

Reflections Of Our
Church History
1901 - 1996

FOREWORD

By the grace of God, First Baptist Church has grown and has been a major influence in Pasadena for ninety-five years. It has ministered to spiritual and material needs both at home and in world-wide missions. First Baptist Church has multiplied throughout its history — only to discover that the more we are blessed, the more responsibility we are given.

With our eyes looking to our God and our Savior, we look to the future. We know He will bless all endeavors done in His name. We also know that His grace is sufficient to meet all our needs as we call on Him for guidance. As we serve, may we always lift Him up.

We hope you'll enjoy reading these historical highlights.

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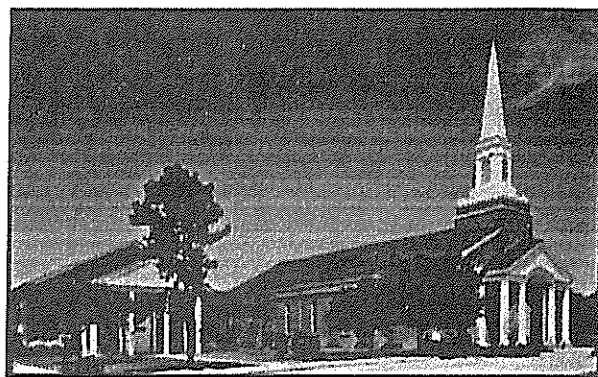
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October 27, 1996

Dear Family,

Yes, we are family. We are church family and we are indebted to those who had the vision to start a work for God in Pasadena, Texas ninety-five years ago. From its beginning to the present, First Baptist Church, Pasadena, Texas has always been a people with a heart for God and for God's work at home and around the world. In these ninety-five years thousands have been saved, eight new churches have been started, many called to special Christian service and untold lives loved and helped. I join with you in thanking God for a glorious past.

On our ninety-fifth anniversary we continue with the vision that has always been our church's vision — "planting and watering" at home and around the world (I Cor. 3:6). God will use the faithful and obedient for the work He has for us. The additional work at the Fairmont location is reaching new people now and will in time to come reach thousands upon thousands for Jesus. The downtown work continues to reach people for Jesus and touch lives for His glory. First Baptist Christian Academy now has grown through grade six and is making a difference in the lives of boys and girls. The Bread of Life food ministry meets needs each week beyond most of our understanding. At the same time, our church continues to support mission work at home and around the world as one of Texas Baptist's largest mission giving churches. The exciting thing to me is what God will yet do. In five years it will be 2001 and our dear church will celebrate its 100th birthday. God help us build upon what we inherited that others can come and build even better. Thanking God for the past, dedicated to the present and anticipating the future we press on believing the best is yet to be.

For Him!

Charles Redmond,
Pastor

OUR PASTORS OVER 95 YEARS

1. W. F. Smith, June 27, 1902
2. J. F. McLeod, November 22, 1983
3. J. H. Ellis, October 29, 1905 - October 31, 1906
4. Eli Loose, January 1907 - April 12, 1908
5. O. M. Smith, May 24, 1908 - 1910 (served twice)
6. W. W. Burr, February 12, 1911 - 1913
7. O. M. Smith, 1913 - 1916 (second time)
8. W. J. David, 1917 - 1920
9. J. F. High, 1921 - 1922
10. E. P. Hardin, 1923 - 1924
11. Dr. M. E. Broadus, 1925 - April 1, 1928
12. J. A. Chestnut, April 8, 1928 - September 9, 1928
13. M. A. Darby, December 12, 1928 - 1937
14. Dr. Mark H. Richards, May 19, 1937 - April 28, 1940
15. Dr. L. D. Morgan, May 5, 1940 - September 9, 1973
16. Darrell W. Robinson, August 24, 1973 - December 31, 1981
17. Dr. G. Barry Landrum, December 1982 - January 31, 1988
18. Dr. Charles Redmond, January 1990

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, PASADENA

Celebration 95 Years of Reaching Out

The ninety-five years that First Baptist Church of Pasadena has been reaching out to its community are exciting because the church has been faithful in exalting the Savior, preaching God's Word, and witnessing to the lost and unchurched. From a thorough study of these past ninety-five years, you will find yourself linked from the past to the present in the goals that have been set for our church's ministry.

REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

The first organized Baptist work in this territory was at Deepwater, a few miles away, where a church was maintained for a short time. The earliest available record states that this church was moved to Pasadena in 1898. Here a struggling band of Baptists were disrupted by the 1900 hurricane. Rallying from the demoralizing effect of the storm, Rev. P.M. Murphy reorganized the church on October 28, 1901, and the name was changed from Deepwater Baptist Church to Pasadena Missionary Baptist Church. There were seventeen (17) charter members:

Deacons

W. B. Williams
W. P. Coolidge
T. M. Harwell

Other Members

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| Ella Williams | Sadie Coolidge |
| Mrs. M. E. Dickerson | Arthur L. Dickerson |
| James Williams | Mrs. A. F. Williams |
| Mrs. Lou Harwell | Betty Harwell |
| Zeola Harwell | Mrs. Lucy Saderwhite |
| Charlie Saderwhite | Mrs. Minnie Starnes |
| Mrs. Annie Pomeroy | E. P. Pomeroy |

On the day of organization, W. P. Coolidge was elected Church Clerk and Treasurer. He served faithfully and efficiently. With great joy and anticipation on May 26, 1902 the church extended a call to its first pastor, Rev. W. F. Smith. He began his pastoral duties one month later.

Our church of twenty members became a part of its association, Union Association, in 1902 in Conroe, Texas. This association through the years, due to growth, has divided itself into five different groups. But at its juncture, there were thirty churches. At the first Annual Meeting that Pasadena Missionary Baptist Church was a part, the two messengers were W. B. Williams and W. P. Coolidge. At this time, there were only 30 churches in the association with a total membership of 2,163. Also reported were 23 ministers, 18 Sunday Schools, 5 Unions (where different denominations met for Bible study), and 7 Ladies' Aid Societies (the forerunner of Women's Missionary Union).

In Pasadena at this time the Baptist and Methodist congregations alternated their preaching services in the one-room school house at the corner of Jackson (formerly 8th Street) and South Shaver. This alternation continued until the Baptists were able to erect their own building. However, each Sunday we had a Union Sunday School with Baptists and Methodists meeting together. The class divisions were Toddlers to Age 12, 13 to Young Marrieds, and Adults. Because each congregation had its own pastor, they alternated in supplying the pulpit.

A movement was started in 1902 to secure a building site for a house of worship. The property at Broadway and South Main was purchased with the cooperation of the Baptist General Convention of Texas under the direction of W. M. Caddy, general missionary from the Convention Board. A car load of lumber was secured from an east Texas saw mill; one-half being donated, and the church paying for the other half as well as the costs of freight.

The building was finally completed in 1903 under the pastoral leadership of Rev. J. F. McLeod. However, he never preached in this new pulpit and for almost two years only interim pastors served until Rev. J. H. Ellis began his ministry in 1904.

Once in their new building, the congregation had the privilege of ordaining two ministers and a large number of deacons. The two newly ordained ministers, Eli Loose and J. A. Chestnut, later became pastors of our own church.

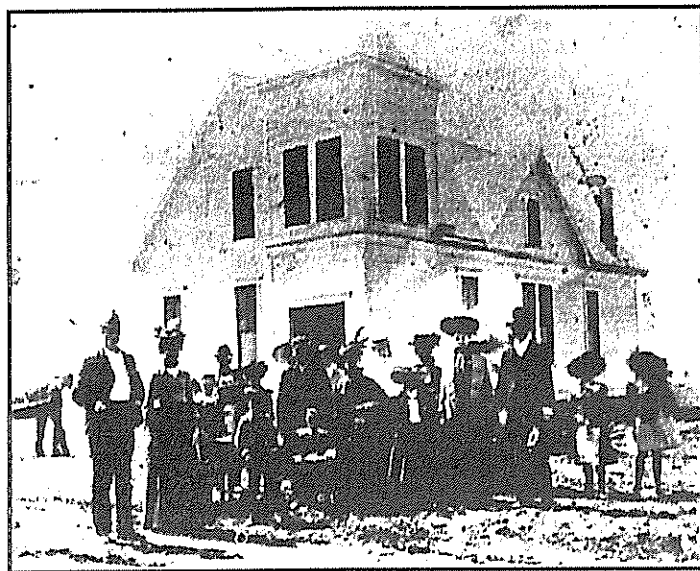
GLIMPSES OF THE PAST

1902

Pasadena Baptist church called Brother Smith as their pastor for half-time (bi-vocational) for the seven months left in the convention year for a grant total of \$100.

1903

In the same business session where the Pasadena Baptist Church resolved its problems of paying the new pastor's salary it also voted to begin encouraging its members to try to give more for its proposed mission. In order to call Bro. McLeod as Pasadena Baptist Church's pastor the members made public their pledges for his salary. The pledges ranged from \$30 to \$1. They needed \$200 but only had \$181 pledged but stepped out on faith and called Bro. McLeod anyway.



1904

Bro. Clyde Coolidge asked for the church's forgiveness because he had been dancing. the church granted forgiveness and then formulated a plan of action if this happened again. They decided "all dancing games" was dancing and anyone was subject to the discipline of the church if they indulged in same. Each family further agreed to not allow these "plays" at their homes.

Pasadena Baptist Church had its first tent revival. They called it a "grand success" as 17 people confessed Christ and 4 united with the church by letter. It cost \$9.75 to hold the revival but the offerings only totaled \$8.89 so the deacons had to make up the extra 88 cents so their books would balance.

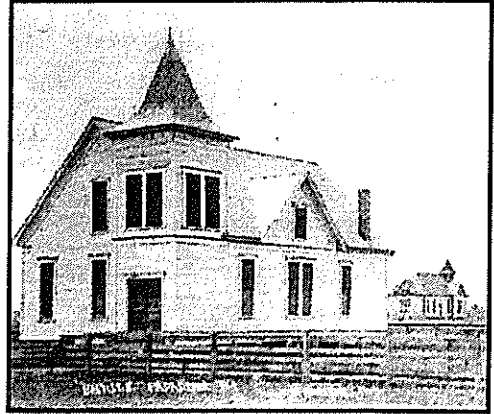
Pasadena Baptist Church took out its first building loan with the Home Mission Board at .06% interest payable in 1-2-3 years of equal amounts.

The congregation voted to call their pastor, Bro. McLeod, for another year. (The pastor was only called on a year-to-year renewable basis following a church vote.)

