

## Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church of Jesus Christ History

The **Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church** was organized on **March 29, 1952**, with **15 founding members** and several ministers, including Moderator Rev. M. Frazier. Services were held at various locations, and Mother Esther Turner submitted the name "Corinthian."

### Pastoral Leadership

- **Rev. Rubin Fields, Sr.** (1952-1963): Began his pastorate in 1953. Driven by a vision to own a church home, the growing 35-member congregation purchased property at **2455 Prospect** and moved into the building on December 6, 1956. He left in November 1963 for a pastorate in Indianapolis.
- **Rev. John F. Yolkum** (1964-1970): Was called in February 1964 and successfully cleared the church of its major indebtedness before leaving in August 1970.
- **Rev. Albert Baker** (1971-1982): Accepted the call in January 1971. The church faced a major setback when the **2455 Prospect location was destroyed by fire on April 8, 1974**. After worshipping in a temporary location, a new building was planned for 2455 Prospect in 1979, but a subsequent move took place to **3540 Woodland** in April 1980. Rev. Baker served until his death in December 1982.
- **Rev. Bobby G. Roberson** (1983-Present): Accepted the interim pastorate in December 1982 and was officially called as Pastor on March 10, 1983. He has led the church for **39 years**, the longest tenure of any Pastor. Under his leadership, the church moved to **3100 East 31st Street** in April 1985, which was remodeled with new educational and office facilities. The church then moved to its **present location at 6841 Sni-A-Bar Road** on June 2, 1991, receiving the property as a gift from the Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association, which had received it from the Eastwood Hills Baptist Church.

The Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church continues to grow and work diligently to build the Kingdom.