

Rev. Harvey D. Lewis

1958 – 1963

Rev. Harvey D. Lewis began his pastorate in October, 1958. One of his first duties was to help prepare and lead the church in the “Forward Program”. The climax of this campaign was a fellowship dinner held at the Armory with approximately 475 in attendance.

The old auditorium was torn down and a three-story brick education unit was erected on the corner of Third and Madison Streets. Construction was begun in 1961 and completed in the summer of 1962.

The two houses west of the church buildings were removed and the areas was fenced and paved, and lights were installed on the church building for increased parking.

A lot was purchased on Redbud Street to build a new parsonage.

The number of deacons was increased from 18 to 36 and the church employed both an Educational Director and a Music Director. The Music Director also acted as Youth Director.

In April and May of 1963 the church made it possible for the pastor to participate in the “New Life Movement” in the Far East. He led in revivals in Japan and Macau.

The Lewis’ accepted a call from the Central Baptist Church of Marshall, TX, in 1963.