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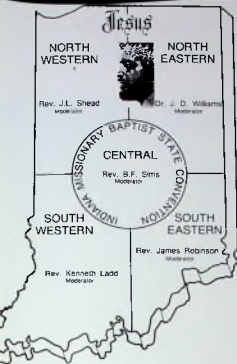
To Pastor Hoodner.

Just a small expression of our love, for your library.

Barbara & Freddie Bolden

April 6, 1986





125th CELEBRATION OF THE INDIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

July 30-August 6 1982

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"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

GREETINGS



In the spirit of Christ I pause to express sincere thanks to each pastor and members of the various committees for the splendid work done in order to bring this spirit-filled and memorable 125th Celebration to completion. You worked diligently, unselfishly and co-operatively to accomplish this mission. It was an honor and a pleasure to work with each of you.

As we embark on our 126th Anniversary, may we resolve to re-dedicate our lives for greater service for God. May God continue to richly bless each of you.

Dr. F. Benjamin Davis, President

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Steering Committee from left to right, First Row--Mrs. Jennie V. Johnson, Co-Chairman Program Committ; Mrs. Lucile F. Dobbins, General Chairman; Mrs. Bessie Mae Ford, General Co-Chairman; Pastor B. F. Sims, Host; Mrs. Elnora Horsley, Dining Room Chairman. Second Row--Deacon Richard A. Graves, Transportation Chairman; Mrs. Shirley A. Smith, Secretary; Mrs. Juanita Hudson, Finance Chairman; Mr. Bumice Head, Program Chairman.



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Executive Secretary and Director of the National Baptist Publishing Board

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July 30-August 6, 1982

GREETINGS:

As Governor of the State of Indiana, it is my pleasure to extend congratulations on the 125th celebration of the Indiana Missionary Baptist State Convention.

The service each church has provided individual communities throughout Indiana for so many years is to be commended.

Once again, I extend my sincere congratulations and best wishes for a most enjoyable and fulfilling convention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. D. Orr". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the word "Sincerely,".

ROBERT D. ORR
Governor

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City of

William H. Hudnut, III

Mayor



GREETINGS!

On behalf of the citizens of Indianapolis, I am pleased to welcome all of you to the Indiana Missionary Baptist State Convention being held in our great City, July 30 - August 6, 1982.

The City of Indianapolis has a rich religious heritage witnessed by the large number of active and dynamic churches in our community. We have been blessed with churches whose messages of peace and love have been the vital sources of strength and character of our citizens.

Congratulations on the 125th Celebration of the Indiana Missionary Baptist State Convention, and best wishes for a successful assembly.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Hudnut, III

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The facts compiled in this booklet is the history of renowned leadership of outstanding Christian men and women, and will furnish you hours of wholesome reading and a deeper interest for Christian and Denominational work.

We want to thank God for those who a hundred years ago left a spiritual landmark for us to go by; as a result we find ourselves in answer to their prayers, carrying on Christian work from generation to generation. According to God's Will it reached our day and is a means felt and accepted through out the Nation, and is being vividly portrayed through powerful words, action and deeds. This is God's proof of true religion.

We cannot forget those who blazed this path of truth and righteousness and left the light setting in the center so that after hundreds of years until the last hundred has ended, we may be able through Christian organizations to learn how to unify our love of one for the other as Christ has commanded.

-Anna Washington
Chairman Souvenir Book Committee

Historical Booklet

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF

The General Association of Indiana

DR. H. T. Toliver, D.D., Moderator

MEETING AUGUST 5-11, 1957

First Baptist Church, North Indianapolis

ELDER F. F. Young, Pastor

CHAPTER I

Pioneer Life

The beginnings of Colored Baptist activities in Indiana goes back to the days when runaway slaves and freed men came to the north as a haven of rest. Many crossed the Ohio River to New Albany while others adventured further upstate to Indianapolis. Those who came to New Albany organized the First Baptist Church, while, those who came to Indianapolis organized the Second Baptist Church. These two Churches were organized about 1846. It is debatable which was organized first. Yet, more is known about Second Baptist Church, Indianapolis, than First Baptist Church, New Albany.

Rev. Charles Sachell, formerly Pastor of the Union Baptist Church, Cincinnati, came to Indianapolis and organized the Second Baptist Church in the home of Deacon John Brown. The next Pastor was Rev. Joshua Thurman who built the first house on Missouri Street between New York and Ohio Streets. This building was burned down. Many believe it was burned either by white enemies of Colored churches or enemies within as there was general confusion within the little church.

In 1852 Rev. Joseph J. Fitzgerald was called. He was an ex-pastor from the St. Paul Baptist Church of Madison, Indiana, from which gossip and accusations came and he was forced to leave. He was also one of our pioneer school teachers. He founded the Church in Deacon Brown's home and moved them to their new church. From 1854 to 1855 Rev. George Butler served.

During the year of 1855 Rev. Pleasant Boular came from Kalamazoo, Michigan. Collecting money for his church there. Later it was found that he had fraudulently collected these funds and that he was negotiating to carry a group of members into the A.M.E. Church. This caused his resignation.

In 1857 there was a young man in the community, who was teaching school on Minerva Street. He had belonged to the Christian Church in Kentucky, but had been baptized by a Baptist preacher. This young man, Moses Broyles, joined Second Baptist in 1857 after Rev. Pleasant Boular had left. He was ordained by a council, one preacher from Columbus, Ohio and one from Rushville, Indiana, and a layman John Brown. The anti-slavery struggle, the battle with Rev. Boular and the abject poverty, all combined to make his Ministry hard sleighing.

During these dark days an attempt was made to foster an Association which went down in defeat

because of the intervention of white opponents of Negro Baptist Union and ignorant divisions among themselves and distance of travel. This association was the Old Galation Association. Churches in it were First Baptist, New Albany; First Baptist, Charleston; St. Paul, Madison; Zion Baptist, Blue River, and Second Baptist, Indianapolis.

Simultaneous with the growth of Second Baptist Church in Indianapolis is also that of First Baptist Church of New Albany. For many, many years it served as an underground railway for fugitive slaves. During the later part of the fifties there grew up free and slave factions which rent the church in two later. This is the present Second Baptist Church.

These were truly dark days. Days when men verily walked by faith and not by sight.

CHAPTER II

Beginnings

Coincidentally, we have built these great adventures in Baptist History around Second Baptist Church and Rev. Moses Broyles. But the energy and work he invested will convince you that our interpretation is not a coincidence but a providence. Truly, this was the Moses for a time like this. Face to face with a divided nation. Fearful of any white face, lonely for their lost parents or children separated from them by slavery, these people from scores of slave communities were making the seeming impossible effort to work together. Therefore, the beginning of the Indiana Baptist Association was born out of the fertile brain of this saintly sage, and the wavy motion of the great Second Baptist Church.

The Association met in Second Baptist Church in September, 1858 with the following churches represented. First Baptist, Charleston; First Baptist, New Albany; and Second Baptist, Indianapolis. There were nine Messengers. St. Paul Baptist Church, Madison was invited but because of the fact that Second Baptist had called Rev. J. J. Fitzgerald whom they counted unworthy, they refused to come. As before stated, this same vexing conflict had destroyed the Old Galation Association and loomed with doom to this new attempt at Baptist cooperation.

The first Constitution was written by Rev. Moses Broyles and Henry H. White, a licensed Minister. At first a strong anti-slavery item was in the constitution but the down state brethren and our southern brethren advised that should we want their fellowship it would be unwise to put in an anti-slavery clause as it would make it difficult for them. Among our out of state

brethren were Rev. G. W. Dupee and Rev. Sanford Howard of Paducah and Lexington, Kentucky, respectfully.

The organization of the Association and the freedom made possible by the Lord's Hand through the courage of President Abraham Lincoln caused the organization of many Churches during the ensuing years.

In 1866 the White Lick Baptist Church was organized near Bridgeport with thirteen members, among whom were Biben Walker and Frank Ellis return soldiers of the Civil War. Rev. Benjamin Gardener was first pastor. Sister Amanda Ellis was also a charter member of the church. Some great Pastors have labored here. White people gave them their first property, and it was long used as a schoolhouse and church. Outstanding Pastors have been Reverends J. A. Preston, G. A. Martin, R. B. Green, J. H. Patterson, Frank G. Brookins, G. W. Gore, Wm. Gill, Wm. Edwards, Sandy Gaston, E. F. Blakely and W. S. Wilson.

After the enlargement of Second Baptist Church, fire again destroyed the place of worship and in 1867 the present site was procured at Michigan and Indiana Ave.

About nine miles southwest of the city a small community of worshipers met in what was known as Fletchers Bottoms. Many of these came out of Lick Creek Baptist about 1869. This Fletchers Bottom Church was known as the Mt. Zion Baptist Church and was organized in 1869. They then moved to the I.C.L. Railroad and Second Streets, now at Eleventh and Lafayette Streets. Rev. Andrew Simmons was the first pastor preaching two Sundays per month here and also for the Lick Creek Church.

This Lick Creek Church was organized in 1867, also by Rev. Andrew Simmons and Rev. Leonard, father of our beloved Rev. R. D. Leonard. Benjamin Young made the motion. This was nine miles south of the city in a little church donated by the white people of the community. Later this congregation moved on Hosbrook Street and was known as Olivet Baptist Church. Some of its leading Pastors were as follows: Rev. Andrew Simmons, Rev. R. D. Leonard, Rev. L. M. Leonard, Rev. John Preston, Rev. C. W. Lewis, Rev. J. T. Martin, Rev. W. F. Oldham, Rev. A. Brown, Rev. K. Warren, and Rev. G. L. Lillard.

In 1872 the Mt. Zion Baptist Church moved to the I.C.L. Railroad site and since has had the following pastors: Rev. Wm. Singleton, Rev. J. M. Morton, Rev. B. F. Farrell, Rev. G. W. Ward, Rev. S. B. Butler, Rev. M. A. Talley and Rev. R. T. Andrews.

In 1872 the Georgetown Baptist Church was organized five miles northwest of the city. It moved in town on Old Rhode Island Street, and was later known as Tabernacle Baptist. Some of its greatest pastors were Rev. Christopher Wilson, Rev. C. H. Perry, Rev. Shobe, Rev. G. R. Ford, Rev. L. C. Whitley, Rev. Jones and Rev. B. H. Gardener.

In 1875 Rev. Thomas Smith organized South Calvary out of a combination of members from down behind the Old Rolling Mills and a group from Fletchers Bottoms. Coupled with a positive resentment to those who would come in to town with them in 1872, and also the fact that as the others did not approve of the fixing a levy to prevent property destruction. They worked on levy and were excluded from the Mt. Zion Church and were taken in by the ones who worked at the Rolling Mills. These formed the South Calvary Baptist Church. Rev. Thomas Smith was the first pastor. They later selected a site at Morris and Maple Streets and were known as South Calvary Baptist Church. The pastors were: Rev. Thomas Smith, Rev. Charles F. Williams, Rev. G. L. Lillard, Rev. J. T. Highbaugh, Rev. S. S. Thomas, Rev. V. W. McLawler and L. A. Manuel.

In 1875 Rev. Jacob R. Raynor organized New Bethel Baptist Church in the northeast part of the city. This church has had the following pastors: Rev. J. R. Raynor, Rev. N. A. Seymour, Rev. George Baltimore, Rev. J. O. Clark and the present pastor is Rev. F. Benjamin Davis.

Probably this great Church activity is decidedly traceable to two great organizations which started about these times. The State Sunday School Convention was first started among laymen and established schools whenever even a handful of members could be found. The Sunday School Convention was started in 1867 by the leading laymen who headed the organization. Many of these fine Churches grew out of a great need for the good news. The Ministers and Deacons Convention was organized in 1870 with a membership of twelve Ministers and five Deacons.

Probably the last great achievement of Rev. Moses Broyles was to attend the formation of the National Baptist Convention in Montgomery, Alabama in 1880. Rev. Broyles fell quietly to rest in 1882. Truly, with Moses Broyles' homegoing a great son of thunder and pioneer for right departed. He was Moderator from 1858-68 and was of great assistance to these early Moderators: Rev. Lewis Artis, 1869-73; Richard Bassett, 1874; J. I. Winyard, 1875 and Green McFarland, 1876-83. Some very early Missionaries of these pioneer days were Rev. C. Davis, 1867-73; W. H. Anderson, 1873-74; Miles Bassett, 1875-83.

Along about 1865 the Smithfield Baptist Church of

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Rockport, Indiana was organized by Rev. George Fields and also the Friendship Baptist Church of Evansville, Indiana By Rev. Green McFarland.

LOCAL BAPTIST CHURCHES MERGE

Serving to meet a long felt need in the northern section of the city, two northside Baptist churches have joined together recently their membership and resources.

The merged churches are the New Era Baptist church, located at Sixteenth Street and Boulevard Place and the Northside Baptist church, located at Thirtieth Street and Ethel Avenue. Hereafter the place of worship of the two congregations will be at Thirtieth Street and Ethel Avenue. The church home will be known as the Northside-New Era Baptist church.

The Rev. Marshall A. Talley, A. M., D. D., present pastor of the New Era Baptist church has been elected pastor of the new church union. He is nationally known and enjoys an enviable reputation in national affairs of the Baptist church. Rev. Talley is a minister, scholar and educator of the first rank of the land.

He is national director of Religious Education of the National Baptist Convention, Inc. He has been an editor and has served in an editorial capacity on several periodicals of the Baptist denomination. He is the author of two books, "A Socratic Exposition of Genesis" and "The Negro Baptist in Foreign Missions." Rev. Talley is a former member of the Indiana General Assembly, elected from Indianapolis, and also he has been a member of the Indiana Public Welfare Board.

Rev. Talley is well fitted for service in the new spirit of the church and the immediately new era of his activities. The merger of the two churches is also constructive, following the spirit of service in a new era of human affairs. The example set in this instance might be followed to promote better spiritual and community service, not only by church groups of the community but in other areas of the Nation.

CHAPTER III

Expansion

The year 1880 was somewhat of a turning point in the Church life of Indiana. The National Baptist Convention was organized. Two years later Rev. Moses Broyles passed away and Rev. J. R. Miller who had much to do

with the Baptist Missionary History came into prominence.

Upon the ushering in of the eighties came also the beginnings of the Corinthian Baptist Church, Rev. Peter Vertiese was the first pastor and upon his return to Gallatin, Tennessee, his former pastorate Rev. Bassett took over.

Rev. Bassett served as Pastor until 1890. Other pastors have been the Reverends J. G. Blackshear, H. H. Harris, V. W. McLawler, G. A. Martin, J. Franklin Walker, I. M. Hendon, Wm. Harris, W. E. Ramsey and D. C. Venerable. The new brick church was built in 1919, Rev. L. M. Hendon as pastor.

1883 the death of Rev. Green McFarland had occurred at Liberty Baptist Church, Evansville, which affected the whole state. Rev. McFarland preferred the call of Rev. W. H. Anderson a young school teacher there and upon his death bed recommended him. But the people thought differently and called Rev. J. D. Rouse a young man in the congregation. This caused a split in Liberty which caused the formation of the McFarland Baptist Church and the organization of the Eastern Baptist Association. Rev. W. H. Anderson being acquainted in the Eastern part of the state organized this association with twenty-three churches and later in 1884 was compelled to recommend it as a District Association with him as Moderator. But in 1885 it was made a State organization.

Upon this division Rev. W. H. Anderson was made Moderator of Eastern Association and Rev. J. R. Miller of the General Association. This year \$138.12 was raised. Rev. J. E. Artis was made Missionary. At this same session a council was formed by request of Second Baptist Church, Brazil, to ordain a preacher which was done and cancelled after hearing him preach. At this 1883 session also a Mrs. Steward of Evansville recommended the organization of Missionary Societies in the Churches. Mrs. Tichner a representative of the White Association known as the Judson Association introduced the possibility of this work.

This same year a great leader came to the fore John R. Miller. Coming up from Kentucky he organized a church from whence he moved on to Mitchell, organized a church there in 1870. He pastored at Bloomington Second Baptist Church succeeding Rev. John Ganns in 1875 and was ordained for this church by the General Association 1875 at Lost Creek, Indiana. During 1874 and 1875 he pastored the Second Baptist Church Crawfordsville and also the Second Baptist Church Lafayette.

Outstanding laymen helped in these churches.

Brother Toliver Hawkins raised \$798 to procure first lot in Crawfordsville and Brother John Levering gave a lot and his brother gave brick to build Second Baptist Church in Lafayette.

Rev. Miller also Pastored Second Baptist, Shelbyville 1876. First Edinburg in 1880 and Pastored Mt. Pilgrim 1911-1915. He also organized the Church at Sullivan 1909, Lincoln City 1906 and pastored Smithfield, Rockport in 1905-1909. When I think of John R. Miller my mind travels anew with great Bible Characters like Paul who founded the churches of long, long ago. From 1880 to 1912 he frequently served as Moderator or Missionary of the General Association.

Things were also occurring during these days in the city. In 1885 John Jones, John Ray and others started First Baptist Church in North Indianapolis near Edgemont and Rader Streets. John Jones mortgaged his house to pay for the first property. Rev. Richard Bassett was the first pastor. Others were Rev. Simons, Rev. Ferguson, Rev. Gregory and Rev. Dunn. Rev. F. F. Young is the present pastor, having served since 1907. The present unit was built in 1922 and paid out of debt in 1938.

By 1901 the General Association had held together and had fifty-four ordained Elders and twelve licensed Ministers. Rev. J. D. Rouse was Moderator. Mission work was being done at Ft. Wayne, Lawrenceburg, Greensburg and North Vernon. Rev. W. H. Patterson was a Missionary. A school was in contemplation. Number of members 18,282, number of churches 46, property value \$144,269.20 and number of additions 522. In 1903 the Rev. W. Z. Thomas was president of the Sunday School Convention. \$116.96 was raised. A publishing house was being promoted by Marion County B. Y. P. U., but it died almost at birth. A paper called the Indiana Informer was put out about a year and a half. \$31.00 given to State University. Rev. J. C. Patton was the Editor of the paper and operator of the press.

In 1896 the W. H. F. M. Convention was organized and in 1897 the B. Y. P. U. Convention cards and dancing was vigorously tabooed as an amusement.

Strong resolutions were offered against wine rooms and youth frequenting. In 1909 the Eastern Association presided over by Rev. N. A. Seymoure. J. R. Averett a Missionary met in New Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis. Some of the Churches in the Eastern Association at that time were New Bethel, Indianapolis; Second Baptist, Charleston; Mt. Carmel and Corinthian, Indianapolis; First Baptist, West Baden, Ill. Ave. Jeffersonville; First Baptist, North Indianapolis; Second Baptist, Madison and New Albany; First Baptist, Noblesville; Mt. Zion,

Connersville; First Baptist, Corydon and Second Whiteland; First, Gary; Second, Kokomo; Shiloh, Rising Sun; Second, Rushville; Ft. Wayne and Howard Chapel, New Albany. Great Preachers in Eastern Association were Reverends M. Caruthers, N. Ray, J. L. Mason, W. H. Jones, W. H. Payne, G. A. Martin, F. F. Young, M. C. Elzy, S. C. Manuel, J. F. Broyles, E. P. Zimmerman, M. Goins, H. B. Cox, A. H. Shernake, M. L. Tooney, H. Brown, G. R. Redd, A. J. Arnold and Wm. Winfery.

The General Association had such churches as Calvary, Muncie; Second, Anderson; Second, Indianapolis; Second, Brazil; Smithfield, Rockport, and McFarland, Evansville. Second, Franklin; Second, Columbus; Second, Edinburg; Mt. Zion, Indianapolis; Tabernacle, Indianapolis, and Second Baptist, New Albany.

Many represented in both associations as later on there was no rancor whatever between them, and at this 1909 session the Ministers Association, Women's Convention, B. Y. P. U. and S. S. Conventions all recommended a United Indiana.

Some great Churches organized were Mt. Carmel 1891, Antioch 1889, Shiloh 1897, Metropolitan 1902, Mt. Paran 1906, Mt. Olive 1910, Ebenezer 1908, Great Eastern Association Moderators were:

1883-1886 W. H. Anderson
1887-1889 John Preston
1889-1901 Ben Smith
1902-1904 W. Z. Thomas
1904-1906 J. M. Morton
1909 N. A. Seymour
1906-1909 J. D. Johnson
1909-1911 L. R. Mitchell

GENERAL ASSOCIATION MODERATORS

1884-1886 J. R. Miller
1886-1896 J. D. Rouse
1896 L. W. Gray
1906-1907 B. Hillman
1897-1906 J. W. Carr

GENERAL ASSOCIATION MISSIONARIES

1909 - J. R. Miller
1889 - J. I. Winyard

EASTERN ASSOCIATION MISSIONARIES

J. R. Averett
E. B. Martin
F. L. Davis

Battling For Union

Growing out of ojjitation of the Sunday School B.Y.P.U. and Women workers in 1912 a Union Meeting, between the General and Eastern Association met in Calvary Baptist Church, Muncie, and formed the Indiana Negro Missionary Baptist State Association. Rev. G. W. Ward and first Moderator, Rev. M. M. Porter, Secretary, Rev. C. W. McCall, Corresponding Secretary.

The first Annual session was held with Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Rev. G. W. Ward, Pastor in 1913.

