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"BEAUTIFUL," "PRACTICAL," "ADEQUATE," "MODERN," "CONSERVATIVE," "HARMONIOUS"

1928



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SHELBY, N. C.
REV. ZENO WALL, D. D., PASTOR

First Baptist Church, Shelby, North Carolina,

Dear Brethren:

This little booklet, containing as it does a picture of our Church plant, as it will appear when completed , speaks its own message. The building will be beautiful, modern, adequate and conservative, and will, as you can see, be so perfectly joined to our present building as to please the eye of the most artistic. It represents the best that our architect can design (for the price contemplated) and has been unanimously adopted by your large building committee, and has been most favorably passed upon by the Architectural Department of our Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. Your pastor, therefore, and architect, and building committee have, after six months of tireless work, agreed upon the design and plans set forth herein, and now we would say, with Nehemiah: "Let us rise up and build,

Sincerely,

ZENO WALL.

A MONUMENT NOT TO BE ASHAMED OF.

To the First Baptist Church,

Shelby, North Carolina.

I heartily endorse the plans for our new Church building, and I urge all of our members to now get behind the movement and make it a great success. It is going to take hard work and sacrifice on the part of many, but it will be a monument of which neither we, nor those who are to come after us, will be ashamed. As your general chairman I am entering the work of building with enthusiasm and I appeal to every member to stand loyally behind Dr. Wall and your committee workers.

CHAS. C. BLANTON, General Chairman.

GROUND FLOOR PLAN. NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SHELBY, N. C.

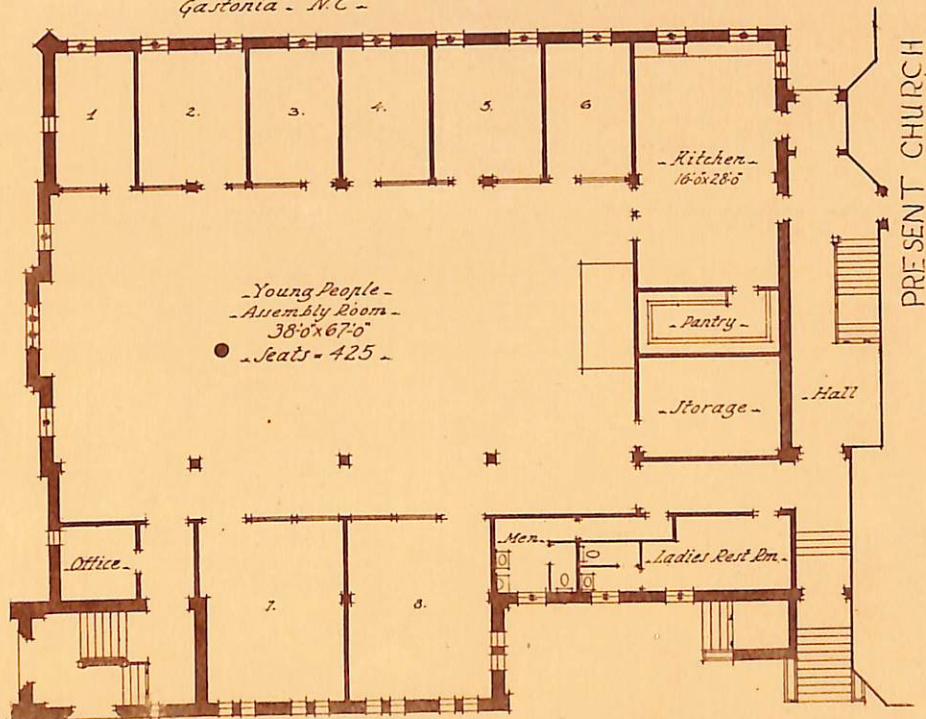
On the ground floor there is located the Young People's Assembly and Social room 38x66 feet seating 425, opening off this assembly room will be found eight large class rooms. There is also located on this floor the Woman's rest room, kitchen, serving room, storage room, and ample toilet accommodations.

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First Baptist Church -
Shelby - N.C.*

*Hugh E. White - Architect -
Gastonia - N.C.*

Ground Floor Plan.

Scale:  = 10'-0"



FIRST FLOOR PLAN. NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SHELBY, N. C.

