

**108th ANNIVERSARY
of
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**



1872 1980

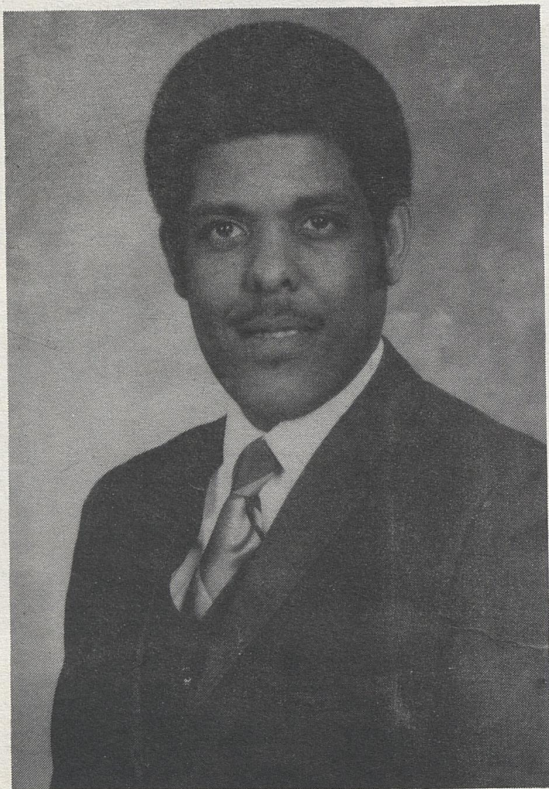
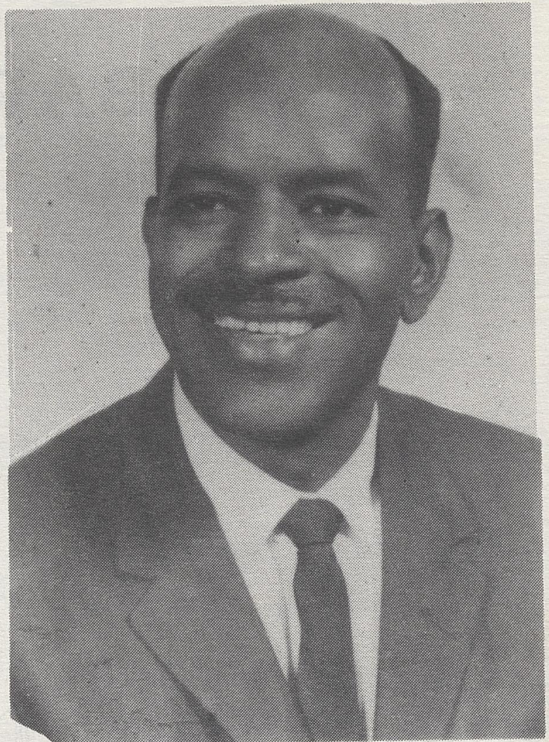
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
801 - 6th Avenue
OCTOBER 9 through OCTOBER 12, 1980**

**- Theme -
"Jesus Is The Cornerstone"**

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Rev. Everett D. Knight
Supply Pastor

August 1, 1980



Guest Speaker
Rev. W. Temple Richie

HISTORICAL RESUME
OF
THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

In the early part of 1872, in a log cabin on Norway Avenue, near Spring Hill Cemetery, eight sincere and devout Christians, namely the late Reverend Nelson Barnett, Walter Fry, Caroline King, Derby King, Betty Barnett, Murray Jasper, Henry Hunt and W. O. James, with the late Reverend William Bryant, serving as advisor, organized, what today is known as "The First Baptist Church".

Moving from the log cabin on Norway Avenue to a rented building in the 200 block of Twelfth Street in 1879, a building was erected in the 800 block of Eighth Street at a cost of 1500.00. The present site known as Sixth Avenue at Eighth Street was purchased from the Central Land Company of West Virginia, purchase deed of May 16, 1891, as recorded in deed book 35½, page 9 - recorded in the Cabell County Court House, Huntington, West Virginia. The purchase price being \$1350.00, payable as \$540.00 cash in hand and the balance of \$810.00 plus interest. On this site was erected the Church at a cost of \$15,000.00. The Church was completed under the pastorate of the late Reverend I. V. Bryant.

Our former pastors include:

Reverends - Nelson Barnett, W. K. Simpson, W. R. Brown, I. V. Bryant, C. H. Payne, J. D. Coleman, Dr. J. Thomas Reid, P. W. Cook and Dr. Charles E. Boddie, who is at present President of the American Baptist Theological Seminary at Nashville, Tenn., the late Dr. W. Temple Ritchie, and the Reverend Charles H. Smith.

Supply pastors include:

Reverends - P. W. Matthews, A. W. Fuller, Robert A. Woodson, A. D. Lewis, Vernie L. Bolden, and presently Everett D. Knight.

Sons of the Church:

The late Reverend H. R. Ray, Reverend F. Carol Dorcas of West Virginia State College; The late Reverend Henry C. Burnette, Reverend Walter L. Parrish, II, of Baltimore, Maryland; Reverend W. Temple Ritchie, Jr., of Columbus, Ohio; Reverend Vernie L. Bolden of Cleveland, Ohio; Reverend Wendel Wright of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Reverend Paul F. Willis who is a Chaplain in the Army stationed in Alaska; and Reverend John Kinney who is Department Head of the School of Religion at Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia.

Over the years we know that our church (First Baptist) has done much good in the community. She has welcomed our new born, sanctified our marriages, and ministered to our sick and buried our dead.

In January, 1960, the Reverend Charles H. Smith of Lexington, Kentucky, assumed the pastorate of First Baptist. He remained in service until July 20, 1980, at which time he left to further his ministry to hundreds of thousands as Deputy Director of the NAACP.

Under Rev. Smith's spiritual guidance and through his untiring efforts, the church moved steadily forward:

The present \$250,000.00 Church edifice was erected in 1966;
Rotary Gardens, a housing project of 150 units, was developed;
The 16th Street Seafood Mart, Fisherman's Wharf and the Seafood House were established;
New choirs and organizations were formed;
The First Baptist Church Child Development Center was established which now has a Staff of 8 with 60 children.

First Baptist looks onward and upward. She continues to thrive and touch the hearts of many. As we move forward, let us remember these sacred words:

FAITH makes all things possible;
LOVE makes them easy;
PRAYER keeps them alive.

BOARD OF MANAGERS
Everett D. Knight, Supply Pastor

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jack Forte, Chairman
Frankie Nowlin
C.D. Hall
Homer France
Susan Spencer
Oscar James
Edward Dawson
Beatrice Taylor
Charles Baldwin

BOARD OF DEACONS

Clarence Brown, Chairman
William W. Murrell
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Nyanza Gray
Joe Louis Coleman
Glenn Smith
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Riccardo Martin
Jack Forte
Joseph Donald

DEACONESS BOARD

Edna Hall
Lorraine Cobbs
Lorraine Deering
Lottie Simms
Margaret Carter
JoAnn Bradburn
Ruth Forte
Janella Coleman
Eunice Donald

Church Clerk-Frankie Nowlin
Church Treasurer-Oscar James
Superintendent, Church School-Lorraine Deering
General Mission Department-Evelyn Moore
Church Pianist-Willie Howard
Church Organist- Martha L. Edwards
Choir Leader-Charles Donald
Church Nursery-Minerva Washington
Church Women-Donna J. McCoy
Church Men-Charles Baldwin
Young Adults-Sara L. Edwards

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

1. Senior Usher Board
2. Junior Usher Board
3. Deaconess Board
4. Pastors Aide Fellowship
5. Church Nursery Committee
6. Young Adult Fellowship
7. Jr. & Sr. Baptist Youth Fellowship
8. Sanctuary Choir
9. Elementary Baptist Youth Fellowship
10. General Mission
11. Circle A
12. Circle B
13. Circle C
14. Circle Eliza Cobbs
15. Baptist Women's Organization
16. Baptist Men's Organization
17. Board of Deacons
18. Board of Trustees
19. Church School
20. Murray Jasper Bible Class
21. First Baptist Senior Citizens
22. Pleasant Hour Club
23. Johnson Orion Club
24. Garden Club

OUTREACH MINISTRY

First Baptist Child Development Center
First Baptist Church Housing Association

Thursday Evening, October 9, 1980
7:30 p.m.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Devotions-Church group or groups-Deacon Board and Deaconess

Hymn-Congregational-My Hope is Built-293

Scripture

Prayer

Music-Guest Choir

Welcome

Acknowledgement-Visitor

Music-Guest Choir

Introduction of Speaker

The Sermon-Rev. Douglas Carter

Invitational Hymn-Congregational

The Offering

The Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Reception in Parlor

Friday Evening, October 10, 1980
7:30 P.M.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Devotions-Church group or groups-Church school and General Mission

