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# the Generation

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

SHELBY, NORTH CAROLINA

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**THE GENERATION**—Back, left to Right: Susan McDonald, Kathy Panther, Carol Smith, Patty McBrayer; Front, Jo Ann Yates, Debbie Rogers, Gwen Bissette

**I**N EARLY 1968 the Music Ministry of First Baptist Church, Shelby, North Carolina, adopted the philosophy that the main purpose of any church is outreach. The church exists primarily for those people who are not Christians and are not active in any church. We took steps to get God's message of salvation through music beyond the walls of this church and this group has done this by singing concerts throughout the length and breadth of this state. The highest moment thus far was when The Generation was asked to sing a formal concert before the North Carolina State Legislature in Raleigh in January, 1969. Many of those songs are on this album. Not only does each of these girls attain a high quality of musicianship but each possesses a dynamic, radiant Christian testimony. Their message is real and above all they seek to show others the joy of living for Jesus. This album is dedicated to the five high school seniors graduating this year: Patty McBrayer, Susan McDonald, Kathy Panther, Debbie Rogers and Carol Smith.

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