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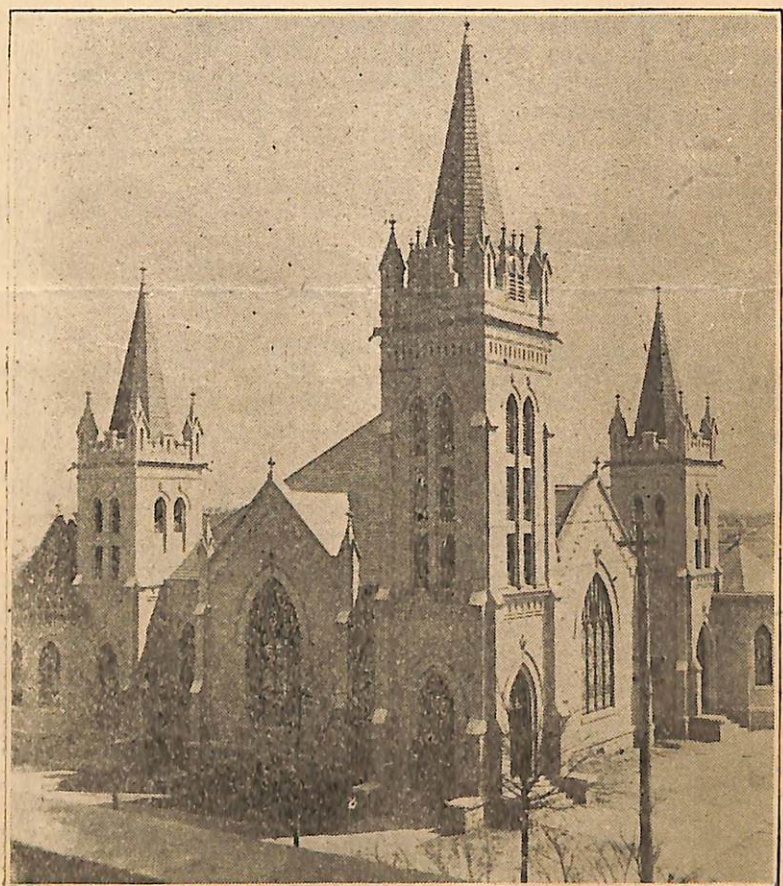
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Special Bulletin
For The
1847—Seventy-Fifth Anniversary—1922
— of the —
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SHELBY, N. C.



HISTORICAL SKETCH.

I. Organization.

On Saturday, June 19, 1847, a presbytery consisting of Elders Drury Dobbins, J. M. Webb, and other ministers and deacons whose names are not known, met in Shelby in a church building which had previously been erected, and organized the First Baptist Church with twenty-five members. William Roberts, J. R. Logan, and David Warlick were the first deacons.

II. Pastors.

Rev. J. M. Webb served as pastor of the church during the first three years, 1847-1850. He was followed by Rev. M. C. Barnett who served during 1850 and 1851. Then came in succession the following: Thos. Dixon, E. A. Crawley, T. R. Gaines, Wade Hill, A. J. Cansler, N. B. Cobb, A. L. Stough, J. A. White, W. A. Nelson, R. D. Mallory, W. B. Bussey, W. H. Strickland, J. M. McManaway, G. P. Hamrick, J. L. Sproles, J. D. Hufham, R. F. Tredway, W. D. Hubbard, M. E. Parrish, C. A. Jenkins, L. W. Swope, Lee McB. White, and J. M. Kester.

III. Interesting Characteristics.

(1) **Interest in Christian Education.** This church established and maintained for several years the Shelby Female Seminary, a college for girls, long before there was much interest in education for women.

(2) **Interest in Sunday School.** Early in its history the church established a Sunday School. This school in 1882 according to J. R. Logan's history of the Kings Mountain Association, had two hundred and forty pupils when its church membership was only two hundred, and was "well equipped and in good progressive working order." The school has an enrollment now of more than seven hundred and has met all requirements of the Standard of the Southern Baptist Convention.

(3) **Liberal.** According to the history quoted above, the Shelby church has always been liberal. As early as 1882, when other churches were giving very little, the church gave \$1,680.93 to pastor's salary, missions, etc. When the time, and the value of money are considered, this is noteworthy with a membership of two hundred. The church with a quota of \$40,000.00 for the 75 million campaign pledged over \$63,000.00 and has already paid more than \$33,000.00 on the pledge.

