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MARGARET HARRILL MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL BUILDING OPENS JUNE 30th

Sunday, June 30th, 3:00 p.m. A long awaited day! The new \$50,000.00 Margaret Harrill Memorial Educational Building of Concord Baptist Church will be opened with a dedication service and open house.

Significantly, it marks another "move" for Concord Church. The new building, which will have a temporary sanctuary, is the fifth building erected for worship. Each time a new building has been built, it was relocated in the direction of the new church site. The congregation is moving from the old building which was started in 1898 and completed in 1900.

The new church site, a quarter of a mile away from the present location, is on Old Highway 74 where the Old Caroleen Road intersects. It is on a high hill that overlooks the surrounding area, and the modern, one story educational building of light colored brick adds an unsurpassed touch of beauty.

The dedication service of the people to their task will be held at 3:00, open house will follow. The public is invited to attend and see the beautiful building erected to the glory of God by a dedicated people with a great faith.

Concord is truly "an old church meeting a new challenge." And we salute the Building Committee: Dewey Rhodes, G.C. Ellis, and Lester Bailey for a job well done. Also, the Planning Committee: G.C. Owens, Mrs. Betty Bridges, Mrs. Delia Thompson, Lester Bailey, and Bate Dobbins. These committees left nothing undone to give us plans for a beautiful building. The church expresses gratitude for your work!

Concord Baptist Church was organized October 16, 1804. The first building was probably built of hewn logs. The second house of worship was built in the period between 1816-1845 as much of the record is missing for that time. In 1875 the third meeting house was built and the fourth church building was completed in 1900. Under the able ministry and leadership of Rev. K. Donald Berg, plans were made in 1956 to build. The planning Committee was elected at that time. Another capable pastor, Rev. J.M. Ezell, came on the field in 1957 and continued to urge the congregation to build. The congregation voted to relocate while he was pastor. Harvey Laughter, the present pastor came in 1960 to urge the church to build in units and challenged them to meet the needs of a growing community, especially since a new consolidated high school was to be built near the new site.

Deacons C.C. Merck, Sr., Nyal Harmon, Eugene Melton, Furman Lowery, and Lester Bailey presented the following resolution to the church, which was adopted:

September 21, 1960
Resolution

Whereas, on July 19, 1960, Mrs. Margaret (Aunt Mag) Harrill departed this life to be with her Lord.

Therefore, be it resolved that:

1. We, the deacons and members of Concord Baptist Church give thanks to God for her devoted life during the 68 years she was a member of our church. Her gracious and Godly influence will continue to bless. Many have found the Lord through her life. She withheld from no one... rich or poor, young or old. She gave not only services, but her very self far above and beyond what was expected. Truly, Heaven's gain was earth's loss.
2. To pay tribute for her life of faithful service to her Saviour, we, the members of Concord Baptist Church do hereby resolve to name the educational unit of our proposed new building, MARGARET HARRILL MEMORIAL.

The next step in the building phase, was to build an adequate stewardship program for the church. This was accomplished through a STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS MONTH in November of 1960 when a budget was subscribed to meet the needs of the church including new building payments. Although the budget proposed was not actually pledged, enough increase in weekly offerings brought our giving to the stage when building plans could be made.

Deacons Virgil Toney, Furman Lowery, G.C. Owens, Clyde Merck, Sr., Sam Bostic, Lester Bailey, and Johnny Bridges brought the following recommendation to the church in January:

Because we feel that Concord Baptist Church must prepare to meet the challenge of our day, notification of deacons and trustees of a vote concerning recommendations for beginning construction of new church facilities is hereby given. We propose that a vote be taken January 22nd on the following questions:

1. That we build the new church facilities in units...the first unit being the educational section, MARGARET HARRILL MEMORIAL... and this unit will be used also as a sanctuary for the presenttime.
2. Said educational unit will cost approximately \$53,000.00 . complete with heat and air conditioning.
3. That Webber and Sons, contractors of Shelby, N.C. construct the building according to plans...that said contractor furnish labor and church all materials.
4. That we finance said construction by issuing \$25,000.00 (or amount necessary to complete construction) in bonds.

The Bond Committee, Bert Bostic, Edwin Merck, Johnny Bridges, T.W. Calton, and Virgil Toney, along with team captains, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harrill, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whittemore, Mr. and Mrs. Furman Lowery, Mr. and Mrs. Nyal Harmon, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blackwelder were successful in selling the \$25,000.00 in Bonds.

Ground breaking services were held February 12, 1961 and construction began immediatly.

Total cost of the building will be under the estimated \$53,000.00 and this INCLUDES an additional 29 x 35 ft. wing, now property cost of \$17,000.00 and landscaping of new property over a thousand dollars. It also includes furnishings for the church. Because our faith was great, God has given us much for our money.

And so, we look forward to Sunday, July 30th...a great day for our church...relocating in new facilities to better glorify Christ, our risen Saviour. Surely, we know that God has been with us...and has provided for us.

You Are Invited

To Services

Dedication and Open House

Sunday, July 30th
3:00 P. M.

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