

50th Anniversary Celebration

"Celebrating God's Faithfulness"

1973-2023



Faith Baptist Church

135 N. Hwy. 1223

Corbin, KY 40701

July 30, 2023

A Word from Our Pastor



"I will build my church", are the words of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Since that very day, God through the power of the Holy Spirit has been calling out men and women unto salvation and growing His wonderful body of Christ. It was the plan of God some fifty years ago to call out a small group of saints to establish a church in this location. The original name was debated, whether it should be Grace or Faith Baptist Church, the early saints settled on the name Faith.

Since those early days, this body of Christ has been doing what God has ordained the church to do. In Acts the church devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, breaking of bread and to prayer. Faith Baptist Church has been following the New Testament pattern for 50 years, and as pastor I believe God has been pleased with His church.

During the past fifty years the culture has changed radically and we speak in terms that are foreign to saints of years gone by. However, while culture changes, the true church of the Lord Jesus Christ never changes and the need of the human heart for a relationship with God through Christ will always be present. It is my heart's prayer that Faith Baptist will always remember the biblical mandate and reach many more souls to the glory of God as the church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Bro. Bennie Bush

Pastor (1992- Present)

Order of Service

July 30, 2023

10:00 A.M.

Welcome		Pastor
Hymn	<i>"We Are Standing On Holy Ground"</i>	Congregation
Hymn	<i>"I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian"</i>	Congregation
History of Faith		June Johnson
Reading of First Minutes		Pam Smith
Recognitions: Charter Members, Members (40 years plus)		Pastor
Special Music		Phyllis Walters
Recognitions of Former Pastors, Families & Friends		
Special Remarks		Bro. Alan Evans, Bro. Jerry Lowrie

11:00 A.M.

Special Music		Byron Comeens
Welcome & Announcements		Pastor
Fellowship Hymn	<i>"I'll Fly Away"</i>	Congregation
Offertory Hymn/Offering	<i>"Victory In Jesus"</i>	Congregation
DVD Presentation		
Special Music		Faith Choir
Message		Dr. Todd Gray*
Invitation		
Benediction		Bro. Mike White
Lunch		Fellowship Hall

Special Thanks...

A special word of thanks to all the planning teams who planned and prepared for our 50th Anniversary Celebration. The teams include:

- Promotion
- Food
- Program
- Decoration
- Setup/Cleanup

***Dr. Todd Gray is guest preacher for our 50th anniversary celebration. Dr. Gray serves Kentucky Baptist as the Executive-Secretary Treasurer. He has a passion for the Lord's church and reaching souls for Christ!**

The First Minutes of Faith Baptist Church

JULY 25th 1973

"Motion made by Herbert Johnson that we organize a church and those who desire, request a letter of dismission from Northside Baptist Church, this motion was seconded by Ronnie Morgan.

Motion made by Bro. Herbert Johnson that Bert Whited be made church moderator-Motion 2nd by Kenneth Lawless (Vote unanimous).

Faith and Grace were suggested names for the new church. 40 persons were present at this meeting and Faith received 30 votes. The church was given the name Faith Independent Missionary Baptist Church.

Motion made by Ronnie Morgan and 2nd by Herbert Johnson that Faye Cornn be made church clerk (Unanimous vote).

Motion made by Bert Whited that June Johnson takes office as treasurer, 2nd by Ronnie Morgan & Kenneth Lawless (Unanimous).

Motion made by Ronnie Morgan and 2nd by Bette Morgan that Ronnie Morgan, Bert Whited, Herbert Johnson & Kenneth Lawless make up the Pulpit Committee (Unanimous).

Motion made by Herbert Johnson and 2nd by Ronnie Morgan that same four men on the Pulpit Committee serve as church trustees. Bert Whited made suggestion that these offices be held only temporarily."

