History

Frisco First Baptist Church was established the same year that Frisco, Texas, August 26, 1902.

By 1966, the church had utterly outgrown the facilities. On November 26, 1972, the church entered into a building program called 'Together We Build,' which provided funding for relocation to the current property on Main Street. This led to the construction of the building used today by our Student's & Children's Ministries. The addition of a gymnasium, kitchen, storage, and classroom spaces in 1986 further augmented the building.

In July 2002, Dr. Chuck Martin Ill became Lead Pastor. During his tenure, Frisco First has seen significant growth in attendance, facilities, offerings, staff, and mission endeavors. Under his leadership, the ministerial staff has grown to nine full-time ministers and five part-time ministers; in addition to the ministerial staff, the church has an additional 23 full and part-time professional and support staff.

After several renovations and additions, Frisco First Baptist Church will enter into an $8 million campaign called Finishing Rooted to Grow in the Fall of 2024. This will provide more seating capacity in the worship center (850 seats), a much-needed expanded lobby (over 6,000 square feet), and a new playground that complements an indoor/outdoor gathering area.

Where the Church is today:

* 1,455 individuals immerse themselves in the essence of ancient Israel through the Good Friday Experience
* 270 students on mission trips to Alaska, West Virginia, and Tulsa to spread the Gospel and build relationships
* 712 kids during Vacation Bible School, fostering an environment of learning and spiritual growth
* 1,000 guests at Fall Festival, despite weather challenges
* 714 guests on Sunday morning, witness 104 baptisms, and embrace 78 new members into our church family

Frisco demographics- <https://www.friscotexas.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4900/2023_At-A-Glance-PDF?bidId=>



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STAFF LED

We trust the pastoral staff with the day-to-day organizational and functional operations of the church. Our pastoral staff is tasked with leading, equipping, serving, and ministering to our members and community. We believe that our pastors and ministers are called and equipped in their roles, and so they dedicate their energy and passion to serving our church family.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Our pastors are accountable to our deacon officers and body for spiritual and doctrinal matters. Deacons are spiritually mature men, who are ordained (set aside by the church), and provide wise counsel and practical ministry support for our pastor and staff.

DEACONS are nominated by the church, interviewed and vetted by deacon officers and the senior pastor, and ordained to serve three-year terms. Our pastors and ministers are held to the scriptural standard of spiritual leadership and ministry.

MINISTRY TEAMS

Our ministry teams are responsible for setting policies and providing accountability for the operational side (not spiritual or pastoral) of church management. They are nominated by the church, vetted or qualified by the ministry coordination team and senior staff leadership, and elected to serve three year terms. These teams oversee matters such as finances, personnel, and building and grounds.

CHURCH VOTING

At Frisco First, the church membership votes on matters of importance to the whole church. This includes purchasing of property, building of buildings, borrowing of money, approving of annual budgets and the calling of full time pastoral leadership.

This section will help introduce you to the discipleship philosophy at Frisco First Baptist Church. We hope it helps us work together to create fully functioning disciples.

Jesus said: “If anyone wants to become my follower,﻿ he must deny﻿ himself, take up his cross,﻿ and follow me. (The NET, Mt 16:24). " However, the Bible goes on to make clear that submission, sacrifice, and obedience are nearly impossible alone. We all need more help than we realize. At Frisco First Baptist Church we want to help you become a fully functioning follower of Jesus. We exist to invite people into relationships with Jesus and each other. These relationships will help you in your journey to be like Jesus. The best environment to build and maintain these relationships will be found in our LIFEGroups.

Since Frisco First exists to invite people into relationships with Jesus and each other, we want people to join the family of God and the local expression of that family. As a family member, we encourage everyone to worship together and become part of a LIFEGroup. Our 'Texas Two Step' is essential in your journey to become a fully functioning follower of Jesus. However, we recognize that the “Two-Step” is incomplete without service. We need a strategy to reach the world where they live, work, and play. This is a major focus for us moving forward.

Being a fully functioning follower means three things: belonging, growing more like Jesus in community, and contributing to others' well-being.