On November 24, 1904 a special Thanksgiving Day morning service was held. For the evening service they had a "Sunday School Reunion" where a large crowd gathered for this special occasion, giving thanks for blessings they had received.

1905

At the regular business meeting of Pasadena Baptist Church, Dr. T. C. Loose and his wife were appointed as a committee to organize A B.Y.P.U. (Baptist Young People's Union), the forerunner of Church Training.



1906

Pasadena Baptist Church decided that one Sunday night each month for the next six months that the church meet and work on a Harrisburg ministry (Harrisburg being a small community between Pasadena and Houston).

In church conference plans began to be made for the month of June. For the first time Pasadena Baptist Church planned to hold a "Children's Day Exercise" on the second Sunday of June. This was the forerunner to Vacation Bible School.

1907

The term for revival was Protracted Meeting. In the summer of 1907 the Protracted Meeting resulted in 24 by baptism and 2 by letter. The church clerk termed the meeting as "glorious."

Eli Loose was elected Pastor for the coming year — he had been a member of the church and the church had ordained him to the ministry in October of 1905.

1908

O. M. SMITH (1908 - 1910)

Ladies Aid (forerunner to Woman's Missionary Union) took up a collection at each meeting that the women were able to save from their "egg" money and at various times the church borrowed from them. In 1907 they loaned the church \$7.00 to pay for a year's insurance on the church building. In 1909 it was suggested by the Deacons that the Ladies Aid begin to pay one-half of the janitor's salary.

On Sunday, September 10, 1908, we as a church family pledged \$50 a year to Associational Missions due to growth in our area.

1910

Pasadena Baptist Church began having a service for Mexicans on the first Sunday of each month at 3:00 p.m. This work was carried out by Milton Jackson, Church Clerk Pro Tem.

The deacons began a program of visiting "members not in good standing." After the first month of this program the church was much encouraged as members were being returned to the fellowship of the church.

1911

W. W. BURR (1911 - 1913)

The church voted to begin having "Prayer Meeting" every Thursday night. A different church leader presided each week.

The Body of Deacons met with the Officers of the Church to make a list of families for each deacon to be responsible for. The purpose of this was to "better facilitate the work of collecting for the Pastor's salary."

They also adopted the following schedule of offerings for the church:

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| Second Sunday in March | Baptist Sanitarium |
| Second Sunday in April | Home and Foreign Missions |
| Second Sunday in July | Associational Missions |
| Second Sunday in September | Buckner's Orphans Home |
| Fourth Sunday in October | State Missions |
| Fourth Sunday in November | Old Ministers' Relief |

When calling Bro. Burr as our pastor, the Board of Deacons and Officers of the church wrote to him and instructed him "to deduct enough time from our church to balance our account with him or from \$350 which he expected to get and \$285 which has been pledged by members of the church."

O. M. SMITH (1913 - 1916) (1913 - 1916, his second pastorate)

W. J. DAVID (1917 - 1920)

J. F. HIGH (1921 - 1922)

E. P. HARDIN (1923 - 1924)

From 8/3/11 to 1/3/26 — no church minutes exist.

1926

Our church staff was finally established when the church had: Pastor, Treasurer, Church Clerk, Church Secretary, Nominating Committee, B.Y.P.U., Junior B.Y.P.U. (broken into two groups) and a Church Pianist.

DR. M. E. BROADUS (1925 - 1928)

Plans were made to have a revival meeting which began on the third Sunday in March. For this special occasion:

1. The church made plans to have dinner served on the lawn.
2. The Pastor invited a church orchestra to entertain that day.

The church authorized a committee to purchase new pews (until this time there were individual seats). They were to be two colors, arranged in three rows, and the committee would authorize the seating of the church.

Woman's Mission Union reported at the business meeting that they were proud to note they had paid all the bills the church had asked them to underwrite and had a balance of \$25.

Pasadena Baptist Church voted to join Pasadena Methodist Church and the Pentecostal Church in a Union Meeting beginning June 13 and ending June 26.

The church voted to give the Pastor "a vacation with pay — the vacation was to last the entire month — this was a short meeting — on account of unfavorable weather."

1927

Pasadena Baptist Church began its "Mission Action" by being a part of a community committee for the Mississippi Flood Relief Fund. To raise funds for this relief a Mass Meeting was called for Friday night for the benefit of the "Mississippi Flood Suffering."

Pasadena Baptist Church dismissed its services and accepted invitations to attend the Baccalaureate Sermon in the school auditorium.

The Pastor's wife, Mrs. M. E. Broadus, began Sunbeams (forerunner of Mission Friends) and by October reported they "were progressing nicely."

The church gave \$5 out of the general fund for helping their returned missionary, Miss Nannie David. This became a monthly form of support for her and her work until February of 1928.

J. A. CHESTNUT (April - September 1928)

1928

The steady growth of the church created need for an educational building which was erected in 1928 behind the church auditorium. This little white building continued to be used for the next 26 years.

The church's first budget campaign was planned to begin on April 1st and it was to be called "Conquest Campaign."

The church's parsonage was finally painted and "piped" for hot water and gas! This cost the church \$30.

Under the direction of the new pastor, Bro. J. A. Chestnut, the church organized a "Worker's Cabinet." The nominating committee filled this cabinet which was a group of church members to take the very first religious census of the community. Here are the assignments:

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| C. T. Coolidge | South Houston |
| J. O. Riggs | Sinclair, Clinton-Galena |
| Mr. Hodges | Harrisburg, Park Place |
| Mr. Cargill | Lynchburg |
| Mr. Phillips | Pasadena |
| Mr. Hodges | Deepwater, Deer Park |

After the music committee spent two months trying to decide which singer to have for the upcoming revival, the revival was "postponed indefinitely on account of misfortune — our beloved pastor having to submit to an operation for appendicitis."

After much waiting "baptismal trousers" finally arrived. However, on that same Sunday the pastor resigned and much discussion followed as to whether the pastor could take the trousers with him — finally after a vote, Pasadena Baptist Church decided to keep its "baptismal trousers."

Mission work began at Goose Creek under the direction of the W.M.U. and by the end of the year a church was organized in Goose Creek.

The church wished to call Rev. Porter but \$150 per month was needed. The church was involved in members making subscriptions for this cause and they decided the best way to raise the money was to do it after they had heard him preach. They finally heard five men before they had enough subscriptions. Rev. A. M. Holland received the call but he did not accept it. Finally, in a ballot vote, Bro. Darby got the call. Bro. Darby was a brother to two other preachers who were all blind.

A heating system was finally installed in the church and V. E. Abbott led in the Baylor Campaign to secure pledges for the school.

M. A. DARBY (1928 - 1937)

A finance committee was appointed because a 24 x 30 two-story addition to the church was needed and for the first time the church was going to accept bids. After much study a 30 x 60 one-story building was placed on the back of the church property.

1929

Church members met to place shell around the new building and to build more pews — also deacons and Pastor Darby began seeing church members who had fallen behind on their pledges toward the \$600 loan at the bank which was due soon.

Sunday School now had specific age categories: Adults, Young People, Intermediates, Juniors, Primary, Beginners, Cradle Roll & Home Department.

1930

An "Advertising Committee for Sunday School" began operating to remedy the summer slump. They were to "look after absentees by sending a card, visiting them, or telephoning them, also to invite new ones to become members."

We bought two new pianos with benches and their upkeep for one year for two Sunday School departments for a grand total of \$80. We put \$20 down and paid \$10 a month for six months to pay them off!

We finally had Mr. C. T. Coolidge, a church member, to officially lead the choir each Sunday. He was to be assisted by Miss Arnold who would direct the choir on Wednesday nights.

The church dismissed its services to attend the revival at the Methodist church both morning and evening.

1931

After the annual budget campaign, the "Financial Secretary" reported a total of 113 pledges of \$249.06 per month up to date in comparison to 30 pledges before completed budget adopted.

Rev. and Mrs. V. L. David, missionaries to Spain, occupied the church parsonage in the absence of the pastor. While home on furlough, he served as the pastor. Few changes were made under their leadership — she led the church to buy equipment for beginner and primary departments and he led the church to begin study courses and an enlargement campaign.

As a result of the establishment of a Budget Committee, the church approved \$100 for Woman's Missionary Society for next year and two recommendations: one, that if such amount is not raised each "object" (area) would suffer alike and two, if we go above the amount, the money above budget would go into a Building Fund. These were approved with the exception that the object of the pastor's salary not suffer in the case of not raising the amount of the budget.

1932

Those who collected the offering were titled "Basket Collection Committee." They also were able to buy one dozen communion glasses!

Because our pastor was holding special services in Golden Acres, our church voted to allow any who joined that fellowship a membership in our church. Work with the Mexicans continued with donations made by individuals in our congregation. With no objections made, our church unanimously voted to allow Mexican candidates to be baptized in our baptistry.

"Motion was made and accepted that we have Christmas programme. Committee to be appointed after the pastor and financial committee have met."

1933

A "Round Up" committee was organized to see the membership in order that the budget might be met.

At the regular business meeting, it was pointed out that the lawn needed some attention so the first "House and Grounds Committee" was appointed. This was not a unanimous decision because some members felt the deacons should handle this!

Fans were suggested for the auditorium and one was installed for trial purposes. "The suggestion was talked down in favor of ventilators."

Woman's Missionary Union, led by Mrs. A. B. Moody, donated the \$12 they had in their treasury (all "egg money" and sugar bowl funds) for the purpose of placing a water fountain on the church lawn.

"Motion was made and carried that anyone talking against or saying harmful things about the pastor, he will be called upon by a committee of deacons selected from their number by them, and if he does not desist and apologize, his case will be taken care of in the usual manner, to wit: withdrawing fellowship from him."

1934

Business meeting was disrupted in the midst of revival plans due to the convictions of Bro. L. O. Allen. His conviction held "that this church does not need a paid singer, and that it is not Biblical to pay a singer." This motion carried!

The beginning of the Booster Band under the leadership of Sister Hodges.

Concern and confusion occurred over the clock in the building, due to its loud tick and striking. It was finally decided that the clock should be taken down until after the meeting and then should be replaced.

Preparation began for "Tree Christmas Eve," a new outreach tool for the church.

1935

Withdrawal of fellowship was issued for J. Williard. "In Bro. Thomas' report he stated that in J. Williard's conversation with him, Williard stated that he was an atheist, that there was no God, that he was not a member of the Pasadena Baptist Church and did not want to be. He then blasphemed God and the church vehemently. Other discussion brought from others that he had been heard to call such Bible characters as Moses and the disciples names such as "old codgers," and "those old men."

