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First Baptist Church Shelby

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Mrs. Hubbard Hamrick

First Baptist Church

Shelby, North Carolina

DEDICATORY SERVICES

June 13, 1943



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Organized on June 19, 1846, and the first Church building was constructed soon thereafter. This building was a wooden structure and the auditorium seated about 200 people. Outgrowing the facilities, the second building was erected in 1889. This was of brick. The congregation and membership increased and in 1910 another building was constructed, part of which is still standing. The Church outgrew the auditorium and educational equipment. In 1928 another building program was launched and on Easter Sunday, 1929, the congregation began worshipping in the present spacious remodeled auditorium and using the newly constructed educational building. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Morning Worship

11 O'clock

Organ Prelude: "Grand Choeur" ----- Cuthbert Harris
Mrs. H. S. Plaster

Hymn: "O Worship The King"—No. 2 ----- J. Michael Haydn

Invocation ----- Mr. Horace Easom

Hymn: "Saviour, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"—No. 13 ----- William B. Bradbury

Announcements by Pastor

Pastoral Prayer ----- Dr. Zeno Wall

Anthem: "Unfold, Ye Portals" from "The Redemption" ----- Ch. Gounod
Church Choir

Scripture

Offering

Offertory Trio: "The Trumpet Shall Sound" from "The Messiah" ----- G. F. Handel
Messrs. Woodrow Wall, E. B. Hill, Horace Easom

Dedictory Sermon: "God Dwelling With Men" ----- Dr. Chas. H. Durham

Hymn: "All Hail The Power of Jesus Name"—No. 1 ----- Oliver Holden

Dedicatory Prayer ----- Rev. J. W. Suttle

Benediction ----- Dr. Zeno Wall

Organ Postlude: "Postludium" ----- W. D. Armstrong
Mrs. H. S. Plaster

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Sunday School-----10:00 o'clock
Training Union----- 7:00 o'clock
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— ASSOCIATES IN THE WORK —

Appreciation from Pastor and Educational Director to Miss Beverly Clark, who has been our Church Secretary since September, 1941, and to Mrs. H. S. Plaster, who has been our Church Organist since February, 1927. Both of these Associates are co-operative, faithful, efficient and loyal in their services, and are highly esteemed by our Church.

— APPRECIATION TO ALL WHO HAVE HAD A PART —

Today as we dedicate this Church building our hearts are full of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the abundant blessings which have attended the Pastor and people during the years of the building program and the years of struggle which have followed in an effort to free our building of debt. To each one who has had a part in building this Church, and in paying off the debt—no matter how small or large the gift—the Pastor and Church are deeply grateful and wish to express genuine appreciation. With these expressions of thanksgiving and gratitude goes a prayer that the Heavenly Father will continue His rich blessings upon each one and will reward all who have had a part in this attainment and service.

**In memory of our members who have gone beyond the sunset and
who had a part in making possible these Dedicatory Services.**

Consecration Service

8:00 O'clock

Organ Prelude: "Cantilena" ----- G. Goltermann
Mrs. H. S. Plaster

Hymn: "I Am Thine, O Lord"—No. 56 ----- W. H. Doane

Hymn: "Take My Life, And Let It Be"—No. 174 ----- Wm. B. Bradbury

Prayer

Anthem: "My God And I" ----- I. B. Sergei
Church Choir

Scripture

Offering

Offertory Chorus: "Give Me Thy Heart" ----- D. B. Towner
Church Male Chorus

Consecration Sermon: "Christ In The Upper Room Meeting" ----- Dr. C. H. Durham

Hymn: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"—No. 254 ----- Geo. C. Stebbins

Burning Of The Building Fund Note

Ordinance of Baptism

Benediction ----- Dr. Zeno Wall

Organ Postlude: "Military Postlude" ----- Geo. S. Schuler
Mrs. H. S. Plaster

DR. CHAS. H. DURHAM

REV. J. W. SUTTLE

We welcome back to the home community one of our favorite sons, Dr. Chas. H. Durham, of Raleigh and Lumberton. For forty years he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lumberton, where he was loved by all. At present he is the supply pastor of the First Baptist Church of Raleigh. He has a host of friends and many relatives in this community. He went from this section several years ago. Through the years our prayers, love and interest have followed him in his useful career. All join hearts and interest today as we welcome him home to deliver our dedicatory sermon this morning and the consecration message this evening.

Rev. J. W. Suttle is appropriately taking a place on the program today. We claim him as one of our own. His father and mother were both members of this Church when they went to their rewards, and many of his brothers and sisters and kinspeople are members of our Church at present. Loved by his home people, he has been a pastor for more than fifty years, having spent most of these years at home. For over thirty years he has been Moderator of the Kings Mountain Association. His large group of friends here and in other fields, are asking the Heavenly Father, if it can be His will, to give him many more such years in our midst.

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The beautiful flowers are furnished today by Mrs. C. L. Gilliatt and Miss Lucile Nix in memory of their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Nix, who were useful in this Church for so many years.

HEAR DR. ROLAND Q. LEAVELL

IN REVIVAL SERVICES

JUNE 14th THROUGH JUNE 20th



DR. ZENO WALL, Pastor

Came as pastor of the Church on October 1, 1925. He will close his eighteenth year in Shelby on next October 1st. There have been twenty-seven pastors of the Church in these ninety-seven years. Rev. James M. Webb was the first pastor. There is only one former pastor living at present.



**MR. HORACE EASOM, Director
Education and Music**

Came as Educational and Music Director on August 1, 1928. He will close his fifteenth year on next August 1st. This period was interrupted in the fall of 1934, when he spent two years with the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, returning to Shelby in the fall of 1936.

TO YOU WHO ARE AWAY

Today we are dedicating our church to the Lord; and, at the same time, we are trying to give ourselves anew to Him. For fourteen years we have stood under a heavy church load, but today that load is no more, as all indebtedness against our church has been paid in full. Rejoice with us!

We wish you could be present with us on this happy and holy occasion. Since you cannot we send you our greetings, and assure you of our love, and prayers and very best wishes.

May the Lord protect you and give you grace and strength for every hour: "The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another" (Gen. 31: 49), and, in due time bring you safely back to us again.

Sincerely, Your Pastor.

Zeno Wall