

Historical Chronology of First Baptist Church Jasper, Texas

1855

Pastor:

15 members start First Baptist Church. There are the names of most of them: William Freeman, Rizen Sinclair, James T. Irwin, Fabean Adams, William Ferguson, John Merritt, Angeline Jones, Sarah Adams, Angeline Maund, Catherine Adams, Margaret Kelly, (?) White, (?) Westbrook. Church started on December 23, 1855. Adopted Principles of Faith. Early church disciplined members for use of intoxicating beverages, swearing, dancing, and adultery. When members repented, they were reinstated. W. W. Blackshear preached the first sermon. At this time the population of Jasper was 400.

1856

Pastor: W. W. Maund

Fabian Adams served as deacon. James S. Irvin was clerk. Adopted Order of Discipline, Gospel Order. W. W. Maund was called as pastor in March 1856. Four churches: Indian Creek, Zion Hill, Fellowship, First Baptist Church.

1857

Pastor: W. W. Maund. Bethlehem Association church letter read and sent. W. J. Garrard and N. H. Homan elected as deacons. W. W. Maund was pastor for new year.

1858

Pastor: W. W. Maund

Chose a building committee. Church letter to the Bethlehem Association. 50' by 50' Lot. First Building. Main and Milam. (Part of Spanish Land Grant)

1858 – 1891

These were discouraging years. Membership down to 28. There was talk of dissolving. Later years felt the effect of the Civil War.

1859

Pastor: W. W. Maund

Building enlarged in 1859. Baptist church was used by the Methodist and the 2nd and the 4th Sundays. Brother Shadrack, a slave of J. F. Renfro, received by experience into the fellowship. Pastor preached a missionary sermon and collection was taken. Took in gallery for more space.

1860

Pastor: W. W. Maund

Building enlarged again in 1860. W. W. Mound elected pastor for a new year. In June, received two colored sisters. Obituary for Eliza Seale.

1861

Pastor: W. W. Maund

W. W. Maund elected pastor. Looked into endorsing a school of high order in Jasper. Pay 1/5 of subscriptions every year until paid. Brother Mound was ill. Brother Fanchier will serve. (\$25). Decided to call names of males at conference meetings. 27 in Sunday School, in 7 classes.

1862

Pastor: W. W. Maund

Put up 2 horse racks. Reported church cold and in a declining condition. Baptized 2. Received 3 by letter. Total of 93 church members. Males 39. Females 43. Colored 11. \$8.15 to Associational missions.

1863

Pastor: W. W. Maund

Place of birth shouldn't be considered in membership. Losing members to the war and diseases in camps.

1864

Pastor: W. W. Maund

Baptized 3. Total membership 85. White males 29. White females 44.
Colored 15. December service held for benefit of the colored people.

1865

Pastor: W. W. Maund

Revival meeting. 11 for baptism. Associational meeting in Pinetucky(?)
Adjusted membership rolls. No information – marked “lost.”

1866

Pastor: A. S. Belk

February, A. S. Belk was called as supply pastor. September church letter
showed 2 Baptisms, 44 white females, 22 white males, 21 colored. Total 87
members. \$5.00 associational missions. 26 volumes for Library. W. W.
Maund, back in the pulpit.

1867

Pastor: W. B. Long, W. C. Southwell

September church letter showed 16 baptisms, 4 received by letter, total of 95
members. Motion to buy lights for the church. \$6.10 to Associational
missions. In October called W. S. Southwell as pastor. (was in a truly dead
state without a pastor.)

1868

Pastor: W. C. Southwell

September church letter showed 0 baptisms, 6 by letter, lettered out 42, 4 died.
Total 57. \$42.00 to pastor.

1869

Pastor: W. C. Southwell

Colored will use building 1 Sunday a month. Paid pastor \$27.25. Left unpaid \$64.50. Church letter showed 1 by baptism, 1 by letter, 51 total members. \$4.35 given to associational missions. 42 coloreds lettered out to form their own church.

1870

Pastor: W. C. Southwell, W. R. Blacksher

W. R. Blackshear became the pastor in March. Church letter showed 1 by letter. 48 members. \$3.00 given for Associational Missions. State of the church as cold and wickedness abounds apparently more than in any town in the vicinity.

1871

Pastor: W. C. Southwell

Church letter showed 1 by baptism, 2 by letter. Total membership 47.

1872

Pastor: R. M. Humphrey

Preamble and Resolution adopted (page 112) Domestic Missions discussed. Adopted apostolic mode of giving each sabbath as God has prospered us. Church letter showed 2 by baptism, 7 by letter. Total membership of 48.

1873

Pastor: W. C. Southwell

(W. M Reese, pastor chosen and declined) Voted to organize a Sunday School (page 122) 20 children in Sunday School. Church letter showed 4 by letter. Total membership of 42. \$4.50 given to Associational Missions. Voted to organize a prayer meeting.

