

Round Rock Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Round Rock, Texas

The call for a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregation in the greater Round Rock, Texas area began when a few *Disciples* met to lay plans for organization in February 1983, in the home of Charles and Rilda Scarborough. The first service was held on October 2, 1983, at the Noah's Ark Day School, with some 50 people in attendance. In the Disciples tradition, a lay leadership steering committee guided the effort to organize and maintain the congregation. The congregation next worshipped in both Deepwood Elementary School and Chisholm Trail Middle School.

In January 1984, Reverend Dr. Ray Chester became the first fulltime pastor. In December 1985, a 5.71-acre parcel of land was purchased in northeast Round Rock. Following the untimely death of Dr. Chester, Rev. Dr. Dan Owen became interim minister in April 1987.

Rev. Dr. David A. Baker began his ministry on September 1, 1987. In the fall of 1988, *Phase I* of the master building plan began. This first building was dedicated on Easter, March 26, 1989. The church campus is in the northeast section of Round Rock at 22 Chalice Way.

With a vision to meet the needs of the growing community, in 1993 a committee began planning for *Phase II* of the campus. The second building, housing the fellowship hall, kitchen and classrooms, was dedicated in November 1997. During this period Rev. Mary Lou Johnston served as Associate Minister for Christian Education and Music along with Sr. Minister David Baker.

The congregation had grown to 335 members when Dr. Baker retired in June 2001. Rev. Dr. Larry Cowan served as Sr. Minister from June 2002 until June 2008. Rev. Kristen Galle served as Associate Minister in 2004 and 2005. In October 2008, a celebration was held commemorating the 25th anniversary of the church. Rev. Julie Wood served as Associate Minister for Youth & Christian Education in 2008-2009. Rev. Dr. Mark Miller and Rev. Dr. Oden Latham, Jr. each served as interim ministers during 2008-2009. Reverends Lisa and Paul Klaus became the co-pastors of Round Rock Christian on September 1, 2009, serving through June 2014. The Guiding Board approved the call of Reverend Linda McWhorter as transitional minister effective August 1, 2014 through December 2015.

Our current minister, Rev. Mitchell Maxted was called as Sr. Minister in the fall of 2015. Pastor Mitch and his wife, Kumi arrived in January 2016.

During the thirty-five year history of the congregation six members have answered the call to fulltime Christian service to become ministers of the gospel. Our *Timothy* roster includes the Reverends Karen Gaudet, Brian Frederick, Beth Graham, Kevin Haywood, Barry Smith and Venessa Harmel.

In recent years, RRCC has been blessed to have two additional congregations using our facilities for worship, study, and fellowship. The Shalom Seventh Day Adventist Church began worshipping in our sanctuary in April of 2013, and the Ministerio Internacional Manantial de Vida (Spring of Life) Church has been using our facilities since November of 2016. Both congregations are primarily Spanish-speaking.