There were 56 churches, 65 ordained Ministers representing 3071 members \$458.96 was raised for all causes. Mrs. C. C. Goines at this session suggested to the W.H.F.M. Convention the procuring of an old Ministers' and Laymen's Home. \$16.12 jointly was paid on this property and by the opening of 1914 a house was bought on Bond St. in Indianapolis, for this purpose. The Women's Convention took the leadership in this adventure and therefore it was left under their direction. Mrs. Mattie D. Griggsby was made State Corresponding Secretary of the State Women's Convention.

Rev. C. W. McCall, Rev. C. W. Lewis and Attorney Breckenridge conducted a mighty useful training school during the year of 1914. Also they had a very successful periodical, "The Trinity Evangel."

In 1914 Rev. J. H. Roberts, pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, was made Moderator, but to the sorrow of the brotherhood he passed away during the same year. Rev. R. D. Leonard of Connersville was elected at the New Bethel Baptist Church as Moderator in 1915.

Another epochal event of 1915 was the split of the National Baptist Convention in Chicago. One faction held that the convention should be incorporated so as to hold property while the other group held that this was merely a ruse to take over control of the publishing board. The incorporation group held that Rev. R. H. Boyd had illegally taken over the Publishing board's property for personal use. While the Boyd supporters contended that they were compelled to form a New Organization or continue their organization away from the Convention Hall. Now this division of the brotherhood passed on down through the different states, tearing up churches, splitting Minister Meetings and dividing states, all over the country. Indiana did not escape this ill effect. For such men as Reverend B. F. Westbrook, G. W. Ward, C. M. C.

Hammond, M. M. Porter, C. E. Hawkins, J. S. Crittenden, A. W. Smith, W. H. Anderson, J. D. Rouse and N. E. Joseph, J. L. Masin were strong supporters of the Morris Convention. While such leaders as Reverends B. F. Farrell, J. D. Johnson, C. W. Lewis, N. A. Seymour, G. L. Lillard, R. D. Leonard, G. A. Martin, J. F. Broyles, F. F. Young, F. L. Marris, W. Z. Thomas, W. R. Payne and W. L. Green were strong supporters of Rev. R. H. Boyd. So you see the State was about evenly divided on this question therefore when the Association met in New Albany with Rev. W. M. Winfry the Women's Convention was torn almost asunder by the schism. The Author was being aided in school. At Simmons University at that time by the great Second Baptist Church, and at this 1916 session the state voted to assist him. Because of the National issue and that the author belonged to Rev. F. F. Young's church the Rev. Westbrook advised the members to discontinue their responsibility to him and let the Association have the privilege.

There came up also in this Meeting the question of whether the Association would represent as a body in either National Convention the incorporated in Atlanta, Ga., or the Unincorporated in Kansas City. The association voted that they would not represent as a body at either place, but they would organize as a committee prior to the conventions.

Following this procedure as they stated the Incorporated group met in Mt. Zion Baptist Church and prepared their going to Atlanta Meeting. Yet it got out that they were organizing a New Ministers' Alliance. Therefore at the Baptist Ministers' Union they voted to represent as a body in Kansas City. This widened the group more and more and by February, 1917 the Women's Convention was incorporated as the Boyd group stated, as a protective measure. This widened the group more and more and by February, 1917 stated above was done. This was followed by the organization of Union Baptist District Association, Rev. B. J. F. Westbrook, Moderator. This Association began as a District but because it seemed to have no geographical limitation it was difficult in the face of the suspicion and unrest at large to determine its real motive. It reached from Lafayette to Bloomington from Terre Haute to Indianapolis.

Also in the year of 1917 Reverends B. J. F. Westbrook, I. M. Hendon, B. F. Farrell and A. W. Smith met with Rev. U. M. McQuire and Rev. Carlos Dinsmore executive secretary of the Indiana Baptist Convention and worked out a very strong cooperative Missionary Program with the White and Colored Baptist. Rev. W. Z. Thomas then Pastor of Union Tabernacle Baptist Church was persuaded to take the Field as State Missionary, and White Baptist assume one half his salary and expenses. By this time the

"Indiana Baptist Herald" published by Rev. W. Z. Thomas and C. W. Lewis had gone down. But during its publication it was a very serviceable paper.

In the winter of 1919, January at the Second Baptist Church a Peace Commission met representing Union District and the State Association. These peace conditions were, that the Union District and Central District and other districts would be the channel for National Representation, that State Association nor any of its auxiliaries would represent in any National Baptist Convention, that equal representation be given Union District brethren on all Boards, Auxiliaries and elective officers, and that money would go to National and State causes as designated on letters.

It was alleged in the 1920 session at Mt. Paran that this agreement was being broken. And that in 1919 at the Unincorporated Convention the Moderator, Rev. Leonard and the brethren represented with Association money. Though nothing definite was proven the breach was made much wider by the fact of the meeting of the National Baptist Convention in Indianapolis 1920. I mean the Morris Faction of the Convention.

Encouraged by the success of the Incorporated National Baptist Convention, the Union District enlarged itself into the Union Baptist State Convention. This was done in 1921.

The Union that was formed in 1913 was not strong enough to stand in Western Indiana. Certain engrained prejudices that Reverends Estell, G. A. Long, W. E. Clark, Wm. Dickerson and J. R. Averett had with Reverends J. D. Johnson and W. Z. Thomas influenced them to organize the Mt. Olive District State Association covering parts of Terre Haute, Evansville, Sullivan, Vincennes and other parts. They bought an Old Folks Home at Vincennes which is almost out of debt at this writing. About 1919 Rev. W. H. Anderson passed which made this division possible, and Rev. Rouse was breaking in years, thus leaving the field open for division.

During these years quite a number of young people were sent away to school. Among them were J. T. Highbaugh to Simmons University, Lee Motly to Simmons University, Emma Booker to Northern Baptist Missionary Training School, Artie Pendleton to Simmons, Irene Ritter to National Missionary Training School and Bessie Franklin to Simmons University, also John Hall and many others to Simmons University.

In 1919 Mrs. Mattie D. Griggsby Anderson served as Dean of Women of Simmons University. In 1920 Mrs. Emma Lillard served in the same position.

Rev. C. W. Lewis was the President of the S. S.

Convention from 1919 to 1930 during 1921 organized Boy Cadet Movements and sponsored our first Daily Vacation Bible School, one at Mt. Paran and the other at Olivet.

Convention, which assumed great prominence.

Rev. H. A. King was president of the B.Y.P.U. Mrs. E. H. Hines was President of the Missionary Convention from 1913 onto now serving her thirty-fourth year. She had built up the W.W.G. under Mrs. A. White and Anna Thomas, and the Children's Convention under Mrs. Lula Grubbs Webb Blythe.

Unity seemed impossible in these days of dark struggle. Numbers of messengers in 1920 at Association 114, Churches 56 and membership 19,494.

CHAPTER V

Modern Baptist History

The large influence of our people from the South and the great industries of Northern Indiana made it a great Mission Field. Such towns as Garrett, Ft. Wayne, South Bend, Gary, East Chicago, Hammond, Indiana Harbor and Elkhart beckoned Missionary W. Z. Thomas northward and his strongest supporter in those great adventures was the Rev. Charles E. Hawkins. So because of his onflowing energy and supreme benevolence he was elected unanimously Moderator in the 1922 session of the Association of Connersville, Ind.

A new day dawned for Baptist Work in Indiana, churches sprung up at all the places mentioned above. The Northern District Association which was organized in 1920 aided in tying them to the State Association. Rev. M. V. Booling was first Moderator, Rev. W. F. Frazier followed.

About 18 churches were in the building business, the Mission work well organized; the Moderator proceeded to try at solving the great state National debacle. So in 1924 a delegation was sent to both Conventions, Incorporated in Nashville, the Unincorporated in Chicago, but the National Convention Incorporated sent the money back.

In 1925 the Union Association suggested a cooperative Educational project which was rejected on the grounds that out and out union or nothing else was wanted by the Association.

This year also the Young W.W.G. had a survey of their history since their organization in 1911 in the Second Baptist Church, Shelbyville by Mrs. E. J. K. Hines and Mrs. Mattie D. Griggsby.

Baptist Conventions, white and Negro and serves adults, Young People, Teenagers and Children, Day Nursery and Recreational projects touching all races. Rev. D.C. Venerable became president in 1947 succeeding Rev. Highbaugh. Rev. F.F. Young remained treasurer until 1948, later Rev. L.C. Trent of Woodruff Place Baptist Church. Rev. Floyd Smith of Emmanuel Baptist Church and Rev. U.S. Clutton of Tuxedo Park Baptist Church and Rev. Wm. O. Breedlove of Calvary Baptist Church.

As formerly stated Central District Association began in 1916 on recommendation of Moderator Rev. R.D. Leonard First Moderator, Rev. F.F. Young 1916-1921; Rev. N.A. Seymour, 1921-1926; Rev. J.T. Highbaugh 1926-1940; Rev. C.J. Dailey, 1940-1957. Rev. Dailey dreamed of a Baptist Seminary fostered by Baptists in Indianapolis. In 1943 this dream came true in the opening of the school in the fall of 1943 with 12 students, Rev. C.J. Dailey, Moderator; Rev. V.W. McLawler, D.D., first Dean, 1945-1949; Dr. J.C. Carroll, D.D. 1949-1954; Rev. C.J. Dailey, 1954-1957; Rev. F.B. Davis, present Dean enrollment 86 students, 9 faithful instructors. In 1942 began religious broadcasting among us. Rev. J.B. Carter, pastor of 25th Street Baptist Church was our faithful pioneer in this field. Rev. Carter visited men and women of every walk of life, fostering that radio service. For years the Rev. J.T. Highbaugh was his associate Minister and kept the broadcast alive until his death in 1956.

In 1942 Rev. C. Henry Bell became Moderator of the Indiana Baptist Association in Antioch Baptist Church, Muncie, Indiana. His first major achievement was the paying off the Baptist Headquarters on Capitol Ave. The incorporation of the Association and the Survey of the State Mission Field. It was discovered there were 61,387 church members, 34,898 in the Indiana Baptist Association, 71 churches, 156 ordained Preachers, 13 Rural Churches (supported by farming) 24 village churches and 39 in cities, 21 of these churches and communities were rated as churches needing the regular aid of the Association. This survey was directed by Rev. J.T. Highbaugh, Rev. H.A. King, Rev. W.E. Starks, Rev. C.C. Cornell, G.W. Evans, F.W. Weather and Rev. F.F. Young and Mrs. Addie Sneed. Also the Budget plan of work was reorganized.

In 1950 Mrs. E.J.K. Hines went to her heavenly home and Mrs. Anna Washington became president of the Women's Home and Foreign Mission Convention. She had served as First Vice-President since 1913 and First Vice-President of the National Women's Convention since 1915. Rev. J.T. Weeden served as Corresponding Secretary until he was called to the St. Timothy Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Rev. J.W. Carr was corresponding Secretary.

In 1949 Rev. J.T. Highbaugh left the Good Samaritan

Baptist Church and for two years worked with the Home Mission board of the American Baptist Convention and from 1952-1956 Home Mission Work in San Antonio, Texas, building a church in the very heart of a Five million dollar Housing Project for Negroes and was recalled to Good Samaritan Baptist Church in 1956. A fire destroyed the church on January 19, 1957 and they are on their way back in a new location.

Tragedy also hit the Eastside in 1964 destroying a church then pastored by Rev. Davis in the first year of his pastorate. But out of the ashes is rising a \$200,000 temple commensurate to the vision and courage of Rev. Davis and New Bethel.

Because of ill health of Rev. Bell his first Vice-Moderator was elected in the 98th year of the Association history. Our Centennial Celebration shall be a Mammoth Thanksgiving Parade both for the achievements of those 100 years and a Pizah Peep into the Second Century with our Great Joshua, Rev. H.P. Toliver of Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

And so it shall be held in the historic First Baptist Church, North Indianapolis, 50 years pastored by that Prince of Preachers, Rev. F.F. Young.

So with the poet we sing:

Through many dangers
Toils and snares
We have already come
Was Grace that brought us
Safe thus far and
Grace shall lead us on.

Ministers and Deacons Convention organized in 1870 with 12 Ministers and six Deacons.

The following Ministers were President:
1870-1880-Dr. Green McFarland

1880-1886-Dr. Jacob R. Raynor

1886-1889-Dr. Abe Walker

1889-1900-Dr. John R. Miller

1889-1890-Dr. John R. Miller

1890-1894-Dr. J.R. Raynor

1894-1898-Dr. J. W. Carr

1889-1903-Dr. D. M. Durner

1903-1905-Dr. W. H. Ferguson

1905-1909-Dr. H. C. Franklin
1909-1918-Dr. John F. Broyles
1918-1938-Dr. J. A. Martin
1938-1956-Dr. F. F. Young

All have passed except Dr. Young.

Object of this convention is to deal with Ministerial Ethics, methods and problems peculiar to our fields. We are an auxiliary to the State Baptist Association. Report to them yearly.

MINISTERS WHO ORGANIZED CHURCHES

1846
 Second Baptist
Elder Charles Shachel
1875
 New Bethel
Elder Jacob Raynor
1881
 Corinthian
Elder Peter Vetress
1867
 Olivet
Elder Benjamin Young
Elder Tony Roberson
1897
 Shiloh
Elder James R. Averett
1872
 Mt. Zion
Elder Singleton
1891
 Mt. Carmel
Elder J. M. Kimbrow
1891
 St. Paul
Elder Ison Harris
1885
 First N. Indianapolis
Elder Richard Bassett
1889
 Antioch
Elder James M. Morton
1887
 First, W. Indianapolis
Elder R. Davis
1914
 New Liberty
Elder W. W. Wines
Elder T. J. Franklin
1907

 New Baptist
Elder W. W. Wines
1931
 25th St. Baptist
Elder Ware
Elder J. B. Carter
1892
 Metropolitan
Elder W. T. Lott
1896
 Mt. Paran
Elder B. F. Farrell
1916
 Greater St. John
Elder A. W. Smith
1910
 Mt. Olive
Elder J. C. Patton
1875
 South Calvary
Elder Thomas Smith
1929
 Good Samaritan
Elder V. Davis
1916
 Central District
Elder F. F. Young
G. D. Gore
1916
 Northeastern District
Elder W. Z. Thomas
1916
 Southeastern District
Elder M. Davidson
1867
 Sunday School
 Convention
Elder W. H. Anderson
1897
 W. H. & F. M. Convention
Mrs. Ida Fitchner
1897
 B.Y.P.U. Convention
Elder G. W. Carr
1908
 Ebenezer Baptist Church
Elder C. H. Johnson
1915
 Antioch-Muncie
Elder W. R. Payne
1913
 Old Minister's Home
Mrs. C. C. Gorms
1939
 All Baptist Fellowship
Elder J. T. Highbaugh
1870

State Minister's
Convention
1943
Central Baptist Seminary
Elder C. J. Dailey

LONGEVITY OF MINISTERS SERVICE

No. Years Minister	No. Years Pastor	
F. F. Young	63½	54
L. S. Gaston	22	20
Charles Coffey	37	14
H. T. Toliver	31	25
E. T. Britton	22	20
H. A. King	35	30
Robert C. Evans	35	
J. T. L. Highbaugh	48	40
W. McLawler	45	43
C. B. Daily, Jr.	10	5½
C. J. Dailey	31	31
G. L. Lillard	65	50
G. W. Evans	42	40
C. M. Hunt	30	20
C. A. Hunt	14	8
W. D. Edwards	27	26½
Albert Batts	29	25
F. Benjamin Davis	23	22
C. H. Bell	42	41
R. H. Noel	34	29
F. R. Hatcher	38	29
J. A. G. Jordan	34	29
F. K. Dillard	38	38
E. T. Johnson	29	28
George Tolbert	8	
E. D. Butler	21	8

THE LAST 25 YEARS
From 1957-1982
Dr. F. Benjamin Davis

The history which was presented before 1957 was prepared by Dr. F. F. Young and Dr. J. T. Highbaugh. In reviewing the tenure of past presidents, I find that Dr. Charles E. Hawkins, pastor of First Baptist Church, Gary, served 1925-1935; Dr. Judge I. Saunders, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Indianapolis, served 1935-1942; Dr. C. Henry Bell, pastor of Mt. Paran Baptist Church, Indianapolis, served 1942-1955; Dr. H. T. Toliver, pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Indianapolis, served 1955-1966. I, F. Benjamin Davis, have served from 1966 to the present time. I have served as an officer of the convention during the last twenty-five years, having been elected a vice-president in 1955.

On the tenth anniversary of my presidency, the President's Annual Message included a summary of

the period from 1966-1976. That 1976 summary is adequate to present the history of the last twenty-five years--along with a few "update notes" and a listing of the causes we now support. These should give an adequate picture of the growth and success of the Indiana Missionary Baptist State Convention.

The following is a section from my 1976 address with a few notes of updating:

Now let us take a quick look at the past 10 years, a little glance at where we are today, and a little dreaming and hoping about where we could be tomorrow. In short, we want to talk a little bit about what was, and what is, and what ought to be; and then, a thought or two about how it can be done.

Let me give one point of concern. After I began to research for this address, the materials multiplied so rapidly that I saw the time allowed for this message would not be adequate to do all that was in my heart, so I had to classify and group many wonderful experiences and developments in order to cover most of the materials. Also, if there have been vital facts overlooked or misinterpreted, please give us the correction before the address is included in next year's official journal.

We have held our annual sessions in the following churches:

1966-Elected here St. John Missionary Baptist Church, South Bend, Ind. 1967-Corinthian Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Rev. Stephen Wells, Host Pastor. 1968-First Trinity Baptist Church, Jeffersonville, Rev. Walter Jimison, Host Pastor. 1969-Antioch Baptist Church, Muncie, Rev. Dr. I. P. Broadus, Host Pastor. 1970-Greater Second Baptist Church, Marion, Moderator J. D. Williams, Host Pastor. 1971-Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Rev. E. T. Johnson, Host Pastor. 1972-Second Baptist Church, Kokomo, Rev. Dr. L. F. Burton, Host Pastor. 1973-Union Baptist Church, Muncie, Rev. A. L. Dew, Host Pastor. 1974-Calvary Baptist Church, Marion, Rev. Fred L. Wilson, Host Pastor. 1975-First Baptist Church, North Indianapolis, Rev. Dr. J. R. Bradley, Host Pastor.

Now in 1976 we are back in South Bend at the St. John Missionary Baptist Church.

1976-St. John Missionary Baptist Church, South Bend, Rev. Jimmy Jones, Pastor. 1977-Union Baptist Church, Muncie, Rev. A. L. Dew, Pastor. 1978-First Trinity Baptist Church, Jeffersonville, Rev. Walter Jimison, Pastor. 1979-First Baptist Church, North, Indianapolis, Dr. J. R. Bradley, Pastor. 1980-Greater Second Baptist Church, Marion, Dr. J. D. Williams, Pastor. 1981-St. Paul Bethel Baptist Church, South Bend, Rev. Booker T. West, Pastor.

During these ten years some very interesting, challenging, rewarding and illuminating experiences, projects, and opportunities have presented themselves.

The following churches have built beautiful, well appointed and more functional brand new buildings:

All Friends-Indianapolis, Rev. Jake W. Tandy, Pastor. Bethesda-Indianapolis, Rev. G. M. Mimms, Pastor. Bethlehem-Indianapolis, Rev. Samuel Day, Pastor. Beulah-Indianapolis, Rev. R. F. Gregory, Pastor. Emmanuel-Indianapolis, Rev. F. R. Hatcher, Pastor. Grace Memorial-Indianapolis, Rev. Dr. James M. Brown, Pastor. Greater Gethsemane-Indianapolis, Rev. Wesley Managag, Pastor. Loving-Indianapolis, Rev. I. S. Owens, Pastor. Metropolitan-Indianapolis, Rev. L. E. Ervin, Pastor. Mt. Carmel-Indianapolis, Dr. T. T. Newman, Pastor. Mt. Moriah-Indianapolis, Rev. E. T. Johnson, Pastor. Mt. Nebo-Indianapolis, Rev. J. C. Perkins, Pastor. Mt. Olive-Indianapolis, Rev. Dr. H. T. Toliver, Pastor. *Mt. Paran-Indianapolis, Rev. B. F. Sims, Pastor. Mt. Pleasant-Indianapolis, Rev. Robert E. Barnett, Pastor. New Bethel-Indianapolis, Rev. Dr. F. Benjamin Davis, Pastor. *New Garfield-Indianapolis, Rev. William K. Parrish, Pastor. Shiloh-Indianapolis, Rev. C. V. Jetter, Pastor. True Vine-Indianapolis, Rev. Willie Harris, Pastor. *Union-Indianapolis, Rev. Eugene Broadnax, Pastor. *Zion Hope-Indianapolis, Rev. James Wells, Pastor. Greater Morning Star Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Rev. Sterling Williams, Pastor. Pilgrim Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Dr. S. R. Shields, Pastor. St. John Baptist Church, South Bend, Rev. Jimmy Jones, Pastor. Second Baptist Church, Shelbyville, Rev. James R. Robinson, Pastor. Antioch Baptist Church, Muncie, Dr. I. P. Broadus, Pastor. First Baptist Church, North, Indianapolis, Dr. J. R. Bradley, Pastor.

These twenty-seven new buildings are congregations affiliated with our convention and four of them (with the asterisks) were built by pastors that preceded the present pastors.