After a thorough study of space needs the church decided that "the present auditorium was inadequate and any building there to would rapidly become so," that they deemed it advisable to move the present auditorium and place it behind the educational building, thereby leaving space for a new auditorium and largely solving the Sunday School needs with the old building."

To pay for the new auditorium the church began the "Prove Me" Plan.

MARK H. RICHARDS (1937 to 1940)

The church bought adjoining lot and moved the 40 x 70 foot parsonage to it. This enabled the old building to be used for educational purposes and this new one became our new auditorium.

1938

To start the new year we chose to change our name from Pasadena Baptist Church to First Baptist Church of Pasadena.

DR. L. D. MORGAN (1940 - 1973)

1940

Early in 1940, this church took the initiative in an effort to consolidate the two churches then in Pasadena by adopting a motion to invite Memorial Baptist Church to combine with them, and also expressed a willingness

to accept their pastor. The majority of the members of Memorial Baptist church agreed to accept the terms of invitation, but the consolidation was never fully realized. According to the agreement, the combined church called Rev. L. D. Morgan and he began his ministry May 5, 1940.

Two new areas of growth occurred this year. A nursery was started so mothers could attend services and a space was allotted as a "Library" to be filled with donated books.

1941

With the beginning of World War II, the reactivation of Ellington Field, the large influx of industrial workers in ship building, paper and fiber production, and oil refining, the population of Pasadena began to grow rapidly. This made it extremely difficult for the institutions of the city to keep pace. Realizing that we had a responsibility to minister to the spiritual needs of our community we had to do some renovating on the church property. The original building was moved to the adjacent lots acquired during this period and converted into space for educational use. The frame educational building now had a brick and tile lower floor added, the frame portion being jacked up to constitute a second story. On the newly acquired lots a two-story brick and tile building with more than 7,500 square feet of floor space was erected. This year due to church growth we were able to hire a Minister of Music, C. J. Atchison, and a pianist, Mrs. Bessie Neugebauer.

1942-43

Due to crowded conditions and thanking God for continued growth, the time came to add additional space. The nursery building, of a similar construction as the main building, of 1600 square feet was erected and then furnished with modern equipment.

1944

Realizing that the church could not adequately discharge its responsibility to those who needed its ministry with its one group of centrally located buildings, it followed a new policy of establishing mission points in new additions to the city. This first undertaking was the establishment of a mission in the new Pasadena Gardens Development. Their first meeting was November 5th.

1945

The church purchased the land for a new parsonage at a cost of \$875. This lot is located on the corner of South Walker and Jackson Street.

Our mission work in Pasadena Gardens now organized into a church and 39 names were transferred onto their roll. This mission became Second Baptist Church of Pasadena.

On January 28, \$1,350 was given to the church to purchase our first organ.

1947

The church authorized the purchase of 14" wooden chairs instead of steel ones because steel ones were no longer being made due to the Korean War.

Ordained Brother Morris Wright to the ministry after serving as Associate Pastor for the summer when he was licensed. The church presented him a Bible as a gift.

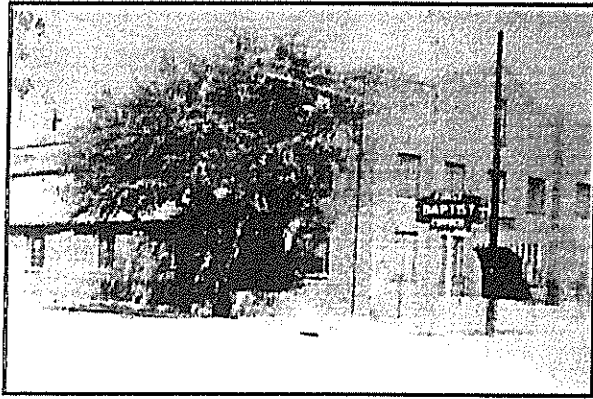
In August 1947, Brother D. C. Hamilton was called to serve as choir director and associate pastor. Property was purchased to build a Mexican Mission.

1948

June 2, 1948 the church accepted a bid of \$55,000 to remodel the church auditorium; \$975 for air conditioning, and \$5,000 for pews. The church borrowed \$90,000 at four percent interest. The seating capacity of the sanctuary

was increased to more than 800; 3,000 additional square feet of floor space was added for educational use and the building was completely air conditioned. The final cost was \$70,000.

1949



Need for \$2,000 for the construction of a parsonage for the pastor of our Mexican mission.

All men of the church left their blood types on files in the office to be prepared for blood needs.

1950

The nursery began to be opened for all church meetings for children from preschool through four years.

Our new missionary endeavor was in the Sunset Terrace and adjoining subdivisions. We began construction of Sunset Terrace Mission with the plans that costs were not

to exceed \$25,000. A one-story brick veneer building with 4,200 square feet of floor space was erected and completely furnished during the fall and winter of this year. This work enjoyed unusual response from the very beginning and has been completely self-sustaining. Brother R. T. Blalock was immediately elected as mission pastor.

The highlight of our church and community this year was the commissioning of the two Pasadena "kids," Morris and Joyce Wright for Foreign Missionary Service to Tokyo, Japan. This was the beginning of a 35-year service with the Foreign Mission Board.

1951

On July 15, Richey Street Baptist Church, our Sunset Terrace Mission, organized into an independent Baptist church, we deeded all property to them, they assumed all debts and we "lettered out" 133 members.

Discussion and request "that something be done toward cooling the educational building."

In previous years the Girls' Auxiliary Coronation and the Royal Ambassadors' Recognition Service were held jointly but this year due to growth the Girls' Auxiliary Coronation was held separately. More than thirty girls were rewarded for their work on their Forward Steps completed this past year.

A special offering to raise \$2,500 to be used on the Youth Center was taken. The site for this modern recreation center is 313 South Main. The dedication of this building was in conjunction with the church's Golden Anniversary to be celebrated the first Sunday in November.

"Loyalty Day" — the day we subscribed our budget was a great success.

A "box-lunch" was held after morning service in observance of our church's 50th Anniversary.

With a renewed commitment of reaching Pasadena, we found it time to:

1. Have a visitor's card printed to be used in worship service.
2. Have a post card to mail to visitors.
3. Have a pamphlet to be used at visitation with facts about our church, and a schedule of our activities.

1952

Our church began to mail a record of giving once a quarter only to members who signed pledge cards.

Employ a full-time educational secretary with a salary not to exceed \$225 per month.

Paid \$250 as our share toward defraying the expense of a Bible teacher to be hired by the high school to teach a Bible class for the school district.

Nursery building built for children, birth through 18 months — air conditioned and centrally heated.

1953

April 29, 1953, we voted to purchase 6 acres at 1604 S. Tatar for \$51,250. This decision climaxed much prayer and planning concerning reaching Pasadena's lost people for Christ. Though difficult to take one congregation and make two, the majority of the membership chose to leave the South Main location.



1954

On May 30, 1954 all 501 church members moved into Southmore Junior High School to worship until our new church was built.

In the fall of 1954 groundbreaking for the first wing of the church plant was begun. The building contract was granted to Pyramid Construction Company for \$193,561.

You will notice our average attendance is higher than our enrollment. This is because we are giving average Sunday School attendance for the year and we are giving present enrollment of our church since our division in May.

Even though we were in the midst of building last year, we maintained our vision for reaching Pasadena by organizing South Avenue Baptist Church on March 14, 1954.

1955

On January 5, 1955 a motion was made and carried that we deed a 63 x 300 foot lot on South Avenue to South Avenue Baptist Church

A new Plymouth car was given to Morris and Joyce Wright for their use while on furlough.

This year also brought us a new Minister of Education and Music, W. H. Wheelless. His new administration with emphasis on training brought about much new growth due to the dividing of Sunday School and Training Union departments. His musical abilities led to the discovery of new talent in the church and led to the graded choir system.

April 10, 1955: GRAND DAY OF THE MOVE! We came out of the school and into our new building with no pews, only folding chairs and curtains for Sunday School dividers. On this rainy Sunday we had 701 present.

On June 1 an additional acre was purchased for the church plant for \$25,000.

September 18, 1955 a call was extended to Mr. Bill Wheelless as music and educational director at \$5,300 a year and \$1,000 car expense.

As our church complex grew so did our maintenance needs. So from Greenville, Mississippi came Sam and Ethel Chapman, who stayed with us for 27 years. Their love for our church was so strong that from the shine

of the floors to the nursery beds being changed between services they worked alongside us to the glory of our Lord.

1956

On July 1, the church occupied its new enlarged quarters, the second unit of the church plant, which enabled us to have a church kitchen, new church offices, and additional Sunday School classrooms. The cost for this extra space was \$120,997.

1960

Groundbreaking for Phase III of the church plant — the new auditorium — was held on April 3. After the morning worship service, the congregation met outside to watch Dr. Morgan turn the first spade of dirt. The contract for the new auditorium went to Scheffe Construction Company, Inc. of Houston for \$258,965.

1961

Our dream was finally realized when we occupied our new 1600-seat auditorium on March 5, 1961 with an all-time record of 1,232 Sunday School attendance, 399 in Training Union, and \$5,074.04 offering.

The following Sunday, March 12, at 2:00 p.m. we dedicated our new building with a service that culminated in the setting of the cornerstone by our own deacon, Mason Baker, and concluded with an open house.

1962

Royal Ambassador program was enlarged to include ages nine through seventeen:

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| Crusaders | 9-11 years |
| Pioneers | 12-14 years |
| Ambassadors | 15-17 years |

Church giving to the Cooperative Program was 15% of receipts, to Associational Missions was 2% of receipts, and to the Baptist colleges 1% of receipts.

1963

Due to the racial unrest that America was feeling, we as a church family adopted the following resolution:

Be it resolved: in the event of members of the Negro race visiting our church for any of its services that they be seated and that they be treated with the respect and courtesy becoming a Christian.

Wednesday night suppers began to allow teachers and officers more planning time. Charges for the meals were 60¢ for adults and 35¢ for ages 12 and below.

1964

The Pastor, Minister of Education, Minister of Music, Youth Director, Educational Committee, Finance Committee, and Recreation Committee made a study of our educational and recreational facilities and needs and reported to the deacons that we had needs for expansion. These plans did not come to fruition until eight years later when our Family Activities Center was completed.

1965

Our deacons led us to hire someone to water, stake and take care of the trees on the church property as we worked to continually upgrade our property.

This year also brought us Dan Sampson, our new Minister of Music. Many changes occurred under his leadership. Preschool and Younger Children's Choirs were begun. Mission trips were incorporated with choir. Voice training for choir members was started and, because of this, the choir experienced much growth and added a new dimension to our worship services.

