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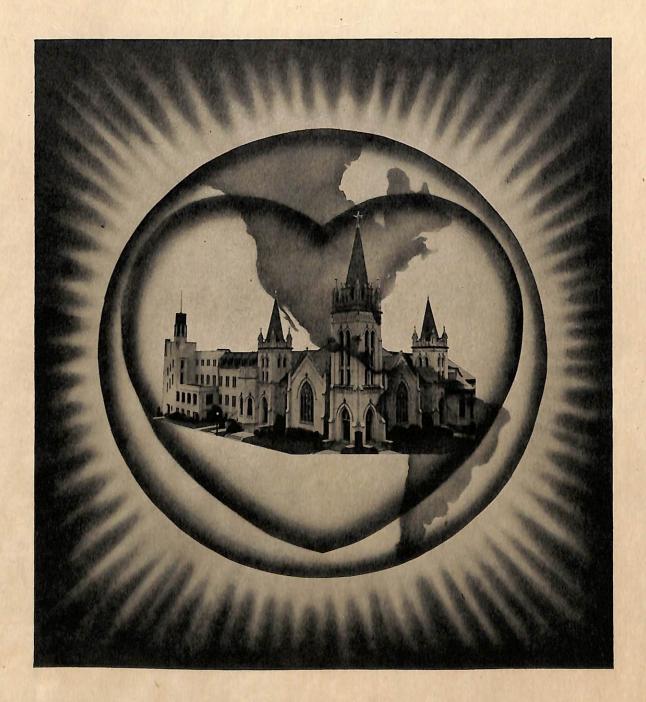
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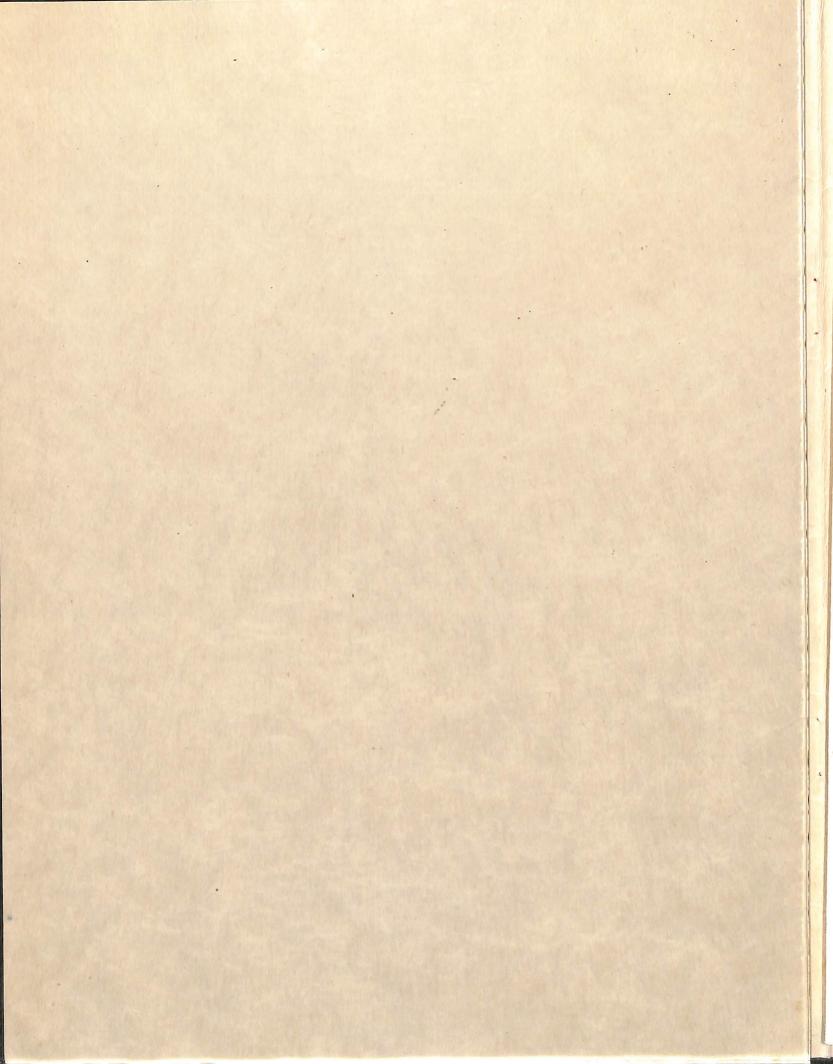
One Hundredth Anniversary



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Shelby, North Carolina

1847-1947



THE RELIGIOUS FESTIVAL

held

June 15 - 22, 1947

IN OBSERVANCE OF THE

100th ANNIVERSARY

of the

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Shelby, North Carolina

DR. ZENO WALL, Pastor

HORACE EASOM, Director of Education and Music

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"Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture." — Psalm 100:3

Presenting

The Program of the First Baptist Church, Shelby North Carolina, held in observance of her centennial anniversary, June 15-22, 1947.

