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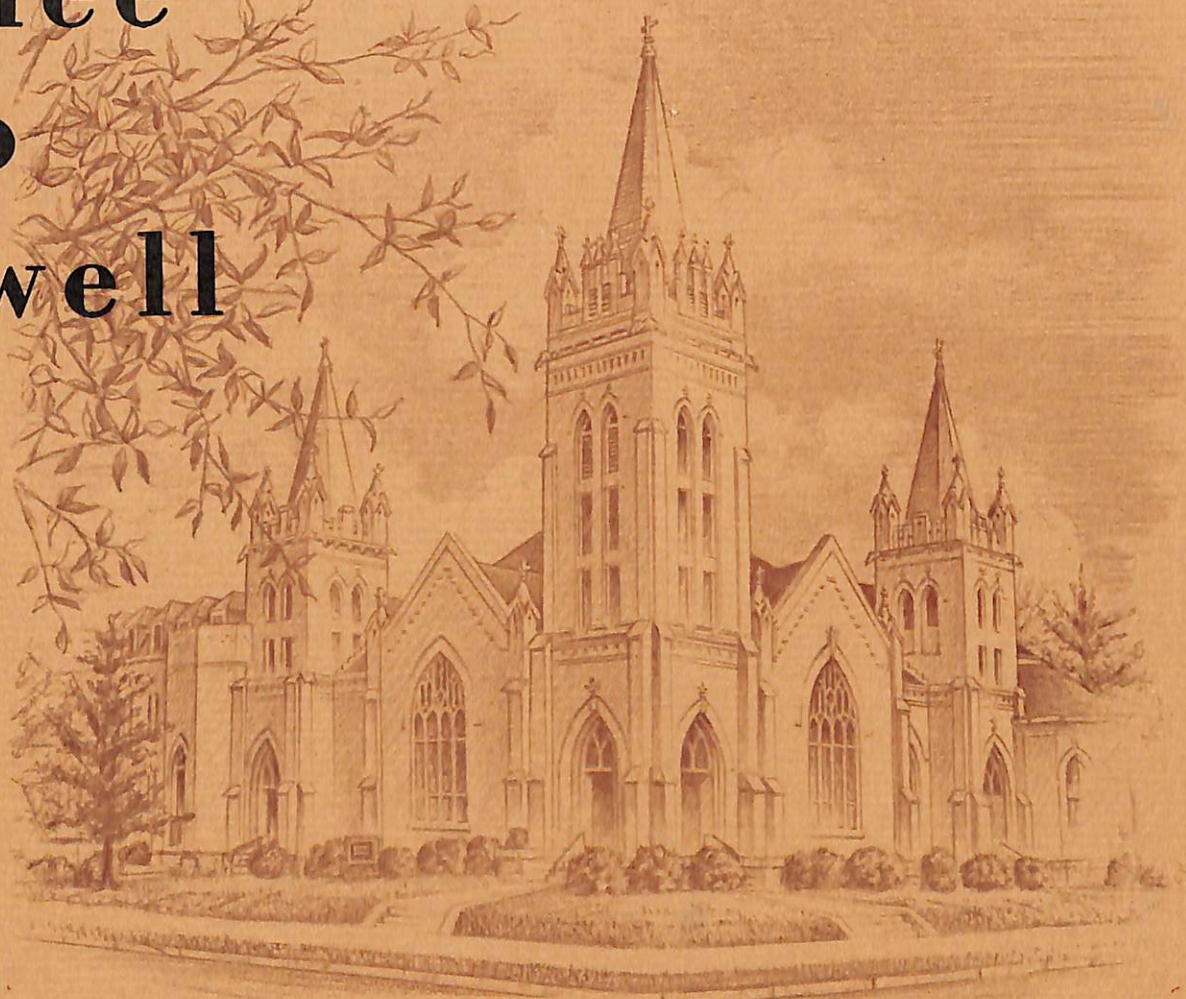
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1973 Dedication Service Order of Worship

First Baptist Church Shelby

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**A
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For
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To
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In**



First Baptist Church

120 N. LaFayette Street
Shelby, N. C.

Sunday, November 18, 1973

A Message From Our Pastor

MY DEAR FRIENDS:

While we could survey this moment as the culmination of dreams, the realization of hopes and the focus of rejoicing, it would become us to begin our celebration by saying with Samuel: "Hitherto has the Lord helped us."!

