

*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.

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## 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  
Clerk — Gordon Miller

Treasurer — Holly Hammond  
Organist — Mrs. Guy B. Park

—DEACONS—

Jackson Miller  
Edgar Miller  
N. F. McWilliams  
Holly Hammond

E. R. Clarke  
Frank Lanter  
J. K. Franks  
Gordon Miller

—SUNDAY SCHOOL—

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

—TEACHERS—

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

—MISSIONARY UNION—

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

—COMMITTEES—

Finance Committee  
Baptism Committee  
Decoration Committee

Social Affairs Committee  
Communion Committee

—TRUSTEES—

Hill Miller  
Edgar Miller

J. K. Franks

—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO CLAY PLATTE ASSOCIATION—

Edgar S. Miller

Gordon L. Miller

—CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE—

M. W. Freeman  
N. F. McWilliams  
Frank Lanter

Holly Hammond  
Edgar Miller

—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	

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