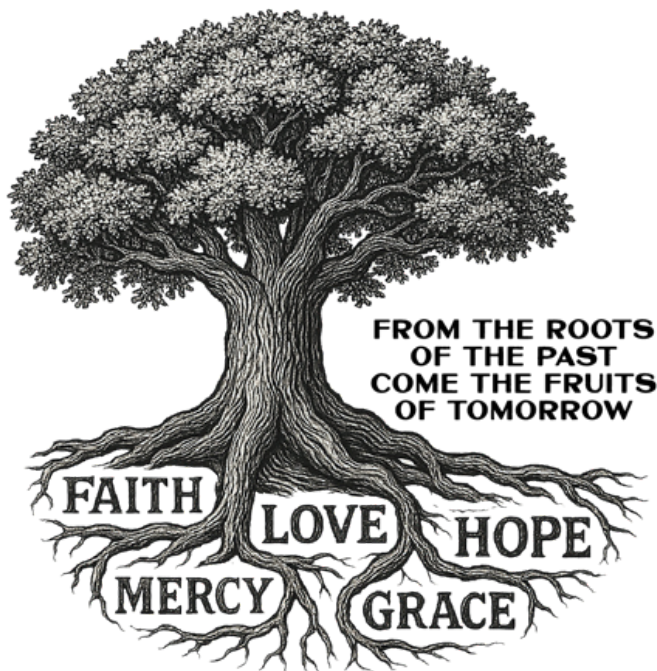


CELEBRATING **150** YEARS



**FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH OF STRAFFORD**

**Sunday, April 12, 2026**

# **Worship Service | 10:45 a.m.**

## **Welcome & Introductions**

Dr. Orvin Feliciano  
Pastor, First Baptist Church of Strafford

## **Scripture Reading & Prayer**

Rev. Josh Hall  
Director of Missions, Greene County Baptist Association

## **Congregational Singing**

*To God Be the Glory | What He's Done | We Will Remember*  
FBC150 Worship Choir, Band, & Orchestra  
Directed by Dr. Josh Erisman, Minister of Music & Administration

## **Worship through His Tithes & Our Offerings**

### **Special Music - *All the Praise***

FBC150 Worship Choir  
Jane (Dishman) Love, soloist

### **Message from God's Word**

Dr. Wes Fowler  
Executive Director, Missouri Baptist Convention

**Response Song - *Great Is Thy Faithfulness with My Tribute***

### **Recognition of FBC Pastors & Wives**

### **Closing Prayer**

Dr. Mike Haynes  
Retired Director of Missions, Greene County Baptist Association

**Closing Song - *The Family of God***

# **FBC150 Celebration | 2:30 p.m.**

## **Welcome & Introductions**

Ashley French

Chairman, FBC150 Steering Committee

## **FBC150 History Video**

Compiled and edited by Emily Evans

## **Greetings & Proclamations**

City of Strafford

Greene County Commission

Missouri House of Representatives

Greene County Baptist Association

Missouri Baptist Convention & Historical Commission

Southern Baptist Convention

## **Closing Thanks & Prayer**

Kenny Walker

Chairman of Deacons, First Baptist Church

**\*\*\* Dismissal to Portico \*\*\***

## **Historic Bell Dedication**

Ryan Flowers

Member, FBC150 Steering Committee

## **Bell Ringing**

Robert McDonald

Longtime Member of First Baptist Church

## **Cake Reception & Fellowship**

# Greetings

*Hallelujah! We gather today to honor 150 years of God's faithfulness to our church. What a joy it is to reflect on the generations who have worshiped, served, and sacrificed so that we might stand where we are today.*

*As you read this program and join us in this moment, we pray you are encouraged by the rich legacy behind us and inspired by the mission ahead as we "take the cross to the world!" May this day be filled with gratitude, unity, and renewed commitment to glorify God in all we do.*



**Dr. Orvin Feliciano**

Pastor, First Baptist Church of Strafford

*It has been an absolute honor to help coordinate this celebration. I want to sincerely thank our steering committee and staff for their dedication and hard work in seeing this come to fruition.*

