



Our History

First Baptist Church of Martin, Tennessee was organized in 1876. Thirteen, hearty souls met together one early, September Sunday to form this new church; three others joined by baptism bringing the total charter membership to sixteen. First Baptist has experienced a long and varied ministry, growing with the city in which she stands.

Through the years, twenty-seven men have served as lead visionaries and pastors of FBC Martin. Among these have been such notable names as J.N. Hall and J.B. Moody (Hall-Moody Institute) and I.N. Penick. Construction of the first auditorium was completed in 1905 under Dr. Penick's leadership.

Seven additions have been made to the physical building, including a wing for education ministry (1957); an adult education wing (1986); and an education wing that included preschool facilities, a church library, and additional classrooms (1999). As God has added to those who are being saved, an 1,100 seat Worship Center was completed and occupied in 2012.

The church, however, is not mortar and bricks. Instead, it is the life of all believers who have placed their faith and trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. He is the Way, Truth, and the Life (John 14:6).

As we seek to fulfill our Great Commission purpose, our Family of Faith continues to expand upon that strong foundation which is Jesus Christ. Upon this Rock, He will build His church. The gates of Hell will not stand against it (Matthew 16:18).