

Boyd Baptist Church_Organized in 1949



The dedication service of Boyd Baptist Church as an organized Southern Baptist Church was held May 1, 1949. Dr. J. Howard Williams, Executive Secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, gave the dedication message. Brother Barnard Franklin gave the Dedicatory Prayer. From its inception, Boyd Baptist Church has had a heartbeat for missions as it began as a mission of First Baptist Church in Bonham, Texas.

On August 2, 1942, the First Baptist Church in Bonham voted to extend an arm to the Boyd Community to consider it one of their missions. On Sunday afternoon Brother J. I. Gregory, pastor of First Baptist Church, advised the Boyd community they had been accepted as one of their mission churches, and extended the invitation for membership.

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The following came for baptism: Mr. & Mrs. George Wilson, Mr. Cleatis Roach, Mr. Clyde Kerr, Mr. W.L. Coonrod, Ms. Lucille Pearson and Mrs. Thomas Aaron. Ten others were received by letter: Mr. & Mrs. Jack Roach, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin T. Neal, Mrs. S. E. Pratt, Mr. Jesse Wheat, Mrs. W. L. Coonrod, Mrs. J. J. Coonrod, Mrs. Maggie Stubbs, and Mrs. Thelma Kerr Helton.

Ms. Minnie Barnes and Ms. Erlanna Crelia held a Bible School at the Boyd community in August 1947 at which time there were 19 conversions.

As a result of this successful Bible School, a committee consisting of Mr. J.E. Farmer, Mr. R. G. Fisher, Mrs. W. E. Preston, Mr. Harry Hancock, and Mrs. John Maness was appointed on December 10, 1947 to comprise the Boyd Mission Committee. On their recommendation, the church authorized the First Baptist Church Pastor, Reverend J. I. Gregory, to secure the services of Brother Bernard Franklin, director of Fannin County Missions, to hold a meeting the first week in January regarding organizing a church.

On January 4, 1948, Brother Franklin held a meeting at Boyd to discuss the possibility of organizing a church. The thirteen present at this meeting were: Mr. & Mrs. Grady Fisher; Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Preston, Mr. & Mrs. Hayden Hayes, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Roach, and son, Billy, Mrs. Lucille Holder, and son, Kenneth, and Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Neal. The motion to organize a church was made by Mrs. Virgie Roach and endorsed by Mr. Grady Fisher. That same afternoon Brother Franklin Moderated the organizational meeting. There were 54 Charter Members.

Mr. James Ed Floyd donated the one acre of land where the original church was located. A surplus building from Camp Maxey, near Paris, Texas, was acquired. It was torn down, moved and rebuilt to be used as the Boyd Baptist Church building. The second year the parsonage was built. This additional land was purchased from Mr. A.T. Ohmert, Mrs. Myrtle Allen's father.

In 1953 four new classrooms were added to the original building, two rooms on the north side and two on the south at the back of the auditorium. A back wing with three classrooms and an educational unit were added in 1958. In 1959 a church recreation park was acquired. In 1970 a beginner department, two-room nursery, a classroom three bathrooms a front foyer and heating and air-conditioning were added.

On July 4, 1973 Boyd Baptist Church voted to build a new auditorium.

The ground breaking for a new 2,500 square feet sanctuary was held December 2, 1973, with dedication of the new building following on May 5, 1974,

an additional six acres of land, north and west of the original property was purchased from the family of A. T. & Gladys Melson in 1983. Boyd Baptist Church constructed an educational building for children and pre-schoolers in 1983. It was built primarily with volunteer labor and upon completion, the building was debt free. Also in 1983, Boyd

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Baptist Church was awarded a plaque at the 97th annual meeting of the Fannin Baptist Association for five years of consecutive Sunday School growth.

In 1984 the members of Boyd Baptist Church voted to brick the back part of the old educational wing and began planning for building additional facilities.

The note to build the new Sanctuary, which was dedicated in 1974, was paid in full and a “note burning” ceremony was held May 26, 1985, making Boyd Baptist Church debt free.

Once again more space was soon needed, and in 1987 a new larger fellowship hall, a new kitchen, extra bathrooms and new classrooms were built. The older fellowship hall was used for multiple purposes including youth gatherings, adult Sunday School classes, fellowships, etc. The new structure was to be a temporary sanctuary until time the church would construct a permanent sanctuary, north of the present buildings. December 15, 1988 the first service was held in the temporary sanctuary.

A new four bedroom parsonage was completed in March of 1991. The new parsonage was built on the west side of the church property.

Members of Boyd Baptist Church held the long anticipated ground breaking ceremony for a new 9,00 square feet sanctuary on February 27, 1994. The dedication service for the sanctuary was held November 13, 1994, with over 550 in attendance. Body Baptist Church held another note burning ceremony on Sunday, May 5, 1998, and once again became “debt free.”

The growth continued in 1999, when a steeple was added to the church. Also, in 1999, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Boyd Baptist Church, a beautiful Thomas Kinkade picture entitle “The Garden of Prayer”, was placed in our sanctuary foyer in memory of Uncle Bill Coonrod. Then, in 200, a beautiful lighted message sign was erected. The year of 2001 also saw tremendous growth as the grounds were landscaped and a new twenty-one passenger bus was purchased. Shortly thereafter, a new bus/storage barn was built. In August 2002 Francine Johnston and Family donated a state of the art video projection system that was placed in our sanctuary in memory of Chiley Johnston. In 2003, a new van was acquired and in 2004, a new parking lot was built.

Boyd Baptist Church began as a mission and has always generously supported missions. Not only with monetary gifts, but mission teams and pastors have been dispatched locally and in South Texas, Colorado, Mexico, Spain, Latvia, and Africa. These teams and pastors have held Bible Schools, revivals, worked on church building projects, witnessed, and did canvassing work. Our goal is to continue to “Help People Become World-Changing Followers of Jesus Christ”, to reach others for Christ, and further His Kingdom’s work at home and abroad.

Pastors

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<i>1948</i>	<i>W. C. Patton</i>
<i>1950</i>	<i>Ross Bouland</i>
<i>1952</i>	<i>Roy Jerrell</i>
<i>1955</i>	<i>James Sitze</i>
<i>1957</i>	<i>Bob Rowe</i>
<i>1961</i>	<i>J. A. Holloway</i>
<i>1962</i>	<i>Fred Holt</i>
<i>1964</i>	<i>Morris Robbins</i>
<i>1970</i>	<i>Milton Kresse</i>
<i>1974</i>	<i>James G. Cameron, Jr.</i>
<i>1978</i>	<i>Chris Cowen</i>
<i>1988</i>	<i>Dannie Williams</i>
<i>1990</i>	<i>Jerry Clement</i>
<i>1999</i>	<i>Jimmie Robinson</i>
<i>2002 - Present</i>	<i>Lyn Holly</i>