

TRINITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

**2325 Johnstown Road,
Huntington, W.V.**

The Trinity Free Will Baptist Church was organized August 29, 1956, in a storefront building at 2609 Jefferson Avenue, Huntington, W.V. Rev. Readies Selby called the group to order to transact business. Rev. Harvie Black Jr. was elected as Pastor. Rev. Readies Selby was elected as Asst. Pastor. Brother Harvie Black Jr. and Brother Andy Scarberry were elected Deacons. Sister Naomi Black was elected as Church Clerk; Sister Clara Selby was elected as Treasurer. Trustees elected were Ralph Shelby, Andy Scarberry, Harvie Black Sr., Cully Webb, and Gray Scarberry. Sunday School officers and Teachers were also elected.

The WORD OF GOD WAS ACCEPTED AS the rule of faith and practice.

The Church was accepted into the Brotherhood Quarterly Conference in April 1966.

On September 18, 1967 the present property was purchased and moved into shortly thereafter. The buying price was \$10,000.00.

Rev. Harvie Black Jr. remained as Pastor till July 1972, when Rev. Harold Black was elected Pastor. In July 1976 Rev. Luther Morgan was elected as Associate Pastor.

From 1975 on the Church experienced a continuous growth. In 1980 we went into a building program; remodeling the auditorium, adding a fellowship hall, eleven classrooms, church office, and vestibule coming into the auditorium.

In 1987 the Church bought the brick house on the east side of the Church; 2003 we bought the house on the west side of the Church. And in 1990 we built a Baptistery and redid the lighting in the auditorium.

From 1980 through 1990 we witnessed over 200 people giving a profession of faith in Christ Jesus. We baptized 175 on more. Our membership increase tremendously. Our youth group also became very competitive in Bible Sword Drill, Memorization, Bible Tic Tac Toe, Bible Bowl, and Music. They competed at the National Free Will Baptist Youth Conference and won. The music ministry of the Church was outstanding under the direction of Brother Gene Balck and Brother Randy Davis during

this time. The choir did Easter and Christmas cantatas and sang in different churches around the Tri-State area.

Rev. Harold Black continued to serve as Pastor until the Lord took him to his heavenly home in June 1994. He was loved and respected by all.

Pastors of the Church were as follows:

Rev. Harvie Black, Jr. ----- Aug. 29, 1965 to July 1972

Rev. Harold Black ----- July 1972 to July 1976

Rev. Luther Morgan ----- 1994 to 1998

Rev. Sheldon Wheeler ----- 2000 to 2004

Rev. Jody Fortner ----- 2005 to 2009

Rev. Bibby Fowler ----- 2010 to Present (2015)

Others who served as Deacons were: C.J. Brammer, Paul Lunsford, Gene Balck, Burly Maynard, Gene Patrick, John Napeir, Tim Kolecta, George Bickar, George Shirkley, and Jason Cleve.

Sister Linda Morgan also served as Clerk / Treasurer.