The church was organized June 19, 1847. The organization of this church resulted from a revival meeting conducted by Rev. Drury Dobbins, one of the founders of the Baptist cause in Cleveland County. James Love donated the land on which the church now stands. He not only gave the First Baptist Church a building site, but all the other churches in Shelby. He also donated the land for the town site, including the land for the cemetery, Sunset. James Love is buried at Zoar Baptist Church and has the tallest marker in the large cemetery. According to the late Judge J. L. Webb, the First Baptist Church building was erected "mainly by the efforts and liberality of William Roberts, Dr. Thomas Williams and David Warlick."

Elder James M. Webb, of Rutherford County, became the first pastor in the latter part of 1847. He served as pastor for three years. He was a man of many talents, having been a legislator, clerk of Rutherford County Superior Court, newspaper editor, and minister of the Gospel. He was the first moderator of the Green River Baptist Association.

The first deacons were J. R. Logan (famous for his History of the Broad River and Kings Mountain Baptist Associations), William Roberts, and David Warlick. The first church clerk was William Roberts.

The Baptist State Convention has met in this church four times—1875, 1890, 1913, 1929.

The present church roll shows a membership of more than 2,500. The Sunday School enrollment is 1,600. The Training Union enrollment is 350. The Woman's Missionary Union enrollment including auxiliaries totals about 600. The offerings for the past year exceeded \$100,000.00.

Our church has been a lighthouse to the world ever since its birth a hundred years ago. Some day the hundred years of history will be published and the names of many wonderful Christians will illuminate the pages. Such personalities as Dr. Charles H. Durham, who spent such a long time in the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Lumberton; Rev. John W. Suttle, who has made such an illustrious record as a Christian minister; Rev. Wade Bostick, who spent thirty-one years in China serving tirelessly; Mrs. T. J. League, the former Miss Attie Bostick, who gave forty-three years of her life telling the story of Jesus and His love to the Chinese people; many young and full-time religious workers such as Woodrow Wall, son of Dr. and Mrs. Zeno Wall; Mrs. Charlotte Tedder Swift, who was with the Baptist SundaySchool Board; Rev. E. E. (Gene) Poston; Rev. Z. Miller Freeman; Rev. Leon H. Hollingsworth; Rev. Bruce Whitaker; Rev. L. M. Kanipe, Rev. W. D. Williamson; Rev. Douglas Eades; Mr. Lewis Earle Hancock; and many names of other great Christians will appear.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

OUR FATHER which art in heaven, we give Thee thanks for putting it into the hearts of our forefathers to establish a church on this spot of ground. We thank Thee for brother James Love who gave the ground upon which this building rests, and for enabling our people to keep and use it for church purposes. We thank Thee for the men who organized this church and for the pastors and people who have served wisely and faithfully through the years.

Thou hast been our dwelling place here for many generations, and hast richly blessed us. We thank Thee for giving to Thy people here vision, faith, hope, love, courage, compassion and good success; and we humbly lay this building and these redeemed ones down at thy feet, and would say: "Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen."

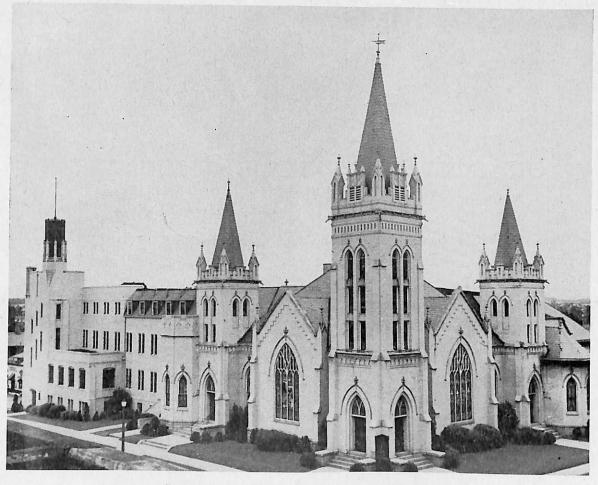
OUR FIRST CHURCH HOME and MINISTERS

The first church building was a small wooden structure painted white and seated about 200 people. It was heated in winter by stoves and was very comfortable. This building stood until about the year 1889 when it was razed and a new brick structure erected. This brick structure proved uncomfortable and unsatisfactory. Hence, another brick structure was erected in 1911. In 1929 the church was remodeled, being greatly enlarged. The auditorium is said to be one of the largest in the state.