Hymn-Congregational-A Shelter in the Time of Storm-278

Scripture

Prayer

Music-Guest Choir

Welcome-Lorraine Deering

Acknowledgement-Visitor

Music-Guest Choir

Introduction Speaker

The Sermon-Rev. Lavin Williams

Invitational Hymn-Congregational-Blessed Assurance-303

The Offering

The Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Reception in Parlor

Saturday Evening, October 11, 1980

THE BANQUET

Invocation-Rev. E.D. Knight

Welcome

The Dinner

Master of Ceremonies-Ron Atkinson

Introduction of Guests

Music-First Baptist Ensemble

Introduction of Speaker-Lynn Edwards

Music-First Baptist Ensemble

Speaker

Presentation and Dedication of Fellowship Hall-Deacon C. Brown

Remarks-Rev. Knight

Benediction

Sunday, October 12, 1980

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Processional-We Come to Praise Him

Call to Worship and Invocation

Choral Response-One More Time?

Responsive Reading-The Church-p. 583-Our Hymnal

Gloria Patri

Congregational Hymn-Lift Him Up!

The Scripture Lesson

The Period of Prayer

The Prayer Hymn-I Found the Answer

Morning Anthem-"Onward Christian Soldiers"
Gospel Medley

Our Church at Work

Stewardship Period

Tithing

Offertory Music-We're Blest

Doxology

Reflections of Our Past-The Church's One Foundation

Memorial Tribute-Lighting Candles (3) Rev. Knight

Song of Triumph-Just to Behold His Face-D. Scott

Preparatory Music- They that Wait

Introduction of Guest Minister-Riccardo Martin

Sermon-Rev. W. Temple Richie

ORDER OF WORSHIP

STEERING COMMITTEE
108th Anniversary

General Chairman-William W. Morrell

Co-Chairman-Jeanella Coleman

Finance Chairman-Charles Baldwin

Co-Chairman-Cicero Fain

Program Chairman-Martha L. Edwards

Co-Chairman-Willie Howard

Banquet Chairman-Margarite Johnson

Banquet Co-Chairman-Bessie McClain

Decorations-Minerva Washington

Publicity-Dirk Carter, Lynn Edwards

Anniversary Booklet-Frankie Nowlin, Charles Donald

OUR CHURCH AT WORK

Today	Coffee/Fellowship Hour-Parlor
Mon 4:00	Elementary B.Y.F.
Tues 6:00	Jr./Sr. B.Y.F.
	7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wed 6:00	Bible Study
	7:00 Prayer Meeting
Fri 6:30	Young Adult meeting

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
October 12-19

- 13 Mr. Larry Johnson, Sr.
Ms. Lynda Byrd
Mrs. LaVonda Singer
Mrs. Margaret Carter
- 14 Mr. Charles Donald
Ms. Debbie Meadows
Ms. Jonna McCoy
Mrs. Roslyn Bradburn
- 16 Mrs. L. Victoria Smith
- 17 Mr. Arza Barnett, Jr.
- 18 Mrs. Maude Walker
- 19 Mrs. Louise Minor

Special Acknowledgement

Mrs. Beatrice Taylor and Clarence Taylor and Family wish to express their appreciation for the many kindnesses shown the family during the passing of their nephew, Ernest Taylor, Jr.

Financial Report: General: \$810.85
October 5, 1980 Note: \$392.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 13 Skating party sponsored by Young Adults
Oct. 26 Every Member Canvass
Oct. 31-Nov. 1 Annual Youth Conference
Dec. 21 Annual Christmas Celebration

THE CORNERSTONE

Jesus is the Cornerstone,
Came for sinners to atone;
Tho' rejected by His Own
He became the Cornerstone,
Jesus is the Cornerstone,

When I am by sin oppressed,
On the Stone I am at rest;
When the seeds of truth are sown
He remains the Cornerstone,
Jesus is the Cornerstone.

Rock of Ages,
cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

Rock of Ages,
so secure,
for all time it shall endure;
'Til His children reach their home
He remains the Cornerstone;
'Til the breaking of the dawn,
'Til all footsteps cease to roam,
Ever let this truth be known,
Jesus is the Cornerstone,
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