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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Shelby, North Carolina



February 21, 1954



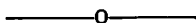
Beginning The Ministry
of
REV. JOHN E. LAWRENCE

OUR PASTOR



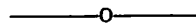
JOHN E. LAWRENCE

"O Thou, who hast set Thy church in the valleys of our beloved land to be a bulwark and a sanctuary, and upon the hills to be a belfry and declarer of Thy Truth, make strong her walls, wide her gates, fearless her witness. May her chief effort be to discern Thy will and faithfully to proclaim it; through Him who shows forth Thy truth and love, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

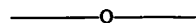


MORNING WORSHIP — 11:00 A. M.

Organ Prelude: Offertoire	Truett
"Sanctus"	Gounod
"The Lord Is In His Holy Temple"	Choir
Doxology	Congregation (Standing)
Invocation	
Hymn No. 2 "O Worship the King"	Haydn
Announcements	Roland Leath
Welcome to visitors	
Hymn No. 184 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"	Malan
Prayer	
Offering	
Offertory: "To the Rising Sun"	Torjussen
Anthem: "Go Not Far From Me, O God"	Zingarelli
Sermon "The Matchless Christ"	John E. Lawrence
Invitation Hymn No. 57 "Jesus is Calling"	Stebbins
Benediction	
Choral Response	Choir
Organ Postlude: "Postlude In C"	Lewis



Training Union Is A Family Affair
Every Family Invited 6:15 P. M.



EVENING WORSHIP — 7:30 P. M.

Prelude: "Andantino in A Flat"	Bartlette
Selected Hymns	
Announcements	Roland Leath
Recognition of visitors	
Offering	
Offertory: "Echoes Of Spring"	Friml
Anthem: "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"	Cain
Sermon "The Secret of a Great Church"	John E. Lawrence
Invitation Hymn No. 254 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"	
Benediction	
Postlude: "March Romaine"	Gounod

WHAT MAKES A CHURCH GREAT?

What makes a church great?

'Tis not the building, though so grand,
Nor the throngs that worship there;
Not yet the wealth they hold in hand.
Nor the robes the people wear—
Not this makes a church great.

What makes a church great?

'Tis not the place the building stands,
Nor the frame that men proclaim;
But 'tis the Bible in their hands,
Lifting high one Holy Name—
This makes a church great.

What makes a church great?

Teaching, living, praying, giving:
All these help to make it great;
And singing, too, the gospel true,
Each one filled with love, not hate;
This makes a church great.

What makes a church great?

The simple preaching of the word,
The word of hope, peace and life,
The sweetest message ever heard,
The word of eternal life.
This makes a church great.

What makes a church great?

A mission spirit, wide as earth,
That loves and prays, gives for all;
And seeks to give the Spirit birth
To save mankind from the fall.
This makes a church great.