In the Northeastern District we have the following churches: Zion-Anderson is completing a spacious new building, Rev. James T. Menifee, Pastor. Mt. Pisgah-Kokomo, Rev. F. S. Kemper, Pastor. Greater Second-Marion, Rev. J. D. Williams, Pastor. Calvary-Muncie, Rev. A. C. Watkins, Pastor. Union-Muncie, Rev. A. L. Dew, Pastor. Greater Second-Richmond, Rev. O. W. Barber, Pastor. Mt. Moriah-Richmond, Rev. R. E. Girten, Pastor. This congregation was the first organization in Richmond to sponsor a public housing project of a hundred units for low income families. The modern five year old complex is self-supporting.

In the Southeastern District we have the following churches:

Mt. Zion-Connersville, Rev. Larue Griffin, Pastor, built by Rev. L. H. Davison, now pastoring in Chicago. First Trinity-Jeffersonville, Rev. W. Jimison, Pastor. Gilt Edge-Jefferson, Rev. D. L. Motley, Jr., Pastor, built by Moderator Campbell, Deceased. Union Valley-Lawrenceburg, Rev. Stoughton Summers, Pastor, Deceased. Howard Chapel-New Albany, Rev. W. C. Hodge, Pastor, built by Rev. C. Kimbrough. Second-Shelbyville, Rev. J. W. Robinson, Pastor, New educational building. Elm Street-West Baden, Rev. A. L. Scott, Pastor.

Here, then are at least 35 completely new buildings owned by our congregations. Added to these the following 22 that have moved to new and very much improved buildings or have completed a major remodeling and enlargement projects:

College Ave.-Indianapolis, Rev. Otis Armistead, Pastor, Now resigned. First Samuel-Indianapolis, Rev. William Smith, Pastor. Good Hope-Indianapolis, Rev. Ennis Evans, Pastor. Good Samaritan-Indianapolis, Moderator J.T. Highbaugh, Sr., Pastor. *Greater Elim-Indianapolis, Rev. R. W. Burrus, Pastor. Greater St. Mark-Indianapolis, Rev. A. Bernard, Pastor. Lady Esther-Indianapolis, Rev. John R. Stevenson, Pastor. Little Egypt-Indianapolis, Rev. Frank A. Douglas, Pastor. Joshua-Indianapolis, Rev. William L. Carter, Pastor. *New Covenant-Indianapolis, Rev. David I. Johnson, Pastor. New Hope-Indianapolis, Rev. J. C. Butler, Pastor. New Revelation-Indianapolis, Rev. W. C. Groves, Pastor. *Progressive-Indianapolis, Rev. W. Bernard Minor, Pastor. Southern-Indianapolis, Rev. W. E. Pittman, Pastor. Sunny Mount-Indianapolis, Rev. Otis Gibson, Pastor. Great Morning Star-Indianapolis, Rev. Sterling Williams, Pastor. Bethesda-Anderson, Rev. Henry Johnson, Jr., Pastor. Second-Anderson, Rev. E. E. Jackson, Pastor. Second-Kokomo, Rev. Dr. L. F. Burton, Pastor. Calvary-Marion, Rev. Fred L. Wilson, Pastor. Rising Star-Marion, Rev. B. T. Jackson, Pastor. New Testament-South Bend, Rev. Allen Gary, Pastor. St. Paul Bethel-South Bend, Rev. Booker T. West, Pastor. St. John Baptist Church, Terre Haute, Rev. Kenneth Ladd, Pastor. Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Dr. T. T. Newman, Pastor. Christ Missionary Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Dr. Melvin B. Girton, Pastor. Metropolitan Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Rev. L. E. Ervin, Pastor.

Let us reflect on some new churches that have come into existence, uniting with our convention and leadership changes. Some new churches are:

All Friends-Indianapolis, Rev. Jake Tandy, Pastor. Corner Stone-Indianapolis, Rev. Kenneth Ward, Pastor. First Baptist-Indianapolis, Mapleton, Rev. C. H. Rogers, Pastor. Good Hope-Indianapolis, Rev. Ennis Evans, Pastor. Greater Faith-Indianapolis, Rev. Evan Williams, Pastor. Guiding Light-Indianapolis, Rev.

James Russell, Deceased. Lady Esther-Indianapolis, Rev. John R. Stevenson, Pastor. Light of the World-Indianapolis, Rev. Sherman Allen, Pastor. Loving-Indianapolis, Rev. I. S. Owens, Pastor. Nazarene-Indianapolis, Rev. Walter B. Legg, Pastor. New Covenant-Indianapolis, Rev. David L. Johnson, Pastor. New Revelation-Indianapolis, Rev. W. C. Groves, Pastor. Progressive-Indianapolis, Rev. W. Bernard Minor, Pastor. Sun Rise-Indianapolis, Rev. Herbert Easley, Pastor. True Belief-Indianapolis, Rev. G. C. Baker, Pastor. Jerusalem-Fort Wayne, Rev. Samuel Wilkes, Pastor. Second-Lafayette, Rev. Fred Hall, Pastor. Mt. Olive, Richmond, Rev. Ernest Randle, Pastor. Community-Union Pier, Michigan, Rev. J. W. Smith, Pastor. First-Kings Lake, Rev. Bervin Craft, Building a new building, First Inspiration Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Rev. Charles Woodson, Pastor. Love and Faith Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Rev. Johnny Redmon, Pastor.

Researching the list of pastors that we had in 1966, a number fall into the following three categories-Deceased, Retired, Resigned and the others have added ten more years to their tenure as pastor.

College Avenue-Rev. Otis Armistead-Resigned. Community-Rev. J. H. Cheffin-Deceased. First Baptist Bridgeport-Rev. John R. Stevenson, Rev. Calvin Kelly and now Rev. Johnny K. Redmon. Greater Gethsemane-Rev. F. K. Dillard-Retired. Glencoe-Rev. Tolbert-Deceased. Greater Morning Star-Rev. J. W. Short-Deceased. Indiana Baptist (Indianapolis)-Rev. E. R. Gatewood-Deceased. First Baptist Irvington-Rev. R. H. Noel-Deceased. Joshua-Rev. A. Butts-Deceased. Metropolitan-Rev. William F. Sweatt-Deceased. Mt. Paran-Rev. Dr. C. Henry Bell-Deceased. Mt. Pleasant-Rev. W. C. Groves-Resigned. New Garfield-Rev. C. W. Poole-Deceased. New Liberty-Rev. W. E. Starks-Deceased. South Calvary-Rev. L. A. Manuel-Deceased. Zion Hope-Rev. R. Mumford-Deceased.

In Southeastern:

Gilt Edge-Jeffersonville, Rev. R. E. Campbell, Deceased. New Indiana Avenue-Jeffersonville, Rev. J. G. Johnson, Deceased. Union Valley-Lawrenceburg,

Rev. S. Summers-Deceased. Mt. Zion-Connersville, Rev. L. H. Davison-Resigned. Second-Franklin, Rev. W. Walters, Jr.-Resigned. Howard Chapel-New Albany, Rev. Kimbrough-Deceased. First Jefferson Garden-Rev. H. Douglas-Unknown. Second-New Albany, Rev. G. R. Mallory-Resigned. Second-Brazil, Rev. C. Edward-Deceased. McFarlands-Evansville, Rev. L. A. McIntyre-Resigned. St. John-Terre Haute, Rev. Phinus Bush-Resigned. Bethesda-Anderson, Rev. C. L. Middleton-Resigned. Calvary-Muncie, Rev. A. J. Owens-Deceased. Pilgrim Rest-Muncie, Rev. J. W. Hatchinson-Resigned. St. John-Terre Haute, Rev. J. W. Waters-Resigned. Mt. Olive-Richmond, Rev. J. E. Flakes-Resigned. Second-Richmond, Rev. F. W. Weathers-Deceased. Shiloh-Rising Sun, Rev. J. J. Williams-Deceased. Second-Shelbyville, Rev. W. C. Pyles-Unknown. First Pentecostal, Rev. Warren-Deceased and Rev. McRoe-Deceased. First-Lakeland, Rev. Bogan and Rev. J. J. Reynolds-Resigned. Second Baptist-Kokomo-Rev. Melvin Bellamy, Deceased. Mt. Herman-Peru-Rev. L. J. Jackson, Resigned. Greater St. John-South Bend-Rev. Jimmy Jones, Resigned. Greater Second-Richmond-Rev. O. W. Barber, Changed his Faith. Mt. Zion-Connersville-Rev. LaRue Griffin, Resigned to accept pastorate of Greater Second, Richmond. New Garfield-Indianapolis-Rev. William L. Parrish, Resigned to accept Chaplain, Juvenile Detention Center. Second Baptist-Franklin-Dr. Hoy H. Thurman, Resigned to accept pastorate of Second, Indianapolis.

A way for us to get a picture of our stewardship is to make a comparison of our churches' giving. In 1967 we made the first attempt to give a report on the total giving through the State Convention and for our agreed objectives. Over the years we have made improvements on our methods of collecting the data for the tabulation. These reports are the last pages of our official journal.

1. Of the 110th Session held with the Corinthian Baptist Church-Indianapolis and the 118th Session held with the First Baptist Church North Indianapolis, I shall add to each report such additional information that I was able to find.

(stewardship charts)

Central District

CHURCH	Pastor	1967	1976	Pastor
All Friends			\$10.00	J. Tandy
Bethesda	G.M. Mimms	\$70.00	261.50	G. Mimms
Bethlehem	S. Day	10.00	20.00	S. Day
Beulah	Gregory	10.00	70.00	R. F. Gregory
College Ave.	O. W. Armistead	25.00	10.00	Inter
Corner Stone			15.00	K. Ward
Corinthian	S. Wells	55.00	10.00	S. Wells
Eastside	A. L. Williams	60.00	95.00	A. L. Williams
Emmanuel	F. R. Hatcher	20.00	20.00	F.R. Hatcher
Fall Creek	G. W. Evans	15.00	27.00	G.W. Evans
1st Bapt.				
Bridgeport	J. R. Stevenson	15.00	10.00	J.F. Redmon
1st Irvington	R. H. Noel	30.00	30.00	J.D. Addaway
1st Mapleton			10.00	C.H. Rogers
1st N. Indpls.	J. R. Bradley	221.00	967.00	J.R. Bradley
1st W. Indpls.	L. S. Gaston	10.00	30.00	L.S. Gaston
1st Samuel	Wm. Smith		35.00	Wm. Smith
Glencoe	G. Tolbert	10.00	10.00	D. Fleming
Good Hope			15.00	E. Evans
Good Samaritan	J. T. Highbaugh	175.00	835.00	J. T. Highbaugh
Greater Elim			10.00	R.W. Burrus
Greater Faith			10.00	E. Williams
Gr. Gethsemane	F.K. Dillard	90.00	270.00	W. Manning
Gr. Morning Star	J.W. Shorts	10.00	130.00	S. Williams
Gr. St. Mark	A. Bernard	50.00	112.18	A. Bernard
Gr. Tried Stone	R. Vance	10.00	10.00	R. Vance
Guiding Light			15.00	J. Russell
Ind. Bapt.	E.R. Gatewood	.00	12.00	R.M. Majors
King Solomon	Otis Nance	.00	35.00	O.L. Nance
Lady Esther			213.80	J.R. Stevenson
Light House	I. Stansberry	.00	10.00	I. Stansberry
Little Egypt	F.A. Douglas	.00	15.00	F.A. Douglas
Loving			40.00	I.S. Owens
Macedonia			20.00	A.F. Barber
Metropolitan	Wm. F. Sweatt	50.00	395.00	L.E. Ervin
Mt. Calvary			70.00	F.H. Moore
Mt. Carmel	T.T. Newman	70.00	350.00	T.T. Newman
Mt. Nebo	J.C. Perkins	20.00	35.00	J.C. Perkins
Mt. Moriah	E.T. Johnson	31.00	120.00	E.T. Johnson
Mt. Olive	H.T. Toliver	100.00	576.69	H.T. Toliver
Mt. Paran	B.F. Sims	255.00	1,654.35	B. F. Sims
Mt. Pilgrim	E.M. Pendleton	24.00	24.50	E.M. Pendleton
Mt. Pleasant	W.C. Groves	10.00	25.00	R.E. Barnett
Nazarene			10.00	W.B. Legg
New Bethel	F. Benjamin Davis	250.00	2,963.00	F.B. Davis
New Garfield	C.W. Poole	27.50	275.00	Wm. L. Parrish
New Hope	J.C. Butler	25.00	35.00	J.C. Butler
New Liberty	W. E. Starks	35.00	150.00	A. H. Preston
New Mission	Benny Lee	.00	140.00	Benny A. Lee
New Revelation			10.00	W.C. Groves
Olivet	Wm. L. Squires	70.00	410.00	Wm. L. Squires

(central district cont.)

Church	Pastor	1967	1976	Pastor
Progressive			55.00	W.B. Minor
St. Matthew	M.B. Downey	10.00	45.00	M.B. Downey
St. Paul	C.J. Dailey	12.00	252.00	C. J. Dailey
Shiloh	C.V. Jetter	50.00	50.00	C.V. Jetter
South Calvary	L.A. Manuel	282.10	570.00	Leo Sneed
Southern	W. E. Pittman	10.00	23.00	W.E. Pittman
Sun Rise			10.00	H.A. Easley
True Light	Wm. I. Jones	20.00	25.00	C.W. Goliath, Sr.
True Vine		.00	230.00	Willie Harris
Union	L.L. Smith	42.00	25.00	E. Broadnax
St. Mission	R.W. Stokes	10.00		
People's Memorial	H.H. Thurman			
Zion Hope	P.C. Owens	10.00		
Central	W.J. Murphy	10.00		Out of Existence

There are listed 64 churches above. Seventeen (17) of the above are congregations which were not in

existence in 1967 or were not listed in our Convention. At least 12 are new organizations. 73 are listed under Central District.

Northeastern District

Church	Pastor	1967	1976	Pastor
Anderson				
Bethesda	C.L. Middleton	\$45.00	\$70.00	H. Johnson
Second	E.E. Jackson	30.00	135.00	E.E. Jackson
Trinity	G. Pearson	.00	10.00	G. Pearson
Zion	J.T. Mennifee	.00	10.00	J.T. Meniffee
Kokomo				
Mt. Pisgah	F.S. Kemper	.00	50.00	F.S. Kemper
Second	L.F. Burton	125.00	340.00	L.F. Burton
Marion				
Calvary	F.H. Wilson	.00	.00	F.H. Wilson
Gr. Second	J.D. Williams	170.00	575.00	J.D. Williams
Rising Star	B.T. Jackson	25.00	45.00	B.T. Jackson
Muncie				
Antioch	I.P. Broaddus	25.00	900.00	I.P. Broaddus
Calvary	G.R. Wilkins	96.73	25.00	A.C. Watkins
Gr. Pilgrim Rest			10.00	D. Braxton
Mt. Zion	A.J. Owens	.00	.00	J.D. Hill
New Liberty			12.50	E. Randle
Union	A.L. Dew	25.50	35.00	A.L. Dew
1st Noblesville	K. Ward	5.00	25.00	K. Ward
Richmond				
Gr. Second	F.W. Weathers	30.00	30.00	O.W. Barber
Mt. Moriah	R.E. Girten	35.25	60.00	R.E. Girten

Northwestern District

Church	1976	Pastor
East Chicago	510.00	J.R. Scruggs
Antioch		
Kingsford Heights	35.00	J.L. Shead
First		
Michigan City	10.00	J.J. Reynolds
Lakeland		
South Bend	150.00	W.V. Williams
New Hope	50.00	Allen Gary
New Testament	196.00	Jimmy Jones
St. John	230.00	B.T. West
St. Paul Bethel		
Union Pier, Michigan	20.00	J.W. Smith
Community		

Southeastern District

Church	Pastor	1967	1976	Pastor
Bloomington				
Second	E.D. Butler	\$105.00	\$120.00	E.D. Butler
Connersville				
Mt Zion	L.H. Davison	50.00	10.00	L. Griffin
Columbus				
Second	Elzie Lawler	47.00	.00	Elzie Lawler
Edenburg				
First		\$12.50	\$.00	
Franklin				
Second	W. Walters	22.50	16.00	H.H. Thurman
Jeffersonville				
First Trinity	W. Jimison	100.00		W. Jimison
Gilt Edge	R.F. Campbell	21.00	.00	D.L. Motley
New Indiana Ave.	J.G. Johnson	15.00	.00	Ralph Leavell
Lawrenceburg				
Union Valley	S. Summons	50.50	52.50	S. Summers
Madison				
Second	S.N. Gaines	35.00	25.00	S.M. Gaines
New Albany				
Galatian	Wm. Webster	.00	10.00	Wm. Webster
Howard Chapel	C. Kimbrough	24.00	.00	W. C. Hodge
Second	G.R. Mallory	15.00	10.00	G.R. Mallory
Shelbyville				
Second			50.00	J.R. Robinson

Southwestern District

Church	Pastor	1967	1976	Pastor
Brazil Second	C. Edwards	25.00	10.00	J. M. Thomas
Evansville Liberty	R.L. Saunders L.A. McIntyre	50.00 25.00	.00 .00	R.L. Saunders
McFarland Rockport Smithfield	R. Alston	37.00	28.00	R. Alston
Terre Haute Lost Creek	L.O. Lapsley N.E. Hord	48.00 10.00	178.00 110.00	L.O. Lapsley N.E. Hord
Second Shiloh St. John	J.E. Barksdale Phinus Bush	25.00 21.00	.00 10.00	J.E. Barksdale K.B. Ladd

Thus ends this comparative tabulation of our cooperation along these lines. There are several other indications of our love for Christ and His work. Let us move quickly and briefly to some other areas.

In October 1966, at the Adjourned Session of the Convention, the Convention asked the cooperation of the appropriate churches in the organization of the Northwestern District and the re-organization of the Western District into the Southwestern District. These two additions are beginning to really pay off and the expansion of our Northeastern District into Fort Wayne, in strength, has actually caused us to have churches in every part of the state. We thank God for our Moderators Thomas, Shead, Williams, and Butler. Naturally, we are concerned about our veteran leader Dr. J. T. Highbaugh, Sr., who is recovering well at home after a long and serious illness. We praise God for the more than 20 new churches organized and working with the Central District. I ask for these five Brothers your prayers, support, and continued cooperation.

We give thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ for the expansion and cooperation from our auxiliary conventions. These Brothers and Sisters who are leading are truly being moved by the Spirit as they seek to support the objectives of this convention. They are beginning to really understand that we are not in business for ourselves. We are not in competition with anybody but the devil. We have but one desire, namely, to glorify and exalt the message of good news that Jesus Christ, God's Son, is in the saving business, and he told us, His followers, to go into all the world and lift Him up, that he might draw all men unto Himself. Now, if that is not why you are up here, you are with the wrong crowd. We are here to work for Jesus, get more information, knowledge and spirit to do a better work for Him.

Everyone of our auxiliary bodies has increased in numbers, money for the causes, information about the work, and greater personal commitment to Jesus Christ which to us is manifested by cooperative support to the agreed objectives of the Indiana Missionary Baptist State Convention and the National Baptist Convention of America with Dr. Carl Sams as President. In 10 years our giving to the National Foreign Mission Board is up more than 250 per cent, our giving to the National Home Mission Board is up more than 300 per cent, and to the National Education Board, Evangelical Board, Benevolent Board, and B.T.U. Board are all increasing. Our representation in the National Convention has risen from a little over \$300.00 to nearly \$4,000.00. Our state has given proportionately to every special or new project recommended by Dr. Sams. We have encouraged and supported Bible training and preparation for the Lord's work for both ministers and lay persons, both men and women through our Central Baptist Theological Seminary and its South Bend extension. The Pastor of this church, Rev. Charles Rowlett is the instructor in the South Bend extension and Reverends Booker T. West and Willie V. Williams are Director and Manager, respectively, and Dr. B.L. White is Director-Dean Emeritus.

Through our State Benefit Board we are cooperating with our National Convention in giving every Pastor, wife or member who is currently enrolled in the program an immediate \$300.00 upon proof of death. We are encouraging our churches to pay adequate salaries to pastors and other employed persons, fringe benefits, hospital insurance and improved retirement plans. If the secular society and the business world look after the persons that serve them, we must continue to emphasize the rightness of the churches looking after those persons that serve them.

Now, in addition to our work with and for our National Foreign Mission Board, we have a special relation to a work in the northern part of Haiti, headquarters at Morne Pele (Mt. Joli), Rev. Dr. Gerson V. Toussaint, Director. We have, with the help of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, educated two Haitian preachers, Rev. Christian Cesar to two degrees, Master of Divinity and the Master of Religious Education; and Rev. Amos Eugene to the Master of Divinity degree. Rev. Amos Eugene is now the assistant to Rev. Dr. Gerson V. Toussaint in Haiti. Through the sacrificial labors of our Senior and Junior Women, spearheaded by Sister Anna Bell Thomas, we have erected, dedicated, and paid for a multi-purpose building in Haiti at a cost approaching \$10,000.00. Also, because of our activities in this area, several of our local churches have adopted one or more families to support in Haiti and individual members of some churches have adopted families in Haiti.

We cannot overlook another possibly little known mission activity. Some of our churches, in cooperation with a work program at the St. Paul Nursing Home, Dr. C. J. Dailey, Manager and the Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Indiana, educated Rev. Ashborne Erskine of Jamaica on the recommendation of Rev. Dr. C. A. Morgan, founder of our work in Jamaica.

Please remember Rev. John R. Stevenson has reported on our Foreign Board, Moderator J. D. Williams has reported on our Home Board, and Dr. T. T. Newman has reported on our State Board-yet, we have many many things we could tell you. We have given you only the amount that we believed you would be able to take at this time. Won't you take this review in the spirit of the Master and recommit yourselves to do even greater work?

