor 11:20).

How should this weekly observance affect the church?

- (1) The Lord's Table will keep the gospel central in our church. So many things compete for our attention, but it is the gospel that is of "first importance." The Table will keep the gospel primary and call us to Christ each week.
- (2) We will be reminded weekly of the sufferings of Christ. This ordinance contains visible elements, the bread and a cup. These are given to remind us that His body was broken and His blood was shed. We need the sufferings of Christ pressed upon our conscience often lest we forget what our Savior experienced for our sins.
- (3) The Lord's Table will keep the substitutionary nature of Christ's death before us. Weekly, we will be reminded of the words of Jesus, "This is my body, which is for you" (1 Cor 11:24) and "this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matt 26:28) The Table preaches to our weary souls that Christ died in our place (Rom 5:6-8; 8:32)!
- (4) The Lord's Table, because of its concentrated focus on the gospel, will strengthen our faith as we commune with Christ (1 Cor 10:16) and are reminded of the grace God has given us in His Son. Our souls will be nourished as we feed upon the promises God has given us in Jesus.
- (5) The Lord's Table will give us a weekly opportunity to renew our commitment to Christ, the head of the Church. Instead of the contemporary replacement of the "altar," we will instead come to this Christ-ordained table and, in partaking, we will renew of our love for Him, His gospel, and His kingdom.
- (6) The Lord's Table will remind us of the unity we share in Christ (1 Cor 10:17). We live in divisive days, and it is good for us to remember that our unity as a church is not found in politics or movements, but in Christ and Christ alone!

Let me encourage you — the Table is not a place for the perfect but a place for sinners who know they need a Savior. It is here we confess together our hope, Jesus Christ! So together we approach these Tables with joy, knowing our sins are forgiven, and we approach them with a sober spirit, knowing our Savior suffered in our place. If you are a believer in Christ, we happily invite you to the Table this morning. Soli Deo Gloria!