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Pastor Dennis Fitzgerald retires after 42 years of ministry at Elmwood Baptist Church, Elmwood, Illinois



There will be a Retirement Celebration Service August 19, 2017 for Pastor & Mrs. Dennis Fitzgerald, who have served at Elmwood Baptist Church, Elmwood IL, for 42 years. The Program will be held at the church at 1:00 pm and an Open House from 2-4pm follows. All are invited!

Pastor and Mrs. Fitzgerald have 3 children, 11 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren, many who are following their footsteps of serving in ministry.

Pastor Fitzgerald has served in numerous ministries throughout the years. He served as Youth Minister at 1st Baptist Church in Oakland MN from 1962-1968 while attending and until graduation from Pillsbury Baptist Bible College. After graduating from PBC he became youth pastor at 1st Baptist in Milltown WI from 1968-1975. From there he went to Elmwood Baptist where he has faithfully served for 42 years. He has served on several boards: Slavic Baptist Mission, Ukraine, Faith Baptist Mission, Tucson AZ and Pillsbury Baptist College. He also served as VP for AIBCI and on the board numerous years.

In Elmwood Pastor Fitzgerald served on the Park Board and preached numerous funeral and memorial services in the community as well as Baccalaureates and commencements. In 2001 Pastor Fitzgerald received the Northland ministries Leadership Award in recognition of his Heart for ministry, his serving spirit and his directing of lives to God's service. He received a Master of Ministry degree from Northland Baptist Bible College in 1992.

Pastor & Mrs. Fitzgerald will be moving to Indianapolis in September to be near their son.