

Attachment A

History of the Main Street Baptist Church

Until 1954 The First Baptist Church of Alexandria was a united fellowship and a part of the larger fellowship of Southern Baptists. Then the majority of the church membership voted to leave the Southern Baptist Convention. A small group wished to remain in the convention and so parted ways with that church

November 21, 1954

The first meeting of this group took place with 29 present.

January 9, 1955

A mission was organized under the sponsorship of the Trinity Baptist Church and their Pastor, Brother Leo Drake.

May, 1955

Rev. Luther Fox became pastor of the mission, which was meeting in the high school until a lot was purchased.

August 22, 1955

The small mission group purchased a lot on Main Street, immediately west of U.S. 27.

April 29, 1956

The groundbreaking for the first unit, a basement, was held.

May 26, 1957

The first worship service was held in the new basement.

August 25, 1957

The mission was constituted into the Main Street Baptist Church with 61 charter members. The title of the property was transferred to The Main Street Baptist Church. Trustees were Cecil Brock, Wilbert Brown, Byron Henderson and Carol Scharfenberger.

November 1957

Rev. Chase Jennings was called as Interim Pastor.

May of 1958

Rev. Merwyn Borders became pastor. He served for almost six years then left to become a missionary in New England.

Fall of 1960

The second stage of the building was an addition to the basement and a new heating system.

August 30, 1961

The third stage, the sanctuary and some educational space, was begun.

May 27, 1962

This space was occupied. This was possible because of the hundreds of hours of volunteer labor put into the building since its beginning. At that time the membership had grown to 212.

August 26, 1962

The church building was dedicated to the glory of God the Father, the honor of Jesus Christ His Son and to the praise of the Holy Spirit.

1964

The church called Bro. Don Lam as pastor and he served until 1967.

1967

A house and lot adjacent to the church was purchased, to be used as a parsonage.

January 1, 1968

Calvin A. Perry moved from the pastorate of the Bullitsburg Baptist Church to become pastor of the Main Street Congregation.

September 17, 1978

A new parsonage was dedicated. Members of the church did much of the construction. The old parsonage was razed and a parking lot constructed.

1982

Another house and large lot were purchased. This house was used as a youth annex.

1991

Never lacking a challenge, the long range planning committee of the church developed plans for the next needed facilities, a multi purpose educational building. The membership of the church was 549 at that time.

October 23, 1994

Our Family Life Center was dedicated at a service led by Bro. Calvin A. Perry and Dr. William W. Marshall. This unit added a modern kitchen, library, choir room, walking track and gymnasium. Later the youth annex was razed and parking space created.

July 1997

Bro. Jerry Delaney was called as Interim Pastor in anticipation of Bro. Calvin A. Perry's upcoming retirement in December. Bro. Delaney served as Interim Pastor from July 1997 until April 1998.

December 31, 1997

Bro. Calvin A. Perry retired after 30 years as Pastor of Main Street Baptist.

April 1998

Bro. Troy Dobbs was called as Pastor of Main Street Baptist.

April 2000

Main Street Baptist Church purchased approximately 22 acres on South US 27, later named Main Street South, to be used for the purpose of relocating the growing congregation to allow for future expansion.

August 2000

Bro. Troy Dobbs resigned as Pastor in lieu of a call to another church.

September 2000

Associate Pastor Jerry Delaney was called as Interim Pastor.

July 2001

Bro. Robert Franklin was called as Senior Pastor of Main Street.

(Last updated 10/01)

To Our New Members...

We are excited about your decision to join this body of Christ and congregational fellowship.

We look forward to the next pages of history to be written by God through you and this church body.

WELCOME!