

Rev. L. E. Lamb

1936 – 1943

The church continued its growth under the ministry of Rev. L. E. Lamb, who came in December 1936 from First Baptist Church, Nevada, MO. The first major task facing the new pastor was erecting the new parsonage. The six-room parsonage and garage was completed in 1937.

Finances were difficult, as it was still in the depression era, but these were good years in the growth of membership. Several outstanding revivals were held, some on the church lawn where the auditorium later stood. It was at a regular morning service when 29 united with the church, 26 coming by profession of faith for baptism.

During his pastorate the church first employed a music-education director, Carl Mauzey. A full-time secretary was also employed, along with a nursery worker for the worship hours. The Baptist Standard was first included in the budget, with 220 families received it. Substantial growth was noted in all areas of the church's organizations.

The Ellis Building was added to the physical plant in 1939. This two-story brick building was made possible by John J. Ellis, who also made several other gifts during the building program, including the heating system.

The Lambs left in June 1943 and moved to Nacogdoches to serve as pastor of the First Baptist Church. They moved back to Mt. Pleasant after retirement where Rev. Lamb served as interim pastor twice for First Baptist Church. He was a member of the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention.