

Brief History of the Dobson First Baptist Church

The Dobson Baptist Church was organized about 1858 in the lobby of The Martin Inn, the home of Richard Martin. This was located where the Cave Building now stands on North Crutchfield Street.

The Reverend James Henry Llewellyn organized the church, and was its first pastor and one of the fifteen charter members.

Later, in the same year (1858), a wooden church building was constructed on South Crutchfield Street almost opposite our present church building.

In 1902, just a couple of blocks north of this site, a brick church was built. This building was destroyed by fire on July 4, 1918. It was rebuilt in 1919 at the same site. At the present time, this building has been converted into, and is being used as Davis Funeral Home.

In 1958, our present church was built at the corner of Crutchfield and Folger Streets.

In 1972, at the motion of Mr. Neill M. Smith, the name of our church was changed from Dobson Baptist Church to First Baptist Church.

In October 1973, the adjacent property (formerly owned by Dr. Carl Folger) was purchased by our church. The small frame house has been named The Fellowship House and is used for Sunday School rooms and various church events.

At the present time (1985), a building program is underway on the west end of the present church which will provide for us additional facilities.

At present, we have 248 members with Hammett N. Riner, Jr., of Richmond, Virginia, as pastor.

We are proud of our Baptist Church heritage. We know that it has been a beacon of hope for many people throughout the years. And we pray that its influence will continue to grow in the coming years.

Dear Members of Our Church Family:

It must be the deep conviction of our fellowship that the winning of others to Christ is the first business of the pastor, the church and every saved person. Evangelism was born in the heart of God. It is God's plan to reconcile a lost world unto Himself. We must never be satisfied unless we are spreading the healing of Christ through every avenue open to the church. The good news of the Kingdom of God must be shown through all the channels of the church.

It is with sincere hope and commitment that we will launch into a new year. Our great church should desire to be a spiritual power and helpful friend to those in need, a retreat for those who are weary and an inspiration to every follower of Christ as Lord.

Our Pastor and his Wife



Ham & Florence

Remember to talk with God often. It will be through His power and grace that we, in our weaknesses, shall be made strong and find courage to serve Him faithfully.

Let us glorify Christ through work and service to Him in 1986.

Your pastor in Christian love,

Ham Kiner

Hammett N. Riner, Jr.



BLACKWELDER, JESSYE B.



BOWERS, PHIL & DIANNE JODI



BRADY, DONNA FRANCES, JASON



BRENDLE, JAY & LANA NEIL, JAYME



COE, JAY & SUE AMANDA



COOK, DOUG & BONNIE PAM



COOK, PAM



COOK, JASPER & CAMILLA SHARI, TANYA

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DRAUGHN, KERMIT



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EDWARDS, LEONA



EVERETTE, GENE & PAT JEANA



FOLGER, NELL



FOWLER, LOUISE



FOWLER, SAM & SUZANNE



FREEMAN, RUTH



GATES, CATHERINE BRIAN, AMANDA



GENTRY, SAM & RUTH



GILLESPIE, ROLAND & HENRIETTA



GILLISPIE, MIKE & MARIAN KIM, KELLY



GILLISPIE, KIM, KELLY



GORDON, WALLY & SUSAN NICHOLE



GREENE, TERRY & KAREN ALEX, RENEE, PAUL, SUSAN



GREENE, ALEX, RENEE, PAUL, SUSAN



GUYER, PATRICK



HARRIS, DON & CHRISTINE PHILLIP, DAVID



HARRIS, RUBY



HAYES, THURMAN & JO ANN MYRA, MICHAEL, MICKEY



HEMMINGS, BETTY



HEMMINGS, DAVID & PEGGY



HOLLAR, THURMAN & ANN SCOTT, GRETCHEN, JENNIFER



JACKSON, CHARLIE & HESTER





HUFFMAN, GIBERT & MELLIE ROBERT



HYLER, REV. GEORGE & MINNIE





JACKSON, MARY



JARVIS, KEN & SUE ANN-MARIE



JOHNSON, CLYDE & TREVA



KEY, JEFF & SHARON SHANA



KIDD, LENORA



LAWSON, BYRON & CAROL



LAWSON, KELLI, ASHLEY



LONDON, MARK & PENNY



MARTIN, BOB & FRANCES



McMILLION, CECIL & ANNIE LAURA



MILLER, LARRY & ROSEMARY



MILLER, TERRY & GAIL TERESA



MITCHELL, REX & KATHRYN TOBEY



MONTGOMERY, MILDRED



MOTSINGER, WAYNE & BECKY CHAD, ANDREA



NOAH, PAUL



PATTERSON, FRED & ANNE



PAYNE, TROY & BECKY TYLER, COURTNEY



RINER, HAM & FLORENCE



ROANE, IRENE



ROSENDAHL, DANA



SCOTT, CLIFFORD & FRANCES ANGIE



SHEPHERD, CARLYLE & MARGARET



SHEPHERD, CARLA, ANGIE, STACIE, BRAD



SMITH, MARGARET



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SPRINGS, THOMAS & ESTELLE



STEWART, JAMES VANCE & JESSIE PAM



TALLEY, MILDRED



WELBORN, VETRAL



WELCH, BETTY



WELCH, VINCENT & VIOLA



WHITE, BOB & SANDY SARA, JASON



WOOD, CALLIE



WRIGHT, BILLY



YOUNG, RONNIE & JO ANN LORIE







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