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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Baptist church celebrates 100th Anniversary

A century of community service through outreach programs

INDIO, CA - First Baptist Church of Indio will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary on January 14th, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. The event will be held at the church located at 82490 Dr. Carreon Blvd., Indio, CA 92201-5489.

Reverend Jones officially organized the church on Friday, January 18, 1924. Prior to that date, a small group of believers would meet at various members homes. In the Spring of 1924 the group was welcomed to attend Sunday morning worship services with the congregation of Community Methodist Church in Indio. Seeing rapid growth in membership, First Baptist was eventually given the opportunity to hold their own Sunday evening services at Community Methodist.

In 1925, Mr. John Noble donated an unfinished building with a tent rooftop to the church. And in 1933 the church moved to Oasis Street. During this time, the organization was called First Baptist Missionary Church. It was in the early 1970's Pastor Ray Harris and members built the churches current location and it officially was renamed First Baptist Church.

Today the church is under the leadership of Pastor Earl Dixon and First Lady Lily Dixon. Their mission includes a Community Food Pantry, a Christian academy, a homeless outreach program and weekly Sunday School and worship services on Sundays starting at 10:00 A.M. Several times annually First Baptist also hosts an on campus Community Job Fair in collaboration with IEHP, Coachella Valley Rescue Mission and other vital organizations. More information can be found at FirstBaptistIndio.org _

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Assignment Editor: We invite your station/publication to join us the day of the event or beforehand to cover this milestone achievement. We also have a list of people whom are willing to give interviews to you. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please call Sister Joan White for media availability.

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