Other causes supported by the Indiana Missionary Baptist State Convention include: NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), Urban League, OIC (Opportunities Industrialization Center), PUSH (People United to Save Humanity), SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference), CROP (Christian Response to Overseas Poverty), UNCF (United Negro College Fund), CBTS (Central Baptist Theological Seminary). We are affiliated with the National Baptist Convention of America, Dr. James Carl Sams, President. We support the following Boards of the NBCA: Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, National Baptist Publishing Board, Benevolent Board, Baptist Training Union Board and Education. We are affiliated with the Haitian Baptist Mission, Cap-Haitian, Haiti W.I. Dr. Gerson V. Toussaint is Founder-Director. We are affiliated with Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, Dr. Wendell C. Sommerville, Executive Secretary-Treasurer. Lott Carey was organized in 1897. Headquarters are located at 1501 11th Avenue, N. W., Washington, D.C. 20001.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM
of the
125th Annual Session
of the
INDIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST
STATE CONVENTION
AND ITS AUXILIARIES

Dr. F. Benjamin Davis, State Convention President
Mrs. Lucile F. Dobbins, General Secretary

July 30-31 - August 1-6, 1982

Theme: "Our Spiritual Heritage, A Challenge To Perseverance"
2 Timothy 1:5-10 1 Corinthians 15:58 Deuteronomy 32:7

In Session With
Mt. Paran Baptist Church
3425-31 Boulevard Place
Indianapolis, Indiana

Pastor B. F. Sims, Host Pastor

125th Session
INDIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

HISTORICAL MUSICAL - MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 1982

Thursday - August 5, 1982

MORNING SESSION

8:45 a. m. Music for Inspiration

9:00 a. m. Call to Order

Convention Singing - Rev. James W. Robinson, Chorister
Mrs. Ruth Lomax Davis, Organist
Mrs. Jennie V. Johnson, Pianist

Scripture, Meditation and Prayer: Rev. James M. Thomas, Pastor
Second Baptist Church, Brazil

Greetings from Host Church: Pastor B. F. Sims

Response: Dr. I. P. Broadus, 2nd Vice President

Music

State Mission Board Report: Dr. T. T. Newman, Chairman

Thematic Emphasis:

Rev. Gary Manuel, Associate Minister, Mt. Carmel, Indianapolis

Offering for State Missions

9:45 a. m. Organization (Reading and Adoption of Program)

Report of General Secretary, Mrs. Lucile F. Dobbins

Report of Treasurer, Rev. J. Curtis Davis

Report of Auditor, Rev. E. T. Johnson

Report of State Trustee Chairman, Rev. M. B. Downey

10:15 a. m. Board and Commissions Reports:

Temperance Board, Rev. James E. Smith, Chairman

Publishing Board, Rev. Billy J. Shelton, Chairman

B. T. U. Board, Rev. A. Bernard, Chairman

Commissions:

Stewardship and Promotion, Rev. W. Bernard Minor, Chairman

Ministerial Ordination Standards, Rev. Booker T. West, Chairman

Transportation, Dr. James R. Bradley, Chairman

11:15 a. m. Convention Singing

Report of Auxiliary Conventions:

Pastor's Conference, Rev. B. T. Jackson

Sunday School & BTU Congress, Rev. Booker T. West

State Youth Convention, Rev. Larry Rascoe

State Youth Camp, Dr. E. D. Butler

Brotherhood Union, Deacon Richard A. Graves

Senior Ushers, Deacon Charles Walker

Junior Ushers, Mr. Philip Woodard

Music, Mr. Herman Baker

Church Nurses, Mrs. Ruby Lockridge

Ministers Wives Council, Mrs. Veona Highbaugh

Ministers and Deacons, Rev. James M. Thomas

Junior Women & Y. W. A., Mrs. Aleasia Stewart

12 Noon Convention Singing
ANNUAL SERMON: Rev. Booker T. West, Pastor
St. Paul-Bethel, South Bend
Alternate: Rev. Hardy Jones, Pastor
Sweethome Missionary Baptist, South Bend
Offering - Finance Committee
Introduction of Visitors
Announcements - Grace

12:45 p. m. LUNCH

Thursday - August 5, 1982

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:45 p. m. Joint Session with W. H. & F. M. Convention
President's Period - Mrs. Anna Belle Thomas

3:15 p. m. Convention Singing
Scripture, Meditation and Prayer: Rev. LaRue Griffin, Pastor
Second Baptist, Richmond
Music

3:30 p. m. Report of Foreign Mission Board: Pastor B. F. Sims, Chairman
Thematic Emphasis: Rev. Wesley Manning, Pastor, Greater
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Indianapolis
Offering for Foreign Missions
Convention Singing
BIBLE STUDY: Rev. Robert L. Horsley, Pastor
New Garfield, Indianapolis
Alternate: Rev. Wesley Manning, Pastor
Greater Gethsemane, Indianapolis

4:00 p. m. Reports:
Historian, Dr. L. F. Burton
Statistician, Rev. Willie V. Williams
Commissions:
Church and Urban Society, Dr. William A. Dennis, Chairman
On Affiliations with other Denominations, Rev. J. L. Shead, Chairman
EVANGELISTIC SERMON: Dr. William A. Dennis, Pastor
New Salem, Indianapolis
Alternate: Rev. Walter E. Jimison, Pastor
First Trinity, Jeffersonville
Offering - Finance Committee
Announcements - Benediction

Thursday - August 5, 1982

EVENING SESSION

7:30 p. m. Convention Singing
Scripture, Meditation and Prayer: Dr. Damon S. Roach, Pastor
First Christian, Indianapolis
Inspirational Singing:
New Bethel Baptist Church Choirs
President's Period: DR. F. BENJAMIN DAVIS
LOVE OFFERING
Announcements - Benediction

Friday - August 6, 1982

MORNING SESSION

- 9:00 a. m. Convention Singing
Scripture, Meditation and Prayer: Rev. James E. Tolbert, Pastor
Mt. Hermon Baptist, Peru
Music
Report of Home Mission Board: Dr. J. D. Williams, Chairman
Thematic Emphasis
Offering for Home Missions
- 9:45 a. m. Report of Committees:
New Churches
Place
Resolution
Memorial
Report of District Associations (Recommendations):
Northeastern, Dr. J. D. Williams, Moderator
Northwestern, Rev. J. L. Shead, Moderator
Central, Pastor B. F. Sims, Moderator
Southeastern, Rev. James W. Robinson, Moderator
Southwestern, Rev. Kenneth B. Ladd, Moderator
Convention Business
- 11:30 a. m. Convention Singing
Recognition and Welcome to New Churches and Pastors
EDUCATIONAL SERMON: Dr. Hoy H. Thurman, Pastor
Second Baptist, Indianapolis
Alternate: Rev. Cleytus Malone, Pastor
Second Baptist, Terre Haute
Offering - Finance Committee
Introduction of Visitors
Announcements - Grace
- 12:00 LUNCH

Friday - August 6, 1982

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00 p. m. Music for Inspiration
Convention Singing
Scripture, Meditation and Prayer: Rev. David Braxton, Pastor
Greater Pilgrim Rest, Muncie
Convention Singing
BIBLE STUDY: Rev. Robert L. Horsley, Pastor
New Garfield Baptist, Indianapolis
Alternate: Rev. Wesley Manning, Pastor
Greater Gethsemane Baptist, Indianapolis
- Reports:
President's Address Committee
Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Rev. William L. Squires
Affiliation with National Baptist Convention of America,
Dr. J. D. Williams
Finance Committee (Partial)
Budget Committee (Partial), Rev. William L. Squires, Chairman
Mrs. Shirley A. Smith, Secretary

2:00 p. m. DOCTRINAL SERMON: Dr. T. T. Newman, Pastor
Mt. Carmel Baptist, Indianapolis
Alternate: Rev. Robert L. Lee, Pastor, Second Baptist, Kokomo
Convention Singing
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Offering - Finance Committee
Announcements - Benediction

FRIDAY - August 6, 1982

EVENING SESSION

125th CELEBRATION

5:30 p. m. Reception - Exposition Hall, Indiana State Fairgrounds

6:30 p. m. Beginning of Program

Some of the General Officers of the Indiana Missionary Baptist State Convention and Chairmans of Committees.



Reading from left to right, first row: Rev. J. Curtis Davis, Treasurer; Mrs. Lucile F. Dobbins, General Secretary; Dr. F. Benjamin Davis, President; Dr. J. D. Williams, 1st Vice President; Dr. L. F. Burton, 1st Vice President Emeritus. Second row: Rev. E. T. Johnson, Auditor and Chairman of Promotions; Dr. E. D. Butler, Recording Secretary and Chairman of Educational Board, Rev. James W. Robinson, Chorister and Moderator of Southeastern District; Pastor B. F. Sims, Chairman of Foreign Mission Board and Moderator of Central District. Third row: Rev. Willie Harris, Rev. J. L. Shead, Chairman on Affiliations with Other Denominations and Moderator of Southwestern District; Mrs. Anna Belle Thomas, Chairman of Awards Committee and President of Women's Home & Foreign Mission Convention; Mrs. Onis Walker. Last row: Mrs. Shirley A. Smith, Budget Secretary; Mrs. Ruby Lockridge, Chairman of Hospitality Committee and President of Church Nurses Convention and Mrs. E. T. Johnson, Co-Chairman of Promotions.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM
of the
38th Annual Session
of the
INDIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST
STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL
and
TRAINING UNION CONGRESS
and of the
INDIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST
STATE YOUTH CONVENTION

Rev. Booker T. West, Congress President
Rev. Larry Rascoe, State Youth President

July 12-16, 1982

Theme: "Spiritual Growth and Development: The Commitment of Today's Church"
Luke 2:40; Matthew 28:20

In Session With
St. John Baptist Church
1915 Buckeye St.
Terre Haute, Indiana

Rev. Kenneth B. Ladd, Host Pastor

CONGRESS OFFICERS

Rev. Booker T. West	President
Rev. Johnny F. Redmon	First Vice President
Rev. Willie F. Love	Second Vice President
Mrs. Lucile F. Dobbins	Secretary
Mrs. Shirley A. Smith	Assistant Secretary
Dr. L. F. Burton	Treasurer
Mrs. Ruth Lomax Davis	Organist
Mrs. Brenda Chambliss	Pianist
Mrs. Blossom R. Jones	Chorister

DEPARTMENTS

CHURCH SCHOOL	Mrs. Veanie D. Dawson, Head
"The Small Sunday School At Work"	Mrs. Veanie D. Dawson, Instr.
"Jesus The Teacher"	Mrs. Elizabeth Dixson, Instr.
BAPTIST TRAINING UNION	Mrs. Margaret Lee, Head
"Equipping Disciples Through Church Training"	Mrs. Margaret Lee, Instr.
MISSION	Mrs. Anna Belle Thomas, Head
"Every Christian's Job"	Mrs. Anna Belle Thomas, Instr.
YOUTH	
"The Biblical View Of The Family"	
"The Devotional Life"	Mr. Eugene Rascoe, Instr.
Supervisor's Class	Mrs. Bernice Swiney, Instr.
Minister Seminar	Dr. J. D. Williams, Head
Mini Congress Class	Mrs. Elizabeth Bridgewater, Instr.

Dr. E. D. Butler, Chairman of Educational Board
Mr. Cecil Smith, Sr., Dean

INDIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST STATE
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION CONGRESS

Monday

July 12, 1982

Evening Session

Executive and Faculty Board Meeting 5:00 p. m.

First Vice President Redmon, Presiding

7:30 p. m. Official Opening - Call To Order
Worship Services by Mrs. Blossom R. Jones, Chorister
Mrs. Ruth Lomax Davis, Organist
Mrs. Brenda Chambliss, Pianist

8:00 p. m. Presentation of President, Rev. Booker T. West

Inspirational Singing by Second Baptist Church Choirs
Presentation of Guest Speaker
Sermon: Rev. Cleytus Malone, Pastor, Second Baptist, Terre Haute
Alternate: Rev. L. O. Lapsley, Pastor, Lost Creek, Terre Haute
Call to Discipleship
Offering - Finance Committee
Dean's Reflections and Instructions: Mr. Cecil Smith, Sr.
Announcements - Benediction

Tuesday

July 13, 1982

Morning Session

President West, Presiding

7:00 a. m. Breakfast

8:00 a. m. Call To Order
Worship Services
Greetings from Host Church
Response: Rev. Willie F. Love, Second Vice President
Song of Praise
Organization (Reading and Adoption of Program)
Instructions from Dean Smith

8:45 a. m. Musical Workshop: Mrs. Blossom R. Jones

9:35 a. m. Class Period

11:25 a. m. Reassemble - Selection
SERMON: Dr. J. R. Bradley, Pastor
First Baptist, North Indianapolis
Alternate: Rev. Hardy Jones, Pastor
Sweethome Baptist, South Bend
Offering - Finance Committee
Announcements - Grace

1:00 p. m. LUNCH

Tuesday

July 13, 1982

Afternoon Session

Second Vice President Love, Presiding

- 2:00 p. m. Worship Services: Southeastern District Youth
Theme: Spiritual Growth and Development: The Commitment
of Today;s Church" Luke 2:40; Matthew 28:20
- 2:25 p. m. Class Period
- 3:25 p. m. Reassemble - Selection
Appointment of Committees: Mrs. Lucile F. Dobbins
Announcements - Benediction

Tuesday

July 13, 1982

Evening Session

First Vice President Redmon, Presiding

- 7:30 p. m. Worship Services
WELCOME SERVICES BY HOST CHURCH
Offering - Finance Committee
Remarks: Rev. Kenneth Ladd, Host Pastor
Rev. Booker T. West, President
Announcements - Benediction
- 10:00 p. m. EVANGELISTIC SERVICES - Antioch Baptist Church

Wednesday

July 14, 1982

Morning Session

INDIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST STATE YOUTH CONVENTION

(No copy of program received)

Thursday

July 15, 1982

Morning Session

President West, Presiding

- 7:00 a. m. Breakfast
8:00 a. m. Worship Services: Church School & B. T. U. Departments
Reports: Church School by Districts
Baptist Training Unions by Districts
8:45 a. m. Musical Workshop: Mrs. Blossom R. Jones
9:35 a. m. Class Period
11:25 a. m. Reassemble - Selection
SERMON: Rev. Walter E. Jimison, Pastor
First Trinity, Jeffersonville
Alternate: Rev. Billy J. Shelton, Pastor
Caivary, Muncie
Offering - Finance Committee
Announcements - Grace

1:00 p. m. LUNCH

Thursday

July 15, 1982

Afternoon Session

Second Vice President Love, Presiding

- 2:00 p. m. Worship Services: Northwestern District Youth
Theme: "Spiritual Growth and Development: The Commitment
of Today's Church" Luke 2:40; Matthew 28:20
2:25 p. m. Class Period
3:25 p. m. Reassemble - Selection
Report of Committees:
Appropriation
Place
Resolution
Enrollment (Partial)
Finance (Partial)
Memorial
Announcements - Benediction

Thursday

July 15, 1982

Evening Session

First Vice President Redmon, Presiding

- 7:30 p. m. Worship Services: Musical Staff
Inspirational Singing: St. Paul-Bethel Choirs, South Bend
Presentation of President
President's Hour: REV. BOOKER T. WEST
LOVE OFFERING
Announcements - Benediction

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10:00 p. m. EVANGELISTIC SERVICES

Friday

July 16, 1982

Morning Session

President West, Presiding

- 7:00 a. m. Breakfast
8:00 a. m. Worship Services: Mission and Ministers Departments
8:15 a. m. Musical Workshop: Mrs. Blossom R. Jones
9:25 a. m. Class Period
10:25 a. m. Reassemble - Seclection
Report of Nominating Committee
Election of Officers and Installation: Dr. F. Benjamin Davis
President Indiana Missionary Baptist State Convention
Financial Report: Secretary, Mrs. Lucile F. Dobbins
Dean's Period - Awarding of Class Credits
Announcements
Closing Prayer
- Adjournment of the Indiana Missionary Baptist State
Sunday School and Training Union Congress and State
Youth Convention

Indiana Missionary Baptist State Sunday School and Training Union Congress



Dr. C. Henry Bell



Mrs. Lucille Miles



Dr. B. L. White



Rev. Booker T. West

In the organization of this Auxiliary there were two separate units--the Sunday School with the late Dr. C. Henry Bell as President and the Baptist Young People's Union with the late Sister Lucille Miles as President. Later the two units were consolidated in 1944 and became the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress with the late Dr. B. L. White as President. The Congress grew under the leadership of Dr. White and other Presidents and is continuing growth under the leadership of the present President, Rev. Booker T. West, Pastor of St. Paul-Bethel Baptist Church, South Bend, Indiana. The other officers are: Rev. Johnny F. Redmond, 1st Vice President; Rev. Willie F. Love, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Lucille F. Dobbins, Secretary; Mrs. Shirley A. Smith, Assistant Secretary; Dr. L. F. Burton, Treasurer; Mrs. Blossom R. Jones, Chorister; Mrs. Ruth Lomax Davis, Organist; and Mrs. Brenda Chambliss, Pianist.

INDIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP

1982 Session

July 25-30, 1982

Dr. E. D. Butler, Camp Director

Rev. G. W. Goliati, Asst. Dir.

CAMP THEME "BUILDING FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW."

Scripture: 1 Cor. 3:10; and 2 Cor. 6:1

CAMP THEME SONG "My Hope Is Built On Nothingless"

The camp will be held at the same Camp Site we have used for the past several years, The Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp, Westport, Indiana, located 11 miles south of Greensburg, or six miles north of Westport off State Road #3, one and a half miles east on County Road 800 East. Coming from the north take I-74 to the Greensburg exit on State Road #3 and go south to County Road 800, take a left and follow that road to the camp. From east or west get to State Road 46 and at the intersection of 46 and 3 go south on Road 3 to 800, turn left and go to the camp. From the south take State Road #3 north from Westport to County Road 800 and turn right to the camp.

THE INDIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP IS OPEN TO ALL BAPTIST YOUTH and their friends. You may register for any period within your age group 9-18. The Camp is maintained to give Spiritual training to Baptist Youth under ideal circumstances and surroundings. Here the campers learn to read their Bibles, to pray, the real meaning of Church Membership, and how to live with the projected attitudes of the New Testament Bible, here many youth really meet Jesus as a personal Savior. Adult supervision is always on hand.

The cost PER CAMPER for this session is \$30.00 for the five days. Sunday afternoon 2:30 to Friday after lunch, that cost is for both food and lodging. Pre-registration is \$5.00 per camper and this is necessary to assure a bunk as we can only accept the first (150) apps. In case you pay either the \$5.00 pre-reg or the full \$30.00 camp fee and find you cannot attend your deposit or fee will be returned in full. Youth 18 or over, who have attended the camp may serve as cabin counselors and each church may send these youth with their other young people and the same fee is required for all campers. The full fee must be paid in advance of cabin assignment July 25, 1982.

Please send all camp fees and information to Dr. E. D. Butler, 509 West 8th St., Bloomington, IN 47401 by July 12, 1982.

THINGS TO BRING: Bible note book, pen and pencils, blankets, sheets, pillow and case, camp clothing, raincoat, sweaters, bathing suits, towels, wash clothes, soap, comb and brush, tooth brush and paste, your health certificates, a little spending money and your happiest disposition with a willingness to work and to be a Builder for Today and Tomorrow.

DO NOT BRING: Radios, televisions, record players, bicycles, fire works, fire arms, pets, or any item of destruction of property or of personality.

REGISTRATION FOR YOUTH CAMP 1982

Name _____ Phone _____
 Street Address _____ City _____
 CHURCH _____ Pastor _____
 Are You A Church Member _____ When were you baptised? _____
 Signature of Parent or Guardian _____
 Fee Inclosed \$ _____ Local Church Youth Counselor _____

1982 CAMP SESSION

Sunday July 25, 1982 2:30

- Friday July 30, 1982 1:00

INDIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP, WESTPORT, INDIANA

THEME: "BUILDING FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW"

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 3:10; 2 Corinthians 6:1

THEME SONG "MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS"

REGISTRATION - Sunday, July 25 - After 2:30 PM

CABIN ASSIGNMENTS

Know your neighbor.

GET ACQUAINTED PERIOD

EVERYBODY PLAYS

5:00 What's THAT YOU'VE GOT ?

6:00 EVENING VESPERS

7:30 EVENING WORSHIP

10:00 And darkness was upon the face of the Camp.

Cabin Devotions

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

6:30 A. M. SUNRISE SERVICE

7:15 FLAG UP

7:30 MANNA FROM HEAVEN

Blessed Breakfast

8:30 LEADERSHIP TRAINING SESSION

Cabin Clean Up

9:00 CLASS SESSIONS

Beautiful Girls

Tomorrow's Men

Drama

S. A. N. E.

Church Membership

Growing Teens

Check Your Life-Style

MISSIONS

Stewardship

10:00 RECESS

10:15 BIBLE CLASS

11:15 Morning Worship

12:00 THANK GOD FOR SMALL FAVORS

1:00 PLANNED RECREATION

GAMES

HANDCRAFT

SWIMMING

BOATING

4:30 CLEAN UP AND GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER

5:00 WOULD YOU BELIEVE ? DINNER

7:00 EVENING VESPERS

7:30 EVENING ACTION

Preaching, films - drama - talent

10:00 AND DARKNESS WAS UPON THE FACE OF THE CAMP

Cabin Devotions

Friday Break Camp After Lunch 12:30

DID YOU EVER HAVE A BETTER TIME ?

