

First Baptist Church

PLATTE CITY, MISSOURI

CELEBRATES

Centennial

1851 - 1951

June 24, 1951

DEDICATION

Through these past one hundred years, there have been many who have entered the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Platte City. They have entered to worship and have gone forth to serve.

In their devotion to God, they have left a lasting memorial more fitting than any we could hope to erect in their honor. We remain for one purpose, to continue their work and their ideals.

To those who gave so much time, effort, and energy that have gone to their reward, and to those who now serve, we humbly and respectfully dedicate this book.

GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR

As pastor of this church, on this joyous occasion, we rejoice with the members and friends who observe this anniversary.

The short time we have been with you we have had real joy in fellowship with you. We are honored that we can share the blessing of these past one hundred years with you.

Yours in Christ's Service.

M. W. Freeman

—PASTORS—

Rev. W. H. Thomas January 1851 - November 1855
 Elder Josiah Leak January 1856 - December 1856
 Dr. Edw. I. Owen January 1857 - May 1858
 Dr. Edw. I. Owen October 1858 - October 1859
 Dr. Wm. H. Thomas October 1859 - May 1860
 No regular services until September 1860
 Elder S. H. Olmstead September 1860 - August 1861
 Dr. E. I. Owen September 1861 - July 1862
 No regular services until February 1863
 Elder Wm. T. Hernson LLD Ex-president Wm. Jewell College met at irregular periods a few times as the Civil War was raging to such extent that meetings were almost impossible.
 Elder Jeremiah Clay May 1866 - November 1868
 Elder J. J. Felts November 1868 - December 1869
 From December 1869 to May 1871 no regular pastor
 Elder J. W. Brown May 1871 - November 1875
 No Pastor from November 1875 - August 1876
 Elder Wm. A. Crouch August 1876 - July 1878
 No Pastor from July 1878 - April 1879
 Elder Geo. W. Everett April 1879 - February 1881
 No Pastor from February 1881 until November 1884
 Elder Robert H. Jones November 1884 - March 1885
 J. J. Felts May 1885 - May 1886
 Rev. C. A. Buchanan May 1886 - January 1889
 Rev. A. Hunt January 1889 - September 1891
 Rev. R. S. Cook September 1891 - February 1893
 Rev. Geo. W. Everett February 1893 - February 1894
 Rev. Lee Harrel February 1894 - December 1908
 Rev. E. H. Foster January 1909 - November 1910
 Bro. Thomas H. Wiles June 1911 - November 1914
 Rev. N. R. Regon November 1914 - January 1916
 Rev. W. P. Hunt April 1916 - April 1919
 Bro. E. H. Manwarring December 1919 - April 1924
 Bro. Prather September 1924 -
 Bro. J. S. Henry June 1927 - April 1929
 Rev. J. C. House 1929 - 1938
 Rev. Geo. J. McCellan December 1938 - November 1940
 Rev. Jack Wilks April 1941 - May 1942
 Rev. J. H. McAfee November 1942 - October 1946
 Rev. John Robert Steers October 1946 - December 1950
 Rev. Marion Willard Freeman December 1950 -

—CHURCH OFFICERS—

Pastor — M. W. Freeman Treasurer — Holly Hammond
 Clerk — Gordon Miller Organist — Mrs. Guy B. Park

—DEACONS—

Jackson Miller E. R. Clarke
 Edgar Miller Frank Lanter
 N. F. McWilliams J. K. Franks
 Holly Hammond Gordon Miller

—SUNDAY SCHOOL—

Superintendent — Claude Kelley Treasurer — Holly Hammond
 Secretary — Mary Robbins Pianist — Mrs. Walter Fox

—TEACHERS—

Beginners — Sarah Jane Higgins The Three Ms Class — Mrs. M. W. Freeman
 Assistant — Mamie Lee Sharp Asst. — Mrs. Hilda Lewis
 Primaries — Virginia Foree The Fidelity Class — Mrs. A. E. Wares
 Assistant — Marjorie Kalouseck
 Junior Boys — Helen Powell Asst. — Mrs. Edgar Miller
 Intermediates — Mrs. Merle Reed The Faithful Workers Class — Mrs. N. F. McWilliams
 Young People — Mrs. W. L. Boster Asst. — Blanche Stelzer
 Men's Class — M. W. Freeman
 Asst. — N. F. McWilliams

—MISSIONARY UNION—

President — Mrs. N. F. McWilliams Community Chairman — Mrs. Henry Sharp
 1st V. Pres. — Mrs. Milo Foster Sunbeam Leaders: Mrs. Dale Bender, Mrs. Foy Melvin, Mrs. M. W. Freeman
 2nd V. Pres. — Mrs. Jackson Miller Sunbeam Baby Visitor — Mrs. J. W. Lewis, Jr.
 Sec.-Treas. — Mrs. Edgar Miller R. A. Leaders—Mrs. R. C. Edwards, Mrs. Helen Powell
 Young People's Director — Mrs. Kenney Franks G. A. Leader — Mrs. M. W. Freeman
 B. W. S. Advisor — Mrs. Hueda Settle
 Stewardship Chairman — Mrs. R. Edwards
 Mission Chairman — Mrs. Milo Foster

—COMMITTEES—

Finance Committee Social Affairs Committee
 Baptism Committee Communion Committee
 Decoration Committee

—TRUSTEES—

Hill Miller J. K. Franks
 Edgar Miller

—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO CLAY PLATTE ASSOCIATION—

Edgar S. Miller Gordon L. Miller

—CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE—

M. W. Freeman Holly Hammond
 N. F. McWilliams Edgar Miller
 Frank Lanter

—MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE—

Prelude		Mr. Robbins*
Call to Worship	"The Lord Is In His Holy Temple"	Choir
Opening Hymn	"All Hail The Power"	No. 1
Invocation		Pastor
Gloria Patri		Congregation
Announcements		
Hymn	"The Solid Rock"	No. 96
Responsive Reading	"My King"	Selection No. 511
The Pastoral Prayer		
Offertory Hymn	"Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus"	No. 284
Offertory		
Doxology		
Scripture Reading		
Special Music	"Lead On, Lead On"	Choir
Sermon		Pastor
Hymn of Invitation and Dedication		No. 222
Benediction		
Postlude		Mr. Robbins*

*Mr. Robbins, from Streep Music Co., is helping us dedicate our organ today. Mrs. Guy B. Parks is our official organist.