*Today, we celebrate those who came before us and their faithful service, all made possible through the grace of God. As we honor the past, I pray this celebration strengthens our call to share the gospel with others as we look ahead with hope for the future.*



**Ashley French**

Chairman, FBC150 Steering Committee

# Faithful Beginnings: Charter Members (1876)

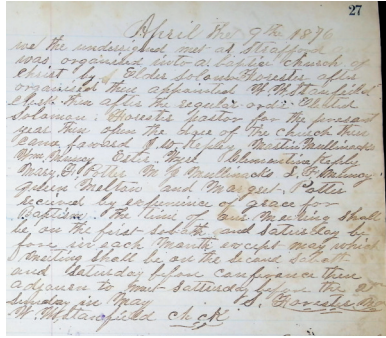
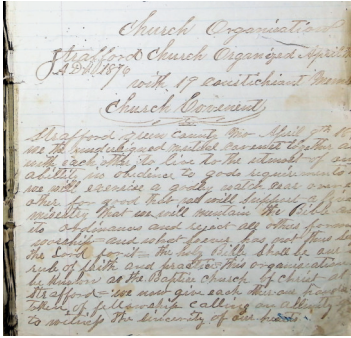
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Rufus Ford	Susan Creson
William Lamb	Mary J. McMurkey
P.D. Stanfield	Hannah West
JJ. McMurkey	Elvira Love
William Winston Stanfield	Elizabeth Creson
W.H.B. Stanfield	Georgia A. Stanfield
J. West	Amanda E. Brown
H. Love	J.A. Ford
John Lamb	

## FBC150 Steering Committee

Ashley French, chairman  
Dr. Orvin Feliciano, pastor

Colleen Andrews  
Doug Donaldson  
Kirsten Donaldson  
Dr. Josh Erisman  
Ryan Flowers  
Jane Love  
Ray Schnick  
Sandy Strecker  
Kenny Walker

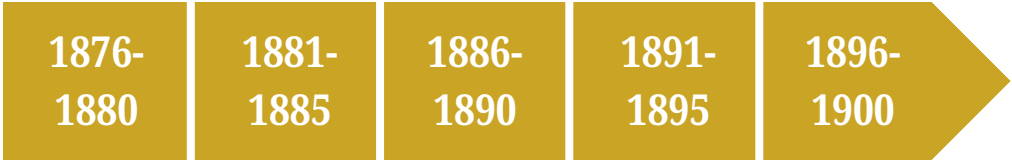
# 150 Years of First Baptist Church



**April 9, 1876** - Church officially organized

**Sept. 1876** - Joined Greene County Baptist Association

**1899** - Approximately 100 members



**1878-1883** - Purchased land and constructed first building south of the railroad, costing approximately \$600

**July 1895** - First record of paying pastor's salary (\$40/year)

**Feb. 1882** - Day appointed to collect for foreign missions

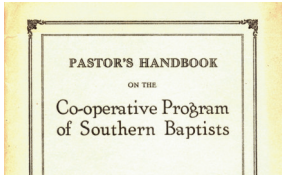
**March 1882** - Organized "Sabbath School" to meet on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month (precursor to Sunday School)

**Oct. 1882** - "Protracted meeting" (revival) resulting in 12 conversions

Many minutes entries in the 1880s and 1890s dealt with church discipline. Some examples include:

- "rude conduct"
- "disobeying church covenant by dancing"
- "non-fellowship"
- "intoxication"
- "unchristian conduct"
- "profane language"
- "contempt of church"
- "heresy"
- "going contrair to the Gospel regarding marriage obligations"

# Rooted in Faith: 1876 to 1925



**1925** - Accepted “unified mission budget” (known today as the SBC’s Cooperative Program)

**1901** - Committee to adopt schedule plan for missionary offerings: foreign (international), home (North American), state, and district (association)