1874

Pastor: W. M. Reese

Subscribed \$12.00 for missions. Letter to the district meeting states that for years the church has been in a cold and barren state. Drew up a form for dismissing members (page 133) Associational meeting held at First Baptist Church.

(A separate document indicated that J. H. Peddy served as pastor this year)

1875

Pastor:

1876

Pastor: J. H. Peddy

Few results. Sinners unaffected. Members careless and indifferent. Thought has been given to dissolving. Church letter, 8 Males, 20 Females. Total, 28.

1877

Pastor: W. C. Southwell

In October, W. C. Southwell, pastor for new year.

1878

Pastor: W. C. Southwell

Church letter adopted.

1879

Pastor: W. C. Southwell

Had preaching fairly regularly in 1879. No discipline. No accessions. No deaths. No conferences from January '79 to April 1880.

1880

Pastor: W. C. Southwell

Church letter adopted.

1881

Pastor: W. C. Southwell

Church letter adopted.

1882

Pastor: Probably started the year with W. C. Southwell

February trying to organize a Sabbath school. F. D. L. Kimmey, pastor for remainder of the year from May. Church adopted church letter.

1883

Pastor: F. D. L. Kimmey and George Cook

Kimmey and Cook serve as pastor until other arrangements can be made. Read and adopted church letter.

1884

Pastor: George Cook

From November 1883 to July 1884, George Cook preached regularly. Church had been repaired. Received 3 bracket lamps and 2 pulpit lamps. September – George Cook was the unanimous choice for pastor. (did not accept)

1885

Pastor: W. C. Southwell (a different document states J. L. Blackwell as pastor)

September church letter adopted.

1886

Pastor: W. C. Southwell

Preached on 4th Sunday. Deacon to make repairs to windows and doors. Adopted church letter. March – no service. Pastor was ill.

1887

Pastor: W. C. Southwell

May, called W. C. Southwell as pastor. Brother Belk to undertake repairing church building. Church letter read and approved. November – only 2 members present. No conference.

1888

Pastor: T. S. Allen

Revival – 1 addition by baptism.

1889

January – Brother Peddy preached.

April – (Missionary pastor). May Revival – 2 by letter, 1 by baptism.

1890

Pastor:

Etta Cook came for membership. Camp meeting in August. Lasted 9 days.

1891

Pastor:

August – protracted meeting. Many baptized in Sandy Creek. Dozer reflector lights illuminated the service. Motion to organize a prayer meeting. Church letter read and adopted. \$1600 gathered for building a church. Purchased the rest of lot 49. Motion to purchase an organ.

1892

Pastor: W. M Webb (Other document indicated W. I. Wingo)

Pastor (declined) salary - \$500 and a house rent free. W. J. Wingo, pastor. Organized Missionary Aid Society. 3 Women added to building committee. Motion to remove the old church building. Adopted a strick Church Communion. Lord's Supper – quarterly. Protracted meeting – 45 new

members. Total membership 127. Work began on new building with stained glass windows.

1893

Pastor: W. I. Wingo (other document indicated J. A. Smart)

Chose chairs for the building. Started taking up a collection at 11 O'clock Sunday. E. T. Kelly, Sexton to furnish oil for lamps.

Pastor's salary, \$600.00

1894

Pastor: J. A. Smart.

\$6.55 Associational Missions. Pastor went to SBC in Dallas. Invited Bethlehem Association to meet with FBC. J. A. Smart accepted a church in Beaumont.

1895

Pastor: J. O Hearne

J. O. Hearne called to pastor ½ time. \$300.00. Bought a wood stove and disposed of oil stove.

Property value, \$1,200. Stoves installed. Fence put up to keep out the hogs and goats.

1896

Pastor: J. O Hearne

Transportation for pastor to Colmesneil \$4 for team and driver. Motion – move choir to floor of church. March, J. O. Hearne – pastor full time \$600. Ladies Aid resigned from committee to collect pastor's salary. August – motion to fence church property. Associational letter: total members 85. 2 by letter, 0 by baptism (?)

1897

Pastor: J. O. Hearne

October, J. O. Hearne, pastor ½ time. Deferences in salary. Church letter, 86 members. Value of building, \$2000. Good Sunday School, 9 teachers, 45 pupils. Use Convention literature.

1898

Pastor: J. O. Hearne

Church letter, total membership 83. 1 by letter. Pastor's salary, \$300. Church property value - \$2000. Sunday School average - 35.

1899

Pastor: ?

Brother Hearne resigned because of health. Church letter, total membership - 82. 1 by baptism. Sunday School average - 47. Church value, \$2000.

1900

Pastor: No pastor this year

Total membership 78. Value of church \$1500. Sunday School average 37.