Charter Members

Herbert Johnson

June Johnson

Dale Johnson

Karen Johnson

Anita Johnson

Ronnie Morgan

Bette Morgan

Lisa Morgan

Charlotte Morgan

Rhonda Morgan

David Morgan

Kenneth Lawless

Sharon Lawless

Diane Lawless

Randy Lawless

Wade Lawless

William Whited

Wanda Whited

Ricky Whited

Edith Rummans

Faye Cornn

Martha Forbes

Fifty Years of Interesting Facts about Faith Baptist Church

- The original sanctuary building was purchased for \$6,500.00
- In 1973 a group of Christians met on the lawn at the home of Herbert and June Johnson for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Church. There were 22 charter members and the first Pastor was Rev. Elmer Elliott.
- April 3rd, 1974, the church body voted to move the small church building back from the road and put a basement under the building to use as classrooms.
- In the early years the pastor received as salary the offerings from the first and fifth Sunday.
- August 7, 1974, Faith Baptist Church voted to purchase the property in the back of the former church facility. Also, in August 1974 both properties were put on one deed
- January 1, 1975, the church voted for the ladies circle to purchase carpet for the church and install it with the cost being \$1,085.00.
- March 1976, the ladies bought the first pulpit furniture for \$530 in the former church facility.
- May 1976, the ladies bought the first flags for Vacation Bible School.
- February 14, 1979, Faith Baptist Church voted to letter into Mount Zion Association.
- June 3rd 1981, Faith Baptist voted to give 10% of total offerings to missions, 7% to the Cooperative Program and 3% to the Mount Zion Association.
- July 1st 1981 the church voted to send the GA girls to GA camp at Cedarcrest.
- March 4, 1987, the church voted to add an extension onto the church of two classrooms, an office and a baptistery.
- March 5, 1989, the church voted to create a constitution. The committee for the constitution and bylaws were Sam Smith, Perry Huff, Herbert Johnson, Ronnie Morgan, and Janrose Dewees.
- April 1989, we paved the parking lot for \$7,000.00.
- September 24, 1989, Rev. Perry Huff was ordained to the ministry.
- February 18, 1990, Herbert Johnson was ordained as deacon.
- June 3, 1990, Tim Bretz was ordained as deacon and later moved to Indiana.
- August 2, 1992, the church called our present pastor Rev. Bennie Bush.
- July 11, 1993, the estate left by Bro. Clifford Dozier was presented to the church. His home and a certificate of deposit of \$27,695 was given to the church.
- September 5, 1993, the church voted to repair the home and sell it.
- December 4, 1994, trustees reported the home of Bro. Clifford Dozier had been sold for \$59, 917. The church gave tithe from the estate of \$1,000 to Clear Creek Bible College, \$1,000 to Oneida Baptist Institute, \$1,000 to Freda Harris Baptist Center, and the rest to Mt. Zion Association and the Kentucky Baptist Convention.
- November 7, 1999, the church voted with 90% of the members voting to purchase 5 ½ acres for \$80,000.00 of property just out from the old church. Money from the Dozier Estate was used to purchase the property and on January 14, 2000 the ownership was final.
- April 30, 2000 the new church property was dedicated.
- December 2000 the church purchased a new baby grand piano. The money was raised from memorial gifts at a cost of \$9,700.00. The piano was dedicated on September 23, 2001.
- August 2001 the church voted for Deacons and Trustees to serve as Steering Committee as church prepares to build new building. Steering Committee consisted of: Luther Dewees, Perry Dewees, Deacons; Dan Rice, Kenneth Proffitt, Joe Fields, Henry Standafer, Glen Bunch and James Baker, Trustees.
- May 3, 2003, the church voted for Perry Dewees, Rhonda Miracle and June Johnson to serve as new song book committee.

