

DRIPPING SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

The organization of Dripping Springs Baptist Church took place at the Dripping Springs School October 7, 1956 when a council of ordained ministers and deacons met to study and discuss the need of a Baptist church in the community.

Charter members include William Columbus Baker, Mary Baker Reagan, Betty Sue Baker Whedbee, William H. Sullivan, Bishop Boling, Chester Latham, Anna Lee Latham, and Bobby Rogers. Other candidates for membership were Fred and Ada Dykes, Carl and Florence Morgan, Shirley Latham, and Ethel Baker. At age 90, Ethel Baker is the oldest living member of the church. (1989)

Reverend Marvin Hood served as first pastor from October 14, 1956, until August 31, 1958. Chester Latham, who became an ordained minister, was the first Sunday School Director and the first church clerk was William Sullivan. Reverend Sullivan also became an ordained minister. Anna Lee Latham served as first treasurer.

William C. Baker was the only deacon until December 7, 1960, when Frank Latham, Fred Dykes, Shadie Rogers, and William H. Sullivan were ordained deacons.

The congregation first held services in the Dripping Springs community schoolhouse until a new church could be built. Construction began in 1960 and on May 17, 1964, the new church building was dedicated during special services. Since completion, the church has received numerous improvements. Central heat and air, cushions for the pews, a new sound system, and construction of a new fellowship building have been added. Ground was set aside for a cemetery in 1975 and the parking lot paved in 1984.

In 1989 membership was 191 with an average Sunday School attendance of 84 and an average Training Union attendance of 69. Reverend Curtis Franklin is pastor in 1991.

Pastors serving from 1956 through 1991: Marvin Hood, Bill Boling, Ben Webb, Gene Berrier, Herbert McKeehan, Ulyss Thomas, Franklin Bullard, Eugene Rogers, Edward Adams, Jack Hitch, Hudson Chesteen, and Curtis Franklin.

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