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In 1977, Apostle Chuck Clayton came to Gardendale, Alabama to pray for the healing of Cindy Lawson's eyes. A miracle occurred and The Church at Gardendale was conceived. Apostle Clayton drove from Indiana quite regularly to conduct a Bible study on Monday night for two and a half years. The Bible study continued to grow and lives were being changed, and it was time to see if this indeed was to be a church. The first Sunday morning service was on February 3, 1980, where 27 people were in attendance. Lynn Lawson was set in as Pastor of The Church at Gardendale. The church met in Vernon and Helen Fink's garage from 1980-1982. Next, we moved to Garden Grove Office Park, and we were there from 1982-1985. Then came the big move to the Gardendale Shopping Center and we occupied that location until 1991. After a lot of very hard work, our first service here was on February 3, 1991. Truly, we have seen the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living, and we have seen the development of many ministries and lives that have been transformed. It has been the desire of this church to see the saints equipped with the call of God that is on their life. Habakkuk 2:2-3 says, "Write the vision, and make it plain upon tablets, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end, it shall speak, and not lie; though it tarry, wait for it, because it will surely come; it will not tarry." Now is the appointed time. We will see the vision for this house come to pass.

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