

- 1968 3.9 acre at 5075 Flintridge Dr purchased by Pikes Pikes Baptist Association for \$24,000
Northside Baptist Church (now Anchor Way Baptist) is sponsoring church
- 1971 William A. Dodder called as first pastor. Serves for 6 years**
- 1972 February 13, first services held at Helen Keller Elementary School
Jack Gaylor, first member to surrender to ministry (music)
- 1973 February 18, mission is constituted into a church with 48 charter members. Sunday School attendance is averaging around 70 people**
March 25, First Lord's Supper
April 22, Ground Breaking at Flintridge location on Easter Sunday
August 13-17, First Vacation Bible School
September 16, services are held at Flintridge location in the basement
October, first services held in the sanctuary
- 1974 Troy Bateson begins as 1st Minister of Music. Serves 2 years.**
- 1976 May 9, a larger Sunday School wing is completed.
Harold Daniels begins as 2nd Minister of Music. Serves 1 year.
- 1977 Sunday School enrollment is 325**
Jim Anderson begins as 3rd Minister of Music plus Youth Minister. Serves 4 years
- 1978 Ken Huffman begins as 1st Minister of Education. Serves 3 years.**
- 1979 March 11, Gary Christopherson begins serving as 2nd pastor. Serves for 13 years.**
- 1982 Ray Kilgore begins as 4th Minister of Music and 2nd Youth Minister. Serves 1 year.**
- 1983 Allen Gasper begins as 5th Minister of Music and 3rd Youth Minister. Serves 2 years.**
- 1984 *Building for Tomorrow* capital campaign.
Sanctuary is remodeled; theatre seats are replaced with pews,
August 18, BC begins serving as 6th Minister of Music and 4th Youth Minister. Serves 21 years.
Wayne Smith begins as 2nd Minister of Education. Serves 2 years.
- 1985 Handbell music ministry begins**
Youth and Graded Children Choirs begin
- 1986 July, Greg Cole begins to serve as 3rd Minister of Education. Serves 5 years.**
- 1987 January, Library/Media Center ministry begins**
October, first overseas mission trip – Partnership Evangelism Mission trip to Scotland. 11 total participate
- 1988 *First Mission trip to China (7 total thus far, plus 5 Ms)*
- 1990 September, Evangelism Explosion ministry begins**
- 1991 February, Note burning ceremony for Flintridge building and property
- 1991 Sponsor church for Rockrimmon Church; Mike Grebenik, pastor**
- 1993 January, Children's Church Ministry begins**
- 1994 March 6, Bobby Holt begins serving as the 3rd pastor**

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- 1995** *Project Nehemiah* capital campaign.
- 1995** **Cliff Jackson begins serving as 4th Minister of Education and Min of Administration Serves 9 years.**
- 1996** **Sponsor church for Gateway Rock Baptist Church mission; Donald McLachlan, church planter**
- 1996** May, 12.8 acres at Powers Blvd and Stetson Hills is purchased for \$850,000
First Mission Trip to Brazil (11 total thus far)
- 1997** **Minister of Music and Youth responsibilities are split**
August, www.vgbc.org goes live
September, AWANA ministry begins
October Dave May begins serving as Student and Family Minister (5th Youth Minister). Serves for 4 years
Church begins to have 3 morning worship services. Sunday School enrollment was over 650, with almost 400 in attendance every Sunday.
- 1998** *Miracle on Powers* capital campaign
Involvement with Operation Christmas Child begins
- 1999** February, Church votes to build on Powers and Stetson Hills.
July, Flintridge location is sold to Grace Bible Church.
First NAMB World Changers Mission Project (8 total)
August 1, Sunday morning worship begins at Mitchell High School, Sunday evening and midweek activities are at Rocky Mountain Chapel location; offices and midweek activities are at Flintridge Shopping Center.
- 2001** Sept 30, First Worship services are held at Powers and Stetson Hills
D Now begins
Victory on Powers capital campaign.
- 2002** September, MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers ministry begins
September, **Tobey Williams begins serving as Minister of Administration and Evangelism. Serves 5 years.**
- 2003** July, **David Boncler begins to serve as the 6th Minister of Youth**
September, a 3rd morning worship service is added
- 2004** **October, Todd Belmear begins to serve as the 5th Minister of Education**
Mime Ministry starts
- 2005** January, an additional 20 classrooms are added to facility via a new wing
January, www.vgbc.org redesigned
First Mission trip to Croatia (5 total thus far)
Boy Scout Troop 223 chartered
- 2006** January, **Jay Hill begins to serve as the 7th Minister of Music**
First Mission trip to Zimbabwe (3 total trips)
Freedom on Powers Capital Campaign
July, **Greg Teel begins to serve as the 1st Minister of Childhood Education**
- 2007** First Mission trip to Mexico
Radio Broadcasts begin on KGFT 100.7 FM