1966

Remodeling seemed to be a never-ending task so we decided that we take \$2,500 from the building fund: \$2,000 to apply on painting the exterior of the building and \$500 to purchase a new IBM typewriter. Phase IV of the continuing building of the church plant needed to be underway. It was decided to approve negotiations for a permanent long-term loan of \$450,000 to finance the total indebtedness and to arrange for funds for an educational wing.

Because Pasadena continued to grow in the summer of this year, we met together to survey, canvass, and purchase land for our newest mission, Sagemont Baptist Chapel. Our pastor's son, John Morgan, became the mission pastor. Many of our members became the core family.

1967

Because we at First Baptist always led our city and state in facing political issues, the announcement was made by Bro. Morgan of a rally to be held in the church auditorium, Sunday afternoon, March 12. This rally concerned liquor-by-the-drink and pari-mutual betting and taught us courses of action we could take.

The back foyer of the auditorium needed to be carpeted so at a cost not to exceed \$2,000 we did so, giving us continuous carpeting on which to enter the auditorium.

On August 1, 1967 Roland E. Hill was called to be Associate Pastor in charge of education.

1968

The final phase of the Master Plan was completed in April 1968. This building housed the new office suites, chapel and additional educational space and was built at a cost of \$158,418 and was built by the Howard Construction Company of Houston, Texas.

In August our youth, under the direction of Betty Sue Craven (Beebe), took their very first youth mission trip. They traveled to Rio Hondo and worked with Valley Baptist Academy and the Rio Grande River Ministry in Vacation Bible Schools.

Deacons recommended that the church dismiss all services Sunday night, October 6, 1968, and meet with Sagemont Baptist Chapel for the purpose of organizing them into an independent Southern Baptist church.

1969

Due to our home mission concern, the church allowed Rev. Roland Hill to participate in the Alaska Simultaneous Revivals from March 16 through March 30. The church contributed \$500 for expenses.

In May we had our first WIN School under the direction of Roland Hill. This became another phase of our evangelism education.

1970

This year found us reaching out to not only our own but our world by sending missionaries. Miss Gaynor Yancey, our Christian Social Ministries Home Missionary began her ministry in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the Allen Williams family began their Foreign Mission work in Malawi, Africa.

In early March of 1970 a revival was held. The movement of the Holy Spirit causing life-changing experiences in all age groups before, during and after the period was "truly a once-in-a-lifetime" experience. The impact of

this spiritual revival was felt not only by our membership but by the people in the city and beyond as well. Every service was “packed out” with people standing along the walls. Young people, for example, following the guidance of the Holy spirit, shared with their friends at school, invited them and brought them by the “car loads” to the revival. Only our Lord knows the final number and magnitude of decisions resulting from this revival. We do know that during the period from March 1 through March 8, 1970, 62 people were baptized in our baptistry.

1971

The Bus Ministry was started April 1, 1971 with the purchase of a bus. In July, Dan Sampson began working with the Bus Ministry and two more buses were purchased.

Children’s Worship Service was begun by meeting in the chapel. This enabled us to teach our bus children more Bible and gave them an opportunity to learn about worship services.

A contract was let to Chas. J. Fleming Construction company on October 10, 1971 to build a Family Activities Center at a cost of \$112,500 for the building and furnishings. This FAC (gym) was completed on May 1972.

One of the highlights for the year was our High School Choir’s Mission Trip to New York.

1972

May 1, 1972 the Family Activities Center was completed. This opened a new horizon for reaching Pasadena for Christ by giving to youth and young adults the opportunity to be in a Christian environment for recreation. Each Friday night our community had an open invitation to come and play.

1973

In September 1973, Dr. L. D. Morgan retired after being our pastor for 33 1/3 years. We celebrated this momentous occasion with a reception and a gift from the church family of \$25,000. The climax of this occasion was when Dr. Morgan handed the church keys over to Bro. Darrell Robinson after Dr. Morgan’s final sermon on Sunday, August 24. This was the final time Dr. Morgan led us to stand for the reading of the Word when he quoted “When Ezra opened the book, the people all stood up.”

DR. DARRELL ROBINSON (1973-1981)

Just one month after moving to our community, Bro. Darrell was called upon to preach the sermon for a young boy who rode one of our buses to church who had drowned. This Sunday morning sermon entitled “Throwing Ropes That Are Too Short” led God to pour out His Spirit and the invitation continued until past 1:00 p.m. The evangelistic witnessing that began with the death of this child continued for several years.

A new WIN School emphasis began for First, Pasadena when Bro. Darrell led us in the first step of his vision for reaching Pasadena.

1974

The church made plans for a city-wide crusade in March 1975 to be led by Jay Strack in the football stadium.

The parking lot was enlarged and topped — a great need due to our continued growth!

We decided to designate funds sent to Houston Baptist University as a scholarship fund for members of our church who qualify according to the university’s standard and are recommended by the church.

The church purchased a new travel bus from Superior Coach Sales at a cost of approximately \$20,000. It was a 40-passenger, V-8 gasoline engine, complete with travel features.

A mission tour to First Baptist of Beverly Hills, California, conducted by the New Heart Singers was the first chance to use the new travel bus.

Our deacons, feeling the need to work more closely with families in the church, organized themselves for the Deacon Shepherd Flock Ministry.

The church began a tape ministry: tapes of Bible studies, sermons, Christian music and other tapes that would be beneficial to evangelism, Christian growth, and instruction. Initial cost was \$1,680 which included tapes and tape players that could be checked out on a loan basis.

1975

Children's Bible Study Center was begun in the FAC building to include bus ministry children. This now gave us a totally fused program. With new sets of portable partitions, our gym became eight departments.

The Ministerial Training Program began this summer whereby young men and women could receive on-the-job training in preparation for a career in the ministry.

1976

Finally, the Morgan Fellowship Center was built and a canopy connected the MFC to the west end of the Main Building. This building was dedicated in memory of Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Morgan and their ministry at First Baptist.

Upon the deacons' recommendation, we voted to enlarge the church plant, the south corner property was purchased for \$90,000 to give us additional parking.

This summer, training to teach in Sunday School took on new meaning. STP began. Summer Training Program was held in Southmore Intermediate School from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. During this ten-week course, a visiting professor from Southwestern Theological Seminary came and lectured on subjects that related to teaching the Bible. Over 200 adults took this training under the direction of Steve Packer, Minister of Evangelism.

To continue our missions emphasis, \$25,000 was given to University Baptist Church in Clear Lake in support of a land purchase to build a church.

Also, \$2,500 was given to a Nebraska church in need of money to keep the new church in its building program.

Another Home Missions area of interest to us was Frank Radcliff and his work in Chicago. We helped support the Lord's work for eight years there.

A new area of ministry within the church family was Baby Dedication. This started as a once-a-year service where parents and their children born within the last year came to the altar to publicly dedicate that child and their parenting to the Lord. The congregation orally committed to pray for each of these family units.

First Baptist Church observed our 75th Anniversary on October 31, 1976.

1977

As of January 14, 1977, our church decided to employ a coordinator for weddings to be held in our church. Due to a donation, the church now owns all the equipment needed for decorating.

1978

On January 23, our church called Bro. Gonzalo Garcia to begin a Spanish Mission. This mission was a part of the Tatar church plant and met in the chapel until moving to our Pitts Street location.

The church, at the recommendation of the Missions Committee, purchased fifteen acres on Fairmont Parkway for a future mission church. This property was later traded to Memorial Baptist Church for their original building which now houses our Spanish and Korean Mission churches.

Camp Copass, Texas became the site of our first family camp. Studies were held for each age level and Bob George led the adult conferences.

Task Forces were organized by our deacons to better minister to the church family.

1979

Our Minister of Music, Dan Sampson, led us to end each service by holding hands and singing a new song he composed for our church, "People Sharing Jesus."

People sharing Jesus,
That's what the Master calls us to be.
People sharing Jesus,
I'm so glad he included me.
Gladly claim His promise,
I'll be with you every day and hour.
Let's be people sharing Jesus,
In the Holy Spirit's power.

Deacons recommended that the church give Dr. Morgan \$500 a month to help on the expense of nursing home care for Mrs. Morgan.

In May of this year, with the Korean population growing in Pasadena, we decided to call Bro. Daniel Moon to establish and pastor a new Korean Mission. This mission was housed within our church facility until moving to the Memorial property.

Better use of our facilities led us to build the new offices and a choir room. The library was relocated and the nursery was moved to the north end of our educational area.

Family Camp was moved to San Marcos Baptist Academy where it was held for several years and many families attended for the family-centered activities.

1980

Foreign Missions became a focus for us again as we sent nine of our men along with our pastor to Guyana to teach WIN Schools. This was a natural progression for us because we had had several Advanced WIN Schools and had offered a course for those who felt called to teach WIN Schools around our state, nation, and world.

1981

May 3rd was our high attendance Sunday with a goal of 4,000.

Rev. Joe Ballard was employed to begin a Satellite Ministry, reaching out to apartment dwellers.

The church obtained several lots on the west side of the FAC and MFC buildings facing Houston Street for additional parking and as future building sites.

Partnership Missions took on new meaning for our church when we sent several of our members to Brazil to witness and speak in churches.

During Bro. Darrell's years with us we each grew to be committed to a tri-fold focus for our church. Our goals were to always:

Exalt the Savior
Evangelize the Sinner, and
Equip the Saints.

Because these goals were of such importance to us as a church family, we had many WIN Schools to give us training. The WIN (Witness Involvement Now) Schools' impact was heard many times during church meetings when the questions were asked:

1. "How's your PMA (Positive Mental Attitude)?" and we answered, "Boy, am I enthusiastic," and
2. "What is a divine appointment?" and we answered, "When a willing witness crosses the path of a seeking soul."

1982

DR. BILL TOLAR (Interim Pastor)

This year could best be described as the Year of Prayer. With each meeting of any group of our church members we prayed for our pulpit committee. Periodically, Joe Davidson, chairperson of the committee, would report to us the awesome seriousness of their task and would encourage us to continue to be a people of prayer.

Dr. Tolar not only preached for us each Sunday morning and evening, but he directed us through Church Council and any other week-end gatherings in the paths of continuous growth. Bob Barnes, Minister of Administration, filled many roles to keep us organized.

Dr. Landrum became our pastor in December of 1982.

DR. G. BARRY LANDRUM (1982 - 1988)

1983

Dr. Landrum came to us from First Baptist Church, Bossier City, Louisiana. The pulpit committee composed of Joe Davidson, chairman, Juanita Helmle, Rick Carlisle, Sue Beckman, Ruby Jean Smith, Bobby Mills, O. M. Schmucker, Ben Brown, Doyle Seale, and James Stephens recommended him as a pastor who diligently preaches God's Word, loves people, and has a proven leadership record in building strong Bible-centered churches.