1901

Pastor: L. A. Woods

Little Christian work. No pastor. September, L. A. Woods ½ time pastor. Total membership 76. 48 in Sunday School. State Board will guarantee pastor's salary.

A separate document indicated, 78 Members. Jasper Population - 400.

1902

Pastor: L. A. Wood

(unclear word) each member be strictly accountable for violation of church rules - dancing, swearing, drunkenness. April - gambling, raffling and other

games are hurtful. Don't participate. L. A. Wood – pastor. \$300 for new year. Associational missions, \$10.00.

1903

Pastor: L. A. Wood

Declined to allow Freewill Methodist to preach in FBC. September, L. a. Wood, pastor for new year. Tenie Seale, organist. May Adams, Assistant organist.

1904

Pastor: L. A. Wood.

Try to raise salary to \$400. Brother Pritchett asked to be ordained to preach. Declined. Tenie Seale – organist.

1905

Pastor: T. B. Harrell

T. B. Harrell pastor - \$400 salary. Mrs. Bates, organist. \$3.00 Associational missions.

48 colored people on roll.

1906

Pastor: Brother Leland Malone

Brother Leland Malone called as pastor. After a successful meeting = baptism. . . 20, by letter . . . 6, Restored . . . 1.

1907

Pastor: W. S. Sims supply pastor

W. M. Gaddy called as pastor. Requests to the state Board for deficiency (if any) in the salary. W. M. Gaddy declined call. Brother W. S. Sims supply the pulpit until a pastor is called.

1908

Pastor: Thornton A. Payne

Solicitations for pastor's salary = \$11.50. \$762.00 per annum. Pastor = T. A. Payne. 13 additions. December. Church purchased a piano – church \$45.00, Sunday School, \$45.00 Ladies aid, \$45.00.

1909

Pastor: Brother J. W. Elliot

Brother J. W. Elliot called as pastor. Board supplemented salary. (December 26) First full time pastor. Bought a parsonage.

1910

Pastor: J. W. Elliot

Canvassing funds to buy parsonage (January) April. Horse racks and a bridge built \$802.00. May. Revise church toll. Wednesday night after 4th Sunday other churches were invited to meet to discuss a mission. 2 by letter. 1 by baptism. November Brother Elliot went to Beech Grove $\frac{1}{4}$ time. 16 baptisms. 10 letter. 1 restored. 100 in Sunday School. December 7 collection for Buckners.

1911

Pastor: Brother T. M. Thomas

Brother Elliot resigned. Electric light company approached about a light in the church. Brother T. M. Thomas called as pastor. \$2.00 per month for light. \$132.00 for wiring and fixtures. Tithing system adopted. October. Met to organize a new Association. October pledge to cooperate and stand by pastor.

1912

Pastor: E. A. Ingram

January 7. Brother Ingram called to care of church while in seminary. October 9. Finances not in good condition. Select choir leader. Sunday School teachers appointed. E. A. Ingram married Lola Cook in 1910. They were appointed missionaries to Brazil for 10 years.

1913

Pastor: E. A. Ingram

Questions concerning ones not living consistent lives. Resolution adopted Covenant (p. 49, 50, 51) Brother E. A. Ingram resigned. August 13. Charges of disorderly conduct. Letter from Brother Ingram. During the year 2 baptized, 4 letters. 4 moved. 3 died.

1914

Pastor: A. E. Bateman

Questions concerning money to be raised for pastor's salary. Brother Bateman accepted the call. Repair to parsonage. Borrow \$250. October 7 disorderly conduct. Members elected to S.E.T.A. Same ones to E.T.A. January 7. Printing bill for Newsboy \$13.35 for year: Baptized 7, moved 6 membership 176.

1915

Pastor: Bateman (a separate page names W. S. Young as pastor)

Brother Bateman resigned as pastor. He suggested J. S. Henderson of Arlington to replace himself. September 19: 33 Present Church in favor of calling above. October 26. Two names suggested for pastor: Brother F. J Harrell of Waco, Brother J. A. Smart. Moved that Brother Harrell be invited to come to preach. Brother Harrell refused but gave the name of Brother J. Windsor. Pastor's salary \$800.00 annum. Brother W. s. Young and Isaac Windsor were nominated. Brother Young 7 votes. Windsor 5.

1916

Pastor: W. S. Young

9 received by letter. February 3rd Sunday offering used for the poor. \$1.00 for cutting weeds and grass. Church building used for nothing but religious services.

1917

Pastor: W. S. Young (a separate page names A. S. Lee as pastor)

Beech grove again asked for $\frac{1}{4}$ of Pastor's time. Resolved we need him full time ourselves. Church needs a change in the pastorate. Brother Young's resignation accepted. Brother A. S. Lee invited to come for Revival. Brother A. S. Lee began his pastorate. Associational letter = Baptism 2, Letter 13, Members 229, Moved letter 6, Died 1.

