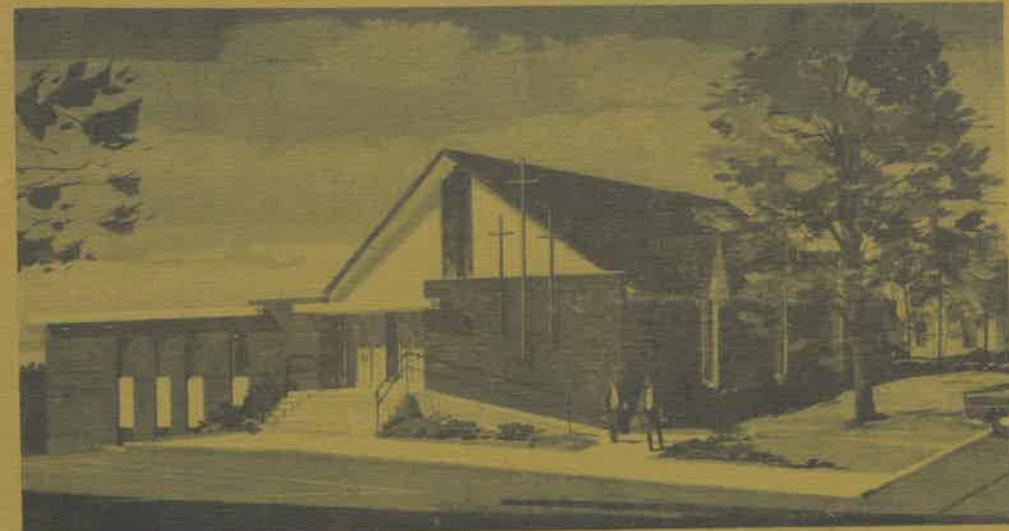


**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
PLATTE CITY, MISSOURI



**DEDICATION DAY**  
July 23, 1972

*"Command My People  
That They Shall  
Go Forward."*



#### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Jesus said: "I will build my church." What he started almost 2000 years ago he continues to sustain today.

Against the background of God's gracious outpouring of His blessings upon the First Baptist Church, we come to dedicate this sanctuary to Him. Here the past, present, and future seem to converge. Here you shall come reverently each Lord's Day. Here souls are to be saved, lives rescued, problems solved, sins forgiven, and righteousness established in the hearts of many. The structure is finished but the building of His church goes on.

For the joy that has been mine to be a part of this great adventure of faith with you, I shall be eternally grateful — to Him and to you.

*R. Wright C. Sawyer, Jr.*

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Platte City, Missouri

## DEDICATION PROGRAM

THE LORD'S DAY — JULY 23, 1972

MORNING WORSHIP — ELEVEN O'CLOCK

Prelude .....	Organist
The Call To Worship.....	Choir and Pastor
The Doxology	
The Invocation and Lord's Prayer ..	
Welcome and Announcements	
Hymn....."All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name".....	No. 132
Worship in Giving.....	The Offering
Acknowledgments and Recognitions	
Charles Knighton, Chairman, Building Committee	
Herb Richey, Chairman, Memorial Recognition Committee	
Byron Fisher, Chairman, Trustees	
Herb Westmoreland, Chairman, Deacons	
Responsive Reading No. 59	
Hymn....."O Thou Whose Hand Hath Brought Us"....	No. 379
Act of Dedication	
Choral Worship....'Our Thanks to Thee, We Raise"....	Choir
Dedication Message....."LIVING STONES".....	Pastor
Hymn of Commitment...."Have Thine Own Way"....	No. 355
Benediction	
Choral Response....."Bless This House"....	Ladies Quartet
Postlude .....	Organist

PROGRAM AND OPEN HOUSE

2:00 P.M.

EVENING WORSHIP

7:30 P.M.

## ACT OF DEDICATION

Pastor: In humble gratitude to God who has placed within the hearts of His people to build this house, let us all unite in dedicating this building unto Him for His glory and praise.

People: "Bless the Lord, O my soul: And all that is within me, bless His holy name."

Pastor: To the glory of God the Father, to the honor of His Son, and to the praise of the Holy Spirit;

People: To Thee, the only true God, we thankfully dedicate this building.