Two major decisions were made by the church to continue the growth and missions emphasis.

1. A plan for renovating all the church facilities was adopted. This program would cost approximately \$1,500,000 and take about two years to complete.
2. In order to better use existing facilities and not need to build additional buildings at this time, the church voted to go to a two Sunday School format on July 10.

Sunday evening services became a training time by Dr. Landrum as he taught us on the subject of prayer. The series was entitled "The First Family's Focus on Prayer" and challenged us to use the daily notebook for recording our prayer time.

Christmas took on a new dimension this year through the production of our First Singing Christmas Tree. Thousands of people were turned away due to lack of seats and many made commitments to Jesus through this evangelistic outreach.

1984

After adjusting to the new two Sunday School format begun the previous year, the Bible study program continued the growth that has characterized the church through the years. In October an attendance emphasis called "Gather The People" and based on Deuteronomy 31:12 resulted in more than 2,500 in Bible Study (not including the missions).

"Summer In The Son" was our play of study during the worship services. Dr. Landrum taught on the subject of humanism each Sunday morning and each Sunday night we had a different musical emphasis. One special highlight was the night that our pastor, choir and music director invited our former pastor and music director, Bro. Darrell and Dan Sampson, to return together and lead us in worship.

Our high school choir, PraiseSingers, took a mission trip to New York City and Washington, D. C. that summer. Our purpose in New York was to give a banquet and concert for the United Nations. Many ambassadors and wives attended and we were privileged to offer the gospel in song as well as Bibles in their native language.

1985

"Gather the People" continued to be the Bible study program emphasis in 1985. The result was a record enrollment growth of 742, and an average attendance growth of 118 per Sunday throughout the year. Undergirding the emphasis was a strong outreach program based on Bible Distribution, People Search, and weekly visitation.

March of 1985 finally found us with a totally renovated building. The total project cost in excess of \$1.5 million. However, at the conclusion the total indebtedness was just over \$1 million, thanks to the continued sacrificial giving of the people.

This year's "Summer in the Son" series of sermons was on depression and the victory that can be found in Jesus.

The Budget Fair was a highlight of the fall. Each area of the church had display booths that explained their area of ministry. This was all done in the freedom of fellowship and we were able to enjoy hot-dogs, popcorn, games, and our staff in the Dunking Booth!

Another opportunity for learning was "Walk Through The Bible." In September, we walked through the Old Testament and then in October, the New.

In October we had a special service together in the Pasadena Convention Center with the message by Jerry Clower for our Pledge Day.

1986

At the January business meeting, the Christian Life Committee recommended that we offer a Shepherding Homes Ministry as an alternative to abortion for young unwed women. We would work with the Northwest Baptist Church in this ministry of offering adoptable babies to Christian families.

In 1986 we began celebrating our 85th year of reaching people. The emphasis was initiated in April with the presentation of pictures of former pastors and the current pastor Dr. Barry Landrum. A bookmark outlining the year's events was also given to the people. Countless other events of celebration were planned to make the 85th year one of reaching and ministering to people.

Serving on the 85th Anniversary Committee were the following:

Sue Beckman, Co-chairperson

Billie Christopherson

Ruby Wagner

Margaret Davidson

Phyllis Hext

Steve Phillips, staff representative

Betty Runnels, Co-chairperson

Tasca Plunkett

Zola Allen

Juanita Helmle

Bee Gee Langford, staff representative

Jerry Squyres, staff representative

In July a Deacon Rotation Plan was adopted by the church in conference. The plan called for 20 deacons to rotate off the active list each year and 20 inactive deacons would become active the same year.

On September 21, a business meeting was called to convert the caretaker's cottage (located behind the auditorium) into a prayer minister center.

The church agreed to cooperate in the Statewide Evangelism Training and Witnessing strategy called "Share Jesus Now" to begin April 30, 1989.

1987

The First Baptist Church, Pasadena, Texas organized the Korean Mission on May 24, 1987 to be the Korean First Baptist Church. It was duly constituted as a church as recommended by the Missions committee, whose chairman was Troy Lucas.

The church also approved a motion to co-sign a loan note for the Korean First Baptist Church in the amount of \$160,000 to purchase a building for worship and education at 4209 Red Bluff in Pasadena, Texas.

As we looked ahead we were confident that God would continue to lead and bless. The theme for this year was "Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In" and continued the strong emphasis on people that began 85 years ago and has been the secret to God blessing the church.

Our ministerial leaders at this time were (parenthesis indicate year ministry began):

Dr. G. Barry Landrum, Pastor (1982)
Dr. Jerry Squyres, Program Coordinator / Minister of Education (1984)
Rev. Roland Hill, Minister of Pastoral Care/Missions (1968)
Rev. Steve Phillips, Minister of Music (1983)
Rev. Jim Bell, Business Manager / Minister to Senior Adults (1986)
Rev. Robert McGee, Director of Pasadena Christian Counseling Center (1980)
Rev. Alan Morrison, Assistant Minister of Music (1985)
Rev. Mike Cook, Minister to Single Adults (1985)
Rev. Dana Mathewson, Minister to High School / College (1986)
Mrs. Bee Gee Langford, Director of Evangelism / Outreach (1981)
Mrs. Gail Stephens, Director of Intermediate Education (1986)
Mrs. Mary Lou Ferrill, Director of Children's Education (1978)
Mrs. Beverly Hill, Director of Preschool Education (1986)

Our lay leaders were:

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Eugene Smith, Sunday School Director | Allen Thurman, Assistant Treasurer |
| Al Helmle, Deacon Chairman | Tom Priddy, Assistant Treasurer |
| Juanita Helmle, WMU Director | Stanley Baskin, Church Attorney |
| Roy Birkhead, Treasurer | Al Helmle, Trustee |
| Max Henry, Assistant Treasurer | John Kimmel, Trustee |
| John Kimmel, Assistant Treasurer | James Stephens, Trustee |
| James Stephens, Assistant Treasurer | S. R. Jones, Jr., Trustee |
| D. A. Buell, Assistant Treasurer | Mason Baker, Trustee |

1988

The church accepted a letter of resignation from Dr. G. Barry Landrum as Pastor, effective January 24, 1988.

The church called Dr. Roy Fish, Professor of Evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary to be Interim Pastor as of June 5, 1988.

A preschool playground located behind the preschool area of the church was approved.

1989

Our church voted to rent an unfurnished two bedroom apartment for foreign missionaries on furlough on Burke and Fairmont costing approximately \$450. per month plus \$300 for utilities.

Dr. Charles A. Redmond, Jr. accepted the call as Pastor of First Baptist Church on December 3, 1989.

1990

On January 28, 1990, Dr. Charles A. Redmond, Jr. began his ministry as Pastor.

On March 11, 1990, Hugh Poland was ordained to the Gospel Ministry.

On May 23, the Committee on Committees recommended the following members to serve on the "Long Range Planning Committee:"

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Charles Beckman | Bobby Mills |
| Alton Biggers | Steve Runnels |
| Rick Carlisle | Ruby Jean Smith |
| Don Jameson | Gayle West |
| Linda Madeksho | |

1991

ACQUISITION OF FAIRMONT PROPERTY

On April 21, 1991, the Long Range Planning Committee presented a report and recommendation. The committee recommended to the church to:

1. Purchase land in a new area
2. Develop a private school
3. Develop strategies to meet changing needs in existing location

The church adopted the long range plans and the committee began a land search. Twenty-five or more tracts of land were looked at before settling on property at the southwest corner of Fairmont and Red Bluff. This property was in three tracts, each with a different owner. Friendswood Development owned twenty-seven acres but had never sold that much land to a church. Harris County owned twenty acres and had never sold any land. Owner of a smaller tract agreed with the other owners that First Baptist Church of Pasadena should have that land.]

Closing at the title company occurred not only with all three sellers meeting simultaneously, but also with Harris County land reverting back to Friendswood Development, then Friendswood selling to First Baptist Church. All sellers agreed that this closing was most unusual, and were amazed that the closing even happened.

A feasibility study, revealing all characteristics of the land, allowed the church to purchase property that had no restrictions or development problems. Development of this area of Pasadena since the church purchased its property, has been rapid, with other churches, subdivisions, and developments springing up.

This property is awaiting completion of the Master Plan. These new buildings place First Baptist in the center of the growth areas of Pasadena, Deer Park, LaPorte, and Clear Lake City.

1992

First Baptist Pasadena joined the Union Baptist Association and the Baptist General Convention of Texas to start (1) a new Hispanic Mission and (2) a church in Recife, Brazil.

The buildings and property were deeded to Iglesia Bautista El Buen Pastor, located at 323 South Main Street.

First Baptist Church studied and purchased land for an expanded work to be located at the corner of Fairmont Parkway and Red Bluff Road.

1993

First Baptist Church organized the First Baptist Christian Academy, opening in the fall of 1993.

We assisted the Korean Baptist Church with a building loan payment.

First Baptist Christian Academy began as a vision of our pastor, Dr. Redmond, and ultimately became a vision and commitment of our church. In 1991 the idea was put before the Long Range Planning Committee who then elected a committee to study the desire and support of a Christian school. Through prayer, discussion and surveys the church voted in 1992 to begin a Christian school using rooms in the Morgan Fellowship Center as classrooms. A consultant was hired to assist in the work of beginning a school and through many meetings First Baptist Christian Academy began its first school year in August of 1993 with a total enrollment of 46 students which included 38 pre-kindergarten, 4 kindergarten, 2 first grade and 2 second grade students.

1994

Money was provided for a building and furnishings at the new Fairmont location.

1995

On March 5, the Bread of Life Ministry was started with Melinda Trexler as the director. Our church is strongly involved with feeding many needy people in Pasadena.

The Fairmont Master Plan Committee began working on development of the Master Plan for the Fairmont location.

1996

From its humble beginning, First Baptist Christian Academy now has 198 students pre-kindergarten through grade 6 and is in the process of becoming accredited through the Association of Christian Schools International. The standardized test given in the spring semester last year showed that our students ranked in the top 20-30 percentile overall. This ranking includes all schools in the United States, not just private and Christian schools. The future of First Baptist Christian Academy is bright. Under the leadership of Mrs. Joyce Harding, who became our principal in 1995, an outstanding faculty and staff, a dedicated board of trustees and the prayers and blessings of the church, First Baptist Christian Academy moves forward touching the lives of boys and girls with an education that is academically excellent and unapologetically Christian.