The First Baptist Church has had twenty-seven pastors.

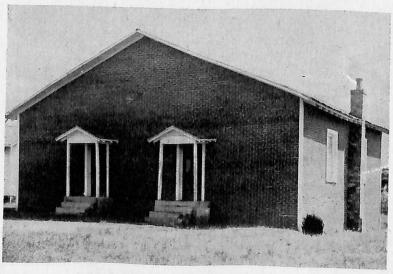
James Milton Webb	J. A. White	R. F. Treadway
M. C. Barnett	W. A. Nelson	W. D. Hubbard
Wade Hill	R. D. Mallory	M. E. Parrish
A. J. Cansler	W. B. Bussy	C. A. Jenkins
Thomas Dixon	W. H. Strickland	L. W. Swope
E. A. Crawley	J. M. McManaway	Lee M. White
Tillman R. Gains	G. P. Hamrick	J. Marcus Kester
Needham B. Cobb	J. L. Sproles	Robert L. Lemons
A. L. Stough	J. D. Hufham	Zeno Wall

OUR PRESENT CHURCH HOME



Located at 120 North LaFayette Street

HIGHLAND AVENUE MISSION



Services are held here on each Thursday evening and on Sunday morning and evening. We have a Sunday School with almost one hundred enrolled, and splendid congregations attend each service. Our church has always been interested in extension work and in the organization of new churches. The present Calvary Baptist Church was organized from a Mission Sunday School which we began in the West Graham School building.





DR. AND MRS. ZENO WALL

Dr. and Mrs. Wall and family came to Shelby on October 1, 1925. Dr. Wall was born near Mooresboro, N. C., August 20, 1882, and was educated at Mars Hill College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He entered the ministry in the spring of 1906 and was ordained July 8, 1908. He served as pastor of the Clinton Baptist Church, Mississippi College, 1916-1921; Chaplain, U. S. Army, World War I; President of Boiling Springs Junior College, 1930-1932; President, North Carolina Baptist State Convention, 1933-1936.

He married Miss Ada Ramsey of Marshall, N. C. They have five children: Zeno, Jr., Mrs. Ollie Harris, Yates, Woodrow and Mrs. Walter Fanning.

On October 1, Dr. Wall begins his twenty-third year as our pastor. The twenty-two years have been marked by growth, unity and generosity. During this period we have witnessed the construction of our educational building and the enlargement of our auditorium, and all phases of our work go forward.

In the twenty-two years of his ministry we have seen the membership grow from 763 to more than 2,500. A total of 3,509 have united with our church during this period, 1,464 coming by profession of faith and baptism. Soon after Dr. Wall came to us he said that he longed to see three things accomplished during his pastorate: first, the erection and equipment of an adequate church building; second, a standard Junior College at Boiling Springs; and third, a great revival. He has seen all three, as during a certain revival two hundred and seventeen united with our church.

Dr. Wall is the author of two books of sermons, "Heartening Messages" and "Verities of the Gospel". In addition to being president of the Baptist State Convention, he has served on many important boards and committees. He is now president of the board of trustees of the North Carolina Baptist Orphanage, and represents North Carolina on the board of trustees of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Both pastor and people have their faces toward the rising sun and are going on. May the blessings of the Lord continue to fall upon pastor and people as the church enters upon its second century.

CHURCH STAFF





MR. AND MRS. HORACE EASOM

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Easom came to Shelby on August 1, 1928. Mr. Easom came to serve our church as Director of Education and Music and has been here ever since with the exception of the two years he was associated with Dr. George W. Truett and the First Baptist Church, of Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Easom is the former Miss Margaret Stevens, of Clinton, N. C. They have one daughter, Margaret.

Mr. Easom has not only done a great work with our church, but since 1941 he has been chairman of a campaign for Gardner-Webb College, formerly Boiling Springs Junior College, to raise money for the renovation and enlargement of the institution, and for the endowment fund. Approximately one million dollars has been raised from the beginning until now.