Pastor: For the worship of God in prayer and praise; for the preaching and singing of the everlasting Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ; and for the observance of the New Testament ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper;

People: We humbly dedicate this house of worship.

Pastor: For the conversion of sinners; for the consecration of Christians; for the comfort of those who sorrow; for the encouragement of those who are weak; for the counsel of those seeking guidance;

People: We faithfully dedicate this house of worship.

Pastor: For the extension of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God to the ends of the earth through evangelism, education, and missions;

People: We obediently dedicate this house of worship.

Pastor: For growth in grace; for the building of character; and for the teaching of truth;

People: We hopefully dedicate this house of worship.

Pastor: In gratitude for the labors and gifts of all who love and serve this church; in loving memory of those who have finished their course; with constant expectancy toward those who shall follow us;

People: We gratefully dedicate this building.

All: We, the people of the First Baptist Church, do now dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of God, through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

## IN MEMORIAM

Through the years the First Baptist Church has experienced blessings and added resources for its ministry through generous gifts from individuals given "in memory of" loved ones and friends. At the beginning of the present building program such undesignated memorial gifts were the basis of a building fund that enabled the church to move forward with plans to erect this building to the glory of God.

Without these gifts the beautiful sanctuary would not be a reality today. Thus, in a very real way the new building stands as a memorial giving reverence and honor to the memory of those for whom gifts were given.

In grateful remembrance of them and with thanksgiving to God, we recognize the following who have "passed on to the other side . . ."

### BELOVED MEMBERS

Deacon Eugene Clarke	Mrs. Anna Hammond
Deacon J. Kinney Franks	Mrs. Beulah Lanter
Deacon Frank Lanter	Mrs. Maxine Farmer Lindsey
Deacon Edgar Miller	Day E. Miller
Deacon Jackson Miller	Mrs. Edith Miller
Miss Pauline Bossenberger	Hill Miller
Mrs. Betty Bane	James L. Miller
Ira Bourne	Miss Mabel Miller
Mrs. Hattie Clark	Rufus Miller
Mrs. Willie Davis	Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Miller
Mrs. June Dennis	Mrs. Effie Montague
Mrs. R. D. Dooley	Mrs. Susie O'Rourke
R. C. Edwards, Sr.	Mrs. Anna Sharp
George V. Farmer	Bob Sharp
Mrs. Jesse Farmer	Mrs. Inez Sullard
Mrs. Mollie Farmer	Mrs. E. J. Tatman
Mrs. N. F. Farmer	Mrs. Allie VanHoozer
Mrs. Katherine Farmer	Mrs. A. E. Waers
Mrs. Kathryn Fox	Earl Winn, Jr.
	Bob Sharp

# OTHER FRIENDS

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W. K. Amos  
Dan Baker  
Leonard F. Barnett  
J. C. Blocher  
Jesse Brightwell  
Mrs. Clyde Cecil  
Leslie Jacqueline Cox  
Mrs. Jessie F. Downing  
John Eskridge  
Mrs. Susie Fisher  
Raymond Fryrear  
Mrs. Rachel George  
Mrs. Jimmy L. Giffee  
Jim Harpst  
William Humes  
Mrs. Billie Hunt  
Lee Johnson

Oscar L. McHughes  
Spencer McMillian  
Mrs. Hester Miller  
Mrs. Thelma Myers  
Earl Pitcher  
Ray Kemper Pulem  
Fred Reed  
Gina K. Reineke  
Eupha Olive Rice  
Mrs. Velma Richey  
Mrs. Lena Shearer  
Rev. R. Ray Stone  
Mrs. Elsie Cox Veatch  
Mrs. Bertha Wade  
J. D. White  
Walter White  
Mrs. Cleo Woodson

"I have fought a good fight,  
I have finished my course,  
I have kept the faith;

Henceforth there is laid up for me a  
crown of righteousness, which the Lord  
shall give me at that day . . ."

— II Timothy 4:7-8.

**GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENT** is given to the following  
donors of special items:

## NEW PEWS:

Mrs. Lucille Farmer Babcock

in memory of

Mr. & Mrs. N. F. Farmer  
and Mrs. Maxine Farmer Lindsey

Mrs. Ruth Brightwell

in memory of Jesse J. Brightwell

Ralph E. Davis, Maxine W. Davis,  
R. Judson Davis

in memory of Willie M. Davis

Mrs. Betty Edwards

in memory of R. C. Edwards, Sr.

Mr. & Mrs. David P. Fisher, Sr.

in memory of

Mr. & Mrs. David W. Fisher

Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Lewis, Jr.

in memory of

Mr. & Mrs. Jackson Miller

Mrs. Loma Miller

in memory of Edgar S. Miller

Mrs. Alta Pitcher, Delvena Hardesty, L. B. Anderson,  
Mary Jean Giffee, Billy George Anderson

in memory of

William Anderson

Mrs. Ray Stone

in memory of Rev. R. Ray Stone

Mrs. Pearl Amos.

Paula & Jill Amos

Mr. & Mrs. Don Edwards,  
Donnis & Gayle

Mr. & Mrs. James Glenn Edwards

Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Edwards, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. John George

Mr. & Mrs. Dooley George

Mr. & Mrs. Granville Harrison,  
Karen & Melanie

Rev. & Mrs. Dwight Honeycutt

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Knighton

Mrs. Hill Miller

Mort M. Miller

Miss Patsy Miller

Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Milliman

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Naylor

Mr. & Mrs. Herman Pirch

Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Richey

Miss Virginia Shepard

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Stanton

Mr. & Mrs. Herb Westmoreland

Mr. & Mrs. Herman White

Mrs. Audon Witt

Mr. & Mrs. Don Witt

**PARTIAL GIFTS FOR PEWS:** Mr. & Mrs. Clinton Naylor, Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Barton, Doug Barton, Rhonda Barton, Rev. & Mrs. Neil Porter, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Fulk, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Hunt, Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Batterson, Miss Cora Pursell.

## PIANO:

Mr. & Mrs. John F. Lawler

in memory of

Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Lawler  
and Mr. & Mrs. Mid Payne

CARPET FOR SANCTUARY AND OFFICES:

Mrs. Hill Miller, Mort M. Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon L. Miller,  
Mr. & Mrs. Mack H. Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Miller.

CHOIR ROBES:

Holly Hammond in memory of Mrs. Anna Hammond

HYMNALS:

Miss Patsy Miller

OFFERING PLATES:

Fidelity Sunday School Class and An Anonymous Donor

FLOWER STANDS:

Faithful Workers Sunday School Class

PERMANENT FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS:

Mrs. J. W. Batterson

SANCTUARY SOUND SYSTEM:

Kenneth L. Ritter

SOD AND LANDSCAPING:

Mr. & Mrs. George McMillian

AIR-CONDITIONING OF EDUCATIONAL BUILDING:

Mrs. Hill Miller, Mort M. Miller,  
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon L. Miller,  
Mr. & Mrs. Mack H. Miller,  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Miller

in memory of Hill Miller

BEQUESTS:

Miss Pauline Bossenberger

Mrs. Kathryn Fox

John Eskridge

Miss Nellie Hanley

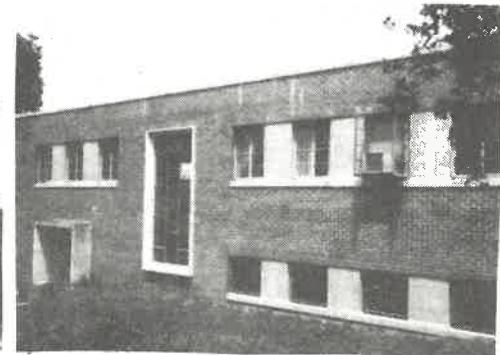
BOND Purchasers . . . Without the financial impetus gained from a successful bond sale, the program could not have moved forward. Many, both within and outside our membership, bought bonds and we are grateful to all.

EVERYONE who desired was able to have a part. Many gave generously, some sacrificially — and those who could not contribute financially added immeasurable strength with their faithful prayers. "TO GOD BE THE GLORY!"