The Fairmont Master Plan Committee is completing the master plan and will present its work to the church on or near the 95th Anniversary (October 27). As their work is being completed, the church is working toward a 95th Anniversary love offering to retire the church debt — to the Glory of God!

Our ministerial leaders for the coming years are (parenthesis indicate year ministry began):

Dr. Charles Redmond, Pastor (1990)
Sonny Steed, Minister of Education / Administration (1996)
Roland Hill, Associate / Pastoral Care (1968)
Jimmy Herweck, Minister of Music (1993)
Don Piper, Minister to Single Adults (1996)
Jon Redmond, Minister to Students (1995)
Mrs. Mary Lou Ferrill, Director of Preschool / Children's Ministries (1993)
Mrs. Bee Gee Langford, Director of Outreach / Special Projects (1995)

OUR LAY LEADERS ARE:

Myrle Bryant, Sunday School Director

John Ferrill, Deacon Chairman

Carol Carter, WMU Director

Charles Beckman, Treasurer

Nolen Ivens, Assistant Treasurer

R. E. Miller, Assistant Treasurer

Lee Jagers, Assistant Treasurer

D. A. Buell, Assistant Treasurer

Joe Stilwell, Assistant Treasurer

James Acton, Assistant Treasurer

Mike Smyrl, Church Attorney

Al Helmle, Trustee

John Kimmel, Trustee

D. A. Buell, Trustee

S. R. Jones, Jr., Trustee

Lee Jagers, Trustee

GROWING THROUGH GIVING

| Year | Budget | Cooperative Program Giving | Percentage |
|------|--------------|----------------------------|------------|
| 1940 | \$ 7,846.72 | \$ 557.00 | .7% |
| 1941 | No Record | No Record | No Record |
| 1942 | 16,334.90 | 771.22 | 4.7% |
| 1943 | No Record | No Record | No Record |
| 1944 | 34,867.33 | 3,145.85 | 9.0% |
| 1945 | 45,761.22 | 3,344.42 | 9.0% |
| 1946 | 38,041.01 | 2,382.53 | 6.0% |
| 1947 | 39,692.15 | 3,644.45 | 9.0% |
| 1948 | 53,147.00 | 5,429.00 | 9.0% |
| 1949 | 53,357.01 | 6,050.57 | 9.0% |
| 1950 | No Record | No Record | No Record |
| 1951 | No Record | No Record | No Record |
| 1952 | 97,273.24 | 10,448.13 | 11.0% |
| 1953 | 118,355.95 | 14,144.13 | 10.0% |
| 1954 | 135,405.18 | 10,324.62 | 9.05% |
| 1955 | 106,266.47 | 7,022.48 | 7.0% |
| 1956 | 116,533.46 | 9,274.60 | 12.0% |
| 1957 | 132,413.00 | 13,164.00 | 15.0% |
| 1958 | 150,661.00 | 15,590.00 | 16.0% |
| 1959 | 168,408.70 | 18,832.89 | 13.0% |
| 1960 | 174,462.12 | 20,615.54 | 13.0% |
| 1961 | 188,279.88 | 20,769.86 | 14.0% |
| 1962 | 180,556.92 | 24,050.84 | 14.0% |
| 1963 | 204,572.00 | 27,434.00 | 15.0% |
| 1964 | 208,557.00 | 30,060.00 | 16.0% |
| 1965 | 220,021.00 | 30,888.00 | 16.0% |
| 1966 | 241,498.00 | 35,056.00 | 16.0% |
| 1967 | 262,358.00 | 34,558.00 | 18.0% |
| 1968 | 445,540.00 | 40,858.00 | 18.0% |
| 1969 | 253,929.00 | 42,534.00 | 18.0% |
| 1970 | 267,085.00 | 46,505.00 | 18.0% |
| 1971 | 217,241.00 | 43,747.00 | 18.0% |
| 1972 | 271,353.00 | 44,280.00 | 18.0% |
| 1973 | 309,749.00 | 42,993.00 | 18.0% |
| 1974 | 434,336.00 | 68,706.00 | 18.0% |
| 1975 | 607,886.00 | 103,494.00 | 19.0% |
| 1976 | 904,598.00 | 144,628.00 | 20.0% |
| 1977 | 1,194,168.00 | 170,790.00 | 19.0% |
| 1978 | 1,222,916.00 | 239,181.00 | 19.5% |
| 1979 | 1,394,572.00 | 302,254.00 | 20.0% |
| 1980 | 1,824,813.00 | 357,781.00 | 20.0% |
| 1981 | 2,127,898.00 | 425,032.00 | 20.0% |
| 1982 | 2,813,713.00 | 276,894.00 | 10.0% |
| 1983 | 2,377,203.00 | 179,152.00 | 8.0% |
| 1984 | 2,344,917.00 | 69,442.00 | 4.0% |
| 1985 | 2,288,557.00 | 115,832.00 | 6.0% |
| 1986 | 2,377,890.00 | 126,500.00 | 6.0% |
| 1987 | 2,774,377.00 | 144,832.00 | 8.0% |
| 1988 | 2,372,835.00 | 157,446.00 | 8.0% |
| 1989 | 2,426,324.00 | 206,005.00 | 9.0% |
| 1990 | 2,634,250.00 | 241,697.00 | 10.0% |
| 1991 | 3,305,684.00 | 275,875.00 | 10.0% |
| 1992 | 3,030,309.00 | 283,391.00 | 11.0% |
| 1993 | 2,914,251.00 | 271,604.00 | 11.0% |
| 1994 | 3,070,609.00 | 267,457.00 | No Record |
| 1995 | 2,801,738.00 | 251,379.00 | No Record |

GROWING THROUGH MISSIONS OFFERINGS

| Year | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions |
|------|--|---------------|------------------|
| 1923 | None | None | \$ 85.00 |
| | Total Denomination Contributions: \$357.54 | | |
| 1924 | Total Contribution: | | 47.50 |
| 1925 | Total Contribution: | | 175.75 |
| 1926 | Total Contribution: | | 212.64 |
| 1927 | Total Contribution: | | 789.08 |
| 1928 | Total Contribution: | | 55.00 |
| 1929 | Total Contribution: | | 175.00 |
| 1930 | Total Contribution: | | No Record |
| 1931 | Total Contribution: | | 334.31 |
| 1932 | Total Contribution: | | 586.45 |
| 1933 | Total Contribution: | | 266.65 |
| 1934 | Total Contribution: | | 243.58 |
| 1935 | Total Contribution: | | 3,161.19 |
| 1936 | Total Contribution: | | 643.91 |
| 1937 | Total Contribution: | | 641.53 |
| 1938 | Total Contribution: | | 894.99 |
| 1939 | Total Contribution: | | 888.40 |
| 1940 | Total Contribution: | | No Record |
| 1941 | Total Contribution: | | No Record |
| 1942 | \$ 26.61 | \$ 171.00 | \$ 128.47 |
| 1943 | No Record | No Record | No Record |
| 1944 | 50.00 | 214.18 | 500.00 |
| 1945 | 360.00 | 59.43 | 500.00 |
| 1946 | 420.00 | 125.00 | 2,000.00 |
| 1947 | 135.00 | 176.54 | 958.93 |
| 1948 | 116.00 | 168.00 | 2,000.00 |
| 1949 | 85.50 | 227.50 | 2,214.40 |
| 1950 | No Record | No Record | No Record |
| 1951 | No Record | No Record | No Record |
| 1952 | 3,462.98 | 317.76 | 2,818.54 |
| 1953 | 139.17 | 112.64 | 4,521.15 |
| 1954 | 652.00 | 250.00 | 5,145.53 |
| 1955 | No Record | 131.41 | 2,673.70 |
| 1956 | 115.21 | 1,044.32 | 1,697.16 |
| 1957 | 289.00 | 389.00 | 2,000.00 |
| 1958 | 89.00 | 224.00 | 2,500.00 |
| 1959 | 124.09 | 522.74 | 3,500.00 |
| 1960 | 121.49 | 660.18 | 2,865.75 |
| 1961 | 192.89 | 273.41 | 2,534.77 |
| 1962 | 103.24 | 707.35 | 3,071.79 |
| 1963 | 344.00 | 784.00 | 4,035.00 |
| 1964 | 309.00 | 1,118.00 | 6,094.00 |
| 1965 | 30.00 | 536.00 | 5,264.00 |
| 1966 | 666.00 | 955.00 | 5,310.00 |
| 1967 | 1,300.46 | 1,109.00 | 6,746.00 |
| 1968 | 561.00 | 2,225.00 | 8,540.00 |
| 1969 | 15.35 | 1,572.00 | 7,603.00 |
| 1970 | 1,340.00 | 1,673.00 | 6,817.00 |
| 1971 | 1,588.00 | 1,500.00 | 5,786.00 |
| 1972 | 435.00 | 1,349.00 | 7,019.00 |
| 1973 | 1,415.00 | 1,695.00 | 5,576.00 |
| 1974 | 2,265.00 | 2,720.00 | 7,351.00 |
| 1975 | 3,660.00 | 4,905.00 | 11,320.00 |
| 1976 | 3,166.00 | 7,096.00 | 13,846.00 |
| 1977 | 5,674.00 | 7,842.00 | 12,286.00 |

GROWING THROUGH MISSIONS OFFERINGS
(Continued)

| Year | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions |
|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1978 | \$ 7,131.00 | \$ 8,625.00 | \$ 21,557.00 |
| 1979 | 4,980.00 | 13,458.00 | 15,833.00 |
| 1980 | 8,467.00 | 16,270.00 | 37,526.00 |
| 1981 | 8,870.00 | 9,591.00 | 31,171.00 |
| 1982 | 9,090.00 | 10,681.00 | 33,314.00 |
| 1983 | 8,111.00 | 12,892.00 | 32,570.00 |
| 1984 | 6,675.00 | 11,217.00 | 40,113.00 |
| 1985 | 11,950.00 | 13,108.00 | 45,930.00 |
| 1986 | 5,484.00 | 15,514.00 | 42,703.00 |
| 1987 | 19,850.00 | 15,520.00 | 42,833.00 |
| 1988 | 12,306.00 | 18,444.00 | 40,697.00 |
| 1989 | 19,203.00 | 19,831.00 | 46,422.00 |
| 1990 | 17,600.00 | 34,623.00 | 53,245.00 |
| 1991 | 34,932.00 | 51,072.00 | 95,847.00 |
| 1992 | 24,099.00 | 46,835.00 | 100,860.00 |
| 1993 | 27,215.00 | 36,073.00 | 79,125.00 |
| 1994 | 32,193.00 | 36,896.00 | 83,523.00 |
| 1995 | 23,957.00 | 26,087.00 | 61,374.00 |

