

**Pastors since 1942 (dates may not be exact)**

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| <b>Virgil DeFreece – 1942</b> | <b>Marvin Hester – 1966</b>   |
| <b>Lenox Medford – 1944</b>   | <b>Ronald Kimbell – 1969</b>  |
| <b>Sidney Oxendine – 1945</b> | <b>Jim Cooper – 1972</b>      |
| <b>Carroll Gibson – 1948</b>  | <b>Bill Bruce – 1976</b>      |
| <b>Charles Edwards – 1953</b> | <b>John Graves – 1976</b>     |
| <b>Lloyd Cowling – 1955</b>   | <b>Donnie O’Fallon – 1978</b> |
| <b>Lee Furrh – 1956</b>       | <b>Craig Chambers – 1982</b>  |
| <b>Jerry Hill – 1958</b>      | <b>Bill Hatfield – 1991</b>   |
| <b>Bob Sensat – 1959</b>      | <b>Gary Bobo* – 2000</b>      |
| <b>Jim Landers – 1960</b>     | <b>Mike Watkins – 2001</b>    |
| <b>Ed Smith – 1962</b>        | <b>Don Jones * - 2005</b>     |
| <b>Bill Kite – 1964</b>       | <b>Ellis Jones – 2005</b>     |
|                               | <b>David Blase*- 2012</b>     |
|                               | <b>*interim</b>               |

**“To God Be The Glory”**



**First Baptist**  
Dierks

**100**  
YEARS  
1917 - 2017

**10:00 a.m.**

**October 15, 2017**

## THROUGH THE YEARS

The First Baptist Church of Dierks began in 1917 at a revival meeting that was held under a brush arbor, south of the football field, and just on the north side of town creek. The leaders of this revival were B.A. Myers, (shipping clerk for Dierks Lumber and Coal Co.), Mr. Beane (Dierks School Superintendent), and Mr. Tucker, (construction foreman for Thor and Shea Construction Co.). These were the first trustees of the new church.

In the spring of 1925, a revival was held in the concrete building west of the old hotel by Rev. Winans, an evangelist from Little Rock. During this revival, the present church was officially organized with a membership of 156. Forty-two of these were baptized in Holly Creek in early May. The minister who helped organize the church and baptized the forty-two people was Rev. M.R. Gaddis, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Nashville, Arkansas. The current building was erected on the same foundation of the original building that was destroyed by fire in 1931. All church records were destroyed in that fire.

When the present building was erected, it had an auditorium and three classrooms. In 1962 the Education Building was enlarged to eight classrooms and a library on the second floor. The first floor consisted of three classrooms, pastor's study, kitchen, and fellowship hall. Improvements were made on both the building and the parking lot through the years. In April 1987, the church was remodeled while Rev. Craig Chambers was pastor. In December 2000 there was a fire in the building and the original building was remodeled and renovated. In 2004, while Rev. Ellis Jones was pastor, the church voted to build a family activity building.

In 2012 Rev. David Blase was called as interim pastor. During this time 83 new members have been added (37 by baptism), the Family Activity Building was completed, a new 15 passenger van was purchased, restrooms have been remodeled, new carpet has been installed in the education area, new furniture has been purchased for almost all children's classrooms, and the parsonage has been remodeled with a new kitchen and deck.

We actively support all mission offerings, conduct VBS, and each year a Ladies' Night Out, under the leadership of Anna Blase and the Deacons' wives, brings hundreds of women to the church.

**"TO GOD BE THE GLORY, GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE"**

## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Service

October 15, 2017

10:00 a.m.

### Call To Worship

Directed by Gary Powell, Former Music Director '85-'88  
Welcome and Announcements .....Bro. David Blase  
Testimonies From Former Staff Members:

Mrs. Ed Smith .....1962  
Mrs. Ron Kimbell.....1969  
Bro. Donnie O'Fallon.....1978  
Bro. Craig Chambers ..... 1982  
Teresa Stephens.....Arkansas Baptist State Convention  
Video..... (Opal Hobbs, Wilma Arnold, Carolyn Griffin)

Hymn Medley.....Congregation  
includes *Saved, Saved; He lives; Because He Lives*  
and *To God Be The Glory*

Giving of Tithes and Offerings  
A Time of Greeting and Break Time

"Sing To The Lord Medley" Anniversary Choir  
Special Music.....Powell Family  
(Gary, Norma, Emily, Grace & Bethany)

Bro. Gary Bobo .....2000

Bro. Don Jones .....2005

Director of Missions - Little River Baptist Association

Bro. Ellis Jones.....2005

Message in Song .....Gary Powell  
Celebration Message.....Bro. David Blase..... 2012

The Invitation .....*"Have Your Way"*  
Benediction and Blessing of the Food

**"To God Be The Glory"**  
(Galatians 1:4,5)