

PASTOR'S 40 YEAR HISTORY

Bro. and Sister Moffett were both blessed to be raised in Christian homes. Bro. Moffett's grandfather, Warren Dement, served as pastor of Pease Chapel Assembly of God Church for 51 years; and his mom and dad, Harold and Helen Moffett, served as pastors at Mott Assembly of God Church in the early 1950's. Cathy's mom and dad, Billy and Ruby Mitchell, moved from Houston to Doyline, and her mother began attending Point Chapel Assembly of God Church, where Cathy gave her heart to the Lord when she was 9 years old during a revival. Lee and Lavell Nunley were the pastors of Point Chapel at that time. Cathy felt a call into ministry at the age of 13 at youth camp; and Bro. Moffett was called into ministry during his teen years, but ran from that calling as his dream was to become a pilot. He surrendered to the Lord and embraced the call of ministry in his life while attending college at Louisiana Tech.

Danny and Cathy met for the first time when she was 13 years old and he was 17. They did not meet again until 1970 when she was a senior in high school and serving as a junior counselor at Children's Church camp at Lake Bisteneau. He was also serving at that children's camp as a senior counselor. They began dating and married on June 25, 1971, later to be blessed with three children, Christopher, Jeremy and Holly. They were attending Point Chapel Church at the time, and served as Youth Pastors under the ministry of Lee Nunley.

In 1981, Bro. Moffett and his brother, Reggie, were invited by Dean Little, the pastor of Benton Assembly of God Church, to hold a week long revival, where they took turns preaching every other night.

In early February, 1983, Bro. Moffett and Cathy were invited by Bro. Little to preach on a Sunday morning, and when Bro. Moffett walked to the center of the platform, the Lord spoke to Cathy and said "doesn't he look natural there." She agreed and the Lord spoke to her and said "you will be the next pastors of this church." Bro. Little asked Bro. Moffett to stay and preach the night service, and Bro. Moffett said that as he was sitting on the platform waiting to preach that it was like someone walked up to him and whispered in his ear saying that he would be the next pastor of the church. As they were traveling home that evening, Cathy asked Bro. Moffett if he was impressed by God while they were at the church, and he told her that God spoke to him and told him that they would be the next pastors of the church. She told him about God speaking to her and telling her the same thing, and then asked what they needed to do, did they need to contact someone? Bro. Moffett said no, Bro. Little was still the pastor of the church and what they needed to do was pray and wait on God's timing.

Bro. Moffett saw Sis. Little at a store a few weeks later and she told Bro. Moffett that they were thinking about stepping down as pastors from the church. When he got home he told Cathy about the meeting and she asked if he said anything to Sis. Little about what God told them, and he said no, he did not have a release from the Lord to say anything at that time. He saw Sis. Little a few weeks later and she told him that they were stepping down as pastors from the church. Bro. Moffett asked her who he needed to contact to see about becoming the pastor. She told him that he needed to contact Bro. Layman. That evening when he came in he told Cathy about the meeting and she told him that she had been in prayer that day and was impressed that when he spoke with Bro. Layman that he would say that they had someone coming to preach that Sunday, but that April 13 was open

for him to come preach. During the evening service on April 13, the church unanimously voted to have Bro. Moffett become the pastor of the church. There were approximately 40 people at the service to vote him in, and the next Sunday there were 20, and five of them were the pastor's family.

Bro. and Sis. Moffett said so much has happened during their 40 years as pastors. There was a time during which the finances were so low that Bro. Moffett met with the President of the bank that held the note on the church, and the President told Bro. Moffett, "you just preach the Word, let me worry about the money." They were driving back and forth from Doyline to Benton on Sundays and Wednesday nights until school was over for the year, and then they located a house in Benton to rent that was owned by Lorrie Campbell, an attorney in Bossier City, and they moved their family to Benton in June, 1983. Cathy eventually went to work for Mr. Campbell, and he trained her as a legal secretary and paralegal, and she is still working in that field today. God blessed the church with new families, and provided the finances needed to pay the mortgage and utility bills, but little else.