1918

Pastor: A. S. Lee

Motion made to withdraw fellowship from members absent 3 months. Associational report from year. Baptisms = 18, letter 14, statement 1, death = 2, lettered out = 9. Total membership 251. A. S. Lee resigned to become a chaplain. Brother Lee returned.

1919

Pastor: A. S. Lee

Brother Lee in touch with Dr. Cross for Revival meeting. A motion to put Baptist Standard in all homes. Vote of renewed confidence in Brother Lee. Enlarge space for choir and build a community house later to be used as a pastor's home. A. W. Hill of Guthrie, KY called as pastor for \$1,800 per year.

1920

Pastor: R. F. Stokes

R. F. Stokes called to church. \$2100.00 salary. Money borrowed for pastor and wife to attend the SBC. Every family member to receive Baptist Standard. Membership 363. First Education Building. Property value, \$29,000.

1921

Pastor: R. F. Stokes

Discussion concerning seats and partition for the new building. Moved to discontinue subscriptions to Baptist Standard. Plans for a religious census. Committee instructed to put in water works and take out insurance on the new building. A standard of excellence was adopted. Revival August 28 -

September 11. 22 Baptisms. Mrs. R. F. Stokes elected director and organizer of the B. Y. P. U. work. Discussion of financial conditions for 1921 and problems confronting the church for 1922.

1922

Pastor: R. F. Stokes

January. Chairman appointed over the discipline of church. Pastor's salary reduced from \$175.00 to \$150.00 per month. February. A motion authorizing the installment of a telephone in pastor's study. Members asked to make disposition regarding their membership. March. Motion made for fence to keep hogs out of church. 1 by baptism. May. Motion to begin work to install library. Tap into water line to have water at church. June. Brother Stokes ordered to lock the church. Revival by I. C. Garrison. May 21 – June 4th. July. Motion authorized to install bathtub in parsonage. August. Resolution published in News Boy concerning dancing and Christian walk. September. 2 for baptism. November. Messengers appointed to Convention in Waco. December. Bill for \$42.00 to Newsboy.

1923

Pastor: R. F. Stokes

January. Voted for church supper. February. Report concerning supper. C. W. Culpepper of Port Arthur speaker. June. Deacons recommended ladies could use church for entertainment. August. Long trusted servant, Mr. Seale, resigned due to health. September. Brother Stokes granted leave of absence 'til health restored. A full salary. Present membership 363. December. Revival planned in future.

1924

Pastor: R.F. Stokes

May. Brother Stokes elected as messenger to Southern Baptist Convention. Revival led by W. Y Bond. 11 by letter or statement. 15 by baptism. October. A set of rules and regulations submitted for the janitor or sexton. October. Condition of church discussed. Majority suggested the trouble was themselves and not the pastor. A vote of confidence was offered Brother Stokes and his good wife in their good work. Beautiful words of encouragement. (October 26, 1924)

1925

Pastor: R. F. Stokes

April – curbing for building installed around the property. Arrangements made to build garage for the pastor. Religious census planned for town. October. Delegates appointed to Sabine Neches Association.

1926

Pastor:

January. Canvas of church membership. Motion made to order 150 modern hymnals. Training workers – over 50 attended. Exams held many received diplomas. October. Fans placed in the cradle roll and “Seg.” Department of the SS. E.A. Seale gave \$2000 for a new church building.

1927

Pastor:

Voted to remove fence around church and place shrubbery. July. Motion to install toilets in the pastor’s home and the church. September. Motion to install gas in pastor’s home. October. Messengers names to attend the State Convention. November. Members old and new enlisted who are not contributing regularly to church. Elected to change method of calling the pastor to a definite period of one year.

1928

Pastor: John Bell

May. Received by letter – 14. Received by baptism – 13. June. Janitor elected. \$20.00 per month. Motion made to take up collection for repairs on the pastor’s home. Brother Stokes resigned as pastor with regrets from the congregation. (June) Brother John Bell called as pastor. September. Messengers to the Sabine Valley Association appointed. Pastor’s baptismal suit purchased. \$25.00.

1929

Pastor: John Bell

Pastor given authority to select janitor and pay more than \$20.00 per month.

January, \$50.00 to Buckner's Orphan Home. Budget for next year presented. 43 for, 3 against. Yearly report through September: Baptized 28, by letter, 24, restored 2, total additions 54. Present membership 426. Losses by letter 32, erasure, 12, death 3 for total of 47. Average attendance 155. Messengers were appointed to the State Convention in Beaumont.