PROGRAM OF ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES

June 11 to 18, 1922

Sunday, June 11:

11:00 a. m.—Awarding Normal Diplomas to S. S. Address by
O. Max Gardner, Shelby, N. C.

8:00 p. m.—Thanksgiving and Dedication Service. Sermon by
Dr. W. D. Hubard, D. D., Greensboro, Ala.

Monday, June 12. CHURCH NIGHT:

8:00 p. m.—“The History of the Church”—James L. Webb,
Shelby, N. C.

8:30 p. m.—“The Church in the Community and Association”
—Rev. J. W. Suttle, Shelby, N. C.

Tuesday, June 13.—SUNDAY SCHOOL NIGHT:

8:00 p. m.—“The History of the Sunday School”.—J. J. Lat-
timore, Shelby, N. C.

8:30 p. m.—“Present-Day Opportunities of the S. S.”—J. R.
Dover, Shelby, N. C.

Wednesday, June 14.—FORMER PASTORS' NIGHT:

8:00 p. m.—“Our Former Pastors”.—J. H. Quinn, Shelby,
N. C.

8:30 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. L. W. Swope, Richmond, Va.

Thursday, June 15.—LAYMEN'S NIGHT:

6:30 p. m.—Men's Fellowship Supper.

8:00 p. m.—“The Departments of the Church”—B. T. Falls,
Shelby, N. C.

8:30 p. m.—“The Layman's Opportunity”—Dr. W. R. Cullom,
D. D., Wake Forest, N. C.

Friday, June 16.—MISSIONARY NIGHT:

8:00 p. m.—“The Work of Our Women”—Mrs. S. A. McMurry,
Shelby, N. C.

8:30 p. m.—“Taking the South for Christ”—Rev. L. R. Pruett,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sunday, June 18.—CONSECRATION DAY:

11:00 a. m.—Our Present World-Opportunity”—Dr. Chas. E.
Maddry, D. D., Raleigh, N. C.

8:00 p. m.—“Our All on the Altar of Service”—Dr. Chas. E.
Maddry, D. D., Raleigh, N. C.

CHURCH DIRECTORY 1922.

General Officers.

Pastor—J. Marcus Kester, 134 N. LaFayette St.
Clerk—John P. Mull, N. LaFayette St.
Asst. Clerk—A. V. Hamrick, West Marion St.
Financial Sec'y.—J. L. Suttle, West Marion St.
Treasurer Cur. Exp.—H. F. Young, West Warren St.
Treasurer Benev.—Miss Ora Eskridge, West Marion St.
Director of Music—J. J. Lattimore, N. LaFayette St.
Organist—Miss Mae Kendall, N. LaFayette St.
Asst. Organist—Miss Bertha Bostic, W. Graham St.
Librarian—Miss Lucile Nix, N. Morgan St.
Asst. Librarian—Miss Mamie Roberts, N. Morgan St.

Deacons.

J. H. Quinn, H. D. Wilson, W. L. Packard, T. G. Hamrick, George P. Webb, George Dover, J. J. Lattimore, John P. Mull, C. C. Hamrick.

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Miss Selma Webb, Mrs. S. A. McMurry, Mrs. C. J. Woodson, Mrs. C. A. Doggett, Mrs. Colin Hull, Mrs. G. P. Hamrick.

Sunday School General Officers.

J. J. Lattimore—Superintendent.
J. R. Dover—Associate Superintendent.
L. F. McBrayer—Secretary.
C. R. Hamrick—Treasurer.
Stough Hopper—Librarian.
Mrs. L. P. Holland—Pianist.

Baptist Young People's Union.

Senior: Maurice Weathers, President.
Miss Frances Bridges, Secretary. *Mrs. Hubbard Hamrick*
Junior: Bynum Weathers, Leader.
Miss Minnie Eddins Roberts, President. *Mrs. George Carpenter*
Gerald McBrayer, Secretary.

Women's Missionary Society.

Mrs. S. A. McMurry, President; Mrs. J. J. Lattimore, Secretary;
Mrs. C. J. Woodson, Vice-President; Mrs. W. L. Packard, Treas.

Young Woman's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Vivian Dellinger, President; Miss Laura Cornwell, Secretary; Miss Elizabeth McBrayer, Treasurer.

Sunbeams.

Mrs. Carl Thompson, Leader.

Chairmen of Committees.

Ushers, S. A. McMurry; Welcome, C. C. Blanton; Finance, W. H. Hudson; House, H. D. Wilson; Library, B. T. Falls.