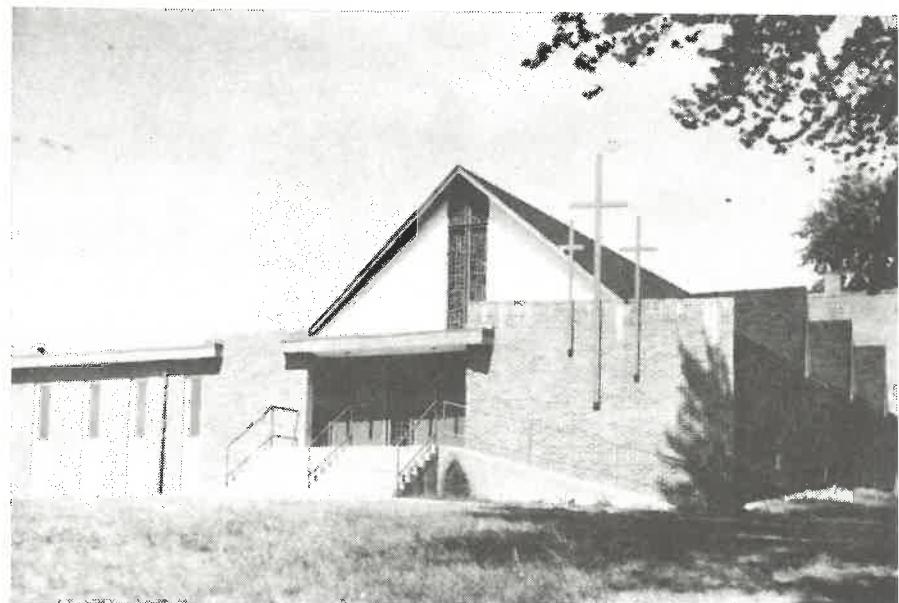
*"Through the Years . . .*



Old Sanctuary 1854



Educational Building 1958



New Sanctuary 1972

## HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Following an initial meeting in December of 1850, the First Baptist Church was constituted on January 18, 1851. Nineteen charter members formed the nucleus of the Church.

The first sanctuary building was erected in 1854. On July 15, 1864 a band of Union raiders burned nearly all the buildings in town. The Baptist Church was spared. Rumor has it that one of the raiders had a relative who was a member of the Church. The building was used for court and other public meetings for a number of years, and served the Church as its house of worship until removal for the construction of the new sanctuary in 1970.

In the 1930's a basement with kitchen and dining facilities was constructed. An educational building was constructed in 1958. In recent years the Church has purchased all houses except one on the block where it is located, with a view to future expansion.

The Church began making plans for construction of a new sanctuary building in late 1967. After much prayer and study, actual construction began in late 1970 following the successful sale of \$135,000.00 worth of church bonds as means for financing the project. The Church's faith was tested early in 1971 because of difficulties confronting the bond company which resulted in construction funds being tied-up and causing construction to cease. But God proved Himself faithful and blessed and strengthened the Church fellowship during this time and by June of 1971 construction was resumed with the people even more aware than before of God's presence and guidance.

Today, the First Baptist Church of Platte City seeks to minister to the needs of our world in Christ's name and stands as a living memorial to the sturdy pioneers who built it and to the dedicated men and women who, through the years, have labored in its fold.

We can only say with the Psalmists of old, ". . . this is the Lord's doing, and is marvelous in our eyes." Pray that it may ever remain so.

## PASTORS SERVING THIS CHURCH

W. H. Thomas	Thomas H. Wiles
Josiah Leak	N. R. Regon
E. I. Owen	W. P. Hunt
S. H. Olmstead	E. H. Manwarring
W. T. Hernson	A. A. Prather
Jerimiah Clay	J. S. Henry
J. J. Felts	J. C. House
J. W. Brown	George J. McCellan
William A. Crouch	Jack Wilks
George W. Everett	J. H. McAfee
Robert H. Jones	John Robert Steers
C. A. Buchanan	Marion Willard Freeman
A. Hunt	John Muncey
R. S. Cook	Stencil Casey
Lee Harrell	Eugene Werline
E. H. Foster	Dwight A. Honeycutt

1855 — 1972

## NEW SANCTUARY ERECTED 1971-72

Joseph P. Cheesebrough  
Empire Construction Company

Architect  
Contractor