- October 5, 2003, Perry Dewees gave a Steering Committee report. The Committee was nearing the presentation of the size, sight, and plans for excavating site by Hugh Brock Excavating Company with the approximate size being 100 feet long and 48 feet wide for Sanctuary size with a wing on each side of the building 48 feet by 48 feet.
- June 13, 2004, the church voted to adopt the new church plans presented. The plans were drafted by Perry Dewees.
- August 1, 2004, the church voted unanimously to adapt Building Committee of Deacons and Trustees and dissolve the Steering Committee. It was also voted to have the ground breaking for the new church building.
- September 7, 2004, a ground breaking ceremony was held.
- October 20, 2004, the footers for the new church building were dug.
- October 2004, the footers were dug by Bro. Hugh Brock of Brock Excavating Company. James Williams was appointed to oversee buying materials, supplies and to work with the contractors to see that the appropriate supplies were on the site.
- November 7, 2004, the church voted to enter into financial agreement and contracts as we move toward the construction of the new building. November 7, 2004, all the blue prints and necessary paper work drawn by Bro. Perry Dewees were approved in Frankfort.
- January 2005, the block was laid for the foundation of the new church.
- February 2005, the men of the church constructed the floor joist and laid the subflooring.
- March 27, 2005, Bro. Sam Sears was licensed to preach.
- March 2005, The Nail Bender Mission Team came from Mississippi to frame the building led by Bro. Will Hyche.
- April 2005, the roofing team came to roof new church facilities.
- May 2005, the wall board team from Indiana and Alabama came.
- August 2005, the brick team from South Carolina came. Then the Mississippi team came back to paint and work on the porch and the front of the building.
- May 1, 2005, a motion from the Building Committee to have the old church facilities surveyed and appraised to sell.
- May 22, 2005, the church voted to borrow \$200,000 for construction loan and a vote was also made to purchase front doors for the new church.
- September 4, 2005 the church voted to have a Decorating and Interior Design Committee. Elected were: June Johnson, Rhonda Miracle, Karen Fields, Dian Williams, Debbie Dewees, Susie Parks, Janrose Dewees and Judy Baker.
- January 2006, the old church building was sold to be used as another church.
- The WMU of the church purchased three pews, with about 2/3 of the pews being purchased by friends and church members and some in the memory of loved ones.
- The interior trim, molding, book shelves, and hardwood flooring was done by the men of the church. Handrails at all doors were built and installed by two men of the church. Painting was completed by members of the church.
- April 2, 2006, the first services were held in the new Faith Baptist Church facilities.
- July 2, 2006, a vote was taken to purchase steeple for church.
- July 30, 2006, was the date selected for the dedication of the new church facilities.
- April 1, 2007, Carl Begley & Ralph Helton were unanimously voted on to serve as deacons for Faith Baptist church.
- August 3, 2008, the church voted to begin Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.
- August 3, 2008, the church voted to take \$27,000 out of church savings account to pay on the church building.
- October 25, 2009, the church voted to purchase a 2004 model bus.

- February 7, 2010, the church voted to participate in “Buckets of Hope For Haiti”, due to an earthquake that ripped that country.
- June 6, 2010, the church voted to begin a website.
- June 27, 2010, the church voted to become the mother church to Canadatown.
- July 10-17, 2010, Through a mission trip, the church helped Canadatown through all four phases of beginning as a new church plan.
- August 1, 2010, the church voted to elect Byron and Heather Comeens as the new youth leaders.
- October 2, 2011, Canadatown Mission, the daughter and infant church of Faith had their first corporate worship service.
- February 12, 2012, Chairman of Deacons, Luther Dewees recommended Mike White as a deacon. He was ordained in another church on January 19th, 1975.
- May 20, 2012, the church voted to place a bid on the property that adjoins the church property.
- May 20, 2012, the church voted to open a line of credit at Cumberland National Bank for 250,000.00
- June 23, 2013, the church voted to purchase the property that was for sale adjacent to the church.
- June 23, 2013, the church voted to purchase a 30x60 foot all-purpose shelter for \$7,500.00.
- October 23, 2016, Canadatown called Jeremy Messer as their pastor.
- June 16, 2017, Due to Jeremy’s resignation, Canadatown called David Aker as their new pastor.
- January 2019, the church unanimously voted to appoint Terry Centers and Richard Stevens as deacons.
- February 3, 2019, note burning ceremony. Note payment was \$214,000. The church has paid off a total of 440,043.00, including all properties and these worship facilities.
- May 26, 2019, the church voted to establish a Ministry Intern position with a student from Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. Thomas Schnitzler was the first Ministry Intern.
- August 23, 2020, Canadatown chartered and constituted themselves into a self-governing church. Their new name is Canadatown Fellowship Baptist Church.
- The membership of the church is now 633 with 442 residential members and 191 non-residential.
- August 29, 2021, Alex Wheeler was voted to become next Ministry Intern.
- January 23, 2022, Collin Coots was voted in as Ministry Intern
- July 2022, Ryan Chapman became our Association Pastor after returning from seminary.



**GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY
FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH
CORBIN, KENTUCKY
SEPTEMBER 5, 2004**

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING PRAYER

Joe Fields

Hymn: Trust & Obey

Congregation

Statement of Purpose

Special Remarks

June Johnson, Charter Member

Luther Dewees, Chairman of Deacons

Responsive Reading

Hymn:

Congregation

Challenge

Pastor

Act of Groundbreaking

Steering & Building Committee Members

Prayer upon the Beginning of the Work

Perry Dewees, Draftsman of plans for new facility

Responsive Reading:

Leader: Come, let's rebuild Jerusalem's walls

People: I told them how gracious the hand of
God had been to me

Leader: They said, "Let's start rebuilding"

People: and they were encouraged to do this
Good work

Leader: the God of Heaven is the One who will
Grant us success

People: We His servants will start rebuilding

Leader: The work is enormous and spread out

People: And we are separated far from one
another

Leader: Wherever you hear the trumpet sound

People: Rally us there

Leader: I am doing a great work and can't come
down

People: Why should the work cease?