Everyone is urged to attend the dinner in the church basement following the morning services.

—AFTERNOON SERVICE—

Prelude		Mr. Robbins
Opening Hymn	"I Love Thy Kingdom"	No. 196
Reading of the History of the Church		Mrs. N. F. McWilliams
Greetings		Rev. Freeman
Duet	"All On The Altar"	Sandra Stelzer & Roe Anna Freeman
Introduction of the Speaker		Rev. Freeman
Guest Speaker		Dr. W. C. Link, Jr.
	(Dr. Link is pastor of Second Baptist Church, Liberty, Mo.)	
Closing Hymn	"Blest Be The Tie"	No. 239
Benediction		
Postlude		Mr. Robbins

—CHURCH COVENANT—

HAVING been led, as we believe, by the spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drink as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offence, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that, when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

—MEMBERSHIP—

Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson	Holly Hammond, Jr.
L. B. Anderson	Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Harris
Billie George Anderson	Richard Harris
Mrs. Pearl Amos	Mr. and Mrs. Paul Heerwald
Frank Baker	Sarah Jane Higgins
Mrs. Lyle Babcock	Mrs. Jessie Jones
Pauline Bassenberger	George Knighton
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bender	Lorene Knighton
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boster	E. J. Kettelman
Russell Boster	Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Kelley
Stanley Boster	Marjorie Kalousek
Jeane Branden	Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Lindsey
Mrs. James Cain	Magee Leipard
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Clark	M. C. Leipard
Mrs. Smith Clemings	Mr. J. W. Lewis, Jr.
Patsy Clemings	Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lanter
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cox	Polly R. Latham
James T. Cox	Mr. Jas. Miller
Glen Roy Clifton	Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Miller
Mrs. John Clifton	D. E. Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davis	Mr. and Mrs. Hill Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Judson Davis	Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Miller
Mrs. R. D. Dooley	Mortmeir Miller
Mary D. Dooley	Mack Miller
Nora K. Dakin	Jack Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Kiah Evans	Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Miller
Mrs. Bernice Edlin	Brask Miller
Ella Eckert	Rufus W. Miller
Clyde England	R. B. Miller, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Edwards	Mrs. Darwin Martin
Donald Edwards	Emmett McCoy
Virginia Foree	Mr. and Mrs. N. F. McWilliams
Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Franks	Mrs. Albert Maduska
Mrs. Fred Fleshman	Mrs. Harold McAdow
Buna Fisher	Mrs. Flora Newman
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Farmer	Mrs. Susie O'Rourke
Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Farmer	Mr. and Mrs. M. Payne
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. V. Farmer	Mrs. Guy B. Park
Mr. and Mrs. Parlen Farmer	Mrs. Helen Powell
Victoria Fisher	Mrs. Everett Purvis
Mrs. Milo Foster	Dannie Purvis
Emogene Foster	Sade Mae Purvis
Charles Foster	Hazel Purvis
Joseph Foster	Mrs. Kemper Pulem
Mary Frances Fisher	Mrs. Marion Pulem
Mrs. Aletha Ford	Norman Powers
Katherine Fox	Charles Powell
Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Freeman	Mrs. Elizabeth Ring
Sallie Fisher Goodpaster	Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Roark
J. P. George	Charles Roark
Thomas Harrington	Betty Jo Roark
Betty Jean Hill	W. C. Rowson
Norma Hill	Mrs. Chester Robbins
Mrs. Nellie Holley	Mary Jane Robbins
Mr. and Mrs. Holly Hammond	Patsy Robbins

—MEMBERSHIP—

Georgia Lee Roberts	Veida Tatman
Verna Faye Reed	Billie Lou Tatman
Mrs. Jess Settle	Lucille Thomason
Mrs. Hulda Settle	Verna Mae Thomason
Inez Sullard	Margaret Thomason
Davis Sloan	Mrs. Elbert Van Hoozer
Benjamin Sloan	Virginia Van Hoozer
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Singleton	Mrs. A. E. Waers
Donald Singleton	Valentine Waers
Glen Singleton	Mrs. Anna Wills
Mr. and Mrs. Chester Smithers	Mrs. Agnes Wagle
Mrs. Jas. Smith	Mrs. Ruth Winn
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sharp	Earl F. Winn, Jr.
Mamie Lee Sharp	Martha Winn
Sandra Stelzer	Marlyn Sue White
Mr. and Mrs. Irving Stelzer	Carolyn White
Julia K. Scheif	Mrs. Walter White
William D. Tatman	Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wade
George Tatman	David Wright

IS IT YOU OR YOUR CHURCH?

If you want to live in the kind of a church,
That's the kind of a church you like,
You don't have to slip your letter in a grip
And start on a long, long hike.
You'll only find what you left behind,
For there's nothing really new;
It's a knock at yourself if you knock your church;
For it isn't your church, it's YOU.
Real churches are not made by men afraid,
Lest some other church get ahead;
If everyone works and nobody shirks,
You can raise a church from the dead.
And if while you make your personal stake
Your brother makes one, too,
Your church will be what you want to see,
For it isn't your church, it's YOU.

—Geo. H. Starring.