STAFF — PAST & PRESENT

| YEAR | MINISTER OF MUSIC | MINISTER OF EDUCATION | MINISTER OF YOUTH |
|------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1940 | C. J. Atchison | No Record | No Record |
| 1941 | C. J. Atchison | No Record | No Record |
| 1942 | C. J. Atchison | No Record | No Record |
| 1943 | C. J. Atchison | No Record | No Record |
| 1944 | C. J. Atchison | Mary Lou Dunn | No Record |
| 1945 | C. J. Atchison | Mary Lou Dunn | Mary Lou Dunn |
| 1946 | C. J. Atchison | No Record | No Record |
| 1947 | D. C. Hamilton | D. C. Hamilton | No Record |
| 1948 | D. C. Hamilton | D. C. Hamilton | No Record |
| 1949 | Ira M. Powell | Ira M. Powell | No Record |
| 1950 | Ira M. Powell | Ira M. Powell | No Record |
| 1951 | Ira M. Powell | Ira M. Powell | No Record |
| 1952 | Ira M. Powell | Ira M. Powell | No Record |
| 1953 | Ira M. Powell | Ira M. Powell | No Record |
| 1954 | Robert Deaton | George Clark | Irene Dixon |
| 1955 | W. H. Wheelless | W. H. Wheelless | Irene Dixon |
| 1956 | W. H. Wheelless | W. H. Wheelless | Betty Jackson |
| 1957 | W. H. Wheelless | W. H. Wheelless | Betty J. Lewis |
| 1958 | W. H. Wheelless | W. H. Wheelless | Betty J. Lewis |
| 1959 | W. H. Wheelless | W. H. Wheelless | Betty J. Lewis |
| 1960 | W. H. Wheelless | W. H. Wheelless | Betty J. Lewis |
| 1961 | W. H. Wheelless | W. H. Wheelless | Betty J. Lewis |
| 1962 | W. H. Wheelless | Ralph Edwards | M. J. Northcutt/Mary Enoch |
| 1963 | W. H. Wheelless | W. H. Wheelless | No Record |
| 1964 | Gordon Delaney, Interim | W. H. Wheelless | Mary Jo Northcutt |
| 1965 | Dan Sampson | W. H. Wheelless | Mary Short (Enoch) |
| 1966 | Dan Sampson | W. H. Wheelless | Betty Sue Craven |
| 1967 | Dan Sampson | Roland Hill | Bill Wells, volunteer |
| 1968 | Dan Sampson | Roland Hill | Bill Wells, volunteer |
| 1969 | Dan Sampson | Roland Hill | No Record |
| 1970 | Dan Sampson | Roland Hill | No Record |
| 1971 | Dan Sampson | Roland Hill | Sam Skelton |
| 1972 | Dan Sampson | Roland Hill | Sam Skelton |
| 1973 | Dan Sampson | Roland Hill | Sam Skelton |
| 1974 | Dan Sampson | Bob Barnes | Lamar Slay |
| 1975 | Dan Sampson | Bob Barnes | Lamar Slay |
| 1976 | Dan Sampson | Bob Barnes | Lamar Slay |
| 1977 | Dan Sampson | Bob Barnes | Lamar Slay |
| 1978 | Dan Sampson | Gene Ortis | Lamar Slay |
| 1979 | Dan Sampson | Douglas McPherson | Emory Gaskins |
| 1980 | Dan Sampson | Roye Blackmon | Emory Gaskins |
| 1981 | Jakie Shirley | Roye Blackmon | Joe Luscombe |
| 1982 | Jakie Shirley | Roye Blackmon | Joe Luscombe |
| 1983 | Steve Phillips | Roye Blackmon | Joe Luscombe |
| 1984 | Steve Phillips | Jerry Squyres | Joe Luscombe |

STAFF — PAST & PRESENT **(Continued)**

| | | | |
|------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 1985 | Steve Phillips | Jerry Squyres | Joe Luscombe/Jeff Taylor |
| 1986 | Steve Phillips | Jerry Squyres | Jeff Taylor/Dana Mathewson |
| 1987 | Steve Phillips | Jerry Squyres | Dana Mathewson |
| 1988 | Alan Morrison (interim) | Jerry Squyres | Dana Mathewson |
| 1989 | Alan Morrison (interim) | Jerry Squyres | Dana Mathewson |
| 1990 | Doyle Alexander (interim) | Jerry Squyres | Dana Mathewson |
| 1991 | Scott Weatherford | Jerry Squyres | Dana Mathewson |
| 1992 | Doyle Alexander (interim) | Jerry Squyres | John Litton |
| 1993 | Jimmy Herweck | Jerry Squyres | John Litton |
| 1994 | Jimmy Herweck | Jerry Squyres | John Litton |
| 1995 | Jimmy Herweck | position vacant | Jon Redmond |

WMU PRESIDENTS/DIRECTORS

| YEAR | DIRECTOR |
|------|-----------------------|
| 1923 | Mrs. R. C. Williams |
| 1924 | Mrs. R. C. Williams |
| 1925 | Mrs. R. C. Williams |
| 1926 | No Record |
| 1927 | No Record |
| 1928 | No Record |
| 1929 | Mrs. R. C. Williams |
| 1930 | Mrs. J. M. Shuman |
| 1931 | Mrs. Harry Tate |
| 1932 | Mrs. S. W. Brown |
| 1933 | Mrs. E. A. Dowell |
| 1934 | No Record |
| 1935 | Mrs. R. C. Williams |
| 1936 | No Record |
| 1937 | No Record |
| 1938 | Mrs. G. D. Dorris |
| 1939 | Mrs. A. B. Moody |
| 1940 | Mrs. L. C. Linn |
| 1941 | Mrs. L. C. Linn |
| 1942 | Mrs. Ray Williams |
| 1943 | No Record |
| 1944 | Mrs. E. M. Williams |
| 1945 | Mrs. Preston Phillips |
| 1946 | Mrs. William McCreary |
| 1947 | Mrs. William McCreary |
| 1948 | Mrs. C. E. Powitzsky |
| 1949 | Mrs. Estelle Beard |
| 1950 | Mrs. Estelle Beard |
| 1951 | Mrs. Estelle Beard |
| 1952 | Mrs. Estelle Beard |
| 1953 | Mrs. E. G. Brown |
| 1954 | Mrs. A. V. Lemons |
| 1955 | Mrs. A. V. Lemons |
| 1956 | Mrs. Lee Woods |
| 1957 | Mrs. Lee Woods |
| 1958 | Mrs. R. W. Edwards |
| 1959 | Mrs. R. W. Edwards |
| 1960 | Mrs. Sally Carter |
| 1961 | Mrs. Jean Wright |
| 1962 | Mrs. Jean Wright |
| 1963 | Mrs. Jean Wright |
| 1964 | Mrs. Pete Runnels |
| 1965 | Mrs. Bill Wells |
| 1966 | Mrs. Bill Wells |
| 1967 | Mrs. Bill Wells |

WMU PRESIDENTS/DIRECTORS (Continued)

| | |
|------|----------------------|
| 1968 | Mrs. Frank Aubry |
| 1969 | Mrs. Kenneth Stuckey |
| 1970 | Mrs. A. J. Helmle |
| 1971 | Mrs. A. J. Helmle |
| 1972 | Mrs. Charles Beckman |
| 1973 | Mrs. Charles Beckman |
| 1974 | Mrs. G. R. Langford |
| 1975 | Mrs. G. R. Langford |
| 1976 | Mrs. G. R. Langford |
| 1977 | Mrs. Pam Thompson |
| 1978 | Mrs. Pam Thompson |
| 1979 | Mrs. Sharon Harpster |
| 1980 | Mrs. Sharon Harpster |
| 1981 | Mrs. Sharon Harpster |
| 1982 | Mrs. Sharon Harpster |
| 1983 | Mrs. Judy Wells |
| 1984 | Mrs. Judy Wells |
| 1985 | Mrs. Judy Wells |
| 1986 | Mrs. Judy Wells |
| 1987 | Mrs. Juanita Helmle |
| 1988 | Mrs. Juanita Helmle |
| 1989 | Mrs. Juanita Helmle |
| 1990 | Mrs. Juanita Helmle |
| 1991 | Mrs. Norma Ogletree |
| 1992 | Mrs. Carol Carter |
| 1993 | Mrs. Carol Carter |
| 1994 | Mrs. Carol Carter |
| 1995 | Mrs. Carol Carter |
| 1996 | Mrs. Carol Carter |

DEACON CHAIRMEN

| | |
|---------|-------------------|
| 1901 | W. B. Williams |
| 1911 | W. B. Williams |
| 1931 | L. R. Whitaker |
| 1939 | H. A. Jackson |
| 1940 | T. A. Moore |
| 1944 | H. A. Jackson |
| 1945 | H. A. Jackson |
| 1948 | G. R. Stroud |
| 1949 | S. R. Jones, Jr. |
| 1950 | L. O. Allen |
| 1951 | Allen Thurman |
| 1952 | Allen Thurman |
| 1953 | No Record |
| 1954 | George Clark |
| 1955 | George Clark |
| 1956 | No Record |
| 1957 | No Record |
| 1958 | No Record |
| 1959-60 | William McCreary |
| 1961-62 | E. W. Alexander |
| 1962-63 | T. B. Hickman |
| 1963-64 | T. B. Hickman |
| 1964-65 | G. R. Stroud |
| 1965-66 | Ben Brown |
| 1966-67 | Ben Brown |
| 1967-68 | Cody Davis |
| 1968-69 | Cody Davis |
| 1969-70 | James Stephens |
| 1970-71 | Hubert Foster |
| 1971-72 | Stanley Baskin |
| 1972-73 | Stanley Baskin |
| 1973-74 | Stanley Baskin |
| 1974-75 | Lamar Winebrenner |
| 1975-76 | Lamar Winebrenner |
| 1976-77 | James Stephens |
| 1977-78 | John L. Kimmel |
| 1978-79 | John L. Kimmel |
| 1979-80 | Joe Davidson |
| 1980-81 | Max Henry |
| 1981-82 | Rick Carlisle |
| 1982-83 | Rick Carlisle |
| 1983-84 | Charles Beckman |
| 1984-85 | Charles Beckman |
| 1985-86 | Mike Conway |
| 1986-87 | Al Helmle |
| 1987-88 | John Ferrill |
| 1988-89 | Butch Thompson |

DEACON CHAIRMEN
(Continued)

| | |
|---------|---------------|
| 1990-91 | Travis Jagers |
| 1991-92 | Travis Jagers |
| 1992-93 | Don Jameson |
| 1993-94 | Don Jameson |
| 1994-95 | Myrle Bryant |
| 1995-96 | John Ferrill |

