Celebrating 175 Years of First Baptist Church
Marion, IA
The Beginning Years

Gathered in a log cabin east of Marion, then rented a building in Marion
Built a new church in Marion

11th St and 6th Ave

1855-1874
The Church by the Tracks

10th St and 6th Ave

1874-1957
The Church by the Tracks

Today, it is the Marion Heritage Center
The Church on 29th Street

Foundation work
The Church on 29th Street
The Church on 29th Street
The Church on 29th Street
Cornerstone - 1958
Growing Pains

Sunday School classes everywhere
Growing Pains

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Teacher: Dick Alexander
Growing Pains

Sunday School classes everywhere

Teachers: Jeanne Stenerson, Carol Wheeler
Growing Pains

Sunday School classes everywhere

Teacher: Carol Hilmer
Growing Pains
Sunday School classes everywhere

Teacher: Pat Nightingale
Growing Pains

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Added Educational Wing
Burning mortgage before building educational wing
Added Educational Wing

Groundbreaking – Sprankle at shovel
Added Educational Wing

Preparing area and foundation
Added Educational Wing

Ribbon cutting
Added Educational Wing
Cornerstone - 1967
Added Educational Wing
Rachel Booth, faithful church advocate
Added Educational Wing
Completed – parking lot view
Added Educational Wing

Completed – front of church view
The Church on 29th Street

Burning mortgage - 2016
The Church on 29th Street
Recent Pastors

Charles Moore
1945-1959
Recent Pastors

William McKee
1960-1963
Recent Pastors

Lyle Lee
1972-1984
Recent Pastors

William Hendricks
1985-1988
Recent Pastors

Robert Nelson
1989-1995
Recent Pastors

Forrest Cornelius
1996-2000
Recent Pastors

Randy Bobzien
2001-2017
Sunday School in educ. wing

Teacher: Jim McGarrahlan
Sunday School in educ. wing

Teacher: Nancy Soden
Sunday School in educ. wing

Teachers: Floyd and Mary Van Auken
Sunday School in educ. wing

Teacher: Mark Parks
Sunday School in educ. wing

Teachers: Doug and Pat Nightingale
Church Life - mission
Growing food in our garden
Church Life - mission

Missionaries
Greg & Faith Waite
Church Life - mission

We operated a food tent - 1983
Church Life - mission

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Church Life - mission
Float in Swamp Fox Parade - 1990s
Church Life - people
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Edna and Ed Lagerquist
Church Life - people

Roma Taylor
Stewart
Church Life - people

Bob & Margaret Doyle
Church Life - people

Raymond & Kathryn Eckhart
Church Life - people

David & Susan Maughan
Church Life - people

Leon & Myrtle
Nelson
Church Life - people

Harold & Eleanor Schlink
Church Life - people

Joan Stewart

Ordained 1988
Church Life - people

Jacqueline Taylor
Church Life - people

Irene Espe
Church Life - fellowship

Fellowship Hall all decked out
Church Life - fellowship

Senior Sunday
Church Life - fellowship
Church Life - fellowship
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Pinewood Derby
Church Life - fellowship
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Church Life - fellowship
Church Life – youth activities
Church Life – youth activities

Jr High 1965
Church Life – youth activities
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Church Life - work

Planting trees 1960s
Church Life - work

Dressing up the courtyard
Church Life - worship
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Soundman’s view from the balcony
Church Life - worship
Church Life - music

Bob Doyle at the organ - 2005
Church Life - music

Edna Lagerquist at the organ ~1960’s
Church Life - training
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Teacher: Carol Buhr
Church Life
- training

“Break the record” for Sunday school attendance
- 160 persons

Jeff Sexton initiative
Church Life - training
“Rethinking the Church” session