**1923** - Committee to select and purchase songbooks

**1919** - First reference to meeting on Wednesday night (business meeting)

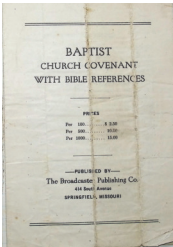
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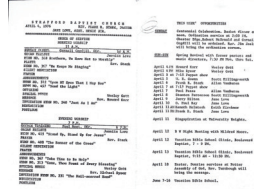
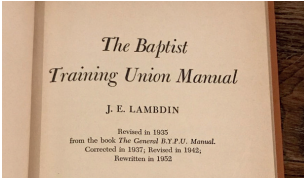


**1913** - Revival with 37 conversions

**1921-1922** - New church building constructed and dedicated in July 1922, a “countywide event” - \$1,850 indebtedness pledged by those present - Total building cost was \$3,095 - Building was concrete and included a Sunday School room



# 150 Years of First Baptist Church



1950 - Began printing church bulletins

1930 - First record of church budget:

- 62% - Pastor
- 13% - Sunday School
- 9% - Janitor
- 4% - Insurance
- 3% - Supplies
- 5% - Cooperative Missions
- 3% - District Missions

1939 - First female BTU director (Juanita Love) and music leader (Minnie Campbell)

1937 - First mention of Baptist Training Union (discipleship program)

1926-  
1930

1931-  
1935

1936-  
1940

1941-  
1945

1946-  
1950

1935 - All day meeting and membership roll call held for purposes of determining the church's strength

1942 - Begin weekly preaching service

1945 - First Vacation Bible School (VBS) led by summer missionaries (4 young ladies)



1947 - First church bus purchased for \$325 - Second bus purchased in 1949 for \$1,500

1949 - Full basement added to church building for furnace and classrooms

# Growing the Ministry: 1926 to 1975



**1953** - First paid music director (\$10/week)

**1970** - "Come As You Are" truck stop service began

**1953** - First messengers sent to Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting

**1966** - United with area churches to establish fund to help the need in the community

**1951** - Community visitation program established

**1965** - Church library established

**1971** - Air conditioning installed

1951-  
1955

1956-  
1960

1961-  
1965

1966-  
1970

1971-  
1975

**1956** - Building committee appointed for educational unit

**1957-1958** - Parsonage constructed at a cost of \$10,000

**1959** - Purchased 1/5 share in water well and piped water into the church building

**1960** - New educational addition completed, costing \$14,560 and including 8 classrooms, kitchen, assembly room, restrooms, and pastor's study

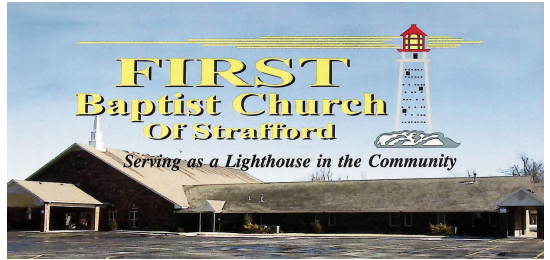
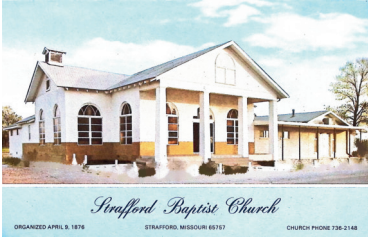


**1963** - Approval of deacon recommendation that all individuals, regardless of race, should be welcomed into the church

**1967** - Addition to educational building, costing \$9,200 and including 4 classrooms, 2 dressing rooms, baptistry, church office, and pastor's study (first baptism on July 2)



# 150 Years of First Baptist Church



**1976** - Church's centennial celebrated - Membership totaled 478

**1998-1999** - Current worship center constructed, costing only \$335,000 thanks to volunteer labor (should have been nearly \$1 million)

1976-  
1980

1981-  
1985

1986-  
1990

1991-  
1995

1996-  
2000

**1980** - Church incorporated and constitution and bylaws created - Name changed from Strafford Baptist Church to First Baptist Church of Strafford