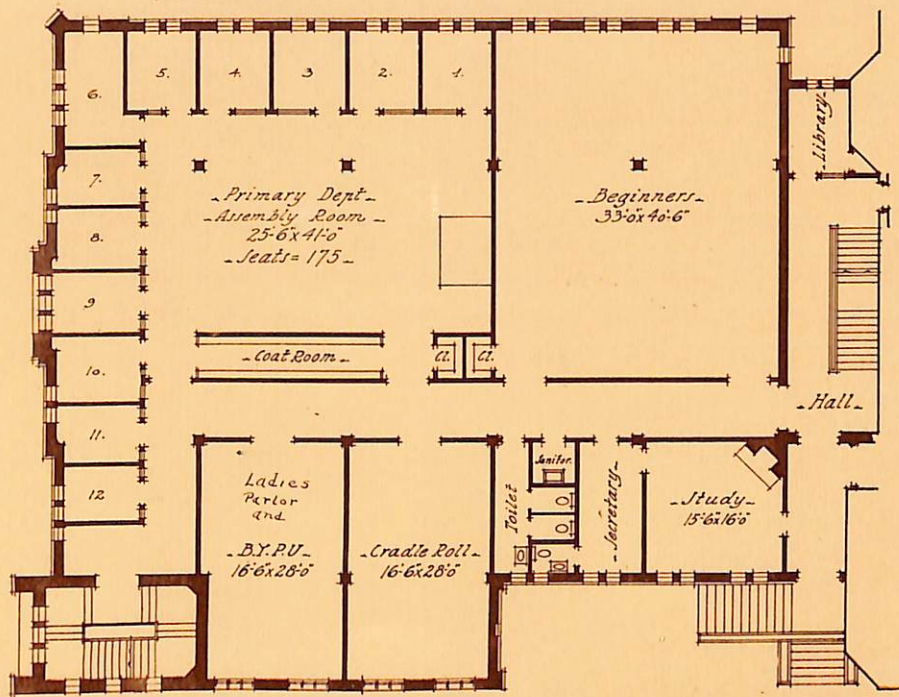
Access is had to this floor by two fire-proof stairways, one at each end of the building. On this floor is located the Pastors study, Secretaries and Superintendents offices; the Cradle roll caring for 75 children; the Beginners departament 25x42 feet seating 100 children; the Primary assembly room 25x42 feet with 12 class rooms accommodating 175 pupils; a large roomseating 75, to be known as the Ladies parlor.

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Gastonia - N.C.*

First Floor Plan -

Scale:  = 10'-0"



SECOND FLOOR PLAN. NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SHELBY, N. C.

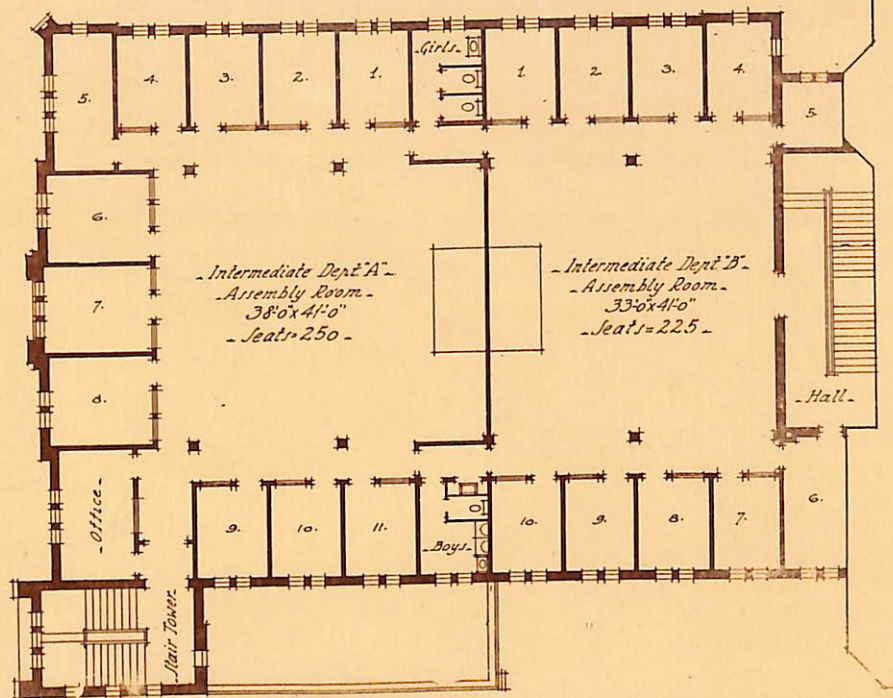
On this floor is located the Intermediate department No. 1 with assembly room 38x41 feet, eleven class rooms, and office, accommodating 250 pupils; Intermediate department No. 2, with assembly room 33x41 feet, ten class rooms accommodating 225 pupils.

