

lifechurchfarmington

Church History

1981

Word of Life Church began in the spring of 1981 with a small congregation assembling together in old Miller's Chapel on Highway A in pastor Leon's home town, Fredericktown, MO.

1981-1989

Word of Life congregation built our first church facility on Wilbert & Sis Miller's family farm on a corner plot of ground donated by Sis Miller. The church still stands there today and is currently pastored by a respected family friend and minister, Gene Rauls and his lovely wife, Shirley.

1989-1991

The Lord seemed to be directing us to move our congregation a little farther north into Farmington, MO. After an extended search for the right place, a young man unknown to us, showed up for our services one Sunday evening. He told us he had a building for us to use a church. Jim was from Farmington. We met for 2 years in the old Butterfield Florist Shop on D highway.

1991-2008

WOLC purchased nearly 14 acres of land on H Hwy in Farmington and began building of their current facility. Several years ago, we dropped 'Word of' and simply became ' Life Church Farmington.'

Leon & Anne remember the early years:

As a young married couple with two small children, we were living in Ostheime, Germany with several years of active military service. The Lord began to deal with us that we were to get out the military and follow His plan for our lives. God always leads one step at a time, and as you walk by faith in His plan He unfolds His directions. He slowly began to witness to our hearts and opened the doors for us to pioneer a church in Leon's hometown.. When we were standing and observing the original basement grounds being dug in Fredericktown, an elderly Pentecostal preacher spoke as she looked on with us that day, "I see buildings going in different directions. [That word was fulfilled in our present facility as we continued to expand our church]. In fulfilling a God-given dream, it often takes many different people that the Lord sends through the years to assist and accomplish that plan. And so it has been with us. The lord has been very gracious and blessed our lives with many of His good people. Very warm and heartfelt thanks to all who have helped to establish Life Church Farmington.