You have been a patient people. Never have I known a people to accomodate themselves to greater inconveniences for so long a time with so little said about it.

You are a gracious people. It never occurred to you to suggest we build only what we could get by with; instead, you have poured out your wealth and your love for the glory of God.

In humility let us acknowledge that we have entered into the labors of others and gathered where we did not sow. In gratitude let us be glad that we have had a part in an undertaking sure to enrich the future, certain to bless the present, and which amply demonstrates just returns on the investments of the past. In faith let us escort the present into the future with a lively hope.

Your work has been your worship. It was all of God. The glory must be His. My prayer for you and for all of those who rejoice with us is found in Hebrew 13:20-21:

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

GENE L. WATTERSON
Pastor

DEDICATION DAY

MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 A. M.



Prelude

Meditation and Prayer

Call to Worship "Almighty God, unto whom all Hearts be Open" Pears

Doxology

Hymn 380 "The Church's One Foundation" Aurelia

Responsive Reading of Scripture

Silent Meditation and Prayer

Prayer of Invocation Pastor

Choral Response "Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer" Mendelssohn

Announcements and Words of Welcome Associate Pastor

Greetings from North Carolina Baptists Dr. Perry Crouch

Hymn 382 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" St. Thomas

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Service of Dedication

Prayer of Dedication Dr. Perry Crouch

Anthem "Kings of Kings - Lord of Lords" Gaither

Sermon "The Meaning of This Fellowship" Reverend Gene L. Watterson

Hymn of Invitation 235 "Only Trust Him" Stockton

Benediction Pastor

Choral Benediction "Fourfold Amen" Stainer

Reception of New Members

Postlude

THE SERVICE OF DEDICATION

PASTOR: Believing that thou art, O Father, above all the Builder of this house through thy servants, we offer unto Thee our humble and grateful praise. Knowing that, "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it".

PEOPLE: "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name: Bless the Lord, O my Soul, and forget not all his benefits."

PASTOR: To the glory of God the father, whose provident grace has circled all our needs; to the honor of his Son, who in love and self-sacrifice has secured for us redemption and eternal life; to the praise of the Holy spirit, who illumines, comforts, and strengthens us;

PEOPLE: To Thee, the only true God, we gratefully dedicate this Sanctuary

PASTOR: With thanksgiving to God for calling us together into a new church, and for the work of his grace within us, thus bringing us to this good hour,

PEOPLE: We gladly dedicate this Sanctuary

PASTOR: For the worship of God in prayer and praise; for the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ; for the teaching of the Holy Scriptures;

PEOPLE: We humbly dedicate this Sanctuary

PASTOR: For the observance of the sacred ordinances; for the comfort of those who mourn; for the encouragement of those who are weak; for the counsel of those seeking guidance;

PEOPLE: We faithfully dedicate this Sanctuary

PASTOR: For the evangelization of our community and the world; for the promotion of righteousness; for the battle against evil;

PEOPLE: We obediently dedicate this Sanctuary

PASTOR: For the global extension of the kingdom of God; for the exaltation of Christian brotherhood; for the relief of human suffering;