**1985** - Commissioning service for Pastor Frank and Betty Stark to Raceway Ministries after 20 years as pastor of First Baptist Church



**1979-1980** - New educational facility constructed and named in honor of Lawrence Smart

**1994** - God's Little Angels Daycare (GLAD) opened with three children

"Forward on Faith"  
STRAFFORD BAPTIST CHURCH



# Bearing Fruit: 1976 to 2026 & Beyond



**2001** - Church's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrated - Membership totaled 680+

**2016** - Began missions partnership with Market View Community Church, Lucena City, Philippines



**2015** - Restructured Wednesday night ministry and renamed NOW (No Other Way), providing a free family meal



**2020** - Church met online only for 8 weeks due to Covid-19 pandemic and began livestreaming services from that point on

2001-2005

2006-2010

2011-2015

2016-2020

2021-2026

**2002-2003** - God's Little Angels Daycare closed and old church building demolished due to safety concerns



**2009** - Construction of "The Barn" (garage/activity building)



**2023** - Established "First Loving Strafford" community serve day



**2004** - \$140,000 gift received from Lawrence Smart Trust



**2023** - Began missions partnership in Mariel, Cuba

# Pastors of First Baptist Church

1876-1880	Solomon Forrester
1881-1882	J.P. Aikin
1882-1883	D.C. Barb
1884-1885	A. Webster
1885	Solomon Forrester
1886	J.N. Wommach
1887-1889	T.N. Horner
1890-1891	W.W. Morton
1892	R.E. Rhodes
1893	J.J. Parten
1894-1895	J.P. Aikin
1895-1896	Joseph Hicks
1897	J.M. White
1897-1898	W.A. Bailey
1898-1900	Will Cain
1900-1901	J.A. Newport
1902-1904	Will Cain
1905	Solomon Forrester
1906-1907	H.C. Ayers
1907-1908	J.M. Payne
1908-1909	Will Cain
1910	W.T. Triplett
1911	Will Cain
1911-1912	John F. Killian
1912	Judson Barb
1913-1914	John F. Killian
1915	R.B. Carnutt
1915-1916	N.H. Triplett
1917	Percy Miner
1917-1918	W.R. Laughlin

1918-1921	<i>NO PASTOR</i>
1921-1922	N.G. Bristow
1922-1923	T.P. Stone
1923-1924	V.E. Patterson
1925	C.M. Deaver
1926	E.H. Barb
1927-1928	Maurice Emery
1928-1929	<i>Supply Pastor</i>
1929	H.I. Brittain
1930-1932	Paul Peaso
1932-1933	R.W. Forbus
1934-1936	C.B. Tucker
1937-1938	E.E. Spickard
1938-1941	N.C. Bristow
1941-1945	Lester Rogers
1945-1946	Charles Foley
1946-1948	E.E. Kirksey
1948-1949	Robert Wakefield
1949-1950	Bill Elaam
1950-1955	Howard Karr
1955-1956	W.E. Cowan
1956-1959	Stanton Patterson
1959-1962	Daryl Golding
1963-1965	O. Paul Ray
1965-1985	Frank Stark
1985-1991	Ken Hull
1991-2000	Keith Vawter
2002-2013	Dennis Gromer
2014-2022	Dr. Rick Durham
2022-	Dr. Orvin Feliciano

# Pastors Licensed or Ordained at FBC

1878	I.J. Carter	Ordained
1893	Harrison Love	Ordained
1927	Maurice Emery	Ordained
1932	Alva Keith	Licensed & Ordained
1933	Robert Holloway	Licensed & Ordained
1950	Joel Alexander	Licensed & Ordained
1960	Loren Winter	Licensed
1960	Kenneth McIntosh	Licensed
1960	Jerry Hilton	Licensed
1960	J.D. Hokanson	Licensed
1960	Michael Ryser	Licensed
1960	Ellis Stepp	Licensed
1966	Jerry Donaldson	Licensed
1971	Harold Beck	Licensed
1975	Bruce Love	Licensed & Ordained
1989	Keith Adams	Licensed
1994	Matt Butler	Licensed
2000	Phil St. Laurent	Licensed
2015	Josh Erisman	Ordained
2015	Justin Guthrie	Licensed

*In Baptist tradition, licensing to the gospel ministry is a temporary, local church recognition of a call to ministry, often for those beginning to preach or training. Ordination is the permanent, official “setting apart” of a minister for full pastoral leadership by a local church, involving an ordination council composed of ordained ministers and deacons. The candidate is examined with regard to his doctrinal, moral, and personal soundness in accordance with 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9.*

# Former Music/Youth/Children's Leaders

## MUSIC

Russell Aldridge  
J.A. Pennington  
Betty Lea Campbell  
Donna Shelton  
Loren Winter  
Wesley Gott  
Alan VanBuren  
Keith Kirchner  
Ralph Coley  
Minnie Campbell  
June Alexander  
LeRoy Blunt  
Jane (Dishman) Love  
Mike Morris  
Scott Killingsworth  
John Viehland  
Leon Holloway  
David Goings  
Robert Morton  
Roger Payne  
Debbie Gromer

## CHILDREN'S

Tina Payne  
Desiree Donaldson  
Brittany Erisman

## YOUTH

Keith Kirchner  
Mike & Jan Marler  
James & Laura Belongy  
Harold Beck  
John & Shirley McGaughey  
Vince Blubaugh  
Keith Adams  
Bonnie Vawter  
Wally & Pat Brummett  
Matt & Teresa Butler  
Jeremy Eveland  
Bill & Anita Holmes  
Todd Walker  
Chris Roberds  
Preston Thompson  
Chad Mathes  
Jason Christianson  
Paul May  
Dave Pratt  
Justin Guthrie  
Patrick Hobbs  
Brittney Taylor  
Brianna Conyers  
Garett Bowles

*We sincerely apologize if anyone  
has been left off this list!*

# Current Staff & Ministry Leaders

## STAFF

<b>Pastor</b>	Dr. Orvin Feliciano
<b>Minister of Music &amp; Administration</b>	Dr. Josh Erisman
<b>Student Ministry Directors</b>	Jesse & Maude Dengel
<b>Children's Ministry Director</b>	Alicia Van Winkle
<b>Custodian</b>	Emily Evans

## OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

<b>Chairman of Deacons/Pastor Support</b>	Kenny Walker
<b>Church Clerk</b>	Connie Walker
<b>Church Treasurer</b>	Terry Bruton
<b>Chairman of Trustees</b>	Jeremy French
<b>Chairman of Nominating Committee</b>	Mike Bruton
<b>Chairman of Personnel Committee</b>	Ashley French
<b>Chairman of Finance Committee</b>	Ryan Flowers

## MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

<b>Education/Sunday School Ministry</b>	Dr. Josh Erisman
<b>Senior Adult Ministry</b>	Colleen Andrews
<b>Men's Ministry</b>	Jeff Peelor
<b>Women's Ministry</b>	Shannon Peelor
<b>Missions &amp; Cultural Impact Ministry</b>	Dana Crisp
<b>Strafford Care Center Ministry</b>	Rich Roach
<b>"Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry</b>	Connie Walker
<b>Church Decor Team</b>	Jane Love
<b>Facilities Team</b>	Dennis Neese
<b>Security Team</b>	Randy Coble
<b>Technology Team</b>	Jeremy French
<b>Transportation Team</b>	James Adkins

Join Us as We Continue the Mission...



**FBC150  
REVIVAL**

**SEPTEMBER 10-12**  
**REVIVAL**  
THURSDAY - FRIDAY NIGHT

PREACHER: <b>HOSEA BILYEU</b>	MUSIC: <b>BILYEU FAMILY</b> THURSDAY	MUSIC: <b>MORTON FAMILY</b> FRIDAY
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**FISH FRY &  
MISSIONS AUCTION**  
SATURDAY NIGHT  
MUSIC: JUSTIN & LORI SIFFORD



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
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