Introduction
The Olney Street Baptist Church is an affiliate of the American Baptist Churches of America. This predominantly African American Organization has served as a viable resource to Providence's East Side and Mt. Hope Neighborhoods since 1901. It is an historical landmark recognized for its leadership role in promoting spiritual guidance, labor relations and equity for all ethnicities. It is a featured landmark on Rhode Island's Afro-American Heritage Trail. Together, our members work to fulfill the needs of our community, and the Body of Christ.

A Glimpse of Our History and Mission
On December 18, 1901, the Olney Street Baptist Church was incorporated under The Laws of the State of Rhode Island. On this blessed day, eight God-fearing men ventured out on faith to find our church, and God has blessed us with more than 119 years in our house of worship. From this day forward, our Church's mission has always been, "To promote spiritual growth, evangelism and stewardship, through bible study, prayer, and development of ministries, throughout the body of Christ, and the community". Leading us with this mission was our first pastor Reverend E.H. McDonald. Today, serving as our interim pastor is Reverend Dr. Vincent Thompson.

Contrary to popular belief, OSBC was not always at the building where we currently worship. In 1960, the Lippitt Hill Redevelopment Program caused the church to be uprooted from its home on 30 Olney Street and seek temporary places to worship in facilities such as The Church of Our Savior and the Benefit Street Recreation Center in Providence, Rhode Island. It was not until May 1963 that the lot at 100 Olney Street was purchased, and the cornerstone was laid. The church's "modem construction", an early architectural rendering of the American Institute of Architects’ fellow RISD professor Irving B Haynes, symbolizes a positive aspect of the urban renewal and the resiliency of Olney Street Congregation. On July 1963, the pastor at the time, Reverend Percy A. Carter Jr. led the proud, joyous and thankful congregation in a march from Benefit Street to their new home at 100 Olney Street.

One of the most significant moments in the history of our church, was the burning of our mortgage on Sunday May 11, 2001.

God has continued to bless us over the years and for that, we are thankful. From our hymns and gospel music to our delicious soul food, spirit filled preached word and lively personalities, we are the Olney Street Baptist Church!
Our Church Community

Olney Street Baptist Church is located on the East Side of Providence Rhode Island. Providence is an urban city, home to over 170,000 people of numerous ethnic and religious backgrounds.

Providence is well known for a multitude of attractions. Ranging from the great educational institutions such as Brown University and the Rhode Island School of Design, to the 40 acre Roger Williams Park, to the lively and ever growing Downtown Providence to our proximity to Martha’s Vineyard, Boston, New York and other priority leisure/travel destinations. Providence is also home to Trinity Square Repertory Company, the Providence Performing Arts Center, WaterFire Providence (a free public art installation, a performance work, and urban festival), Providence College, Johnson & Wales University, and the Providence Children’s Museum.

OSBC has a great relationship with local organizations such as the Vincent Brown Recreation Center, Mount Hope Neighborhood Association, the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra, Brown University, RISD, RI General Assembly, RI Native American Counsel, Salvation Army, American Red Cross and more. OSBC has also maintained an active role in the American Baptist Women’s Ministries of RI.

As a way to continue to connect the church with its surrounding community, events such as food and school supply drives, block parties, concerts, neighborhood evangelism and tutoring sessions all take place to further support and bring spiritual comfort to the families and residents of Providence, RI.

OSBC Today

Here is some information about OSBC currently:

- We have 4 clergy members, 3 active deacons and 5 deaconesses.
- The church has multiple ministries and groups that our members participate in. Below is a list, just to name a few.
  - Youth Mission Team
  - Women Ministries
  - Senior, Men’s & Children’s Choirs
  - Deacon and Deaconesses Ministry
  - Evangelism Ministry
  - Trustee Ministry
  - Usher Ministry
  - Pastoral Relations Committee
  - Music Ministry (Children’s, Mass, and OSBC choirs)
  - Advisory Council
  - Board of Christian Education
- Church services are every Sunday morning. They include Sunday morning adult & children’s Sunday school, Sunday morning worship, Tuesday evening prayer service, and Wednesday evening Bible study. Our Sunday morning service is currently provided in-person, over teleconference line and via Facebook.
- OSBC has an active schedule of annual events & traditions including Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast, Annual May Breakfast, Vacation Bible School, Annual Church
Picnic, Homecoming Service, Black History Month Celebration, Annual Men’s & Women's Days, Pre-Thanksgiving community event, Watch Night Service, Graduation Sunday & Rose Butler Browne Scholarship Awards. OSBC also participates in an afterschool tutorial program and supports back to school efforts in Providence by obtaining donations of school supplies.

- OSBC has a current congregation of 85 members

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<th>Racial Breakdown</th>
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**Members:**

- Age 18-45: 13
- Age 46-64: 25
- Age 65 and Above: 47
Job Description

Olney Street Baptist Church

Part-time Senior Pastor (bi-vocational) for a congregation 85 voting members
This position may lead to full-time with increased membership and financial growth.

Qualifications/Responsibilities:
• Must be a person who is called by God, possesses a zeal for the Lord Jesus Christ through the proclamation of the Gospel, as well as be committed to living and serving in a manner consistent with the standards set forth in the Bible.
• Be an ordained American Baptist or another duly aligned Convention Minister who holds at least a Masters of Divinity Degree.
• Have at least 5-6 years of pastoral experience
• Meet the standard requirements for ministry as set forth by the American Baptist Churches USA and the American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island.
• Must pass a Background Criminal Investigation (BCI).
• Pastor is expected to lead the church to reach beyond its own constituency, in obedience to the commands of the Lord.
• Shall provide administrative duties and supervision over the total program of the church: shall be a member ex-officio of all ministries, committees, and auxiliary organizations of the church.
• Must be available as a counselor to all members of Olney Street and any other person who may need services.
• Pastor is expected to lead and plan worship services and any other activities in order to support staff as well as lay leaders.

Salary range: $26,000-$31,200 annually

To apply please submit your current resume to: osbc2005@verizon.net

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