Let's unravel the three values crucial to our mission. Though none of us have reached that destination, these milestones will light the path as we strive to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

We believe:

* + You BELONG here
  + We BECOME like Jesus together
  + Others BENEFIT through sharing

We hope everyone who walks with Frisco First finds a place to **belong**. Belonging is one of our most basic needs. The Bible refers to us as aliens, foreigners, and wanderers. We are all wanders until we are welcomed home. You can find a home in the family of God and in the local expression of that family, the church. As fully functioning followers of Jesus, we seek wanders in order to invite them into a relationship with Jesus. As they commit to following Jesus, we welcome them into the family by being part of a growing community.

Jesus' death for our sins changes our destination. His resurrection proves His power to change lives now. What He did on the cross is done, but what He is doing in our lives is ongoing and incomplete. Together we learn the words Jesus taught, how He spoke to others, and how all Scripture is fulfilled in Him. We also see how He treated others, His priorities on earth, and how He lived. **Becoming like Jesus** requires us to sacrifice our fragmented lives and come together for a new identity. We long to be a fully functioning follower of Jesus who lives in a growing community like He did.

Submitting to Scripture, we see our lives in God's story, not as heroes but as instruments for others' benefit. Your sharing matters in three key areas: witness, work, wealth.

You have a story on how you came to know Jesus. This story is unique, but you have another story too. How is the Gospel working in your life today? Be a witness to the transformation of becoming more like Jesus while inviting others into that journey.

As you invite others, recognize the equipping you have. He has given you gifts, passions, and opportunities. Your work matters because through service we demonstrate our love for Him and others.

Very few people consider themselves wealthy, but you are. You have been given time, talents, and treasure that the Lord wants you to use for the benefit of others. You are the stewards of the resources the Lord has given you. It is easy to convince ourselves that our gift does not matter, but it does. When we give freely, we grow and change as others are positively impacted. Those resources are multiplied in a community of people focused on Jesus. Your wealth is given to benefit others.

 SUMMARY

Jesus said: “If anyone wants to become my follower,﻿ he must deny﻿ himself, take up his cross,﻿ and follow me. (Mt 16:24). " Frisco First Baptist Church has created a clear and compelling discipleship pathway to make that a reality for every believer. Our discipleship strategy can be summarized in 10 ways:

Our three milestones are

* + Belong
  + Become
  + Benefit

Our seven waymarkers are:

* + Seek wanderers
  + Welcome everyone into the family
  + Grow understanding the words of Jesus
  + Set an example in the ways of Jesus
  + Witness by sharing your story
  + Work in your area of giftedness
  + Use your wealth (time, talent, treasures) for the glory of God

We asked people what they loved about Frisco First Baptist Church, here is a sample of their texts:

* The family atmosphere and godly humility… of our people
* The Christian relationships we have gained and grown with.
* The longevity of people. The servant leaders
* I love that the people here are seeking the lost and are committed to this community and expanding their horizons.
* I appreciate the Godly leadership we see from our staff, the servant hearts we see every Sunday from our congregation, and the care and support we bring to life group all year long.
* Frisco First is a very welcoming church and teaches God’s word with passion. This is our home, and I am so thankful for the Lord and his people.
* Being able to be known and loved. And the way they pour into my kids.
* Frisco First has been the body of Christ for me and my family.
* Frisco first welcomed its arms to us in a time where my husband and my marriage was failing, and we needed support
* Community involvement
* Friendliness, love for the community
* The community, Pastor Chuck, and Blue/student ministry
* It’s warm welcome to anyone who comes through the door … we are family…there’s room at the table
* The people and the willingness to do be right and do right even though we are all far from perfect
* Multigenerational and multi ethnicities, the word preached, friendly
* This church has loved my family so well.
* The ability to reach all different people, age groups and backgrounds
* The sense of community.
* Authentic, humble, steadfast, care for youth, real, a hospital for sinners, clear direction, solid foundation, diversity, unity.
* Frisco First is a Bible believing, Bible preaching church
* The people and all the generations in this church
* The people that took the time to get to know me and care about me
* The people here are REAL. Worshipping here is a joy!