

OUR STORY OF FAITH



1885-1949/ 1949-October 11th 2026

Walnut Springs Baptist Church was established in 1885, and for generations its congregation worshiped in a beautiful wooden sanctuary crowned by a tall steeple. In 1922, the steeple was removed after being damaged by a cyclone.

By the late 1940s, the congregation recognized the need for a new sanctuary. During construction, Sunday services were held in the town fire hall while the old building was demolished. Lifelong member Charles Gilbreath remembered that season of transition, while another longtime member, Garland Morrison, recalled hauling bricks in a wheelbarrow as a child to help build the new church.

The cornerstone of the present sanctuary was laid in 1949, and the building soon became a cherished home for worship, fellowship, weddings, funerals, baptisms, and countless memories shared by the Walnut Springs church family.

On Sunday, October 11, 2026, the 1949 sanctuary will host its final service as an active worship center. Though its future purpose remains uncertain, the building will remain standing as a lasting reminder of the faithfulness, sacrifice, and devotion of those who built and sustained it.

On Sunday, October 18, 2026, the congregation will begin a new chapter in its new sanctuary. Please join us at 10:45 a.m. for the dedication service. It will be a historic and meaningful moment for our church family as we honor the past and look forward to the future.



Walnut Springs Baptist Church

1949 - 2026



Honoring Yesterday

CELEBRATING TODAY.
TRUSTING GOD FOR TOMORROW.

FINAL SERVICE
IN THE 1949 SANCTUARY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026
10:45 A.M.

DEDICATION SERVICE
IN THE NEW SANCTUARY
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THE BUILDING CHANGES, BUT FAITH REMAINS

*The walls have heard a thousand prayers,
And witnessed joy and tears.
They've held the songs of faithful hearts,
Through all these passing years.*

*Within these walls, new lives began,
And loved ones said goodbye.
Here, generations learned of grace,
And lifted prayers on high.*

*But faith was never built of brick,
Nor bound by wood or stone.
For where God's people gather near,
His love will find a home.*

*So as we close these cherished doors,
And walk where He will lead,
We carry every memory,
And plant tomorrow's seed.*

*The building changes, faith remains,
His promises endure.
The God who walked with us before,
Will guide us evermore.*

WALNUT SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

A Prayer for the Journey

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for 141 years of faith,
for every prayer spoken, every life touched,
and every generation gathered in Your name.
As we honor the sanctuary of yesterday
and dedicate the sanctuary of tomorrow,
keep our hearts steadfast in Your love.
May this new house of worship be filled
with grace, fellowship, and Your presence.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

*"Jesus Christ the same yesterday,
and today, and forever."*

HEBREWS 13:8 (KJV)