1930

Pastor: John Bell

February. Suggested 2 revivals this year, spring and fall. March \$50.00 to Buckners. Church to pay college at Marshall \$25.00 per month for 4 months. June \$50.00 to Baylor. October. Report = Baptism, 18, letter, 16, restored, 1. Total membership 385. Cooperative program, \$1800.

1931

Pastor: John Bell

February. Budget changed until receipts come in. Revival planned for June. Church budget revised and adopted. 7 deacons by secret ballot to be adopted. September. Report, Baptism 17, Letter 17, membership 404. Women enlisted in WMU 45 with 35 attending. Lottie Moon offering \$35.00.

1932

Pastor: John Bell, E. A. Ingram

September. Annual report, Baptism 6, Letter 17, Statement 1. Ballot report = E. A. Ingram, 56 votes. R. J. Brown, 7 votes. Lewis Farrell 4 votes. E. A. Ingram elected as pastor. July. Brother Ingram felt duty bound to stay with church in Shreveport 'til middle of August. Membership 426.

1933

Pastor: E. A. Ingram

Membership 426

1934

Pastor: E. A. Ingram

First VBS, 250

1935

Pastor: E. A. Ingram

Total Membership 469. Cooperative Program, \$6187.00. Active campaign launched for a new church building.

1936

Pastor: E. A. Ingram

1937

Pastor: E. A. Ingram

1938

Pastor: E. A. Ingram

1939

Pastor: E. A. Ingram

1940

Pastor: E. A. Ingram

Building fund. New building \$50,00. (debt \$9,500) October 3, 1940, held services in new sanctuary.

1941

Pastor: E. A. Ingram

1942

Pastor: E. A. Ingram

Baccalaureate service held in FBC.

1943

Pastor: E. A. Ingram

Church dedicated on October 31, 1943. Debt free. Cost, \$50,000. The building would seat 500.

1944

Pastor: E. A. Ingram

E. A. Ingram resigned on December 6, 1944. Total membership, 553. Cooperative Program, \$6600. North Baptist Church pledged financial support March 9, 1944. 63 baptisms. Average attendance 198. Total value of property, \$64,000.

1945

Pastor: Herman Coe

April 1, 1945 Herman Coe. March 6, 1945 voted to sponsor Adams Chapel. Property lots 49, 50, 51, 52. Total membership, 518. Baptized 25. Average attendance, 229.

1946

Pastor: Hermon Coe

Education building (Part of Brother Ingram's plans was consolidated). Total membership 1000. Baptized 69. Sunday School average attendance, 294.

1947

Pastor: Hermon Coe

Baptized 39. Total membership 1049. Average attendance 314. Study course
- 64.

1948

Pastor: Hermon Coe

Salary \$400. Participated in tithing campaigns. Collection given to **Texas Drys**. Had a Boy Scout Troop. Contributed to Mexican Orphanage. Broadcasted Sunday sermon. Mr. Munsell built Education building - \$112,000. Membership, 1058. Resident Membership, 712. Average Sunday School, 260.

1949

Pastor: Hermon Coe

Education building completed at a cost of \$101,379. C. V. Lindseys presented parsonage to the church. \$35,000. Total membership, 1167. Baptized 42. Added 80. Resident members 739. Sunday School 361. 2 story Education building added to east of sanctuary for \$150,000. Bought 728 chairs for the education building. Took a religious census.

1950

Pastor: W. M. White

Total Membership 1167. Cooperative Program, \$3750. Resident members, 797. Tithers, 177. Sunday School average attendance, 359. Coe resigned June, 1960. Benton Sherrod ordained. WMU ladies beautified the parsonage yard.

1951

Pastor: W. M. White

Total membership 1228. Baptized 33. Average Sunday School attendance, 365. Value of church property, \$280,000. Brother White preached a revival April 18-29. 54 baptized, 20 by letter. Mrs. Bass was secretary. Cassie palmer, custodian.

1952

Pastor: W. M. White

Redecorated the sanctuary in December. Total Membership, 1288. Baptized 53.

1953

Pastor: W. M. White

Total membership, 1255. Baptized 19. Average Sunday School attendance 440.

1954

Pastor: W. M. White

Baptized 66. Membership, 1330. Plans for Education building begun, \$150,000. Church established and paid for a \$22,600 brick veneer mission which accommodates 125 people. Average attendance in Sunday School, 546.

1955

Pastor: W. M. White

Total membership, 1406. Cooperative Program, \$8,000. Baptized 60. Sunday School attendance, 599. Value of church property and pastor home, \$450,000.

1956

Pastor: W. M. White

Mrs. Bill Garner, music

1349 total church membership. 50 Baptisms. Resident membership 944. Average attendance, 576. Ervin Maclin ordained, October 14. Only 6 committees appointed by pastor.

1957

Pastor: W. M. White

Mrs. Bill Garner, music.

