

First Baptist Church

Racine, WI



So much has changed since 1995! That year we welcomed Misión Bautista Renacer to our building. Today they are Iglesia Bautista Renacer, a recognized ABC church, and our beloved sister congregation. We often worship together, do joint mission work, host bilingual Vacation Bible School, and celebrate as a church family.

Over the years we have trained and baptized youth and adults. We have sent many of them out around the country, where today they share their faith and talents in their own communities and churches. In 1995, we supported two missionaries who have since retired; with careful planning we are now able to lend our support to three missionaries in the U.S., Hungary, and Costa Rica.

In 2000, we participated in the Region-sponsored "New Church, New Century" program. This helped us re-examine how we "do church." Rooted firmly in our past, we began looking for ways to create a more authentic worship experience that would help our church and our community connect to God. In 2004, we took a leap of faith, moving from the building we had been in since 1876 into a building that better suited our church style. God blessed us by allowing us to continue – and even expand – our missions, which include two food ministries, three ministries to the homeless, and much more.

Change is often hard; this is uncharted territory! But we trust God's constant, guiding presence on this journey.

In 2020, as we enter our 180th year as God's church; we look forward with faith. We continue thinking about church differently. We are identifying strategies to make us more relevant to our diverse community. Instead of worrying about how many people worship with us on Sunday, we think of church as being 24/7/365 and work to include more people in all of our church and mission activities, recognizing that, in Christ, every breath should be a prayer and every task should be an act of worship!