

# Our History

***Founded in 1954, we have a rich history. We invite you to become a part of our future.***

- **2008** ... Pastor Billy Barbo assumed the office of pastor January, 2008.
- **2007** ... Dave Warton, Church Services Group Leader - State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, assumed Interim Pastor duties during the latter part of the year.
- **2006** ... Jack Helton, Executive Director of the Ohio Baptist Foundation, begins serving as Interim Pastor
- **2007** ... Renovated our sanctuary.
- **2006** ... Year-long 50 Anniversary Celebration
- **2002** ... Steve Oswalt, accepted the call to serve as Pastor at First Baptist Church, serving through 2005.
- **2001** ... Steve Hopkins, Bible Teaching/Leadership Group Leader - State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, served as Interim Pastor.
- **1990** ... Rev. Dennis Back was called as pastor and served through 2001, when he started a church plant in Las Vegas.
  - In 1991 our 35th Anniversary Homecoming celebration was held.
  - In 1995 our parking lots were paved.
  - In 1996 our 40th Anniversary Homecoming celebration was held.
  - David Derry accepted a call to serve as Youth & Music Minister in 1997 and served through 2001 when he launched a church-plant in Canal Fulton.
- **1979** ... Dr. Claude Stevens was called as pastor and served through 1990.
  - Our current office wing was built, adding additional classroom and a parlor too.
- **1979** ... Rev. I.M. Statzer accepted a call to serve as Interim Pastor through July 1979.
- **1976** ... Rev. George W. Bryant was called as pastor and served through 1978.
- **1972** ... Rev. Milton T. Duke was called as pastor and served through 1976.
  - An education and office suite were added behind the sanctuary.
  - The church sponsored the Bloom Baptist Fellowship.
  - Launched a formal children's church program.
- **1966** ... Rev. Joe P. Weldon was called as pastor, and served through 1971. During this time our present sanctuary was built, dedicated Nov. 17, 1970.
- **1962** ... Rev Robert A. Wiley was called as pastor, and served till 1966
  - The second unit of today's facility was built and two adjoining properties were purchased.
- **1960** ... Rev. W.A Baria was called as pastor, and served till 1962.
- **1959** ... The church sponsored a second mission work in Ashville.
- **1958** ... The first part of today's facility was built.
- **1956** ... The mission work is constituted into a church and incorporated as Circleville First Baptist Church. In April of 1956, the church sponsored their first mission in Washington Court House.
- **1955** ... Paul White is called to be the first pastor of First Baptist, serving until 1960.
- **1954** ... Southern Baptist Home Mission Board sends three student preachers to Circleville.