

Church History

Calvary Baptist Church's beginning, much like early biblical churches, was inter-laced with joy, enthusiasm, apprehension and struggle. Twenty-three dedicated Christians began a "promised land" journey on Sunday, February 15, 1948. An early quote reads "[we] dedicate this church to God and His program; we pray that if it ceases to have Christ at the head, or to fulfill its mission, that God will remove it." The next Sunday evening they held the first service of worship. They met in a old garage which stood on the lot where the present sanctuary now stands.

In March, this body of believers purchased and broke ground to erect the physical building of Calvary Baptist Church. Daily the men and women of Calvary worked to build this house of God. The building was completed in October 1948. By this time church membership had grown from twenty-three charter members to sixty-nine members.

Church members realized their journey was not going to be easy; they would suffer many things and would have to make many sacrifices. But, God's exceeding joy, love and comfort would carry them through anything. Calvary's future was bright! God's holy name was being lifted up through the work of His church. They looked unto the field around them, that was already ripe unto harvest and saw plenty of work, for every laborer that God of the harvest would send to this field.

From 1948 until the present, eighteen men have served as pastor. Many of the men served as pastor while attending Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. While some of their tenure was short-lived, each were instrumental in the life and growth of Calvary.

Akin to many churches, Calvary has had its peaks and valleys. But through the grace of God and a strong family of faith, we have

weathered the storms and shouted the praises to God! Calvary has consistently maintained its small country church family atmosphere. Many have walked through our church doors; some to stay but a fleeting moment, while others spend a lifetime. All have been touched by the sweet spirit of Calvary. All have participated in the promised land journey and to the tending of the fields. Calvary's heritage is a mixed blessing from which she must profit from the bad as well as the good. We strive to be a church body deserving of the blessings of God.

We have chosen "Calvary Baptist Church for a name, in remembrance of our Savior who was sent to Calvary, so we might live." His grace makes the ground at the foot of the cross level for everyone. We praise God for his gift of salvation through...*Calvary!*