



A small group of people met on a hot summer day, August 27th, to organize what we know now as Windom Baptist Church. That day, a Pastor was chosen; a secretary, a treasurer and a deacon were appointed to serve. The minutes are brief on that particular day, but a notation was made that five people joined the church at this first business meeting. Three people wanted to be baptized. They didn't want to wait until there was a baptistery, or a building or teachers or a revival. We wonder if they realized what a historical moment this was to be. There were so many immediate needs that they probably did not give a thought to what the future would ultimately bring. That very day they began a work for the Lord that would struggle and thrive; fall down, pick itself up again and again through years of depression war, failed crops, storms and meager economy. But God's people will ultimately prevail and become stronger for their efforts. What a legacy they gave for us to carry on.

They shared a hope and vision of serving God the best way they knew how in unity and love by providing a place to worship together and to spread the good news in the town called Windom, where they lived and raised their families. These were people of different times, different values and principles, whose hard work and determination were able to give them a hope for the future in the family of God.

In the early day, they began to support missionaries, formed a Women's Missionary Union, made donations to orphans and Home missions, held revivals and organized a church at Flagg Springs. The protracted revivals, in those days continued not in days, but weeks, until sinners got saved and baptized and everyone got right with the Lord.

Some 23 years later, the Windom Baptist Church had grown to 292 members. The town of Windom was thriving and prospering too at that time.

There is mention in the early years of having church services in the School Building. There may have been times when church services were held under a brush arbor or a nearby shade tree. In His Word, God promises that wherever two or more are gathered in His name; there He will be also. Windom Baptist Church has surely been blessed in its 125 years of history!

W. P. Cappleman was the first deacon of Windom Baptist Church and the listing of deacons throughout the records are familiar names even now. Alphabetically, there are listed as Beaver, Burk, Cappleman, Chaney, Ganius, Gibbs, Hale, Hall, Henderson, Henry, Herriage, Kyle, Nichols, Oliver, Owen, Parker, Perry, Pickett, Rigsby, Saunders and White. There may have been others, but these are the only deacons mentioned in the minute books.

After the two years of planning and building, Windom Baptist Church dedicated their new Worship Education Center on Sunday, October 6th, 1991. The Dedication Services was led by Pastor Alan Quigley at 5:00 PM. Guest speakers included former pastor, Rodney Stanford, Bruce Burk; former member, pastor and missionary to Nepal; and Abner Bryant, lead carpenter for Texas Baptist Men's Retiree Builders, who participated in the actual building of the new Sanctuary and Educational Center.

Bob Dixon, Director of the Texas Baptist Men brought the dedication message.

An open house and reception was held prior to the service in the fellowship hall of the church prior to the evening service of Dedication of Windom Baptist Church. Those initial pioneers back in 1885 began a legacy for us today. Some times will be difficult, but we must continue to share a hope and vision of serving God to the best of our abilities. we must continue to serve our town, our community and its people. May God continue to bless Windom Baptist Church is our prayer!

Pastors:

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| 1887 | E. Owen |
| 1888-1890 | E. M. Hunt |

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| 1891-1902 | H. F. Jones |
| 1903-1904 | J. L. Truett |
| 1905 | E. D. Reece |
| 1906 | NA |
| 1907 | G. R. McCraw |
| 1908 | J. W. Summers |
| 1909-1910 | G. R. McCraw |
| 1911-1912 | W. E. Davis |
| 1913 | D. R. Parker |
| 1914-1915 | J. H. Ezell |
| 1916 | NA |
| 1917 | O. A. Carmein |
| 1918-1919 | Alpha Shelton |
| 1920 | W. F. Braswell |
| 1921 | NA |
| 1922 | W. L. Brumlow |
| 1923 | J. H. Ezell |
| 1924 | J. M. Burton |
| 1925 | NA |
| 1926 | G. M. Stewart |
| 1927 | NA |
| 1928 | C. H. Tharp |
| 1929-1932 | G. L. Vaughn |
| 1933-1934 | NA |
| 1935-1936 | L. L. Bolton |
| 1937 | Raymond Smoot |
| 1938-1941 | Samuel D. Smith |
| 1942 | O. F. Robinson |
| 1943 | NA |
| 1944 | J. K. Moore |
| 1945 | Robert L. Hewgley |
| 1946 | Clayton Baker |
| 1947 | Ivan L. Paulk |
| 1948-1949 | NA |
| 1950 | James Sitze |
| 1951 | NA |
| 1952-1953 | Bill Preston |
| 1954 | NA |
| 1955-1961 | Truman R. Hawkins |
| 1962-1975 | Raymond Smoot |
| 1976-1977 | Burton Meloncon |
| 1978-1984 | Rodney Stanford |
| 1985-1987 | Glenn Lowrimore |
| 1988-1989 | Gary Knighton |
| 1990-1991 | Alan Quigley |
| 1992-1993 | Tim Clayton |

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| 1994 | Chris Gullledge |
| 1995-1998 | Morris Robbins |
| 1999-2001 | Keith Moore |
| 2002-Present | Dave Cash |