Leader: So we rebuilt the wall

People: For the people had a will to keep
working

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH CONSTRUCTION TIME LINE

September 5, 2004	Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new church facilities.
December 2004	Poured footer and poured pillars for new building.
January 25, 2005	Block and materials delivered to new site.
January 26, 2005	Men started laying block for new church facilities.
February 1, 2005	Decided to purchase building materials from Lowes.
February 6, 2005	Church decided to put arch windows and stained glass in new church facilities.
February 9, 2005	Block and piers finished
February 12, 2005	Put down plastic and gravel.
April 9-15, 2005	Framed church facility, dried it in, and put in some petitions.
April 23-28, 2005	Shingled the roof with team from Mississippi
May 14-20, 2005	Alabama team from First Baptist Church, Jasper Alabama worked built platform at front of church, installed baptistery, and ran some electrical wiring. (Howard Scott with Campers on Missions also came to help)
June, 2005	Tyvek put around the outside of the facility.
July 9-16, 2005	Winston Association from Alabama came to put up sheetrock. They installed all sheetrock except the sheet rock on the ceiling in the sanctuary and some in the baptistery area. (Walt Kyzer and wife from Campers on Mission came to help as well)
July 17-22, 2005	Teams from Indiana and Alabama came to finish sheetrock work on the facilities. Indiana team also finished the ceilings.
August, 2005	Sam Sizemore to finish the sheetrock work and get the facilities ready for painting.
August, 2005	Windows for facility brought to a finish.
August 8, 2005	Building Committee decided to ask Brock Excavating develop parking lot.
August, 2005	Brock excavating developed parking lot, turning lanes, and all areas around the church facilities.
September 13-18	Ed Patterson and team from Gaffney, South Carolina to brick new facility.
October 9-14	Will Hyche and team from first Mississippi put the canopy on the front of the new facility.
August-November	Brock excavating developed parking lot, installed tiles, poured concrete (all areas)
September	Painting of the interior of facilities.
October- December	Heating unit installed by Chuck Stovall
December- March-	Finished interior work- carpeting-educational side & sanctuary, pews installed, painting, trim.
April 2, 2006	First service in new facility.
June-July 2007	Cabinets installed in fellowship hall.
October 2007	Landscaping done in front of new church facilities
October 2008	New LED sign erected on property.

Current Ministries

Sunday Ministry Opportunities:

We provide Bible Study through Sunday school for all ages on Sunday Morning at 10:00 A.M. in our education wing and fellowship hall.

Nursery: Babies-3	Preschool: ages 4-5
Children: ages 6-7	Children: ages 8-9
Preteen: ages 10-12	Teen/College: ages 13-19
Young Adult: ages 20-29	Young Married Class
Women's Class: ages 30+	Adult Class: ages 30+ small group
Adult Class: ages 30+ large group	

Children's Ministries and Pre-Teen Opportunities:

In the past our church participated in G.A.s (Girls in Action) and R.A.s (Royal Ambassadors) for grades 1-6. We now have Team Kid on Wednesday nights which is a miniature version of VBS for our children's ministries (grades Preschool-6th grade) and Kingdom Kid's on Sunday nights for our children as well (Preschool-6th grade). During Kingdom Kid's our children and Youth Encounter (preteens-up) learn God's truth as it relates to real life and living.

Youth Opportunities:

Throughout the year, our youth leaders attempt to provide numerous opportunities for our children and youth. Trips and opportunities for fellowship one with another are provided as well. In the past our youth have attended: Hearts on Fire and Leadership Rocks. Other exciting opportunities include: concerts, Kentucky Splash Water Park, and much more. On Wednesday nights our youth participate in Youth Encounter which is designed for teens to learn about and deal with 'real-life' issues focusing on the truths and principles of God's Holy Word.