Camp Director, Dr. E. D. Butler and Dean

35th ANNUAL SESSION
INDIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST STATE
SENIOR USHERS CONVENTION

THEME: Our Spiritual Heritage, A Challenge To Preservance
11 Timothy 1:5-10; Deuteronomy 32:7; I Corinthians 15:58

Friday - July 30, 1982 - Evening Session

2nd Vice President Sister Annie Bryant, Presiding

- 6:30 p. m. Pre-Registration - All Enrollment Committees in Charge
Districts and Churches - Sister Mary Wofford
Personal - Sister Judy Bender
- 7:00 p. m. Call to Order - President Deacon Charles Walker, Sr.
Devotion
- 7:15 p. m. Welcome - Host Board, Mt. Paran, Sister Jessie Rouse, President
Response - Bro. Albert Jacobs, President, Northwestern District
- 7:30 p. m. Themorizer - Rev. Roy Ford, Calvary, Muncie
- 7:45 p. m. Inspirational Singing - Music Committee
Reports from Following Committees:
Information, Facility, Program, Mission, Social, Field Worker,
Educational
- 8:15 p. m. Sermon - Rev. Robert Lee, Pastor, 2nd Baptist, Kokomo
Alternate - Dr. L. F. Burton, Advisor
Call to Christian Discipleship
Offering - Finance Committee
Remarks and Information from the President

Saturday - July 31, 1982 - Morning Session

1st Vice President Sister Martha G. Means, Presiding

- 8:30 a. m. Call to Order - 1st Vice President, Sister Martha G. Means
Devotion Committee in Charge
Themorizer - Sis. Mae
- 8:55 a. m. Music - Two Selections
- 9:05 a. m. Roll Call of Elected and Appointed Officers
Sister Elizabeth Finley, Assistant Recording Secretary
- 9:15 a. m. Recognition of New Boards and Visitors - Sister Maggie Bentley
- 9:30 a. m. Appointment of New Committee Workers - President Deacon
Charles Walker, Sr.

- 9:45 a. m. District Presidents Reports
- 9:55 a. m. Local Presidents Reports
- 10:05 a. m. Music
- 10:20 a. m. Committee Reports:
Historian, Public-Relations, Ways and Means, Music,
Special Effort, Ministers and Deacons Wives, News Letters
- 10:45 a. m. Presidents Hour - Sister Elnora Hossier in Charge
Greetings - Dr. F. Benjamin Davis, President, Indiana
Missionary Baptist State Convention
Adjournment for Lunch

Saturday - July 31, 1982 - Afternoon Session

President Deacon Charles Walker, Sr., Presiding

- 1:00 p. m. Call to Order - President Deacon Charles Walker, Sr.
Devotion - Music Committee
- 1:20 p. m. Briefing on National Baptist Ushers Convention - President
Report of Committees:
Physical Ushering, Art & Crafts, Awards, Books,
Resolutions, Constitution and By-Laws
Youth and Junior Ushers - All Enrollment Committees
- 2:00 p. m. Senior and Junior Ushers Physical Ushering Demonstration
New Hope, South Bend, 2nd Baptist, Kokomo, Mt. Paran, Indpls
- 3:00 p. m. Finance Report - Sister Janice Johnson, Financial Secretary
- 3:10 p. m. Election of Officers for 1982-83 - Dr. L. F. Burton
Appointment of Officers for 1982 - 83 - President Elect
Installation of Officers
Adjournment

All Elected and Appointed Officers Update Personal Data
with Correspondence Secretary before leaving convention

ELECTED OFFICERS
1982-82

- Deacon Charles Walker, Sr. President
- Sister Martha G. Means 1st Vice President
- Sister Annie Bryant 2nd Vice President
- Sister Shirley A. Smith Recording Secretary
- Sister Elizabeth Finley Asst't Recording Secretary
- Sister Lillian Tanks Correspondence Secretary
- Sister Janice Johnson Financial Secretary
- Deacon Preston Brown Treasurer

EMERITUS OFFICERS

- Brother Warren Thompson President
- Sister Willie L. Foster Devotion Chairman

APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Devotion	Sis. Susie Hicks
Music	Sis. Mattie Marlin
Pianist	Sis. Luima Burris
Organist	Sis. Fannie Walker
Personal Enrollment	Sis. Judy Bender
Churches & District Enrollment	Sis. Mary Wofford
Special Effort	Sis. Pauline Boyce
Social	Sis. Elnora Hoosier
Field Worker	Sis. Marie Dillard
Information	Sis. Mildred Dudley
Facility Manager	Bro. Curtis Tremell
Historian	Sis. Mable Joyner
Youth & Junior Usher Supervisor	Bro. Jesse Love
Ministers & Deacons Wives	Sis. Maggie Bentley
Educational	Sis. Lula Ford
Ways & Means	Sis. Joyce English
District President Council	Bro. Albert Jacobs
Mission	Sis. Mae Lue Walker
Arts & Crafts	Sis. Liza Bradsaw
Books	Sis. Bernice Books
President Council	Sis. Martha G. Means
Public Relations	Sis. Margaret Tevis
Constitution and By-Laws	Sis. Lillie Mae Hardin
Program	Sis. Mary Robinson
Awards and Display	Sis. Delores McDanal
Resolution	Sis. Allie Louise Reed
Physical Ushering	Bro. Donnie Johnson

The Indiana Missionary Baptist State Ushers History



Brother Charles Walker, Sr.

The parent body appointed Brother Kenneth Hyde (deceased) to organize the State Ushers Board in October 1948 in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Brother Kenneth Hyde was the first President, Sister Rosezina McClung was the first Secretary, Sister Susie Hicks was the first Treasurer, and Sister Willie Foster was the first Devotional Leader. The convention was originally held in October; it was later changed to the first Saturday in August. Brother Warren Thompson served as the second President. Brother Thompson is a member of the Greater Second Baptist Church, Marion, Indiana.

In the year 1967 Brother Charles Walker, Sr. was elected President. Brother Walker is a member of New Liberty Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, and he is the third President of our organization of 33 years. The organization standard elected officers are as follows:

President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer. All other committees are appointed one.

The Usher's Motto is "For a day in the courts is better than a thousand, rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness."--Psalm 84:10

The Indiana Missionary Baptist State Ushers was host to the National Ushers Convention in the year 1967 held in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Senior Ushers sponsor the Youth and Junior Ushers.

A brief history submitted by the Historian Chairperson, Sister Mabel J. Joyner.

President - Brother Charles Walker, Sr.

INDIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION
YOUTH AND JUNIOR USHERS AUXILIARIES CONVENTION
Brother Phillip Woodard, President
July 30-31, 1982

THEME: Our Spiritual Heritage, A Challenge to Preservance
II Timothy 1:5-10; Deuteronomy 32:7; I Corinthians 15:58

Friday - July 30, 1982 - Evening Session

- 7:00 p. m. Call to Order by the President
Devotion
- 7:20 p. m. Enrollment
- 7:45 p. m. Welcome - Host Church, Mt. Paran Junior Ushers
- 7:50 p. m. Respond - St. Paul Bethel, South Bend
- 8:00 p. m. Get Acquainted Period - Daressa Moore, 2nd Vice President
- 8:15 p. m. Reading of the Journal - Recording Secretary
- 8:20 p. m. Introduction of Officers
- 8:25 p. m. Music
- 8:30 p. m. Sermon - Rev. Willie Williams, Pastor New Hope, South Bend
Alternate - Rev. Kenneth Hardy, St. Paul, St. Paul Bethel, South Bend
Call To Discipleship
Offering - Convention and Speaker
Remarks
Adjournment

Saturday - July 31, 1982 - Morning Session

- 9:00 a. m. Call to Order - 1st Vice President, Presiding
Devotion
- 9:10 a. m. Enrollment
- 9:30 a. m. Introduction - New Workers - 2nd Vice President
- 9:40 a. m. District Presidents Reports
- 9:55 a. m. Appointment of Committee Workers By The President
- 10:05 a. m. Why is There Committees - Sister Elnora Hoosier, Secretary
to President
- 10:25 a. m. Information Period by Sr. Supervisor - Bro. Jessie Love
- 10:45 a. m. Theme - Vernon Oliver, Mt. Carmel, Indpls.
- 11:00 a. m. National News - Assistant Supervisor - Sister Christine Ealy
- 11:10 a. m. Music
- 11:20 a. m. Adjournment For Lunch and Committee Meetings

Saturday

July 31, 1982

Afternoon

- 1:00 p.m. 2nd Vice President, Presiding
Devotion
- 1:00 p.m. Report of Committees
Music
- 1:20 p.m. President Hour
Election of Officers for 1982-83
- 2:00 p.m. Physical Ushering Demonstration with Senior Ushers
- 3:00 p.m. Return to Assemble Place for Final Reports

All Elected and Appointed Officers Must Leave Address

YOUTH AND JUNIOR USHERS
OFFICERS

Phillip Woodard	President
Tonya Goggans	1st Vice President
Deressa Moore	2nd Vice President
Angela Wilson	Recording Secretary
Tracy Gorden	Correspondence Secretary
Kim Fields	Treasurer
Eddie Sove	Devotional Leader

INDIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST STATE BROTHERHOOD UNION CONVENTION
DR. F. BENJAMIN DAVIS STATE CONVENTION PRESIDENT
JUNIOR BROTHERHOOD SESSION

Theme - Our Spiritual Heritage, A Challenge to Perseverance
II Timothy 1:5-10 1 Corinthians 15:58 Deuteronomy 32:7

Friday - July 30, 1982

Evening Session

Bro. Haze Miller, Director of Junior Brotherhood Presiding

- 7:00 p. m. Devotions - Junior Brotherhood in charge
Master of Ceremony - Bro. Dion Adkinson, New Bethel B. C.
- 7:20 p. m. Inspiration Singing - The Spiritual Wonders
Welcome - James McReynolds, Mt. Paran B. C.
Response - True Vine B. C.
- 7:40 p. m. Symposium - The Resurrection of Jesus Christ - John 20th Chapter
Verses 1-5 - Bro. Kevin Wilson, True Vine B. C.
Verses 5-10 - Bro. Raymond Montgomery, Metropolitan B. C.
Verses 11-15 - Bro. Devin Wilson, True Vine B. C.
Verses 16-20 - Bro. Roy Williams, New Bethel B. C.
- 8:00 p. m. The Spiritual Wonders
- 8:15 p. m. Theme - Michael Twyman, Mt. Paran B. C.
Congregational Singing
- 8:30 p. m. Introduction of Speaker
Rev. Larry Batchelor, Associate Minister, Rising Star B. C., Marion,
IN
Speaker
Rev. W. J. Jackson, Associate Minister, Rising Star, Marion, IN
Alternate - Rev. Larry Batchelor, Rising Star, Marion, IN
Invitation to Discipleship - Offering
Remarks - Bro. Haze Miller, Director Junior Brotherhood
Bro. Richard A. Graves, State Brotherhood
Dr. F. Benjamin Davis
Remarks and Benediction - Rev. W. J. Jackson

BROTHERHOOD

ADULT SESSION

MORNING

Theme - Our Spiritual Heritage, A Challenge to Perseverance

Saturday - July 31, 1982

- 8:00 a. m. Breakfast and Fellowship
- 9:00 a. m. Devotions - Leader - Bro. George Owens, Jr., 1st Samuel B. C.
- 9:15 a. m. Presiding - Bro. William A. Jones, 1st Vice, New Bethel B. C.
Registration on Letter - \$50.00 Each Brotherhood Unit
Personal Enrollment - \$3.00 Each Brother
Registers - Rev. L. J. Jackson - Bro. James Long "In Nortex"

- 9:30 a. m. Reading of Program - Bro. Samuel Collier, Metropolitan B. C.
 Welcome - Bro. Bailey Coleman, Mt. Paran B. C.
 Response - Bro. Calvin Donald, 2nd Vice, Mt. Olive B. C.
- 9:45 a. m. Appointment of Committees - Town & Country - Memorial "3 Min."
- 9:50 a. m. Singing - 1st Samuel Male Singers
- 10:00 a. m. Theme - Bro. Henry Quarles, Metropolitan B. C.
 Alternate - Bro. Roosevelt Johnson, New Bethel B. C.
- 10:25 a. m. Solo - Bro. Rudolph Laland, Mt. Olive B. C.
 Introduction of State President
 Bro. George Morton, True Vine B. C.
 President's Address - Bro. Richard A. Graves, Mt. Paran B. C.
 Honorarium
 Report of Districts (Typed Reports Only)
 Financial Report (Partial)
 Prayer & Lunch

Saturday - July 31, 1982

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:30 p. m. Devotions - Bro. George Owens, Jr.
 President Graves - Presiding
 Inspirational Singing
- 2:00 p. m. Bible Teacher - Rev. Thomas Streeter, Bethesda B. C.,
 Anderson, IN
- 2:25 p. m. Town & Country (3 Min. Each)
- 2:40 p. m. Memorial - Bro. J. O. Horton, Leader, St. Mark B. C.
- 2:50 p. m. Inspirational Talk - Bro. Nathaniel Graves, Trinity B. C.,
 Jeffersonville, IN
 Solo - Bro. Rudolph Laland, Mt. Olive B. C.
 Introduction of Speaker
 Rev. Herbert A. Easley, Sunrise B. C.
 Sermon - Rev. Willie Harris, True Vine B. C.
 Alternate - Rev. Herbert A. Easley, Sunrise B. C.
 Invitation to Discipleship
 Offering
 Digest of Letters - Bro. James Long, Asst. Financial Secretary
 Metropolitan B. C.
 Final Financial Report
 Election and Installation of Officers - Dr. F. Benjamin Davis
 Remarks - Host Pastor - President Graves and others
 Final Remarks and Benediction - Rev. Willie Harris

OFFICERS

President

Richard A. Graves

Executive Vice President

Herman Appletom

First Vice President

William A. Jones

Second Vice President

Calvin Donald

Recording Secretary

Samuel Collier

Corresponding Secretary

Jasper Jackson

Financial Secretary

Rev. L. J. Jackson

Assistant Financial Secretary

James Long

Devotional Leader

George Owens Jr.

Teacher

Rev. Thomas Streeeter

Historian

Lee Hudson

Pianist

Sister Rosa K. Horton

Director Junior Brotherhood

Haze Miller

Treasurer

Robert R. Carpenter

Counselor

Rev. C.W. Goliah Sr.

Assistant Counselor

Rev. L. O. Lapsley

GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES

from

BROTHERHOOD UNION OF THE INDIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

Deacon Richard A. Graves, President
Dr. F. Benjamin Davis, State Convention President



First Banquet held May 22, 1982 at Second Baptist, Kokomo. Standing, First Row from left to right: Dr. F. Benjamin Davis, State President; Deacon George Morton, Corresponding Secretary Emeritus; Mrs. Rosa K. Horlon, Pianist; James Long, Asst. Financial Secretary; Deacon Richard A. Graves, President. Second Row: Jasper Jackson, Corresponding Secretary; Lee Hudson, Historian; Herman Appleton, Executive Vice President; William A. Jones, 1st Vice President. Last Row: George Owen, Jr., Devotional Leader; Calvin Donald, 2nd Vice President; Haze Miller, Director, Jr. Brotherhoods; and Samuel Collier, Recording Secretary.



Standing is the Guest Speaker, Rev. Robert Lee, pastor of Second Baptist, Kokomo. His subject was "Man in Command", Luke 2:52. Also pictured is Deacon H. T. Reed, Dr. and Mrs. F. Benjamin Davis and Mrs. Robert Lee.

Indiana Missionary Baptist State Brotherhood Union

DR. F. BENJAMIN DAVIS

INDIANA STATE CONVENTION
PRESIDENT



Richard A. Graves, President
5211 Minesley Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46208

Jasper Jackson, Corres. Secretary
5314 East 33rd Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46218

CONGRATULATIONS

On our 125th year of Service and Obedience to the Master, we of the Brotherhood Union have been blessed to have traveled as an Auxiliary a part of the way. The State Brotherhood was organized in 1948, under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. C. Henry Bell, pastor of the Mt. Paran Baptist Church and State Convention President.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Eugene Burton	Mt. Paran B/C	Indianapolis, Indiana
J. D. Stratton	Good Samaritan B/C	"
Zerah Sweeney	Mt. Olive B/C	"
Arthur Duerson	Calvary B/C	Muncie, Indiana
Nathaniel Graves	Trinity B/C	Jeffersonville, Indiana
Herman Appleton	New Bethel B/C	Indianapolis, Indiana
William Thurman	First Baptist North	"

PRESENT OFFICERS

Richard A. Graves, President, Mt. Paran B/C
 Herman Appleton, Ex. Vice President, New Bethel B/C
 William Jones, 1st Vice President, New Bethel B/C
 Calvin Donald, 2nd Vice President, Mt. Olive B/C
 Samuel Collier, Rec. Secretary, Metropolitan B/C
 Jasper Jackson, Cor. Secretary, 1st Samuel B/C
 Robert Carpenter, Treasurer, Mt. Olive B/C
 Rev. L. J. Jackson, Fin. Secretary, Second Baptist, Kokomo
 James Long, Asst. Fin. Secretary, Metropolitan B/C

George Owens Jr., Dev. Leader, 1st Samuel
 George Owens Jr., Dev. Leader, 1st Samuel B/C
 Rev. Thomas Streeter, Teach,

George Owens Jr., Dev. Leader, 1st Samuel B/C
 Rev. Thomas Streeter, Teacher, Bethesda B/C, Anderson, IN
 Haze Miller, Dir. Jr. Brotherhood, True Vine B/C
 Rosa K. Horton, Pianist, St. Mark
 Rev. C. W. Goliath, Counselor, True Light
 Rev. L. O. Lapsley, Asst. Counselor, Lost Creek B/C, Terre Haute



This little boy can continue to be a statistic. One of 460 million badly malnourished people in our world today. More than half of these are children, 200 million in the world are on "Slow Starvation" diets, 33 nations face the possibility of severe food shortages. An estimated 10,000 people perish from starvation and malnutrition related diseases every day. Or he can have the opportunity to grow into a happy healthy young man.

THE CHOICE IS OURS

Won't you declare that you care by sharing generously of your bounty? God knows we have it to give. MEN, let us support our Brotherhood Mission Causes.

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INDIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST STATE MUSIC CONVENTION

Monday

August 2nd, 1982

Morning Session

PRESIDENT HERMAN L. BAKER, PRESIDING

- 8:00 a. m. CONVENTION SINGING
Request time, directed by Mr. Blossom Jones, Mr. Charles Miller,
Mrs. Priscilla Garrison, and Mr. Jessie Taylor.
- 9:00 a. m. EXPRESSIONS OF GOD'S GOODNESS TO YOU. (Testimonial period).
- 9:30 a. m. SCRIPTURE 27th PSALMS: Rev. Charles Miller, Richmond, Indiana.
CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: The Lord is my Light and my Salvation,
directed by Mrs. Blossom Jones, Indpls.
- 9:45 a. m. WELCOME: Mt. Paran Missionary Baptist Church of Indianapolis, IN.
- GREETINGS: Coming From Our President Herman Baker.
- APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES: Nominating
Memorial
Finance
Enrollment
- 10:00 a. m. REGISTRATION: Finance and Enrollment Committees in charge.
- 10:30 a. m. WORK SHOP AND LECTURE: Mrs. Doris Faulkner, Steward, Supervisor
of fine arts and music for the city of Muncie
Community School System.
- 11:30 a. m. SOLO: Mr. Jessie Taylor, Indianapolis, Indiana.
THEME: "Our Spiritual Heritage, A Challenge To Perseverance"
2nd Timothy 1:5-10; 1 Corinthians 15:58; and Deuteronomy 32:7
Rev. Billy Shelton, Pastor, Calvary Baptist, Muncie
Alternate: Rev. J. D. Hill, Pastor, Mt. Zion, Muncie
- 12:00 a. m. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: Led by Mrs. Blossom Jones.
ANNUAL SERMON: The Rev. Herbert Easley of the Sunrise Missionary
Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana
ALTERNATE: Rev. J. D. Hill, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church,
Muncie, Indiana.
- CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP
OFFERING: Finance Committee in charge.
BENEDICTION
LUNCH

PRESIDENT REQUESTS ALL MUSIC CONVENTION DINE AT
THE CHURCH. THANK YOU.

MONDAY

August 2, 1982

AFTERNOON SESSION

2nd Vice President, Charles Miller, Presiding

2:00 p. m. REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT

Congregational Singing: "The Lord's Prayer", directed by
Mrs. Blossom R. Jones

Words from Presiding Officer, Charles Miller, Mt. Olive Missionary
Baptist Church, Richmond

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Memorial and Meditation for Deceased Members - Memorial Committee
in Charge

2:30 p. m. Solo - Mrs. Anna Zackery, New Bethel, Indianapolis

REFLECTIONS FROM PRESIDENT HERMAN BAKER

LOVE OFFERING

Election of Officers, Dr. F. Benjamin Davis, Presiding

Remarks

Benediction

OFFICERS

Herman Baker
Priscilla Garrison
Charles Miller
Maggie Jones
Trecia Evans
Anna Zackery
Josie Johnson

President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Financial Secretary
Treasurer

25th ANNUAL SESSION

INDIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST STATE
CHURCH NURSES CONVENTION

THEME: OUR SPIRITUAL HERITAGE, A CHALLENGE TO PERSERVERANCE
2nd Timothy 1:5-10 I Corinthians 15:58 Deuteronomy 32:7

MONDAY

August 2, 1982

MORNING SESSION

President Ruby G. Lockridge, Presiding

9:00 AM Call to Worship

Praise Service - Led by Sister Mary Trotter, Sister Rosa K. Horton,
Sister Nora Wright and Sister Gladys Johnson

Greetings - Sister Thelma M. Graves

Response - Sister Louise G. Bailey, Greater St. John Baptist, So. Base, IN
Organization

Selection

Achievance Period - District Presidents: Central, Northeastern and North-
western Districts.