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Gastonia - N.C.*

Second Floor Plan -

Scale:  = 10'-0"



THIRD FLOOR PLAN. NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SHELBY, N. C.

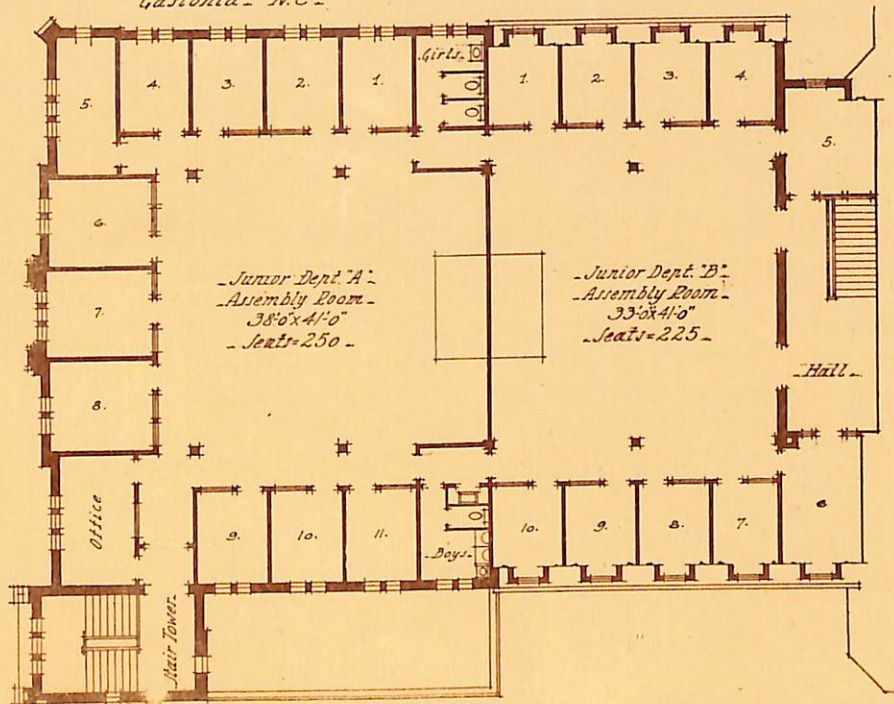
On this, the third and top floor, is located the Junior departments; Junior department "A" with assembly room 33x41 feet and ten class rooms will accommodate 225 pupils; Junior department "B" with assembly room 38x41 feet and eleven class rooms taking care of 250 pupils.

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Third Floor Plan -

Scale:  = 10'-0" -



NEED IS IMPERATIVE

To the Membership and Friends,

First Baptist Church, Shelby, N. C.:—

As I see it, the need for additional building equipment for our Church is imperative and to delay it longer would be hazardous to our further possible development. I believe we are practically a unit in this belief. Never, since I have been a member of this Church, have we been so thoroughly united on any proposition looking to material development. Our pastor has his heart and soul in the movement and we have in him a pastor and a leader whom we all rejoice to follow. Let us give him an equipment that will be worthy of the man and this great Church.

With all my heart I appeal to every member of this Church to stand loyally by Dr. Wall and the Building Committee in this great and important movement and let us go our limit in our pledges to the cause.

Yours for Kingdom Service,

J. H. QUINN, Chairman Board Deacons.

To the Membership of First Baptist Church,
Shelby, North Carolina:

The plans herewith presented have been carefully and prayerfully considered with the view to our present requirements as well as for our future needs. It is not more elaborate than our present Sunday School membership and prospects require. To curtail these plans would mean cramped conditions and inadequate facilities for teaching the word of God to our young people and a place of study and worship for the rest of us. The need of it has been constantly before teachers, officers, departmental superintendents and all workers in our Church and Sunday School. When completed, it will represent our contribution to the progress of the Kingdom. There is every reason to believe that it shall be a worthy contribution.