Through the years he has been in evangelistic campaigns in hundreds of churches in North Carolina and other states. His activities have not been confined to the church, college, and evangelistic work alone, but he has been active in all civic activities of Cleveland County, and has been deeply interested in denominational work. At present Mr. Easom is a member of the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College and serves on many of the boards which direct young people's work in Cleveland County.



MRS. H. S. PLASTER

Who has been our church organist since February, 1927, serving more than nineteen years, rendering as fine service as any individual could possibly render.



MISS MARY SUE THOMPSON

Our efficient Church Secretary, who took up her duties on January 1, 1947

OUR MISSIONARIES



MISS VENA AGUILLARD

Our missionary with the Home Mission Board serving in many states in the Southland.



QUINTERO FAMILY

Rev. and Mrs. Nester Quintero, our missionaries with the Foreign Mission Board, located at General San Martin, Mendoza, Argentina.



REV. AND MRS. WESLEY LAWTON, Jr.

Our missionaries with the Foreign Mission Board, located at Kaifeng, Honan, China.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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John P. Mull

Church Treasurer Jesse E. Bridges

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Missionary Treasurer J. L. Suttle

Chairman of Music Committee C. Rush Hamrick, Sr.

Chmn. of Finance Committee O. M. Mull

BOARD OF DEACONS

W. H. Hudson Elisha McBrayer Paul Webb, Jr. W. L. Angel	J. G. Garrett W. G. Whitworth B. S. Greene J. F. Abernathy	E. S. Bennett Doris Bolt Lloyd Bost Heckett C. Wilson	Yates McSwain O. M. Mull Lee B. Weathers
A. A. Powell Max Washburn	J. F. Abernathy Wilbur Wilson John P. Mull	Hackett C. Wilson A. V. Hamrick J. Carver Wood	Joe Beckham Mal Spangler, Jr.
F. Cline Hendrick J. G. Hagaman	J. P. Smith	E. F. McKinney	Dr. John Hamrick F. O. Champion

Church Ushers

Sunday School General Officers, Department Superintendents

General Officers: Elisha McBrayer, B. S. Greene, A. C. Farmer, C. Rush Hamrick, W. G.

Department Superintendents: Adult—A. A. Powell, A. V. Hamrick; Junior Adult—Wilbur Wilson; Young People—H. B. Edwards; Intermediate B—J. G. Garrett, Mrs. W. L. Angel; Intermediate A—L. T. Hamrick, Jr., Joe Beckham; Junior B—Miss Bertha Bostick, Mrs. L. P. Williams; Junior A—Miss Imogene Wilson, Mrs. J. W. Doggett, Mrs. A. L. Hord; Primary—Mrs. R. B. Costner, Mrs. Zeno Wall; Beginner—Mrs. Horace Easom, Mrs. Flay Hoey; Nursery Class—Mrs. L. J. Baley, Mrs. D. W. Royster; Nursery-Mrs. C. Rush Hamrick, Mrs. Jesse Bridges.

Woman's Missionary Union

- General Officers: President—Mrs. Fred Swift; Young People's Director—Mrs. Alton Hopper; First Vice-President—Mrs. Paris L. Yelton; Second Vice-President—Mrs. Dixon Smith; Secretary—Mrs. Oscar Evans; Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Hoyt Keeter; Treasurer—Mrs. W. L. Packard; Assistant Treasurer—Miss Elizabeth Dudley; Pianist—Mrs. J. T. Thornton; Choristers—Mrs. George Carpenter, Mrs. Grady Lovelace.
- Committee Chairmen: Mission Study—Mrs. Walter E. Abernethy; Community Missions—Mrs. Ernest Moore; Literature—Mrs. J. R. Misenheimer; Social—Mrs. L. J. Baley; Stewardship—Mrs. W. L. Hatcher.
- Auxiliary Counselors: Young Woman's Auxiliary—Mrs. Hugh Hamrick, Mrs. Walter Fanning; Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary—Mrs. Lowery Austell; Junior Girls' Auxiliary—Mrs. O. V. Hamrick, Jr.; Royal Ambassadors—Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Davis, F. O. Champion, O. V. Hamrick, Jr; Sunbeams—Mrs Nelson Mauney, Mrs. A. A. Powell, Mrs. Harvey Wray, Mrs. J. B. Harrill.
- Circle Chairmen: Vena Aguillard—Mrs. Roland Elam; Susan Anderson—Miss Sara Mundy Hamrick; Mary Archer—Mrs. Carl Putnam; Bethany—Mrs. Gary Hamrick; Attie Bostick—Mrs. D. M. Morrison; Carey—Mrs. James Roberts; Inabelle Coleman—Mrs. L. P. Williams; Louise English—Mrs. E. S. Bennnett; Alda Grayson—Mrs. Rush Stroup; Fannie Heck—Mrs. Raymond Cline; Ann Judson—Mrs. I. D. Stone; Mc-Millan—Mrs. Hoyt Keeter; Pauline Lide—Mrs. George Carpenter; Lottis Moon—Mrs. J. E. Chadwell; Luther Rice—Mrs. Robert Spangler.