Presentations

Report and Presentation of State Queen - Sister Pearline Rayner

2nd Vice President Louise G. Bailey, Presiding

11:00 AM Reconvene - Selection

Presentation of President - Sister Rosa L. Johnson, Mt. Moriah Baptist, Indpls.
Solo

President's Period

Solor - Sister Henry Lee Sherels

Honorarium

Greetings - State President, Dr. F. Benjamin Davis

Recognition of Visitors

Announcements

Grace - Adjournment for Lunch - Committee Meetings

MONDAY

August 2, 1982

AFTERNOON SESSION

1st Vice President, Lettie Andrew, Presiding

1:30 PM Reconvene

Inspirational Singing

Memorial Period

Hymn

Presentation of Speaker - Rev. Leonard Manuel Jr., So. Calvary Baptist,
Indpls.

Speaker - Rev. Calvin Kelley, Good Samaritan Baptist, Indpls.

Alternate - Rev. Leonard Manuel Jr., So. Calvary Baptist, Indpls.

Call to Christian Discipleship

Finance Committee - Offering for Convention and Speaker

Report of Committees and Councils (Written)

Nominations Committee and Election of Officers - Installation:

President State Convention, Dr. F. Benjamin Davis

Reading of Minutes for Corrections

Closing Remarks - President Lockridge

Closing Song

Prayer of Rededication and Benediction

OFFICERS

Sister Ruby G. Lockridge _____	President
Sister Margaret Chambers _____	President Emeritus
Sister Lettie Andrew _____	1st Vice President
Sister Louise G. Bailey _____	2nd Vice President
Sister Thelma M. Graves _____	Secretary
Sister Ardell Gibson _____	Assistant Secretary
Sister Martha Bertram _____	Corresponding Secretary
Sister Ruth Mallory _____	Financial Secretary
	Treasurer
Sister Mary Trotter _____	Chorister
Sister Rosa K. Horton _____	Pianist
Sister Catherine Blair _____	Historian



Dr. F. Benjamin Davis
President



Ruby G. Lockridge
Auxiliary President

"GREETINGS"
GOD BLESS OUR 125th SESSION
from

The Nurses Auxiliary

The Indiana Missionary Baptist State Nurses Auxiliary Convention was organized in the year 1957 under the late Dr. H. T. Toliver, state president. The following officers were elected:

Sis. Sadie Hardiman	President
Sis. Josephine Burns	1st Vice President
Sis. Lula Johnson	2nd Vice President
Sis. Alma J. Mimms	Recording Secretary
Sis. Lillie B. Thomas	Financial Secretary
Sis. Blanch H. Brown	Treasurer
Sis. Opie Brooks	Devotional Leader
Sis. Willie Webster	Corresponding Secretary
Sis. Susie Jenkins	Pianist
Sis. Rosa Hill	Reporter

There were eight churches in the organizing August 1958 Annual Session. The late Mrs. Blanche Hayes Brown was elected president with 15 churches under her leadership. This auxiliary still progressing, Mrs. Brown served until she was called from labor to reward in 1964. Following her death Mrs. Margaret Chambers

was elected president in October of 1964 and served until August 1979 at which time Mrs. Ruby G. Lockridge was elected president.

Dr. F. Benjamin Davis, elected as General President August 1965, currently serves this convention.

PRESENT AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Mrs. Ruby G. Lockridge	President
Mrs. Lettie Andrew	1st Vice President
Mrs. Louise Bailey	2nd Vice President
Mrs. Margaret Chambers	President Emeritus
Mrs. Thelma M. Graves	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Martha Bertram	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Ardell Gibson	Assistant Secretary
Mrs. Ruth Mallory	Financial Secretary
Mrs. Rosa K. Horton	Pianist
Mrs. Mary Trotter	Chorister

MEMBERSHIP: Forty-three (43) church Nursing Guilds
Three (3) district associations--Nurses
Conventions, Cent., N. West, N. East

INDIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST STATE
MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONVENTION

DR. F. BENJAMIN DAVIS, INDIANA STATE CONVENTION PRESIDENT

GENERAL THEME - Our Spiritual Heritage-A Challenge To Perseverance
2nd Timothy 1:5-10 1st Corinthians 15:58 Deuteronomy 32:7

Tuesday	August 3, 1982	Morning Session
	Rev. James M. Thomas, President, Presiding	
8:30 am	Registration - Dea. Richard A. Graves, Secretary	
	Rev. J. J. Reynolds, Asst. Secretary	
9:00 am	Call to Order by President, Rev. James M. Thomas	
9:05 am	Devotion Service Central District	
	Dea. Herman Appleton, Leader	
9:20 am	Welcome - Host Church - Dea. Cassie Downey, Mt. Paran Baptist	
9:21 am	Congregation Singing Chorister Rev. Robert Lee, 2nd Baptist, Kokomo, IN	
	Response Dea. J. O. Horton, St. Mark Baptist	
9:40 am	Theme Rev. Thomas Woods, 2nd Baptist, Brazil	
	Altimate Rev. Thomas Streeter, Muncie, IN	
	Clinic - Ministers and Deacons, Instructor	
	Dr. Hoy Thurman, 2nd Baptist, Indpls.	
	Alternate Dr. I. P. Broadbudds, Antioch, Muncie	
10:00 am	Music and Reassemble	
	Congregational Singing Chorister Rev. Robert Lee, 2nd Baptist, Kokomo, IN	
	Annual Sermon - Rev. Cleytus Malone, 2nd Baptist, Terre Haute	
	Alternate - Rev. Clarence N. Tyler, Hishland Missionary, Terre Haute	
11:15 am	Call to Discipleship	
	Finance Committee in Charge	
	Benediction	
	Lunch	
Tuesday	August 3, 1982	Afternoon Session
	Rev. L. O. Lapsley, 1st Vice Presiding	
1:00 pm	Reassemble and Devotions, Southwest District - Dea. Herman Appleton, Leader	
	Theme - Dea. H. T. Reed College Ave. Baptist, Indpls.	
	Alternate - Dea. J. D. Dunbar 2nd Baptist, Brazil	
	Clinic - Same as morning session, Instructor - Dr. Hoy Thurman	
	Congregational Singing Chorister - Rev. Robert Lee, 2nd Baptist	
	Finance Committee in Charge	
	Memorial Service - Rev. Leveret Braxton and Dea. J. O. Horton	
	Announcements and Benediction	
Tuesday	August 3, 1982	Evening Session
	Dea. Herman Appleton, 2nd Vice, Presiding	
	Devotions - Deacon Herman Appleton, Leader	
	Echoes from Clinic - Selected by the Instructor	
	Selection Chorister, Rev. Robert Lee	
	Introduction of President - Rev. L. O. Lapsley, 1st Vice	
	President's Address - Rev. James M. Thomas	
	Love Offering	
	Finance Committee in Charge	
	Recognition of Visitors and Announcements	
	Benediction	

Tuesday

August 4, 1982

Morning Session

President James M. Thomas, Presiding

9:00 am Devotion Period - Deacon Herman Appleton, Leader
Registration
9:35 am Congregation Singing Rev. Robert Lee
Theme Rev. John Buchanan, West Park View Baptist, Indpls.
Alternate Rev. Charles W. Goliath Sr., True Light Baptist, Indpls.
Congregational Singing Rev. Robert Lee
Sermon Rev. Isaiah Stansberry, Light House Baptist, Indpls.
Alternate Rev. Hardy Jones, Sweet Home Missionary Baptist, South Bend
Call to Discipleship
Finance Committee in Charge
Recognition of Visitors
Announcements
Benediction
Lunch

Wednesday

August 4, 1982

Afternoon Session

Dea. Herman Appleton, 2nd Vice, Presiding

Reassemble and Devotions, All Districts
Discussion of Theme - Deacon Ernest Anderson, 2nd Baptist, Terre Haute
Alternate Deacon Percy Means, New Salem Baptist, Indpls.
Finance Committee in Charge
Election of Officers - State President, Dr. F. Benjamin Davis
Remarks - Dr. F. Benjamin Davis
A Brief Period of Silent Meditation and Prayer
Final Remarks and Benediction
President James M. Thomas

OFFICERS

Rev. James M. Thomas	President
Rev. L. O. Lapsley	1st Vice President
Dea. Herman Appleton	2nd Vice President
Dea. Richard A. Graves	Secretary
Rev. J. J. Reynolds	Asst. Secretary
Rev. Charles W. Goliath Sr.	Treasurer
Sis. Rosa K. Horton	Pianist

EMERITUS

Rev. L. S. Gaston	President
Dea. J. O. Horton	2nd Vice President

37th ANNUAL SESSION
INDIANA BAPTIST MINISTERS WIVES COUNCIL

THEME: OUR SPIRITUAL HERITAGE - A CHALLENGE
TO PERSEVERANCE

Scriptures: 2 Timothy 1:5-10
1 Cor. 15:58; 16:13
Deut. 32:7

Tuesday - August 3, 1982 -----Morning Session

Sister Veona Highbaugh, President - Presiding

9:00 AM - Registration

Sister Annie Hatcher

Sister Evelyn Sims

Worship Period: Sister Samella Smith, Chairman & Committee

President Take Charge

Greetings: Sister Evelyn Sims

Response: Sister Emma Mallory

Music - Director Manuel, Pianist Diggs, Organist Rhodes

Sermon - Rev. J. Curtis Davis, Pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church

Alternate - Rev. Kenneth Ladd, Pastor, St. John Baptist Church, Terre Haute

Solo - Sister Joyce Craddock

President's Hour - Sister Veona Highbaugh

Solo - Sister Willa Tyler

Honorarium - Sister Loraine Ladd

Scholarship Period: Sister Louella Gurnell

Sister J. Barksdale

Sister Ann Wilkins

Offering: Sister Frances Downey

Sister Stella Manuel

Soft Music - Rededication Period

(Leave Quietly for lunch)

Afternoon Session

1:30 P. M.

Sister Margaruite Lapsley, 1st Vice President, Presiding

Worship Period: Sister Samella Smith & Committee

Theme: Sister Rosella Lee, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
Alternate - Sister Ann Wilkins

Presenting A Play
"BEHOLD THE BRIDE WAITETH"
Sister Josephine Braxton - 2nd Vice President
in charge

Election of Officers and Installation
Dr. F. Benjamin Davis, State President

Courtesy Committee

Announcements

Benediction

1981-82
OFFICERS

Rosa Lee Johnson	President Emeritus
Veona Highbaugh	President
Margaruite Lapsley	1st Vice President
Josephine Braxton	2nd Vice President
Doris Jone	Recording Secretary
Evelyn Sims	Ass't Secretary
Sarah Goliah	Financial Secretary
Frances Downey	Treasurer
Marsha Roach	Historian
Letha Manuel	Director
Carrie Diggs	Pianist
Ruby Rhodes	Organist
Ethel Barnett	Co-Ordinator

Indiana State Baptist Wives Council



The State Ministers' Wives Council was organized on August 10, 1945 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Connersville, Indiana. Host Minister--Pastor R. C. Brown.

FIRST PRESIDENT - Sis. L. S. Gaston who served from 1945 to 1953. Due to declining health, she gave up the leadership and was awarded honor as President Emeritus. First convocation was on May 18, 1948, this was Sis. Gaston's idea of bringing the women into a closer fellowship with God and themselves.

SECOND PRESIDENT - Sis. H. A. King who served from 1953 to 1958.

THIRD PRESIDENT - Sis. H. T. Toliver who served from 1958 to 1959. Under her leadership she closed out with a banquet on July 28, 1959.

FOURTH PRESIDENT - Sis. E. T. Johnson who served from 1959 to 1962. Under her leadership it was the 14th Anniversary of the Council. The meeting was held on December 3, 1959 at the First Baptist Church (North Indpls). Host Minister--Pastor F. F. Young. The Fifteenth Anniversary was held at the Good Samaritan Baptist Church. Host Minister--Pastor J. T. Highbaugh. Also under her leadership the following donations were given: Baptist Headquarters - \$25.00; State Mission Board - \$10.00; Foreign Mission - \$5.00.

FIFTH PRESIDENT - Sis. Stella Manuel served from 1962 to 1965. In 1964 a scholarship was given for the seminary.

SIXTH PRESIDENT - Sis. Florida Evans who served from 1965 to 1968. During her leadership the Evangelist Committee was revived.

SEVENTH PRESIDENT - Sis. R. H. Noel who served from 1968 to 1971. Under her leadership the Education Committee and Music Committee was formulated.

EIGHTH PRESIDENT - Sis. E. T. Johnson was elected again and served from 1971 to 1977. Under her leadership the second time the tenure was resolved and she served two terms and was elected President Emeritus August 1977.

NINTH PRESIDENT - Sis. Veona Highbaugh was elected in August 1977 and is currently serving. Many accomplishments have been ours since the infancy of this council. We have our Home Bound Ministry which Sis. Evelyn Sims is Chairman. We also have our Evangelistic Committee which Sis. Samelle Smith is Chairman. Our first revival was in the Fall. Our scholarship fund was revived by raising money to enroll students at the seminary. Chairman Sis. Joann Stevenson Rutland and Sis. Gurnell. Presently, Sis. Gurnell is still serving.

In August 1979, during our annual session, Sis. Doris Jones and her committee had a tea in the dining room at First Baptist Church (North Indpls). At that time, Sis. Ethel Barnette was chosen "Woman of the Year", and Sis. Josephine Braxton was runner-up. In December the council had their first Christmas Dinner Party at the First Christian Missionary Baptist Church. Host Minister--Pastor Damon Roach. Sis. Marguerite Lapsley, Chairman.

In the summer of 1980, Sis. Marsha Roach was awarded "Woman of the Year" for the Scholarship Fund Drive and Sis. Josephine Braxton again was runner-up. The recipients of the scholarship were as follows: Rev. Leonard Manuel, Jr., Rev. James Flake, Sis. Letha Manuel. In addition, the following students were expected to enroll in the Baptist Theological Seminary: (From Scholarship Fund) Sis. Ethel Barnette, Sis. Josephine Braxton, Rev. Ken Craddock, Rev. Owen, Rev. Lowe, Rev. William Gude.

We have been blessed to feed-a-family once a month. Chairman Sis. Marsha Roach. In 1981 Sis. Letha Manuel became Chairman of the Evangelistic Committee.

Our President, Sis. Veona Highbaugh, says "God has no big I's and no little you's."

We have come this far by faith and we know why it is important to apply faith in our lives. Paul wrote in Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and He is the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

Gen. President - Dr. F. Benjamin Davis
President - Sis. Veona Highbaugh
Historian - Sis. Marsha Roach

47th Annual Session

Indiana Missionary Baptist State Junior
Missionary and Y. W. A. Convention

Theme: Our Spiritual Heritage, A Challenge to Perseverance
2 Timothy 1:5-10; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Deuteronomy 32:7

Tuesday

August 3, 1982

Morning Session

President, Aleasia Stewart, Presiding

- 8:30 a. m. Registration
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| 1. Church Enrollment | \$17.50 |
| 2. District Enrollment | 25.00 |
| 3. Y. W. A. Enrollment | 5.00 |
| 4. Personal Enrollment | 5.00 |
- 9:00 Devotions - Led by Junior of the Northeastern and Southeastern Districts
Greetings and Official Opening - President Stewart
Response - Host Church
- 9:30 Bible Lesson and Discussion - Mrs. Lillie Byrd, New Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN
- 10:15 Inspirational Singing - Led by the Music Committee
Mrs. Kerry Barrett, Antioch Baptist Church, Muncie, IN
and Mrs. Marilyn Fleming, Emanuel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN
- 10:30 Introduction of the Speaker - Rev. Robert Lee, Second Baptist Church, Kokomo, IN
Sermon - Rev. Gary Sellars, Assoc. Minister, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN
Alternate - Rev. Ernest Randle, Mt. Olive Baptist Church Richmond, IN
- 11:30 Song
Offering
Appointment of Committees
Announcements
Adjournment

Tuesday

August 3, 1982

Tuesday Afternoon

Second Vice-President, Bettye Johnson, Presiding

- 1:30 PM Devotions - Led by Junior Women of Central and Southwestern
Distrists
Special Musical Selections - Rev. Charles Miller, Asst. Pastor, Mt.
Olive Baptist Church, Richmond, IN
- 2:00 Presentations
President's Hour - President, Aleasia Stewart, Mt. Olive, Richmond,
IN Mrs. Clementine Lee, Second Baptist Church, Kokomo,
IN in charge.
- 2:45 Honorarium
Inspirational Singing - Music Committee
Introduction of the Speaker - Rev. Laverne Thomas, Assoc.
Minister, Antioch Baptist Church, Muncie, IN
Sermon - Rev. Paul Barrett, Assoc. Minister, Antioch Baptist
Church, Muncie, IN
Alternate - Rev. L. D. Clay, Assoc. Minister, Anderson Zion
Baptist Church, Anderson, IN
- 3:45 Offering
Announcements
Adjournment

Wednesday

August 4, 1982

Morning Session

First Vice-President, Clementine Lee, Presiding

8:30 a. m. Registration

1. Church Enrollment
2. District Enrollment
3. Y. W. A.
4. Personal Enrollment

9:00 Devotions - Participation by all Junior Women

Committee Reports

1. Time and Place
2. History
3. Music Committee
4. Scholarship
5. President's Message
6. Banquet Committee

9:30 Discussion His Stubborn Love, by Joyce Landorf

Led by Past State President, Joan Randle
Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Richmond, IN

10:30 Inspirational Singing - Music Committ

10:45 Introduction of the Speaker - Rev. Larue Griffin,
Greater Second Baptist Church, Richmond, IN

Sermon - Rev. Frank Alexander, College Avenue Baptist
Church, Indianapolis, IN

11:30 Report from the Nominating Committee

Election and Installation of Officers - Rev. Larue Griffin

Offering

Announcements

Final Closing Remarks

Adjournment

Officers for Junior Women, 1981-82

President	Aleasia Stewart	Mt. Olive, Richmond, IN
1st Vice-President	Clementine Lee	Second BC, Kokomo, IN
2nd Vice-President	Bettye Johnson	Greater Morning Star, Indianapolis, IN
Recording Secretary	Ora Simonds	Anderson Zion, Anderson, IN
Asst. Rec. Secretary	Harriet Thomas	Antioch, Muncie, IN
Corresponding Secretary	Josie Felix	Mt. Olive, Richmond, IN
Chorister	Kerry Barrett	Antioch, Muncie, IN
Pianist	Marilyn Fleming	Ermanuel BC, Indianapolis, IN
State Missionary	Joyce Akers	Mt. Paran BC, Indianapolis, IN
Field Worker	Kathy Hubbard	St. Paul-Bethel BC, South Bend, IN

85th ANNUAL SESSION
INDIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST STATE
WOMEN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY
AUXILIARY CONVENTION

AUGUST 4, 5, 6, 1982

THEME: "Our Spiritual Heritage A Challenge To Perseverance Continuing In Grace"

2 Timothy 1:5-10; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Deuteronomy 32:7

WEDNESDAY

AUGUST 4, 1982

AFTERNOON SESSION

MRS. ANNABELLE THOMAS, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

- 1:00 p.m. Registration for All: Societies - \$30.00, Messengers,
Personal Enrollment, Visitors
- 1:30 p.m. Worship Period: Deacon-Trustee Wives, Deaconesses,
Concerned Parents, State Musicians
- 1:45 p.m. Themonizer: Sister E. D. Butler, Southeastern District
- 2:00 p.m. Official Opening: President Annabelle Thomas
Adoption of Program
Directives
Committee Appointments
- 2:20 p.m. Welcome from Host Church Pastor and Missionary President,
Pastor Sims and Sister Mary Drake
- 2:25 p.m. Responses by District Presidents
Sister F. Edward Head, Northeastern District
Sister Elenor Wooley, Central District
Sister Lorraine Ladd, Southwestern District
Sister Henrietta K. Hunter, Southeastern District
Sister Annabelle Thomas, Northwestern District
- 2:40 p.m. Special Music: Sister Mabel Washington, Music Director
Annual Sermon: Dr. I. P. Broadus, Pastor Antioch Missionary
Baptist Church, Muncie; 2nd Vice President, Indiana
Missionary Baptist State Convention
Alternate: Dr. J. D. Williams, Pastor Greater Second Baptist
Church, Marion, 1st Vice President, Indiana Missionary Baptist
State Convention
Invitation to Christian Discipleship with Music
Offering
Committee Reports (Submit Typewritten Reports):
State Starlight Band Convention and Central District Women's
Convention, Sister Elenor Wooley
Southeastern District, Sister Henrietta K. Hunter
Southwestern District, Sister Lorraine Ladd
Northwestern District, Sister F. Edward Head