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- 2008** October, Acacia Park Homeless ministry begins
 November, Daniel Wiginton begins to serve as the 1st Minister of Singles
 Ministry with church in Philippines begins
- 2009** First Mission trip to Uganda
 May, www.vgbc.org redesigned
 The Vine (college/career worship & Bible Study) begins
 The Revolution (singles worship & Bible Study) begins

VGBC Staff – including interims

<u>Senior Pastor</u>	<u>Minister of Music</u>	<u>Minister of Youth</u>	<u>Minister of Education</u>
1971 William A. Dodder	1974 Troy Bateson		
	1976 Harold Daniels		
	1977 Jim Anderson (M&Y)	1977 Jim Anderson (Y&M)	
1978 Don Gurney, Interim			1978 Ken Huffman
1979 Gary Christopherson			
	1982 Ray Kilgore (M&Y)	1982 Ray Kilgore (Y&M)	
	1983 Alan Gaspar (M&Y)	1983 Alan Gaspar (Y&M)	
	1983 Dr. Charles Sharp, Interim		
	1984 BC (M&Y)	1984 BC (Y&M)	1984 Wayne Smith
			1986 Greg Cole
1992 Dale Holley, Interim		1997 Dave May	1995 Cliff Jackson
1994 Bobby Holt-current		2001 Tobey Williams, Interim	
	2006 Jay Hill-current	2003 David Boncler-current	2004 Todd Belmear-current
<u>Minister of Adm & Evangelism</u>	<u>Minister of Children</u>	<u>Minister of Singles</u>	
2002 Tobey Williams	2006 Greg Teel-current	2008 Daniel Wiginton-current	

Past Guest Speakers

Chuck Asay
Don Betts 8/06
David Bunch 5/94
Ron Clement 7/03
Jimmy Draper 5/03
Curtis French 1979
Tierce Green 2/94 9/96 Revivals
Daniel Henderson 10/09
Walter Hunt 12/04
Ron Dunn
Jeff Iorg 2/09
Tommy Lea 3/97 Revival

Foreign Missions – as of 11/09

1987 Mission trip to Scotland (1st overseas trip)
1988 Mission trip to Jamaica
1988 First Mission trip to China (7, plus 5 Ms)
1993 Mission trip to Russia
1996 First Mission Trip to Brazil (12)
2000 Mission trip to London
2003 Mission trip to Europe
2005 First Mission trip to Croatia (5)
2006 First Mission trip to Zimbabwe (3)
2007 First Mission trip to Mexico (3)
2008 Ministry with church in Philippines begins
2009 First Mission trip to Uganda

Recent Youth Trips

July 2003 Alaska
June 2004 Oklahoma/Texas
June 2005 New York
June 2006 Hurricane Katrina
June 2007 Rifle (MS Choir)
July 2007 Iowa (HS Choir)
June 2008 Cripple Creek (MS Choir)
July 2008 Montana (HS Choir)
July 2009 Oregon/Washington (HS Choir)

Doug Lohery 12/03
Charles Lowery
Calvin Miller 5/96 Revival 4/09
Alex McFarland 6/06
Jess Moody 8/97 Revival
John Morris
Paige Patterson 10/04
Herb Pederson 1/97
Lee Pitts, 10/92
Paul Powell 3/92 Revival
Mike Riddle 7/02 8/04
Terry Smith 3/93
Michael Toby 10/98 Revival

Stewardship Campaigns

1984 Building for Tomorrow
1996 Project Nehemiah
1998 Miracle on Powers
2001 Victory on Powers
2006 Freedom on Powers

Mime Tours

2007 (started with Middle Schoolers in Rifle in 2007)
2008
2009

Mission Colorado Springs (March Spring Break)

2004
2005
2006
2007
2009

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