Baptized 28. Membership, 1394. Property value, \$650,000. Mrs. Jetton, Mrs. Chamber & Mary Bridge-Walker, nursery workers. Church has 3 orphanages in the budget. 285 made 100% in 6-point record system. Bought a new organ.

1958

Pastor: W. M. White

A.L. Wilson, Music

1387 church members. Resident membership, 932. Baptized 40. Property deeded to Hillcrest Mission, 1958. Sunday School attendance, 499. Built Camp Lousa at East Texas Baptist Encampment. Hired architect for Education building.

1959

Pastor: W. M. White

Total membership, 1402. Education building completed, \$150,000. A full block – Main to Milan. 46 Baptized. Average attendance in Sunday School, 547. Number of tithers = 323. Total membership, 1414. Parsonage was airconditioned. Church supper on Wednesday night. Ordained C. C. Risenhoover.

1960

Pastor: W. M. White

Total membership, 1471. Resident membership, 960. Baptized 50. East Jasper Mission in April. Average attendance, 510. Nursery, 50. W. C. Koonce, pastor at mission.

1961

Pastor: W. M. White

Charles Cowley – music.

Voted to finance Tanglewood mission. Total Membership, 1501. Resident membership, 1006. Baptized 30. Sunday School average attendance, 509. Deacon rotation system in place.

1962

Pastor: W. M. White, Charles Cowley

Total Membership, 1523. Baptized 58. Property value, \$909,000. Church librarian – Frances Glover. Average attendance, 480. W.M.U. 94. Gave a scholarship to Marilyn Loftin. Put up F.B.C. sign along highway.

1963

Pastor: W. M. White

Total membership 1512. Resident membership, 1137. Baptized 17. Average Sunday School attendance, 450. Property value, \$947,400. Charley Cowley resigned September 4. Brother E. A. Ingram supplied for a month. Murphy & Campbell property purchased for \$55,000.

1964

Pastor: Andrew Allen

Andrew Allen became the pastor October 28, 1964. Total membership, 1444. Resident membership, 827. Baptized 61. Average Attendance, 459. Part time music, Joe Anthony.

1965

Pastor: Andrew Allen

E. A. Ingram – pastor emeritus. Total Membership, 1627. Resident membership, 1027. Baptized 29. Average attendance, 468. Reece Wisdom, Music/education. First Day School, Kindergarten. 9 children. Jane Smith, teacher. Budget was \$90,000. Property value - \$947,400. Lots purchased for Rayburn Baptist church.

1970 – 1971

Pastor:

Renovation project. Sanctuary and lowed Auditorium completed, renovated. Total membership 1,441. Tithers – 340. Pastor’s salary, \$6,300. Average attendance, 373.

1971

Pastor:

Baptized 30.

1972

Pastor: Robert Cheek

Music – LeRoy Kipp. 725 resident membership. 685 non-resident membership. Sunday School, 390. 1648 Church membership. Giving 16% to the Cooperative Program and 1 ½ % to Association. Budget, \$193,685.16. \$18,057 – Cooperative Program. Church property worth \$1,029,400.

1974

Pastor: Robert Cheek

\$1,250 Texas offering. \$1,275 USA offering. \$4,057 Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

1975

Pastor:

\$1,235 Texas offering. \$1,350 USA offering. \$4,860 Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

Total membership 1469. Baptisms – 22. Average in Sunday School, 355. Children’s church began.

1976

Pastor: Robert Cheek

Baptized 17. Total membership 1427, Resident membership 730. Average Sunday School 344. Cooperative Program, \$23,289.

\$1,250 Texas offering. \$1,354 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. \$4,989 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

1977

Pastor: Robert Cheek

Total membership, 1410. Resident membership 725. Baptized 10. Sunday School average, 309.

\$1,050 Texas offering. \$1,285 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. \$4,505 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

1978

Pastor: Robert Cheek

Music: Leroy Kipp

Youth: Harold Johnson

Total membership, 1442. Resident membership, 845. Baptized 30. Directory.

\$1,090 Texas Offering. \$1,315 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. \$5,324 Lottie Moon Easter Offering.

1979

Pastor: Robert Cheek

Music: LeRoy Kipp

Youth: Harold Johnson

Looking into the feasibility of a Family Life Center. Baptized 29. Resident membership, 864. Total membership 1441. Property value: \$1,110,00. Average Sunday School attendance, 351. WMU 89. Church voted to finish paying down payment for building for Mexican Mission, "meeting on the Square", 2nd Sunday night of the summer months.

\$1,074 Texas Offering. \$1,500 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. \$5,117 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

1980

Pastor: Robert Cheek

Music: LeRoy Kipp

Interim: Brother R. E. Barclay

Burned the note. Church was debt free. Brother Cheek resigned, October 12, 1980. Love offering, \$8,950. Baptized 30. Resident membership 891. Total membership 1452. Church property valued at \$1,200,000. Average Sunday School attendance, 349. WMU, 125. Bus ministry. 125th Anniversary, December 14.