Training Union

- General Officers: Jesse E. Bridges, W. G. Whitworth, Elisha McBrayer, C. Rush Hamrick, J. F. Abernathy, J. Carver Wood.
- Leaders and Sponsors: Mrs. T. M. Gladden, Mrs. J. F. Abernathy, Mrs. Harry. Sauls, Mrs. Bonnie Elliott, Lewis Earle Hancock, Mrs. L. T. Hamrick, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Price, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Davis, Jr., F. O. Champion, Miss Eloise Heffner, Miss Margaret Grigg, Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Eskridge, Miss Sadie Clark, Mrs. George Goforth, Mrs. Horace Easom, Miss Ettalie Moses, Mrs. B. M. Jarrett, Mrs. Moody Hambright, Mrs. Roland Elam, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hoyle, Miss Elizabeth Dudley, Miss Elizabeth Greene.

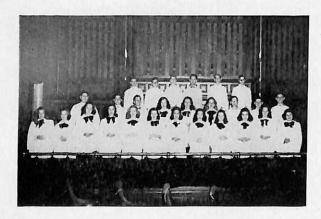
Veterans Brotherhood

F. O. Champion, President; J. Ollie Harris, Vice-President; Pegram Holland, Rush Hamrick, Jr., Secretaries; Harold Reber, Treasurer.

OUR CHURCH CHOIRS



CHURCH CHOIR



INTERMEDIATE B CHOIR



VETERANS BROTHERHOOD MALE CHORUS



INTERMEDIATE A CHOIR



JUNIOR A CHOIR



JUNIOR B CHOIR



CHERUB CHOIR, PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

PROGRAM PERSONALITIES



DR. ELLIS A. FULLER

President, Southern Baptist Theological
Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

MRS. J. M. DAWSON Washington, D. C.





DR. M. T. RANKIN
Secretary, Foreign Mission Board,
Richmond, Virginia

DR. J. B. LAWRENCE Secretary, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia





DR. W. F. POWELL
Pastor, First Baptist Church,

Nashville, Tennessee

DR. LOUIE D. NEWTON

Pastor, Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia President, Southern Baptist Convention





DR. DUKE K. McCALL
Secretary, Executive Committee, Southern
Baptist Convention.

DR. CHARLES H. DURHAM

Well known and loved in North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention. Spent boyhood days in Shelby. Served many years as pastor of the First Baptist Church,

Lumberton, N. C.





DR. SANKEY L. BLANTON

Dean, School of Religion, Wake Forest College,
Wake Forest, N. C.

THE LORD'S DAY MORNING

June 15, 1947

10:55 A. M.

Organ Prelude: "Intercession" Bingham
Hymn No. 1: "All Hail The Power"
Invocation
Chorus: One Hundred and Third Psalm Junior B Choir, Mrs. L. P. Williams, Director
Hymn No. 228: "Footsteps of Jesus" Evere
Prayer
Anthem: "Ho, Everyone That Thirsteth"
Scripture
Offering
Offertory Solo: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" Harris Miss Anna Lou Toms
Sermon: "WHY CALL YE ME LORD AND DO NOT THE THINGS WHICH I SAY?" Dr. Ellis A. Fulle
Hymn No. 31: "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus" Web
Benediction
Organ Postlude: "Carillon" Bingha

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

MRS. FRED SWIFT, Presiding

June 15, 1947

Organ Prelude: "Vision"	Rheinberger
Hymn No. 56: "I Am Thine, O Lord"	Doane
Invocation	Mrs. Zeno Wall
Chorus: "Serve The Lord With Gladness"	Tullar
Hymn No. 192: "Break Thou The Bread of Life"	Sherwin
Prayer	Miss Vena Aguillard
Anthem: "Open the Gates of the Temple"	Knapp
Scripture	Mrs. Robert Doggett
Offering	Mrs. Rush Stroup
Offertory Solo: "O Divine Redeemer" Betty Jo Putnam	Gounod
Message: "THE ABUNDANT TOMORROW"	Mrs. J. M. Dawson
Hymn No. 174: "Take My Life, And Let It Be"	Bradbury
Benediction	Mrs. Horace Easom
Organ Postlude: "Pastorale"	C. Franck

