

Spirit of Life Church

Celebrates God @ 25 YEARS

Pastors Emeritus Ed and Beth Barnes were in ministry for 18 years before they began Spirit of Life Church (SOLC). During those years, the Barnes ministered in Russia, South Africa, Mexico, the Caribbean and throughout the USA. They ministered in Russia before and during the demise of the Soviet Union. They were among the first to be involved in street witnessing and crusade meetings in Moscow.

In 1993, the Lord began to change the direction of Ed and Beth's ministry toward pastoring. He led them to Indianapolis to begin and pastor the Word of Faith Church on the Westside of Indianapolis. The Lord told them to build a great church and to teach Victorious Living Through Faith. He said that they should not build on another man's foundation. They were not to take an existing church but were to begin one. As they began, they were and are still praying for the hungry, and thirsty people as God instructed them. His guidance led them specifically to the west side of Indy and to the Best Western Waterfront Plaza Hotel.



Pastors Ed and Beth Barnes

They held their very first service on Resurrection Day in 1994. The only people in attendance were a man and a woman that Pastors Ed and Beth had invited from the gym. Undeterred, they held a full service with praise and worship, offering a sermon, and an altar call. Those two never returned, but the following week, there were three people in attendance!

The church continued to grow and moved from the hotel into its own building in 1995. The church building was the old Clermont fire station that had been converted into a garage for Dick Simon Racing. Spirit of Life did some remodeling and painting, turning it into a beautiful church.



Pastors Zane and Rachel Bousum

In a relatively short amount of time, they were having two services and added two modular buildings for children and youths. They also started preparations for a brand new building at 3737 N. Raceway Road.

Zane and Rachel Bousum visited Spirit of Life Church for the first time on January 6, 2002 while they were dating in college. They did not have to visit any other church before they knew this was their home church. Zane immediately got involved with the youth ministry, and Rachel started helping in the children's ministry in the fall after returning from summer break.

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Spirit of Life had its first service in its current location on November 2, 2002.



Zane and Rachel were married by Pastor Ed at the church in December 27, 2003 and joined the church's leadership team in 2006. Zane became the full-time assistant pastor in 2009, Pastors Ed and Beth became pastors emeritus in 2011. Pastor Zane became senior pastor and Rachel was able to join him in full-time ministry in 2014.

Pastors Zane and Rachel are thankful to God for the calling and grace on their lives to lead this body of believers. Their passion, like the church motto states, "Teaching Victorious Living Through Faith." They love helping people live their best lives by teaching them to be doers of the word. They desire to see entire families, husbands and wives, parents and children, and siblings-living in love and peace through the gospel.



Mayor Joe Hogsett

Spirit of Life Church continues to grow and impact the kingdom of God! The church has two weekly services: mid-week service on Wednesdays at 7pm and a Sunday morning service at 10am. The Word of God is taught at each service, and the presence of God is tangible. The church sponsors a Gas Buy Down, Splash Events during the summer, Thanksgiving Meals, and a Hallelujah Night on Halloween-all free to the community! These events impact over 1000 people in the community each year. Spirit of Life Church also runs a Christian preschool; Victory Academy, which serves over 90 children.

Spirit of Life was blessed to celebrate its 25th Anniversary on Sunday, April 7, 2019. It was an awesome time of the word, praise and worship, fellowship, and memories. The church received commendations from Senator Mike Braun and Congressman Andre Carson. Senator J.D. Ford also signed a resolution from the Indiana State Assembly recognizing Spirit of Life Church commitment to serving the community. Mayor Joe Hogsett was in attendance to give congratulations and words of encouragement to the congregation.

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Front Row (Pastors Zane and Rachel Bousum) Back Row
(Michaela Bousum - 6, Audrey Bousum - 9, Josiah Bousum - 12)



C'Aira Duncan and Katelyn Dotson,
Directors of the Spirit of Life Church Praise Dance Ministry.



Robin and David Wilson



Pastors Zane and Rachel Bousum)



Pastors Zane and Rachel Bousum
with SOLC board members Pat and Jerry Oglesby.



Pastors Ed and Beth Barnes
with SOLC board members Pat and Jerry Oglesby.



Former SOLC members Bill and Jodie Ballenger
with their family.



Bill and Jodie Ballenger,
co-founders of Break the Grey Ministries, with Pastor Zane.



Bill and Jodie Ballenger with members
of Break the Grey Ministries.



SOLC board members with Pastors Zane and Rachel Bousum
(Back Row: Jerry Oglesby, Pat Oglesby, Pastor Rachel and Pastor Zane,
Front Row: Rev. Jerry Manning, Pastors Ed and Beth Barnes)



Rev. Jerry Manning
with Pastors Ed and Beth Barnes



Pastors Ed and Beth Barnes



Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett shaking hands with Rev. Jerry Manning during the 25th anniversary service.



Brother Bill Ballenger of the band Ballenger singing his single "Rise Up" during the 25th anniversary service.



Pastor Zane ministering during the 25th anniversary service.



Rev. Jerry Manning being led of the Lord to speak a Word over Mayor Joe Hogsett.



Congregation stretching forth their hands to pray during the 25th anniversary service.



Pastor Zane exhorting Mayor Joe Hogsett in preparation to pray for the mayor



Kendra Dyson, Maya Maxwell, Miriam Dickerson, Amara Taylor, and Avery Strasser ministering through praise dance.



Pastor Zane handing the mic to Mayor Joe Hogsett.



Congregation stretching their hands in prayer during the 25th anniversary service.



Amara Taylor, Michaela Bousum, and Avery Strasser ministering to the congregation through praise dance



Kendra Dyson, Maya Maxwell, Miriam Dickerson, and Amara Taylor ministering to the congregation through praise dance.



Pastors Zane and Rachel holding the senate resolution number 40 authorized by State Senator J.D. Ford recognizing the various ministries that encourage fellowship and faithfulness throughout the community.



SOLC board member Pat Oglesby introducing herself to Mayor Joe Hogsett during the 25th Anniversary service.



Pastors Ed and Beth Barnes receiving recognition for being at starting and remaining at Spirit of Life Church for 25 years.



Worshipping God during the 25th Anniversary of Spirit of Life Church