Northwestern District, Sister Annabelle Thomas
Historical Report, Sister Mary Drake
Girls' Work, Sister Willa Smith
3000 Women In White, Sister Martha Gertrude Means
Ecumenical Challenge, Sister Louise Braxton
Field Worker, Sister Veatrice Miller
Education and Spiritual Life, Sister Elizabeth Ellison
Corresponding Secretary, Sister Frances Boglin Hill
1st Vice President, Sister JoAnn Rutland
2nd Vice President, Sister F. Edward Head

Music

Benediction

7:30 p.m. WELCOME NIGHT - joint meeting with Parent Body and All
Auxiliary Conventions as Guest of Host Church, Mt. Paran

THURSDAY

AUGUST 5, 1982

MORNING SESSION

MRS. ANNABELLE THOMAS, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

7:30 a.m. PRAYER BREAKFAST

B. F. Farrell Fellowship Hall, Mt. Paran
Committee: Sister JoAnn Rutland, Sister Mary Drake,
Sister Katherine Blair, Sister Lorraine Pittman,
Sister Louise Braxton

9:30 a.m. Registration for All: Societies \$30.00, Messengers,
Personal Enrollment, Visitors

Music Committee

Themonizer: Sister Lorraine Ladd

Typewritten Committee Reports:

New Societies, Sister Betty Taylor

Nominating Committee Report: Rev. Robert A. Lee, 2nd Baptist

Kokomo, Presiding

Election of Officers

Offering: Soft Instrumental Music

Reading of Wednesday Afternoon and Thursday Morning Minutes

by Secretaries, Sister Katherine Mosley and Sister

Pauline Young

Adjourn Quietly

Dinner Period

THURSDAY

AUGUST 5, 1982

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 p.m. Line-up in Mt. Paran Annex--(Wear Long White Dresses)

MARCH to Mt. Paran Sanctuary (Remain Standing)

Music Committee

1:45 p.m. JOINT SESSION with Parent Body

MRS. JoANN RUTLAND, 1st VICE PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

Special Music, Music Committee
Guest Soloist, Mrs. Bertha Norman, South Bend, Indiana
Special Tribute to President Thomas
Introduction of President Thomas by Sister JoAnn Rutland

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Sister Annabelle Thomas

SPECIAL 17th ANNIVERSARY HONORARIUM, Sister Esther Stone

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING, Sister Louise Dennis

Remarks: DR. F. BENJAMIN DAVIS, President Indiana Missionary
Baptist State Convention

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RECESSIONAL to MT. PARAN ANNEX

RESUME AFTERNOON SESSION for WOMEN

Committee Reports: (Typewritten Reports)
Breakfast Committee, Sister JoAnn Rutland
President's Message Committee
Concerned Parents, Sister Virtea Downey
Music Committee, Sister Mable Floyd Washington
Presidents' Council, Sister Nora O'Bannon
Business and Professional Council, Sister Amelia Walfolk
Reading of Afternoon Minutes by Secretaries
Dismissal

7:30 p.m. JOINT MEETING with PARENT BODY
Dr. F. Benjamin Davis speaks

FRIDAY

AUGUST 6, 1982

MORNING SESSION

MRS. F. EDWARD HEAD, 2nd VICE PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

8:00 a.m. Breakfast and Final Committee Meetings
Final Registration of Societies \$30.00, Messengers, Personal
Enrollment, Visitors

9:10 a.m. Devotions led by Music Committee
Sister Mabel Washington, Director

ECHOES HAITIEN MISSION FIELD

Final Reports: (Typewritten Reports) Boards, Committees, Councils, Officers
Tracts, Sister Rosetta Rogers
Deacons-Trustees Wives, Deaconesses, Sister Veatrice Miller
Arts and Crafts, Sister Carolyn Evans
Crop, Sister Elizabeth Bridgewater and Sister Bridie Schaffer
Courtesy and Personal Enrollment, Sister Onis Walker
National Causes, Sister Lillie B. Thomas
Finance and Budget (Submit Copy to Secretary)
Reading of Friday Minutes by Secretary

WORDS TO LIVE BY: PRESIDENT ANNABELLE THOMAS

CLOSING: FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE PRAYER
(ONE BIG CIRCLE with HANDS JOINED)

Instrumental Music

OFFICERS

Mrs. Annabelle Thomas	President
Mrs. Bernice Swiney	1st Vice President Emeritus
Mrs. JoAnn Rutland	1st Vice President
Mrs. F. Edward Head	2nd Vice President
Mrs. Katherine Mosley	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Pauline Young	Asst. Recording Secretary
Mrs. Frances Boglin Hill	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Lucy Hiatt	Financial Secretary
Mrs. Helen Manning	Treasurer
Mrs. Mabel Floyd Washington	Director
Mrs. Virtea Downey	Pianist
Mrs. Jennie Shoffner	Organist
Mrs. Eleanor Wooley	State Starlight Band Counselor
Mrs. Annie Ruth Nance	Asst. State Starlight Band Counselor
Mrs. Laura McDonald	Asst. State Starlight Band Counselor

CONGRATULATIONS!
To Our INDIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION
From
INDIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST STATE WOMEN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY AUXILIARY CONVENTION



Mrs. Annabelle Thomas, President
since 1965

In Memory of
First President

Mrs. Moses Broyles
1897-1913



Mrs. E. J. K. Hines, 1913-1952
Second President



Mrs. Anna Washington, 1952-1965
Third President

CURRENT OFFICERS INCLUDE:

- Mrs. Annabelle Thomas, President
- Mrs. Bernice Swiney, 1st Vice President Emeritus
- Mrs. JoAnn Rutland, 1st Vice President
- Mrs. Anna Head, 2nd Vice President
- Mrs. Katherine Mosley, Recording Secretary
- Mrs. Pauline Young, Assistant Recording Secretary
- Mrs. Frances Boglin Hill, Corresponding Secretary
- Mrs. Helen Manning, Treasurer
- Mrs. Lucy Hiatt, Financial Secretary
- Mrs. Mabel Washington, Music Director
- Mrs. Virtea Downey, Pianist
- Mrs. Jennie Shoffnew, Organist
- Mrs. Elenor Wooley, State Starlight Band Counselor
- Mrs. Annie Ruth Nance, Assistant Starlight Band Counselor
- Mrs. Willa Smith, Girls' Auxiliary Leader
- Dr. F. Benjamin Davis, President Indiana Missionary Baptist State Convention

In 1896 came the proposal! In 1897 the first session of the State Women's Home and Foreign Missionary (WH&FM) Baptist Convention was held. The first president, Mrs. Moses Broyles, served 16 years. In 1913 Mrs. E.J.K. Hines was elected president and served until her death in 1952. In 1952 Mrs. Annabelle Thomas was elected president and currently serves. Sister Washington was made President Emeritus until 1970. Our United States President Lyndon B. Johnson sent a congratulatory letter to the newly elected President Thomas complimenting her new office and praising her for her contributions to the Christian world. The Women's HOME AND FOREIGN Missionary Auxiliary Convention celebrated its DIAMOND JUBILEE in 1972 at 2nd Baptist Church, Kokomo.

The WH & FM Auxiliary Convention is happy to be a part of this 125th Celebration of the parent body for in cooperation with our State President, Dr. F. Benjamin Davis, his parent body officials' leadership, guidance, and council, we have grown steadily.

The year 1914 marked the purchase date of a house for an aged ministers' and laymen's home. A second house (2400 Bond Street) was purchased and later in 1927 the

WH & FM Auxiliary Convention purchased a 15-room house at 1831 North Capitol, Indianapolis for the housing of aged ministers and laymen. This property became known as the Baptist Headquarters. This building housed the Central Baptist Theological Seminary for many years.

The WH & FM Auxiliary Convention has educated two Haitian students in the United States with the approval and help of the Indiana Missionary Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Kentucky. Those students are now spreading the gospel and education throughout their country. President Thomas and Vice President Bernice Swiney visited Haiti in 1971 for an "eye biew" of needs. In November 1981 many Christian workers joined the Indiana Missionary Baptist State Convention in an extended tour of Haiti. There we saw for ourselves the value and the need for the WH & FM Auxiliary Convention to continue full speed ahead in our Mission Outreaches!

We are grateful to God for the workers who laid a good foundation, and for those who keep building the WH & FM Auxiliary Convention spiritually, numerically, and financially.

AUXILIARY CONVENTIONS OF CENTRAL DISTRICT

Rev. Benjamin F. Sims, Moderator

CENTRAL DISTRICT MISSIONARY BAPTIST MUSIC (MASS CHOIR) was organized under the Moderatorship of Dr. J. T. Highbaugh in 1966 in the home of Sister Yirtea Downey, Chairman. The first official Committee with its chairman included Willa Johnson, Deloris Seats, Jenny Shamer, Ruth Winters Shephard, Stella Martin, Wilma Coe, Priscilla Garrison, Mildred Hurt Davis, Jack Sneed. Anderson Dailey directed anthems; Willa Johnson, gospel music; and David Hardiman, directed the bands.

The first elected officers were: Anderson T. Dailey, President; Raymond Floyd, Vice President; Priscilla Garrison, Corresponding Secretary; Stella Martin, Recording Secretary; Rev. William L. Squires, Treasurer.

The current officers are: Jesse Taylor, President; Priscilla Garrison, First Vice President and Pianist; Rev. Arthur T. Rascoe, Second Vice President and a whole staff of workers.

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Rev. N. A. Seymour was Moderator when the **BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION** was granted the right to a City-Wide Convention in 1923. Mr. Robert Donaldson was the first president. Mr. Lucille Miles and Mrs. Dorothy A. Johnson served in the Presidency. Under Dorothy Johnson a Drama Club was organized in 1938. The name of the organization was changed to "THE BAPTIST TRAINING UNION".

The Junior and Intermediates Union Conventions were established with Sister Willa Thomas as the Adult Leader. Night Training Union was established in 1970. Sisters Willa Smith, Delight Couch and Rev. Fred League were presidents. The president now is Sister Jessica Bridgeforth. In 1979 Rev. Willard Nance, First Vice and Deacon Eugene Rascoe, Second Vice President.

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In May 1958 the Separate Auxiliary Conventions became one, namely the Central District Missionary Baptist Junior-Intermediate Training Union Congress. In 1964 the name became Convention. Great and lasting contributions into the lives of many were made by Sister Willa Thomas, Sister Lucy Thompson, Sister Betty Gay, Sister Clara Sayles, Sister Louise Blackmon, Rev. Fred League, Moderator Highbaugh, Sisters Edna Senour, Henrietta Brown and Yvonne Upchurch.

CENTRAL DISTRICT MISSIONARY BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD AUXILIARY CONVENTION was organized in 1951 under Dr. C. J. Dailey who, seeing the need, worked toward uniting all Christian men in our Baptist churches as Mission Workers for Christ. Deacon Robert R. Carpenter was first president (1951-1969). Deacon Hillard T. Reed has been president since 1969.

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CENTRAL DISTRICT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH NURSES CONVENTION president is Lillie B. Thomas, Esther Springfield and Lorraine Nettle are first and second vice presidents.

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CENTRAL DISTRICT MISSIONARY BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION spans from 1925 with many serving as presidents, including Paul Miller, Dr. F. Benjamin Davis, Brother Bennie Boyd, Sister Anna Bybee Sarver (1935-50), Rev. James Glover, Mrs. Yeanie D. Dawson (1951-1980)--Emeritus and serves as Association Chairman of Education Board. The current officers are: Cecil Smith, President; Burnice Head, First Vice President; Virble Davis, Second Vice President.

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STARLIGHT BAND CONVENTION was organized in 1932 by Sister Alberta Young, President of the Women's Missionary Convention. An Adult Leader, Sister Pearl Jeters, was followed by Sister Rosetta Rogers, who served from 1965-1981. The new Adult Leader is Sister Mary Drake. Herein many things have been wrought through prayer, some 313 boys and girls have accepted Christ through the Starlight Band Conventions. Shanna Upchurch is President and Crystal Young is Vice President, currently.

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CENTRAL DISTRICT MISSIONARY BAPTIST WOMEN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION greets the STATE on her 125th Anniversary! Sister Elenor Woolley, President; Sister Helen Manning, First Vice President; Sister Nora O'Bannon, Second Vice President.

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GREETINGS from the **CENTRAL DISTRICT MISSIONARY BAPTIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP** ! President is Marvin Rascoe, First Vice is Roy Williams, Mitch Twyman is Second Vice President.

JUNIOR MISSION and YOUNG WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION was organized in 1935 and in 1936 their first all-day session was held. Sister Willa Smith was the first president elected. Thelma Greer, Lucy Lewis, Sarah Davis, Yvonne Joann Rutland, Catherine Blair, Nora O'Bannon, Virginia Shivers, Clementine B. Lee have served as presidents. The new president, elected 1982, is Sister Jellena L. Sellars, Sisters Nina D. Rose and Deborah Means are first and second vice presidents.

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CENTRAL DISTRICT MISSIONARY BAPTIST USHERS CONVENTION was organized in May 1968. First officers were: Lucile F. Dobbins, President; Deacon Arnold Gee, First Vice; Sister Nellie Northington, Second Vice; Sister Mary Robinson, Secretary; Sister Martha Quinsenberry,

Assistant Secretary; Deacon Preston Brown, Treasurer. Rev. John R. Stevenson, Pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church and Past Moderator of the Association, was the speaker for the **USHERS'** first Annual Banquet in February 1982. He has long been a supporter of the Ushers and served as the first Bible Instructor in their Ushers' Council Meetings. The present officers include President Lucile F. Dobbins, First Vice President, Sister Martha G. Means; Second Vice President, Sister Mary West and other faithful workers.

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The **CENTRAL DISTRICT MISSIONARY BAPTIST JUNIOR USHERS CONVENTION** was organized in May 1969 under the late Dr. J. T. Highbaugh, Moderator. Mrs. Mary Lue Walker is their Adult Leader with Elena McQueen, president; Denise Castille, first vice and Vetta Smith, second vice president.

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"CLING to GOD; COUNT on GOD, and MOVE FORWARD !"

Beulah Baptist Church



Rev. R. F. Gregory

In 1934 the old Mt. Pleasant and the old Beulah Baptist Churches were consolidated under Rev. McBride in order to maintain the pews and piano. It was called the Beulah Baptist Church and was under the pastorate of Rev. S. Reed. Rev. Fuller was then called as pastor and stayed about six months. Then Rev. McBride was called to pastor the church, and this was the beginning of the New Beulah Baptist Church.

There were only three of the old members and about 16 members of New Beulah at that time. They were Deacon Bigsby and wife, Deacon Sullivan and wife and family, Brother Johnson, Sister Wordworth, Sister Riggins, Sister Bailey, Sister Harding, May Franklin, and Lela Bracken.

In 1935 Rev. McBride resigned and Rev. R. F. Gregory was called to pastor the church. One month later the church was evicted and moved to 914 Edgemont in a little storefront. The first revival was held shortly after the move and six additions came into the church. New members continued to unite and soon the membership outgrew the edifice. The church saved their money and bought a six-room frame house at 910 Edgemont. All the members worked hard and made a church out of it. The church was then reorganized and was named the Greater Beulah Baptist Church. A singing unit and an Usher Board was organized in 1946. Then plans were made to

build a church. We bought three lots and started the structure. It was during this time frame that the name of the church was changed back to Beulah Baptist Church. On November 17, 1963 our dreams were realized and the church moved to its present location at 802 Edgemont.

Our membership has continued to grow through the years. Our active auxiliaries are: Male Chorus, Young People's Choir, Inspirational Choir, Senior Usher Board, Pastor's Aid, Sunshine Choir, Youth Council and Nurses Aide. Our Sunday School is striving hard to train and teach God's Word. We also have a weekly Bible Class.

Under the leadership of Pastor Gregory we have made great strides. Truly, we are living witnesses that we have, indeed, come this far by faith, trusting in the Lord all the way. Under Pastor Gregory's leadership we have grown from only 16 members to over 500. We have come from the little store front to this present edifice. For these many blessings we thank God.

Rev. Walter Legg, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bridgeport; Rev. Paul Glaspie, pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Ft. Wayne; Rev. James Harris, Associate Minister of New Covenant Baptist Church of this city; and Rev. Vanderbilt Ross, our Assistant Pastor, were all ordained under Pastor Gregory. We are proud of these ministers and their faithfulness in the work of our Master.

College Avenue Baptist Church

REV. FRANK ALEXANDER, SENIOR PASTOR
REV. CORNELIUS S. MUNCIE, MIN. of EVANGELISM and OUTREACH



PASTORS

Rev. Albert
Batts
1938-1955

Rev. O. W.
Armistead
1955-1975

Rev. Frank
Alexander
1975-Present

MINISTERS

D. Beamon
W. Burrus
M. Covington
N. C. Foster
C. Golish
F. Grundy
J. Kendrick
I. Martin
J. McKinstry
F. H. Moore
C. S. Muncie

On May 24, 1938 a group of men and women met together in a building at 16th and Alford Streets for the purpose of worshipping God. They formed a mission. On June 28, 1938 the mission, consisting of about 35 persons, was organized into a Baptist Church. The pastors who assisted in organizing the church were Rev. A. Bernard, St. Mark Baptist Church; Rev. Poole, Garfield Baptist Church; and Rev. Smiley, Bethany Baptist Church. Rev. Oglesby served as moderator and Sister Florence Milligan as clerk.

The church was named the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church and Rev. Albert Batts was called as pastor. Under his leadership the church grew financially, spiritually and numerically.

The first Deacons and Trustees were Leslie Wilson, Bud Howard, William Payne, Robert Hall, William Milligan and William Dean.

The church split on July 8, 1955 leaving 62 members and on October 19, 1955 Rev. O. W. Armistead

was unanimously called as pastor. Under his leadership the congregation grew rapidly to a membership of over 500 persons. Also under his leadership on January 11, 1959 the church relocated to 1501 N. College Avenue.

In November 1975 Rev. Frank Alexander, An energetic young man of perceptive vision, came to College Avenue Baptist Church as Interim Minister.

On October 7, 1977 he was unanimously called as pastor. Under Pastor Alexander's leadership the church has continued to grow spiritually, numerically, and financially. At this writing College Avenue is in the 1st stages of a building program. Our pastor's motto: "If you can conceive it and believe it, God, through you, can achieve it. Let Him!" motivates us to try the impossible for God and man.

Four of the ministers, Revs. Burrus, Foster, Golish and Moore, are pastoring. One, Rev. Beamon, will be commissioned as a Military Chaplin in 1982.

Christ Missionary Baptist Church

Since 1919 We've Been Extending the Gospel

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Church Representative - Delores Poindexter

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I. Sixty-three years ago we were born at a Wedding over a blacksmith shop.

II. Seven spirit-filled men have led this congregation of Baptists.

Rev. H. T. Borders 1919-1922

Rev. J. B. Carter 1922-1931

Rev. G. M. Mimms 1931-1932

Lest We Forget Rev. E. J. Conley 1933-1933

Rev. F. F. Jefferson 1934-1939

Rev. W. M. Edwards 1939-1964

III. Since 1964 one of the Sons of the Church, baptized by his Father in Ministry - Dr. Melvin B. Girton, Sr.

IV. A growing church
Christ Missionary Housing - 250 Apartments
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17th Street Baptist Church

Pastored Us 24 Years

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From Here

Rev. W. M. Edwards
1939-1964

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1001 Eugene Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208

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East Side Baptist Church

2845 N. Baltimore

Indianapolis, Indiana



Rev. B. F. Brown, Sr.
Pastor



Rev. A. L. Williams
Founder and Pastor Emeritus

The Eastside Community Chorus, an independent neighborhood singing group, made up of members of various churches--some unattached to any church--whose purpose was spreading a little cheer to the sick and giving benevolent assistance to the needy, decided they should to a step farther and establish a church.

They had contracted for the little frame church building at 2857 Baltimore Avenue from the Free Christian Church for a place to give programs and rehearse. Early in the year of 1948 it was pressed on the hearts and minds of these people to call a pastor. The call was extended in April of the same year and through the able assistance of the Holy Spirit, Reverend Andrew L. Williams, a member of the Eastern Star Baptist Church, was sent to shepherd them.

On the second Sunday of June 1958 Reverend Williams began his pastorate in a little one room frame building with no facilities and a waiting congregation of eight members. They were Phillip Harlan, Mattie Span Dixor, Sadie Alexander, George Alexander, Luraine Bailey, Elizabeth Davis and A. Alonzo Davis.

On April 3, 1949 a council of ministers, led by Reverend P. C. Owens, former pastor of Eastern Star Baptist Church, came and properly set up the church. The name "Eastside Baptist Church" was voted on by the membership so as not to loose the identity of the chorus that was instrumental in its beginning.

The first Sunday School superintendent was Phillip Harlan with Pearl Stanford Donald the one and only teacher.

The first board of officers was Phillip Harlan, Chairman; George Alexander and Lewis Span.

In June 1949 the first minister to announce his call was Otis Gibson.

On October 20, 1950 the church received its first candidate for baptism in the person of Princesa Johnson Shields.

In 1951 the church remodeled the little from building, adding a chair room and pastor's study. The three lots south of the building were purchased.

In 1952 it was realized the church had outgrown its building and plans for a new building were begun. On November 10, 1954 the first shovel of dirt was turned and the building began. The first Sunday in September 1956 the membership marched into a beautiful new sanctuary. They dedicated it to God in rejoicing that not one fish was sold to build it, but it was built from the tithes and offerings of the believers.