Small Group Studies:

Through the opportunities of small group studies, there is the opportunity to become a "better disciple" and follower of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. There are Bible Study/Sunday School classes for all ages on Sunday Morning @ 10:00. Also from time to time there are special small study groups. Small group studies done in the past are: Experiencing God, Sharing Jesus Without Fear, Holy Marriage, and Making Change.

Missions Opportunities:

Through WMU (Women's Missionary Union) this is a wonderful way in which our women locate mission's needs, and become involved in mission, learning about the numerous mission needs and causes around our world. Our women meet once a month at various locations. Having a heart for missions and working for the Lord is their focus.

Some of our church family are involved in our annual summer mission trip which involves

locating a church/Christian based facility and coming alongside them and assisting with drywall/light construction needs. This is a one week trip that involves numerous churches in our associational family.

Creative Ministries:

This is a wonderful ministry of puppet performances along with sign language. Our creative ministry team not only performs at our church for Christmas, Easter, and Fourth of July. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn a skill in which they can glorify God alongside others.

Choir:

Our choir is currently directed by Byron Comeens and they gather every Sunday to sing to the Lord and lead our congregation in traditional hymns. Our choir also performs special cantatas during the Christmas and Easter holidays.

Canadatown Fellowship Baptist Church:

Some few years ago, God touched our heart as a church about the need of a mission point in the area of Canadatown (Lower Whitley County). It was and is the desire of Faith to have a loving warm fellowship where the Word of God is taught, and lives are developed and nurtured in the ways of God. This mission began as a teaching and training point where God used lay leadership to declare the gospel of Christ on a weekly basis. Now Canadatown has been constituted into a New Testament Church, teaching and preaching the glorious gospel of God and training those who come to faith in Christ. They continue to grow and glorify the Lord. They changed their name in 2020 to Canadatown Fellowship Baptist Church.

Mission Giving

South Union Mt. Zion Baptist Association (Since 1980)	\$169,717.10
Cooperative Program (Since 1980)	\$214,101.30
Lottie Moon International Missions Offering (Since 1992)	\$31,728.65
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (Since 1992)	\$23,979.00
Eliza Broadus State Missions Offering (Since 1992)	\$22,625.96
Canadatown Fellowship Baptist Church (Faith & KBC gifts, since 2010)	\$80,016.69
Clear Creek Baptist Bible College (Since 2005)	\$25,306.12
Laurel Lake Baptist Camp (Since 2005)	\$25,329.50
Oneida Baptist Institute (Since 2020)	\$5,748.05
First Creek Baptist Church (Flood relief help since 2022)	\$9,335.00
Baptist Mid-Missions (Record from 2002-2014)	\$9,859.79

Current Deacons



Mike White

Chairman of Deacons



Ralph Helton

Deacon



Sonny Harp

Deacon



Richard Stevens

Deacon

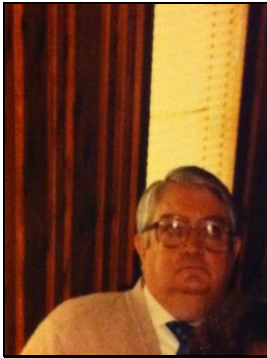
Pastors of Faith Baptist Church



Bennie Bush, Pastor
August 2, 1992-Present



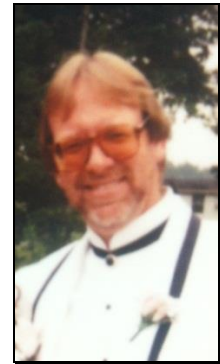
Ryan Chapman, Associate Pastor
July 17, 2022-Present



Perry Huff
December 10, 1989- April 1992



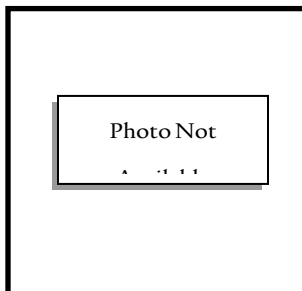
Sam Smith
July 27, 1984- December 3, 1989



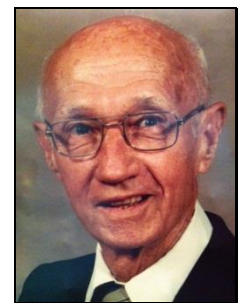
Alan Evans
May 2, 1982-April 1984



Graden Sears
November 1, 1978- January 1982



Royce Carlyle
March 1, 1978- August 1978



Elmer Elliott
Dec. 12, 1973- Dec. 7, 1977

Memories of Faith Baptist Church

