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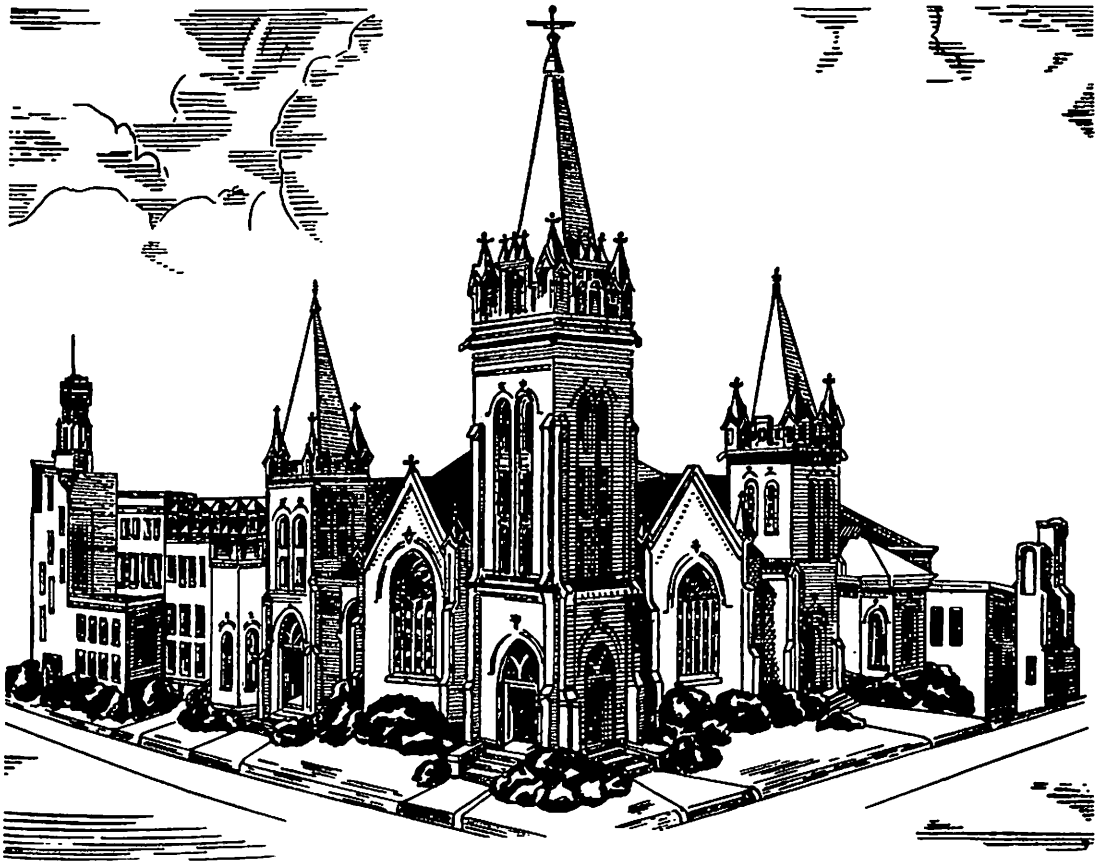
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JUNE 25, 1972

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

SHELBY, NORTH CAROLINA



1847 - 1972

GENE L. WATTERSON, Pastor

MORNING WORSHIP

June 25, 1972

Lord of all worlds; Give us grace to give freely of our possessions as Thou has need of them. Accept these offerings which we Thy children make to Thee, and grant that the cause to which they are devoted shall be a blessing to men for the glory of Thy name. Amen.

Sacred Organ Music

Call to Worship 135

St. Agnes

"Jesus the Very Thought of Thee"

132 "All Hail the Power of Jesus Coronation Name"

Scripture and Prayer - Matthew 13: 31-33

Solo

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"
Mrs. Lloyd Bost

Rathbun

Message "Inexorable Growth"

Rev. Gene L. Watterson

Hymn of Invitation 200

Moody

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

Reception of New Members

Welcome and Church Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Mueller

"Come Christians, Join to Sing"

Doxology

Old Hundred

"Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow"

Benediction

Response

"The Lord's Prayer"

Malotte

Sacred Organ Music

SUNDAY AFTERNOON
FOLLOWING
DINNER ON THE GROUNDS
OBSERVANCE
OF
THE LORD'S SUPPER
IN THE SANCTUARY



"I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say"

F. G. Rathbun

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest; Lay down thou weary one, lay down Thy head upon my breast". I came to Jesus as I was, Weary and worn, and sad; I found in Him a resting place, and He hath made me glad. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give, The living water; thirsty one, stoop down stoop down, and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life giving stream; My thirst was quenched my soul renewed. And now I live in Him. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light; Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, And all Thy days be bright. I look'd to Jesus, and I found in Him my Star, my Sun;—And in that Light, that Light of life I'll walk, till travelling days are o'er.

On this one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary we pause to reflect briefly on the past. The years that have gone before have been rich in memory, notable in achievement, colorful in controversy, and victorious in realizing God's purpose. Little did that small group of Baptists who first met on June 19, 1847, to establish the First Baptist Church of Shelby realize what was being set in motion. It was the planting of the mustard seed of faith, it was introducing the bit of leaven of commitment into the large loaf of present and future generations. Truly the history of this church demonstrates the truth of the Lord's parables in Matthew 13. From that modest beginning have come blessings that can never be fully known until eternity. Scores of ministers have been called to proclaim the gospel. The same is true of missionaries to lands beyond. Lives have been blessed by the publications that have come from the pens of dedicated men and women of this church. Thousands have accepted Christ, and this is the crowning glory of the church.

Today we stand on a new threshold and before us is a door which the Lord has opened and no man can shut it. The ministry of reaching the lost remains our prime concern and the church has a will to work. Truly, "hitherto the Lord hath brought us." By faith and commitment we will go forth from this hour, "conquering and to conquer."

The Lord reigns and His will is supreme. In this is our strength for the future as for the past.

Sunday, June 25

Sacred Organ Music

Call to Worship - Scripture

Hymn 106 "Blessed Redeemer"

Welcome and Prayer

Anthem "Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy" Sanctuary Choir
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Comments

Serving of Bread 93 "Old Rugged Cross"

Serving of Wine 92 "There is A Fountain"

Prayer

Hymn 366 "Blest Be the Tie"

Benediction