

## Basic Facts about Saint John's Church

1. The founding membership of Saint John's came from Trinity Episcopal Church. Trinity's old church building is still located on Lipscomb.
2. Organized on February 7, 1924 as a mission of the Diocese of Dallas by seven founding families.
3. First Rector, The Reverend Ira Lang was called February 1, 1925.
4. The first church, "the little brown church" was completed in July 1925.
5. The first church was consecrated in February 13, 1944.
6. The present church was built in 1952 at the cost of \$250,000.00. It is English Gothic Architecture. A type of architecture common between A.D. 1180 and 1275. The "pointed" or "Lancet" arch is a key. The property was consecrated in May 20, 1962 by the Right Reverend C. Avery Mason, Bishop of Dallas.
7. The nave seats around 250 people. Additional seating available in balcony.
8. The architect for the church, Bevan Educational Building and the Dorothea Children's Chapel was Mr. Joseph J. Patterson, a celebrated architect of Fort Worth and a member of Saint John's.
9. The church is laid out in a cruciform shape.
10. The Baptistry is just inside the doorway facing south. It's nearness to the door symbolizes that baptism is one's entrance into the Christian life and the Church.
11. The Westminster Chime. Fourteen bells cast in Holland. Composition is bronze and silver. Installed and dedicated November 1965.
12. Stained Glass. Rose Window (over front door) indicates Christ as King and has symbols of the Apostolic Church. The Apostles' Windows. The Four Gospels. Jesus Christ as Prophet, Priest and King.
13. The High Altar. The cross in the middle is the ancient Jerusalem Cross or sometimes called the "missionary cross" symbolizing taking the Gospel out to the four corners of the earth. On the left of the cross is the Greek letter Alpha and on the right side is the Greek letter Omega. Jesus said He was the Alpha and the Omega: the beginning and the end.
14. The Lady Chapel. Windows depicting The Annunciation, The Presentation, and the Pieta. Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer are said here. Mid-week services.
15. The Dorothea Children's Chapel. Completed and Dedicated April, 4, 1966.
16. The Bevan Educational Building was built in 1966 at the cost of \$275,000.00.
17. The Garth. A garden for prayer, meditation. It is consecrated for Christian burial.
18. On Saturday, March 24, 1973 Saint John's Church was gutted by fire. Services were restored on February 10, 1974.