First Baptist Church History

First Baptist Church in Broussard began as a result of a survey by Mrs. J.J. Turpin and the Women's Missionary Union of the Northside Baptist Church in Lafayette.

The first church meetings were held under a tent located in Broussard from 1923-1924. During those meetings the Rev. St. Cloud Hovey, then pastor of the Northside Baptist Church, and the Rev. Regge Hosey preached in English while the Rev. A. Janes preached in French. Later the old bank building on Morgan Street in Broussard was rented to hold services in. In 1927 the church bought its first piece of property, 203 North Morgan Street.

In November of the same year, plans for a church building were approved and the Rev. L. Ray Jenson, architect and contractor, became the first pastor. By 1928 the new building was completed and First Baptist Church became formally organized with 24 members. The first annual budget of the church was $3,388.90.

Today, First Baptist Church has over 500 members with an annual budget of $118,279.00 and is continuing to grow. The church property now consists of seven lots and five buildings. Its ministry is designed to meet the needs of people of all ages. The church offers Sunday school, church training, morning and evening worship services on Sunday, Wednesday evening prayer meeting, missions organizations for all ages and other opportunities to the people of Broussard and the surrounding area.