



History of Marshall Drive Baptist Church

Marshall Drive Baptist Church began in the fall of 1952 as a mission in Grand Prairie, Texas. The mission quickly organized into a church on December 12, 1952 as people responded to its message.

The church was named Grand Prairie Missionary Baptist Church and this small group of people met at 2021 Dallas Street with R. E. Rogers as their pastor. In the spring of 1953, land was purchased on Dalworth Street and a sanctuary was built.

In 1978, the land located at 717 East Marshall Drive was purchased and a 6,000 square foot structure was erected. Later in 1988, the building was enlarged by an additional 7,000 square feet and modifications were made to the original structure. Also a paved parking lot was constructed.

The Church has changed its name several times. Its first name, **Grand Prairie Missionary Baptist Church**, was changed to **Great Southwest Missionary Baptist Church** and later to **First Missionary Baptist Church**.

After that, it has become known as **Marshall Drive Baptist Church**.