Giving File missing. 125th year celebration. Texas historical marker dedicated on Sunday, December 14, 1980. Wording of the historical marker:

The First Baptist church of Jasper.

This church was organized on December 23, 1855, with 15 members. The establishment of the fellowship was directed by a presbytery consisting of ministers John Bean, William Blackshear, E.S. Phelps, and W.W. Maund. The first service was conducted on Christmas day by the Rev. Blackshear. Another church organizer, the Rev. Maund, served as the initial pastor. In 1856 the church elected the first deacon, Fabian Adams, a local merchant who served as a trustee for the Jasper Collegiate Institute.

The fellowship, which included slaves as early as 1859, worshiped at this site in a small wooden sanctuary. Despite a decline in membership during the 1870's the church later outgrew the facility. A larger wooden building was constructed here in 1893, following a year of exceptional growth for the congregation, with minor additions, the structure served the members until the present sanctuary was completed in 1943. During the second pastorate of Dr. W.A. Ingram.

The First Baptist Church has been instrumental in the development of area missions. Congregations sponsored by the church include Adams Chapel, North Baptist, Hillcrest Mission, and Tanglewood Mission. (1980)

1981

Pastor: W. H Markham

Education and Outreach: Howard Johnson

Leroy Kipp ordained in February. Baptized 28. Resident membership 898. Total membership 1478. Church property valued at \$1,500,000. Average Sunday School attendance, 331. WMU 139. August 19, 1981 – LeRoy Kipp

resigned. May 13 – R. E. Barclay, interim. June 3 – Brother Markham presided. Church parsonage made ready at price of \$8000 + \$2000 moving cost.

Total membership 1418. Baptized 28. Sunday School average attendance, 331.

1982

Pastor: W. H. Markham

Music: Randy Monroe

(Glenda Carmack led music after Monroe left)

Total membership 1386. Resident membership 783. Baptized 9. Average Sunday School attendance 328. Property valued at \$1,500,000. Directory.

\$1,793 Texas Offering. \$3,099 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. \$12,338 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

1983

Pastor: David Roberson

Music: Glendon Sanders

June 15, 1983, Brother Markham resigned. Doctorate degree from Luther Rice Seminary. Total membership 1399. Resident membership 801. Baptized 21. Average Sunday School attendance 322. Glendon Sanders became music minister June 17, 1983

\$3,075 Texas Offering. \$3,018 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. \$17,791 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Total Membership 1399. Resident Membership 801. Baptized 21. Average Sunday School attendance 322.

1984

Pastor: David Roberson

Rayburn church plans began. Charles Copal – pastor. Changed bylaws concerning church membership. Membership 1423. Resident membership 845. Baptized 14. Average Sunday School attendance 312.

\$3,520 Texas Offering. \$5,787 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. \$19,046 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

1985

Pastor: David Roberson

Education: Jimmie Kepler, October 1984. Rayburn church dedicated November 24. Resident Membership 860. Non-Resident membership 596. Average Sunday School attendance 331.

\$3,135 Texas Offering. \$3,637 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. \$20,406 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

1986

Pastor: David Roberson

Bryan South – June 1986

Glendon Sanders

Jimmie Kepler

Happy Years organized. Floyd and Becky French commissioned as missionaries to Japan. 860 Resident membership. 381 Average Sunday School attendance.

\$3641 Texas Offering. \$3,913 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. \$11,674 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

1987

Pastor: David Roberson

Glendon Sanders

Jimmie Kepler

Bryan South

Bought 3 stainless steel cribs for nursery. Baptized 7. Average Sunday School attendance, 336. Resident membership 878.

\$4,281 Texas Offering. \$3,893 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. \$11,866 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

1988

Pastor: David Roberson

Glendon

Jimmie

Bryan South

Youth trip to Corpus Christi. 4 competed for Bible drill. Baptist Men's Day observed. Total membership 1450. Average Sunday School attendance, 312. Baptized 6. Property Value, \$2,095,000.

\$3,210 Texas Offering. \$7,262 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. \$13,994 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

1989

Pastor: David Roberson.

Resigned June 1989 after 5 years and 8 months. 13 baptized. Resident membership 815. Total membership 1429. Average Sunday School attendance, 304. Total Receipts, \$465,620. Cooperative Program, 18%. Robert Cheek interim. Repaired roof on Education Building.

\$4,673 Texas Offering. \$6,421 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. \$16,281 Lottie Moon Christmas

1990

Pastor: Ed Robinson

Ed Robinson, February 18, 1990. Music – Glendon Sanders. Resigned December 19, 1990. Baptized 8. Additions by letter, 24. Resident membership, 787. Total membership 1449. Average Sunday School attendance, 286. WMU, 118. Brotherhood, 12. Cooperative Program, \$63,816. Value of the property, \$2,750,000.

