

Shroyer Road Baptist Church History

From its German Baptist beginnings, to the present day, SRBC has endeavored to serve God faithfully in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ. This church was one of the founders of Miami Valley Hospital in 1888.

The founding of the church dates back to 1882. A group of about thirty people came together and organized The Second German Baptist Church of Dayton. They dedicated their first church building on East Fourth Street in 1883. The building was purchased for \$8,000 from the First Lutherans who used it for a mission church.

After beginning a transition from German to English, the church was renamed the Fourth Street Baptist Church in 1918. For the first time in 1931 the church conducted its entire ministry in English.

The first service in the new building on Shroyer Road was conducted on Easter of 1951. The educational wing of the building was dedicated January 17, 1960 wherein a youth center was opened in 1961 to provide recreation and fellowship once a week for local youth. Under the direction of Rev. Theodore A. Bretz, regular weekly Bible study was renewed in 1985 and a Macedonia Ministries weekend helped stir the entire congregation.

Under the direction of Pastor Ken Damon (who began his ministry there in 1994) the church has gradually sought to deepen its spiritual life, and transition itself to be better able to reach a new generation of spiritually hungry people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

(Former Organist) Teddy Reed obituary -

<http://www.srbclife.org/Assets/images/history/Aremarkableladygivenaremarkablefarewell.pdf>

(Former Pastor) Ted Bretz obituary -

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dayton/obituary.aspx?pid=174349294>(Former

Partor) Reuben Jeschke obituary -

<https://boards.ancestry.com/surnames.jeschke/24/mb.ashx>

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