REACHING, TEACHING & WINNING

| Year | Church Membership | Sunday School Enrollment | Number of Baptisms |
|------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1923 | 86 | 164 | 11 |
| 1924 | 150 | 130 | 11 |
| 1925 | 112 | 150 | 15 |
| 1926 | 130 | 137 | 8 |
| 1927 | 148 | 116 | 3 |
| 1928 | 158 | 181 | 9 |
| 1929 | 198 | 162 | 12 |
| 1930 | 244 | 281 | 26 |
| 1931 | 280 | No Records | 19 |
| 1932 | 312 | 515 | 13 |
| 1933 | 361 | 619 | 40 |
| 1934 | 355 | 441 | 17 |
| 1935 | 406 | 504 | 28 |
| 1936 | 349 | 422 | 24 |
| 1937 | 428 | 459 | 40 |
| 1938 | 289 | 524 | 31 |
| 1939 | 527 | 611 | 31 |
| 1940 | 747 | 797 | 59 |
| 1941 | 785 | 866 | 23 |
| 1942 | No Records | 1,103 | 74 |
| 1943 | No Records | No Records | No Records |
| 1944 | 1,550 | 1,315 | 85 |
| 1945 | 1,534 | 1,366 | 88 |
| 1946 | 1,574 | 1,192 | 105 |
| 1947 | 1,608 | 1,211 | 76 |
| 1948 | 1,720 | 1,339 | 70 |
| 1949 | 2,019 | 1,701 | 150 |
| 1950 | 2,160 | 1,820 | 101 |
| 1951 | No Records | No Records | No Records |
| 1952 | 2,356 | 1,904 | 106 |
| 1953 | 2,549 | 2,119 | 91 |
| 1954 | 1,626 | 857 | 96 |
| 1955 | 1,759 | 115 | 63 |
| 1956 | 1,268 | 1,367 | 55 |
| 1957 | 1,381 | 1,661 | 96 |
| 1958 | 2,175 | 1,639 | 88 |
| 1959 | 2,209 | 1,725 | 50 |
| 1960 | 2,322 | 1,787 | 78 |
| 1961 | 2,388 | 1,858 | 85 |
| 1962 | 2,465 | 1,788 | 63 |
| 1963 | 2,598 | 1,907 | 86 |
| 1964 | 2,625 | 1,823 | 79 |
| 1965 | 2,665 | 1,707 | 67 |
| 1966 | 2,722 | 1,773 | No Records |
| 1967 | 3,109 | 2,073 | 124 |
| 1968 | 3,344 | 2,249 | 101 |
| 1969 | 2,977 | 1,659 | 51 |
| 1970 | 3,081 | 1,677 | 121 |
| 1971 | 3,108 | 1,667 | 50 |
| 1972 | 3,193 | 1,616 | 154 |
| 1973 | 3,323 | 1,942 | 122 |
| 1974 | 3,860 | 2,337 | 277 |
| 1975 | 4,415 | 2,900 | 259 |

REACHING, TEACHING & WINNING
(Continued)

| | | | |
|------|--------|-------|-----|
| 1976 | 5,056 | 3,292 | 242 |
| 1977 | 5,225 | 3,451 | 282 |
| 1978 | 5,798 | 3,781 | 284 |
| 1979 | 6,448 | 4,523 | 337 |
| 1980 | 7,109 | 4,904 | 454 |
| 1981 | 7,746 | 5,460 | 431 |
| 1982 | 7,906 | 5,219 | 197 |
| 1983 | 8,437 | 5,231 | 343 |
| 1984 | 9,274 | 4,285 | 201 |
| 1985 | 9,570 | 4,948 | 183 |
| 1986 | 9,892 | 4,908 | 171 |
| 1987 | 10,237 | 5,145 | 211 |
| 1988 | 10,433 | 5,126 | 170 |
| 1989 | 10,621 | 5,128 | 145 |
| 1990 | 11,147 | 5,435 | 532 |
| 1991 | 9,766 | 5,398 | 360 |
| 1992 | 10,051 | 5,317 | 271 |
| 1993 | 10,080 | 3,991 | 194 |
| 1994 | 10,089 | 4,262 | 191 |
| 1995 | 9,915 | 3,626 | 112 |

TRUSTEES

| | |
|-------------|--|
| 1933-1944 | W. C. McMasters L. R. Whitaker Ray Abbott |
| 1945-1953 | L. R. Whitaker J. J. Sandifer G. R. Stroud |
| 1954-1963 | J. J. Sandifer G. R. Stroud L. O. Allen |
| 1964-1965 | G. R. Stroud L. O. Allen S. R. Jones, Jr. |
| 1966-1969 | G. R. Stroud S. R. Jones, Jr. T. B. Hickman James Stephens Bill McCreary |
| 1970-1975 | S. R. Jones, Jr. James Stephens Bill McCreary Ben Brown E. W. Alexander |
| 1976-1984 | S. R. Jones, Jr. James Stephens Bill McCreary Ben Brown Mason Baker |
| 1985-1986 | S. R. Jones, Jr. Mason Baker James Stephens John Kimmel Al Helmle |
| 1987-1988 | S. R. Jones, Jr. Lee Jagers D. A. Buell John Kimmel Al Helmle |
| 1988 - 1996 | S. R. Jones, Jr. Lee Jagers D. A. Buell John Kimmel Al Helmle |

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August 13, 1996

Dear Friends of First Baptist Church,

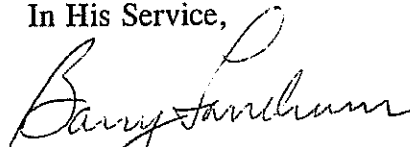
It's with deep affection that Charlotte and I congratulate you on this your 95th birthday.

You are a people with a great history of faithful service to the Lord. I am grateful to God for the privilege of having been a part of that heritage. On this day you can certainly "raise an Ebenezer stone" and say "hitherto hath the Lord helped us!"
(I Samuel 7:12)

I know you will continue to face the future with faith, love and courage as Dr. Redmond follows the Lord in giving you vision, direction, and adventure. The best days are yet to be for you.

Be assured of our continued prayers as you move forward writing even greater chapters in your rich history.

In His Service,



Barry Landrum
Pastor

Bl/sr

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HOME MISSION BOARD, SBC
Christ for Our Nation

August 16, 1996

First Baptist Church
1600 Pasadena Boulevard
Pasadena, TX 77502

Dear Pastor and People of First Baptist Church,

Congratulations to you as you observe the 95th anniversary of your wonderful church. For almost a century the banner of the Cross has been lifted high over Pasadena through the faithful, caring, Christ-centered ministry of First Baptist. Multitudes have been saved, disciplined, and found meaning in life through your ministry. The church has kept a heart for missions locally, nationally, and worldwide. As the church grew from a small beginning, it kept a kingdom vision, never allowing its focus to turn inward in self-centeredness but continued to start new churches and cooperate with and assist other churches to meet the spiritual need of a growing population.

First Baptist has been characterized by a deep spirit of commitment and courage that has resulted in personal sacrifice by members for the glory of Christ and the advancement of the church. For an extended period of time under Dr. L.D. Morgan's leadership many members doubled their tithe to relocate and build at 1604 Tatar.

Kathy, our children, and I look back on our time with you with deep joy and gratitude as one of happiness, learning from you and the Lord, and spiritual growth. Thank you for being the people of God who love Jesus and love people and give yourselves to bring people to Him.

The greatest days for First Baptist are ahead as you take the steps God is leading you to take to reach that massive and significant area for Christ as we approach the 21st century. We love you and pray much for you. May our Lord "supply all your need according to His riches in glory."

With love and prayers,



Darrell and Kathy Robinson

DWR/fk

Darrell W. Robinson, *Vice President, Evangelism*

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

GEORGE W. BUSH
GOVERNOR

October 27, 1996

Greetings to:

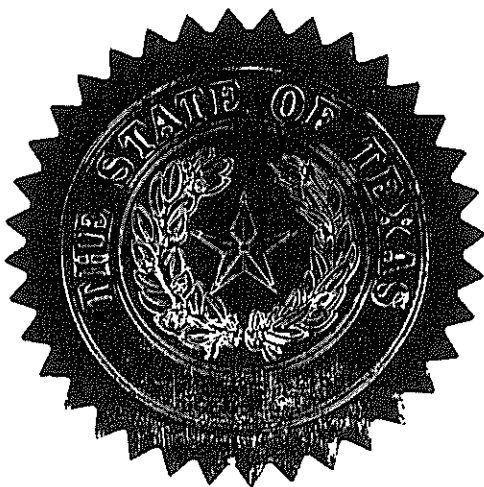
First Baptist Church

Laura and I are pleased to congratulate you on your 95th Anniversary.

Throughout history, faith has been a cornerstone in the lives of millions of people. Churches such as yours contribute to the spiritual foundation of Texas. I applaud the strength of conviction which brought you to this very special occasion and thank you for your outstanding ministry to your community.

We join your congregation in celebrating this anniversary.

Sincerely,




GEORGE W. BUSH



JOHNNY ISBELL
MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF PASADENA
TEXAS

October 1, 1996

Dr. Charles Redmond
and First Baptist Church of Pasadena Congregation
1604 Pasadena Boulevard
Pasadena, TX 77502

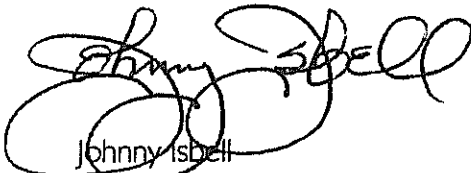
Dear Dr. Redmond and Congregation:

Please accept my warmest congratulations as you celebrate the 95th anniversary of your great church. This is an occasion of great pride for you, I know, and rightfully so. Over the years, First Baptist Church of Pasadena has been a source of spiritual nourishment and rejuvenation for many of our city's leaders. It continues to fill that role today through functions like the Men's Tuesday Prayer Luncheon, which has been an inspiration to me and numerous others.

As the world around us changes more and more rapidly, it is comforting -- and quite rare -- to find stability and longevity anywhere. It is a tribute to your unwavering commitment to truth and to your undying love of God and all things good that First Baptist has flourished for nearly a century. Your church is a fixture on this community's physical and spiritual landscapes and I, like many others in Pasadena, hope and expect that it will remain so for years to come.

Again, congratulations on your anniversary and best wishes for more such occasions in the future. May God bless and keep you all.

Cordially,



Johnny Isbell
Mayor

Jl/cl