Respectfully,

B. T. FALLS, General Supt. of Sunday School.

Dr. Zeno Wall, Shelby, N. C.

Dear Brother Wall:

I wish to congratulate your architects upon the very attractive and competent way in which they handled your contemplated educational building. I think it far more interesting than a monotonous continuation of the present detail. One may deviate from convention and precedent in Gothic architecture and still attain a very harmonious design. The dormer windows and the mansard roof make a very appropriate connecting link between the two main masses. The addition is also educational in appearance. This is one of the many things we strive for in Sunday school building. I should by all means accept this design in preference to a continuation of the present detail.

With good wishes to yourself and your committee, I am,

Very truly yours,

R. A. JORDAN, Architect, Sunday School Board.

APPEAL FOR ALL TO HAVE A PART IN BUILDING.

To the First Baptist Church, Shelby, N. C.

The joint commission of our Church presents this booklet as the adopted plans and creation of the architects for the proposed addition to our Church. Each step looking towards this new building has been studied with an eye patiently and prayerfully single to securing the most practical, useful, attractive and necessary structure for the needs of our rapidly growing church and Sunday School.

The committee believe they have been highly successful, and submit for your inspection, approval and support the result of their deliberate and unanimous judgment.

The only thing now remaining is the big thing, namely, the raising of at least \$100,000 with which to make this devotional dream of our beloved pastor come true. I am making an appeal to each member of the Church, rich and poor, young and old, to have some active money part in this magnificent opportunity. In the blue print of the divine economy there is a place and part in this building for your cooperation and a part for mine.

It is the earnest hope of the Finance Committee that each member will find his part and place, and that every brick in this building will be cemented with love, sacrifice and joy of the entire membership of our great and growing congregation.

O. MAX GARDNER, Ch'm. Finance Com.

MEMBERSHIP HAS INCREASED THREE-FOLD,

To the Members of the First Baptist Church:

After much consideration plans for the enlargement of our Church have been agreed upon, which we believe will be ample for our needs. Our present Church was completed 16 years ago. We then had a little more than four hundred members and a Sunday school attendance of a little over two hundred. At that time we thought our present building would be ample for the needs of the congregation for forty or fifty years. The Church we had completed was large enough to care for a congregation and Sunday school twice our size. But our Church membership and Sunday school attendance have increased to three times their size at that time, and the need for larger quarters is imperative.

I believe the plans now agreed upon will care for the needs of a membership and Sunday school attendance of twice our present size; and the plans are large enough to require a real sacrifice on the part of our members, and we trust this sacrifice will be made, not by the few, but by all, and that each may receive the blessing which is promised to the cheerful giver.

O. M. MULL, Ch'm. Construction Committee.

L. C. DARNET
E. D. B. A.

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HUGH E. WHITE

A. I. A.

ARCHITECT

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GASTONIA, N. C.

The Reverend Zeno Wall,
First Baptist Church, Shelby, N. C.

My dear Dr. Wall:

There has been supplied you the floor plans and perspective of the new Educational building you are to erect as an extension to your present Church. The plans with their description herein reproduced indicate clearly the use each floor of the building is to be put to.

The building is to be 78 feet wide by 96 feet long, four full stories in height, and connected on the first floor directly to the auditorium of the present church, making a building of a total length of 192 feet on LaFayette street, having 75 rooms.

The construction will be of brick with stone trimming matching the brickwork in the old portion of the building, steel and wood frame floor construction, slate and composition roofing, copper terminal tower. Two fire-proof stairways, one at each end of the building, will extend from the ground floor to the top floor, giving easy communication and safe exits. The building will cost, exclusive of equipment, about \$90,000.00.

The new building will be of Gothic architecture and the transition from the present building to the Educational building will be pleasing, and the whole upon completion by its composition and grouping will present a fine appearance with its variety in detail.

I appreciate very much this opportunity of serving you and your congregation.

Yours very truly,

HUGH E. WHITE, Architect.