\$3,051 Texas Offering. \$5,132 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. \$8281 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

1991

Pastor: Ed Robinson

Youth – Ken Gutherie

Children's church. Bob Cheek Day August 18. Pictural collage of pastors hanging in the foyer. Prayed for the boys in the Persian gulf. Ervin Maclin, Cook.

\$4,013 Texas Offering. \$5,436 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. \$13,482 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Membership 1440. Resident membership 785. Average Sunday School attendance 286. WMU 66. Baptized 6. Additions by letter 26.

1992

Pastor: Ed Robinson

Music – Woody Wade

SMAK. May 31: jack (?), Jann Sheffield, Donate hymnals. Greeters at doors of the church. Bill Hardell revival in Dale ? See you at the Pole.

\$6,450 Texas Offering. \$5,228 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Membership 1543. Resident membership 861. Sunday School average attendance 263. WMU 84. Baptized 6. Additions by letter 22.

1993

Pastor: Ed Robinson

Woody Wade

Ken Gutherie resigned May 30. Church survey made by mail. Dr. Venord Johnson concert on February 14. Jack Terry revival L(?) Melone and Tristy Smith.

Membership 1493. Resident membership 861. Sunday School average attendance 247. WMU 105. Baptized 14. Additions by letter 20.

1994

Pastor: Ed Robinson

Woody Wade

Jack Terry

SMAK

Membership 1161. Resident membership 592. Sunday School average attendance 241. WMU 114. Baptized 7. Additions by letter 18.

1995

Pastor: Ed Robinson

Membership 1158. Resident membership 621. Sunday School average attendance 246. WMU 97. Baptized 12. Additions by letter 37. June, celebrated 140 years with open house. \$700,000 restoration project.

1996

Pastor: Ed Robinson

Music: Woody Wade

Brandon Henson

Ervin Maclin Kitchen completed. Work began on parlor.

Membership 1175. Resident membership 633. Average Sunday School attendance 256. WMU 140. Baptized 11. Additions by letter 19.

1997

Pastor: Ed Robinson

Family Life Center plans. Ray Harper, architect. \$5000 given to food pantry at Roganville. Joe Singleton, longtime custodian, retired.

Total membership 1200. Resident membership 600. Average Sunday School attendance 250. WMU 36. Baptized 19. Additions by letter 32.

1998

Pastor: Ed Robinson

Brother Robinson died in September. Troy Knight ordained. Family deacon ministry instituted. Restructured Sunday School. April, Woody Wade resigned. May, Woody Wade returned. Deacon of the week implemented. Brother Ed led the church and community through the James Byrd ordeal.

1999

Interim pastors: B. C. McCoy, Brother Ritchie

Education building renovated. Paid \$7025 on Brother Ed's medical expenses. 20 chairs given to HWY 256 Mission. Happy Years went to Ridgecrest.

Baptisms 10. Average Sunday School attendance 190. Total Membership 1091. Resident membership 496. Property value, \$3,693.600/

2000

Pastor: Ron Vickers

Ron Vickers February 1. Changed the policy for receiving members. FAITH program instituted.

Texas offering, \$1861. Annie Armstrong offering, \$4,147. Lottie Moon Christmas offering, \$6,180. Total membership 1115. Resident membership 524. Baptized 12. Average Sunday School 218. Total Membership 1115. Resident membership 524. Baptized 12. Average Sunday School attendance 218.

2001

Pastor: Ron Vickers

Nigerian Mission.

Total membership 1106. Baptized 8. Sunday School average attendance, 210. WMU 33. Cooperative Program \$52,156. Value of Property, \$3,472,380.

2002

Pastor: Ron Vickers

Boat for the Nigerian Mission. Honduras Mission trip.

Total Membership 1081. Baptized 7. Other additions 0. 497 Sunday School enrollment. Average Sunday School attendance 184. Vacation Bible School 296. Total Receipts \$717,056. Cooperative Program gifts \$56,938. Associational missions gifts \$15,553.

2003

Pastor: Ron Vickers

June 17, 2003, the sanctuary building which open in 1943 burned to the ground. Ron Vickers resigned August 24. Honduran Mission trip.

Total membership 1079. Baptized 4. Other additions 14. Sunday School enrollment 488. Sunday School average attendance 148. Receipts \$972,705. Cooperative Program \$44,326. Associational Missions gifts \$14,438. Recognized for greatest total missions given in 2003. August 24, Brother Vickers resigned. Lottie Moon Christmas offering \$7,678.

2004

Intentional Interim: Dr. Jim Adams