Bro. Moffett was working in the oilfield during this time and came home one day and told Cathy that it was time for him to leave that job and become a full time pastor. Bro. Moffett met with the Board and told them what God said, and they said the church could only pay him \$500.00 a month, and he said he understood and told them that he was not looking to the church, he was looking to the Lord to provide for his family.

The church was located on Simpson Street in Benton, and Bro. Moffett was working on a new sign for the church on a Saturday when the Lord spoke to him and said "you will own your building before you own your land." He was surprised as the church was not looking to relocate at that time; so he began to pray for the leading of the Lord.

Once again God moved! Bro. Moffett was in Shreveport near where I-49 is now and passed the Gillette Tire Store. He noticed a for sale sign on the store as the state was selling the buildings to make room for I-49. He contacted the State and found out that you could make a bid to the State for the building, and what do you know, the church's \$3,000.00 bid was accepted. That began the long process of taking the building down and moving it to our property on Simpson Street. So many miracles happened during that time, too many to write down, but suffice it to say that the men of the church worked so hard taking that building down, and God proved time and time again that He was in the middle of it all.

Joe Blase', one of the Board Members, told Bro. Moffett that he saw a building in Shreveport that was up for bid that he thought would work better as a church. That building was the Tupper Ware Building, and the church placed a bid of \$5,000.00 with the State. Our bid was accepted and this is the building that our church is now using. So many miracles happened during this time, too many to write down, but suffice it to say that God again had a hand in all of it! Bro. Joe later said in jest that he did not want Bro. Moffett to drive past LSU Hospital because that building was just too big to take down!

Larry Dean, the Sheriff of Bossier Parish, came to a fund raiser crawfish boil at the church and told Bro. Moffett that Bro. Stogner, the pastor of Waller Baptist Church, was selling his property on Benton Road that he had been using as his garden. Sheriff Dean told Bro. Moffett "that would be a good place to put a church." Sheriff Dean had no idea what the Lord has spoken to Bro. Moffett about owning the building before owning the land. Bro. Moffett contacted Bro. Stogner about the property, and the church purchased the property from Bro Stogner for \$5,000.00. Just look how God works!

The first service at the church was in 1993 in what is now our fellowship hall as the sanctuary was unfinished. We had the privilege of having a dog attend our first service as the doors were open because we did not have air conditioning and only one light bulb.

The sanctuary was completed in 1995, and Bro. Jesse Duplantis came and dedicated the building to God. As he was ministering, he asked Bro. Moffett if the church had a mortgage and Bro. Moffett told him yes, we owed \$98,000.00 on the mortgage. Bro Jesse asked the congregation if they thought the church could be paid off immediately, and, of course, the congregation said YES! He said, I'm glad you said that because God spoke to me when I was asked to come and dedicate the building and told me to pay the mortgage off! His ministry gave the church a check for \$98,000.00, and Bro. Moffett went to the bank and paid off the Note! Praise God, what a blessing! Since that time the church has added a youth building and children's church building.

So many people have been used by God in bringing Believer's Assembly of God Worship Center to where it is now. They have given their time, their prayers, their money, their sweat and their labor.

This church has come together piece by piece with so much love from our Pastors and the families of BWC. Their whole ministry has been pouring into the Church that God had them build. Ministers and Ministries have been launched out. They have watered and planted seed in so many people's lives. Jesus has touched people's hearts and impacted their eternity. This land started out as a garden, and remains one to this day. It's a different type of seed, with an eternal harvest. We thank God for the ministry of Danny and Cathy Moffett. Their obedient and trusting hearts have blessed a community and every Member of their church. Pastor Moffett is known for arriving at the hospital before you ever make it there, and standing at your bedside and praying for you. Countless people have sat in his office and poured their hearts out and been received with love, prayer and wisdom. They have invested in the Children and Youth Ministries, and have been faithful to raise up the next generation. They have held families together by ministering the Word. They have Planted...Sowed...and Watered..., and watched God give the increase.

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