PEOPLE: We hopefully dedicate this Sanctuary

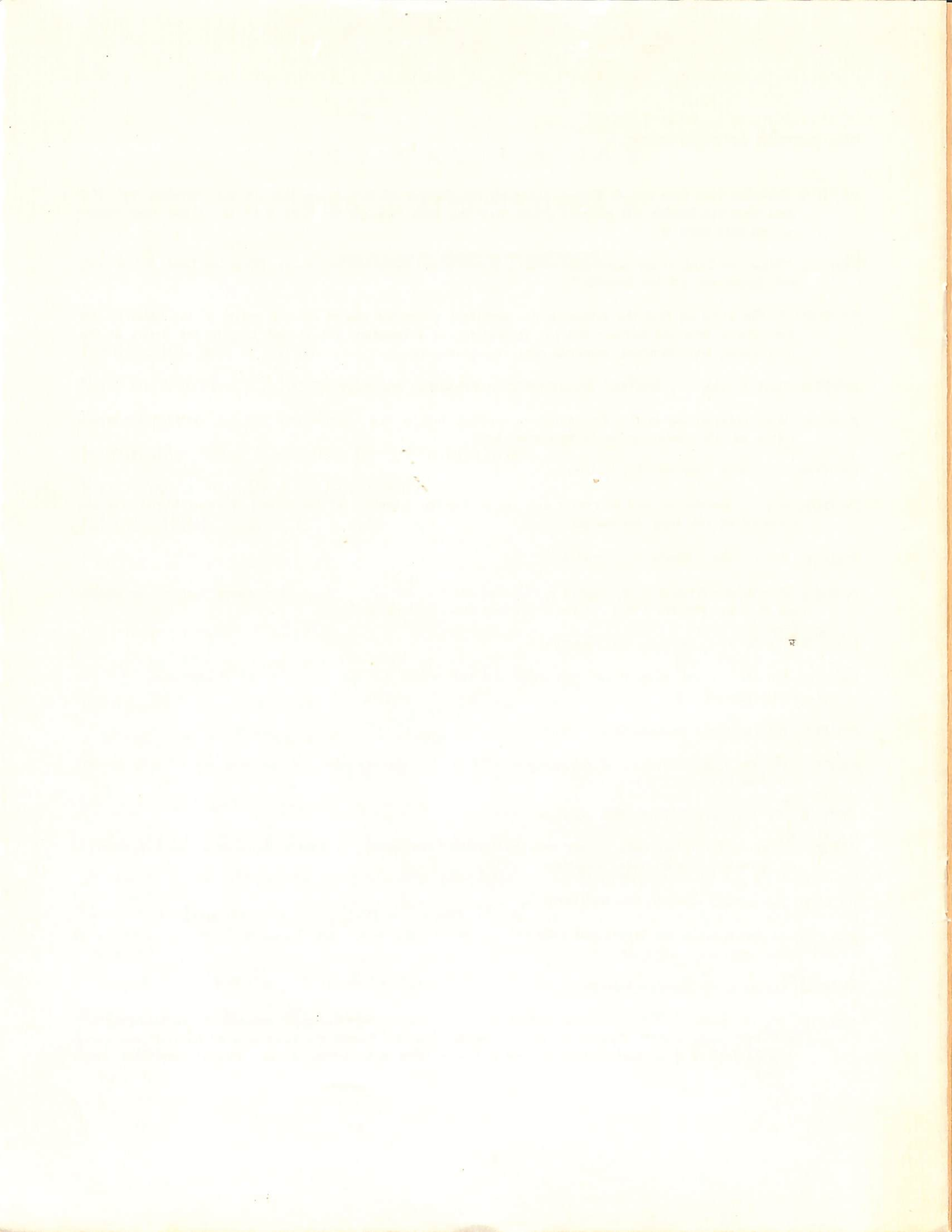
PASTOR: In the unity of the faith; in the bond of Christian discipleship; in acknowledgement of our affection for the cooperation with other churches;

PEOPLE: We joyfully dedicate this Sanctuary

PASTOR: In gratitude for the labors and gifts of all who love and serve this church; in loving remembrance of those who shall follow us;

PEOPLE: We hopefully dedicate this Sanctuary

UNISON: We, the people of this church and congregation, grateful for our heritage, sensible of the sacrifices and zeal here made evident, mindful of our responsibility to perpetuate the spirit and ministry of our Christian forefathers, do dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of God, through our Lord, Jesus Christ.



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MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Flowers will be placed in the sanctuary Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Senn in memory of Mr. Senn's father, Karl A. Senn.