MONDAY

June 16, 1947

Organ Prelude	
Hymn No. 117: "Send The Light"	Gabriel
Invocation	
Chorus: The Lord's Prayer	Forsyth
Hymn No. 15: "Jesus Saves"	Kirkpatrick
Prayer	
Anthem: "Seek Ye The Lord"	Roberts
Scripture	
Offertory: "Lest! The Cherubic Hosts" Ladies Sextet	Gaul
Sermon: "THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PRIVILEGES" Dr. 1	M. T. Rankin
Hymn No. 222: "I Gave My Life for Thee"	Bliss
Benediction	
Organ Postlude	

TUESDAY

June 17, 1947

Organ Prelude
Hymn No. 371: "I Love to Tell the Story" Fischer
Invocation
Chorus: "Open My Eyes That I May See"
Hymn No. 199: "How Firm A Foundation" Steele
Prayer
Anthem: "My God And I" Sergei
Scripture
Offertory Solo: "The Messenger of Peace" Scott Mrs. Ben Suttle
Sermon: "KINDLING WATCH FIRES" Dr. J. B. Lawrence
Hymn No. 80: "Rescue the Perishing"
Benediction
Organ Postlude

WEDNESDAY

June 18, 1947

Organ Prelude	
Hymn No. 112: "At the Cross"	Hudson
Invocation	
Chorus: "Follow The Gleam"	Douglas
Hymn No. 193: "I Need Thee Every Hour"	Lowry
Prayer	
Anthem: "Lift Up Your Heads" from "The Messiah"	Handel
Scripture	
Offertory Solo: "God Leads His Dear Children Along" Mrs. B. M. Jarrett	
Sermon: "WIDENING REACH AND HEIGHTENING POWER" Dr. W	V. F. Powell
Hymn No. 300: "Ready"	Tillman
Benediction	
Organ Postlude	

THURSDAY

June 19, 1947

Organ Prelude	
Hymn No. 2: "O Worship the King"	Haydn
Invocation	
Chorus: "Wonderful Book"	Smith
Hymn No. 150: "Jesus Shall Reign"	Hatton
Prayer	
Anthem: "Hallelujah Chorus" from "The Messiah"	Handel
Scripture	
Offertory Solo: "How Beautiful Upon the Mountain" Joe Hamrick	Harker
Sermon: "I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH" Dr. Louie D. 1	Newton
Hymn No. 151: "O Zion, Haste"	Walch
Benediction	
Organ Postlude	

FRIDAY

June 20, 1947

Organ Prelude ·
Hymn No. 185: "Glory to His Name"
Invocation
Chorus: "For the Beauty of the Earth"
Hymn No. 191: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
Prayer
Anthem: "Gloria In Excelsis"
Scripture
Offertory Solo: "Come Ye Blessed" Scott-Deis Harold Spangler
Sermon: "HEIRS OF GOD" Dr. Duke K. McCall
Hymn No. 254: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord Stebbins
Benediction
Organ Postlude

THE LORD'S DAY MORNING

June 22, 1947

10:55 A.M.

Organ Prelude: "Adoration" Borowski
Hymn No. 6: "Holy, Holy, Holy"
Invocation
Chorus: "Praise The Maker"
Hymn No. 269: "Higher Ground"
Prayer
Anthem: "Lovely Appear" from "The Redemption" Gounod
Scripture
Offering
Offertory Duet: "Love Divine"
Sermon: "THE CHRISTIANS' COURSE IN THE WORLD"
Hymn No. 57: "Jesus Is Calling"
Benediction
Organ Postlude: "Toccata and Fugue in D Minor" Bach

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

June 22, 1947

Organ Prelude: "Berceuse"	Dickinson
Hymn No. 154: "My Jesus, I Love Thee"	
Invocation	
Chorus: "The Lost Chord"	Sullivan
Hymn No. 160: "What A Friend"	Converse
Prayer	•
Anthem: "Unfold Ye Portals" from "The Redemption"	Gounod
Scripture	
Offering	
Offertory Solo: "I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say"	Rathbun
Sermon: "WHAT CHRIST EXPECTS OF US" Dr. Sanke	y L. Blanton
Hymn No. 100: "Softly and Tenderly"	Thompson
Benediction	
Organ Postlude: "Prelude in B Major"	Bach

A BENEDICTION

"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen." "Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

John 20:21