Humbly submitted,

Eastside Baptist Church
2845 N. Baltimore
P. O. Box 18233 46218

Emmanuel Baptist Church



Rev. F. R. Hatcher
1940-1980

Peoples Baptist Church was organized in 1916, located in a building at the corner of Yandes and Roosevelt Streets. The late Rev. William Moore was the pastor. This church was disbanded.

In 1919 this same group of people was reorganized under the name of EMMANUEL in the home of the late Rev. and Sis. Carter at 1313 Massachusetts Avenue. The late Rev. W. M. Martin was the pastor. The membership grew rapidly and soon the Carters' home was too small. The congregation then rented a building at 1300 Roosevelt Avenue. In 1921, the Health Memorial Baptist Church sold Emmanuel's members the church located at 1426 North Arsenal Avenue. In 1922 the members of Emmanuel moved into this building, marching from the Roosevelt site where we remained for the next 49 years. The charter members were:

Rev. W. M. Martin
Sis. Jenny Martin
Sis. Nettie Carter
Bro. Daniel Whitely

Sis. Lula Peoples
Sis. Mary Jane Taylor
Sis. Lillian Whitely
Sis. Lula Lindsay

Rev. J. C. Davis
1980-Present



PAST PASTORS OF EMMANUEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. M. Martin (1919-1930)
Rev. A. Batts (1930-1938)
Rev. A. Strong (1938-1939) (Acting Pastor)
Rev. S. S. Thomas (1939-1940)
Rev. F. R. Hatcher (1940-1980)
Rev. F. Washington (1972-1980) (Ass't. Pastor)

In 1968 the church members were notified by the Indiana State Highway Department that due to the proposed highway project, it would be necessary for the church to relocate. After months of searching, we purchased land at the site of East 30th Street, west of Emerson Avenue. On April 5, 1970 we moved to our present location, 4958 East 30th Street,

under the leadership of our beloved late pastor, Rev. Hatcher. In July 1980 Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church elected a new pastor, Rev. James C. Davis.

Under Rev. Davis' tenure, we have accomplished great things. We acquired the land immediately east of the church. On this land is a house, which is in the process of being redecorated for educational purposes. We have also purchased a church bus for transporting the elderly members as well as those members who do not have any other means of transportation. Rev. Davis has also re-established our Brotherhood/Male Chorus, and he has developed the Missionary organizations of the church. But above all, he has shown that he is a born-again Christian, ready and willing to carry out the Lord's work in a diligent and conscientious manner.



OLD AND NEW BUILDINGS



First Baptist Church, Bridgeport



Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Legg

In the year 1864, a group of faithful workers for the Lord, under the pastorate of Rev. Mose Broyles of the 2nd Baptist of Indianapolis, felt the need to organize a Church. It was originally known as White Lick Colored Baptist Church. We united with the 2nd Baptist, but this being inconvenient we held services in the No. 1 school house in Hendricks County.

Being few in number, a few members from Plainsfield united with us in 1866. When they left us, we had 44 faithful members. The church moved to Bridgeport in 1869 to the frame school house north of National Road. In 1891, our present site was purchased from Madison Wilburn.

Ministers who have labored in the vineyard are (perhaps not in this order): Rev. Wills, Rev. Gore, Rev. Gill, Rev.

Weaver, Rev. Edwards, Rev. Perry, Rev. Gaston and Rev. Blakely.

The Church was closed in 1937 after Rev. Blakely resigned, until a few concerned members called Rev. Wilson in 1940. He labored in the vineyard for 20 years. He was followed by Rev. Brooks and Rev. Stevenson was called in August 1966. His membership from the Hoffman Road Mission joined us doubling our membership. He was followed by Rev. Kelly, Rev. Redman, and our present pastor Rev. W. B. Legg.

Rev. Legg was called on December 24, 1980. Under his leadership the church has been re-established, completely remodeled inside and out, and our Male Chorus was established. Thank God with his leadership, we are still making progress.

First Baptist Church, Irvington

The First Baptist Church of Irvington was organized in the morning of July 3, 1887 with the Rev. John Williams, organizer in the Public School Building on the corner of University and Audubon Road. Seven ministers from the following churches sat in council with Rev. John Williams. They were from Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Second Baptist, Antioch and New Bethel Baptist.

The seven charter members of the church were as follows:

Mr. George Brock
Mrs. Jennie Brock
Mr. Gabriel Boyd
Mrs. Mollie Gullion
Mr. Sipp Highbaugh
Mrs. Lizzie Kizer
Mrs. Ellen Rogers

After the church was organized, Rev. John Williams was called by the church as their pastor.

The Sunday school was organized in the afternoon of July 3, 1887 by Rev. John Williams. The attendance of the Sunday School was about 20 members and the first superintendent was Mr. Sipp Highbaugh. Three months later, after the church was organized, the members decided to buy a lot to build a church.

The church sent three trustees, Mr. George Armstrong, Gabriel Boyd, and George Brock, out on a mission to select a lot for the church. The members decided to buy the lot on University Avenue for the sum of \$250.00. After about five months of hard work and struggle the lot was paid for in the year 1888. Mr. Robert Long, owner of the lot, gave the church \$100.00 for paying for the lot in less time than six months.

The church was built and paid for in the month of May 1891. The church furnishings was a gift from the White Methodist Church of Irvington. Immediately after the Dedication of the Church, Rev. John Williams resigned because of ill health.

Rev. Levi Dicks was called as the next pastor of the church and the church grew in membership very fast.

The Missionary Society was organized from the "Women Christian Temperance Union in the year of 1891. The church continued to grow in membership and some of the ministers who were called as pastor were as follows:

Rev. Levi Dicks AD 1891
Rev. Epriham Tyler AD 1894
Rev. Charles Williams AD 1898

Rev. Jake Rayner AD 1898
Rev. Henry Paiker AD 1904
Rev. J. D. Johnson AD 1909

In the year of 1910, while Rev. Andrew Noel was pastor, the church bought the lots on Good Avenue and moved to the present site. The members began to work and struggle again to erect another building for worship.

Rev. F. L. Williams was called as pastor in the year 1919 and gave his services for 14 years. He organized two clubs and the building fund. For a long time a special table was observed to collect pennies, nickles, dimes and sometimes dollars for the Building Fund.

Continued pastors of the church were as follows:

Rev. J. T. Martin AD 1926
Rev. Robert McKnight AD 1929
Rev. A. D. Devasher AD 1931

After much hard work and struggle God saw fit to send the church a young man by the name of Rev. Robert H. Noel. He was converted under the late Rev. F. L. Williams and was licensed and ordained from the First Baptist Church of Irvington in the year of 1919. Rev. R. H. Noel was called as pastor in January 1934.

In 1936 the church burned and with some very hard work the membership with the pastor was able with the help of God to remodel the church in two months. Rev. Noel worked diligently until his health failed. He passed as pastor emeritus in September 1973. After which time, Rev. Jonathan Brooks was called as pastor and worked hard for two years until he passed on September 7, 1975.

Our pastor now is the Rev. D. Adaway, whom was called in January 1976. Under his leadership the church has taken in quite a few new members. Also a lot of improvement to the church has been added. We now have on the church roll over 200 members.

Our church was 95 years old on July 3, 1981 and with prayer and the help of God the church will continue to grow and succeed.

Our oldest living member is Sister Minnie Highbaugh, better known as Aunt Minnie to all of us. She was Church Clerk for many, many years and there was nothing too large or small, if asked. You would find her trying to do for her church anything.

Rev. John D. Adaway, Pastor
Sis. JoAnn Hurst, Church Clerk

First Christian Missionary Baptist Church



Rev. Dr. Damon S. Roach
Founder and Pastor
1st Vice Moderator



Ministers:

Rev. John R. Stevenson
Rev. U. Eaton
Rev. Wm. Gude

Chairman of Deacons
Bro. M. K. Craddock

Chairman of Trustees
Bro. Rufus Payton

Chairman of Deaconesses
Sis. Johnye Edmond

President of Congregation
Henry Roach

The "First Christian Missionary Baptist Church" was organized Friday evening, March 10, 1978, by letter of transfer from Sunrise Baptist Church. Members: Corrine Collins, Donna Franklin, Warren Ray George, Barbara Miles, Benetta Roach, Danny Roach, Martha Trice, Norma Turner, Larry Watson Sr., and Ellen Wilson. A motion was made by Sister Venice Warren to accept the letters of transfer and Sister Easley seconded the motion. The Mission members became charter members by a motion from Bro. M. K. Craddock and seconded by Rev. Wm. Gude.

The Mission members elected as pastor of the "First Christian Missionary Baptist Church" Rev. Damon S. Roach in accordance and motion of the members. Rev. Dr. Damon S. Roach, now acting as moderator of the meeting, received the new members: Merrill K. Craddock, Joyce Craddock, Artressa Avant, Robin Bigsby, Juanita Dodson, Rev. Wm. Gude, Debro Gude, Barbara Miles, Donna Montgomery, Patricia Scott, Marsha Roach, Dell and Alida Roach and Nickie Craddock. Staff members: Andrew Young, Building Fund; Attorney Brooks, Chairman of Legal Services; Attorney Chavis, Member of Legal Service; Moderator and Service Conductor, Rev. John R. Stevenson. Discussion to Dr. Roach in keeping the church together. Rev. Herbert Easley discussed the procedures of how to carry your church. Dr. Hoy Thuman

gave the charge to the church, and Dr. C. Middlebrooks presented the church Bible to Dr. Roach.

In attendance of the ceremonies were distinguished guest ministers of other area churches: Rev. Franklin Barber, Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, Indianapolis; Rev. John R. Stevenson, Pastor of Lady Ester Church, Indianapolis; Dr. C. Middlebrooks, associate member, 25th Street Church, Indianapolis; Dr. Hoy Thuman, Pastor of Second Baptist Church, Franklin; Rev. Herbert Easley, Pastor of Sunrise Baptist Church, Indianapolis.

Rev. Dr. Damon S. Roach was inspired to start a mission, out of it the First Christian Missionary Baptist Church was born. Within the four years span, Pastor Roach and his congregation have been spiritually and financially blessed. The Lord gave him a vision proving that through much faith and sacrifices, First Christian Church could be a reality. Various people contributed \$1,000.00 each and we were blessed to get started. In August 1981, after only four years, we burned our mortgage. We had the assurance that we were able to do all things through Christ which does strengthen us. We are thanking God for leading us to our church home, 1576 N. Delaware, also a historical landmark and part of the Old Northside, and it borders the old city limits.

First Inspirational Missionary Baptist Church

Rev. Charles Woodson

Sis. Flora Woodson

Rev. Philip Harlan

Sis. Elenora Harlan

Bro. Willie Bradley

Bro. Charlie France

Bro. John Phelps

Sis. Lena Phelps

Bro. Willie Stewart

Bro. Garfield Jones

Sis. Earlene Jones

Sis. Donnie Abernathy

Sis. Mildred Young

Bro. Darren Wright

Sis. Osie Wright

Sis. Ellia Matthew

Sis. Flossie Thomas

Sis. Lisa Thomas

Sis. Bridgett Wright

Sis. Willie Mae Shppard

Sis. Viola Skagg

Sis. Clara Woods

Sis. Tanya Young

Sis. Mattie Kinkins



Rev. & Mrs. Charles E. Woodson

The First Inspirational Missionary members, on September 38, 1980, was organized into a church by Dr. F. Benjamin Davis and moderated by Dr. Damon S. Reuch. The founders, members and charter members called as their pastor, Rev. Charles E. Woodson.

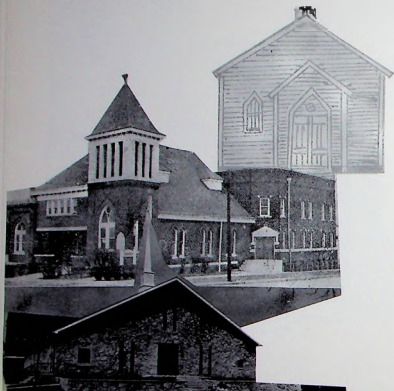
"WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE, TRY HIM."

CONGRATULATIONS CENTRAL DISTRICT ON YOUR 125th ANNIVERSARY

First Baptist Church North Indianapolis

880 West 28th Street

Indianapolis, Indiana 46208



Rev. Dr. James R. Bradley, Sr., Pastor

In November 1885, 96 years ago when 16th Street was the city limits, a prayer group met in the home of the founder, John Jones, Sr. This group moved into their first church building located on the corner of Rader and Chicago Streets (now Edgemont). Rev. Richard Basset was the first Pastor.

In 1907, Frank Fernando Young was called to the pastorate and under his leadership the Sunday School, Training Union, Missionaries, Usher Boards, Choir and many other auxiliaries were developed. In 1921 the membership felt a need for a larger facility and they built at 980 Burdsal Parkway.

The membership continued to grow and in 1951, as they had outgrown their location and being unable to expand at that site, purchased the 7th Christian Church at the corner of Udell and Annette Streets. August 21, 1962, Mrs. Laura Montague, the last of the charter members passed at the age of 102 years. Elder Young was called

to his reward on September 10, 1967 after more than 60 years of service, and in May 1968 Rev. James R. Bradley Sr. was called to the pastorate of First Baptist Church. Under his leadership the church continued to grow with its focus on serving the whole person, spiritually, mentally, and socially. It serves the entire community.

On April 1, 1979, the congregation gloriously marched around the corner into the newly constructed, beautiful sanctuary at 880 W. 28th Street, where they have continued to "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

SPECIAL THINGS ABOUT SOME OF FIRST BAPTIST MEMBERS:

Mrs. Leatha Clark Ervin served as a Missionary in Liberia for 27 years. Miss Nancie E. Ellison was the first woman to retire from the Woman's Air Corps. Miss Barbara Graves, RN served as a Missionary in the Cameroons.

In Loving Memory of



The late Dr. Frank Fernando Young

Pastored First Baptist Church, N. Indianapolis from 1907 to 1967

His life is a beautiful Memory,
His absence a silent grief.
He sleeps in God's beautiful garden
In the sunshine of perfect Peace.



JOHN JULIUS YOUNG (Son)
MARIE D. YOUNG (Daughter-in-law)

NAOMI P. TABORN (Daughter)

RUTH P. JAMES (Daughter)
ROBERT W. JAMES (Son-in-law)

First Samuel Missionary Baptist Church



1402 North Bellevue

On July 27, 1952 Rev. Wm. Smith had a vision of building a small friendly church.

In knowing God's word Rev. Wm. Smith believed that if we delight in the Lord, he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Telling his mate, Sister Samella Smith, they started on their mission, searching for persons that knew God but didn't have a church home

In the front room of his sister's-in-law, Sister Odavene Scrogg, the mission was organized. No name was used for this mission. There were only four members to start. On the first Sunday in August we had our first Sunday School lesson which was found in First Samuel. It was at this time the mission chose the name of First Samuel.

The mission had served a year in October 1953. The mission was then set up as the First Samuel Missionary Baptist Church. The Rev. Sanders of the Shiloh Baptist Church and other ministers were the overseers.

After organizing we rented Charity Hall at 15th and West Streets. Shortly afterward we then moved to the New Charity Hall. After we were there a couple of months, the Lord blessed us and we were able to get a place of our own at 9th and Paca Streets. The Lord really started blessing us, for every Sunday someone would join with us.

In 1956, we had our First Women's Day and Men's Day. Our congregation began to grow; we decided to buy some land and build a church. Our Men's Chorus was organized and we were blessed to have had ten ministers to come out of the Male Chorus.

The third Sunday in March 1963, we had 24 candidates for baptism, 42 for the right hand of fellowship. Membership at the time was over 800 members.

At this time, our church again became too small, although we had extended it back to the alley. In 1972 we began to look around for a bigger church. Thanks be to God, on May 5, 1974 (on our pastor's 73rd birthday) we moved into our new church, 1402 North Bellevue Place. Through all of our trials, heartaches, tribulations, suffering and pains, we have come this far by faith.

In August 1977, Rev. Wm. Smith departed this life. In August 1977 Rev. Wm. Smith's son, the Rev. James E. Smith, became pastor of the First Samuel Missionary Baptist Church. His lovely wife, Betty, and their five children have been with us since December 1975. Rev. James E. Smith was the former pastor of Second Baptist in Franklin, Indiana. During this period we have taken in approximately 500 members.



623 West 11th Street



Ninth and Pava



729 North Califomia



FOUNDER - Rev. Wm. Smith



Rev. James E. Smith

Good Samaritan Baptist Church

IN MEMORIAM



Rev. Dr. J. T. Highbaugh

This historic church had its beginning on Saturday, October 26, 1929 when Great Ebenezer Baptist Church was forced to close its doors at California and North Streets due to the illness of their dynamic pastor, Rev. C. H. Johnson.

Sunday morning, October 27, 1929, Sister Mary Thompkins, Superintendent of Sunday School, and her family came and found the church had been closed; however, a faithful Deacon J. H. Baldwin took them into his home and held morning and evening services. October 29 Good Samaritan was organized with Rev. I. E. Guinn presiding as moderator and Rev. J. H. Abernathy then the pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church serving as guide and counselor. A great moment was in the lives of the faithful few of 62 members who knew God was leading them and they had come thus far by faith.

The first pastor of the newly organized church was Rev. Virgil Davis; he was called. On May 11, 1930 Rev. J. T. Highbaugh, pastor of South Calvary Baptist Church, preached the opening sermon to the 260 who had marched to their new location. During the depression, the pastor and members, having compassion on others, opened a dining room within the church to feed many hungry men, women and children. August 3, 1933 Rev. Virgil Davis resigned as pastor to do greater work in other fields. After much praying and waiting for God's guidance, on May 2, 1934 Rev. J. T. Highbaugh, pastor of South Calvary Baptist Church, was called as our leader. Our



Rev. Calvin Kelly

pastor held many positions in God's work--moderator of Central District Baptist Association, Director of Christian Education for the American Baptist Publication Society, and Critique of the Baptist Ministers Alliance.

Another great event took place on January 2, 1935, the Rev. J. O. Clark, the pastor of the Zion Hill Baptist Church, brought 43 well-trained members destined to play an important part in our church which gave strength to our congregation. There were trained members that also joined us from South Calvary, which lifted us to "Go Forward".

Good Samaritan entertained the Central District Baptist Association May 1935. On February 8, 1936 Samaritan marched to their new location at 819 North West Street, where the name of Good Samaritan Baptist Church was adopted. The name was suggested by one of our faithful members who is still on the firing line for God. The church was blessed to be debt free on September 29, 1943. The mortgage was burned on October 31, 1943. Another great door of service was opening in 1944--West-side Baptist Community Center, daily serving 33 children, 41 young people and 25 adults under the efficient direction of Miss Anna Bybee (Server). April 29, 1949 Dr. J.A. G. Jordan was called as pastor. Some of the things that were accomplished under his well-trained leadership and broad experience were: cornerstone was laid, church remodeled, library established, and many souls were

added to the Kingdom. In 1950 under the ambitious leadership of Dr. Jordan, the church procured the site at North and California Streets, historically known as Old Ebenezer. As a job well done, Rev. Jordan could say the words of Paul "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Dr. Jordan passed away March 26, 1956.

Good Samaritan needed a daring, forward moving preacher to realize some of the vague dreams that challenged us as we moved on. On June 26, 1956 Rev. J. T. Highbaugh was called the second time; he accepted and was welcomed back with a Glorious Homecoming Service the last week in August 1956.

One of the city's favored sons, Rev. John T. Weeden, pastor of St. Timothy Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, was the evangelist of the revival in January 1957. A great revival of 43 additions with 21 for baptism was experienced.

Saturday, January 21, 6:00 PM, a fire of unknown origin ripped through the main auditorium making the building unusable for worship. God always has someone that cares so Rev. H. T. Toliver, pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church extended the kindness of worshipping in the lower level of Mt. Olive Baptist Church. By faith and prayer, the second Sunday in May 1957 God opened the doors at 602 West New York Street to us and we thankfully marched to our new home. Through the love of members for their pastor and moderator, they raised \$1,500.00 to send the pastor, Rev. J. T. Highbaugh, to the World Baptist Alliance in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Another event took place in our pastor's leadership in 1962 when he was recalled to the moderatorship of the Central District Baptist Association.

In the early sixties, a young Christian man was asked to give a "Prophecy" in one of the church programs. It was the unveiling of God that He was preparing the heart of Calvin Kelly to be molded into the history of Good Samaritan. It was a short time after Bro. Kelly's prophecy that he began serving as a deacon under the pastorate of Dr. John Highbaugh. Bro. Calvin Kelly served for one year and God called him to preach the Gospel. Deacon Kelly answered his call in 1967. Rev. C. Kelly served as an associate minister for three years under the tutelage of Dr. Highbaugh. In 1970 First Baptist of Bridgeport extended a call to Rev. Kelly. Rev. Kelly served faithfully as pastor of First Baptist Church for five years.

Through prayer and the seeking of guidance by Rev. Highbaugh and chairman of the Deacon Board, the purchase of the present location was made (2201 North Park Avenue).

There were other wonderful things happening in the year 1967. Rev. J. T. Highbaugh received his Doctor of Divinity Degree from his Alma Mater, Simmons University of Louisville, Kentucky. We, also, continued our community center, the Weekday Religious Education having classes started in our church. Over 500 children came to our church every week for classes.

These events meant much in the minds of the membership--to know God is still leading us to greater heights: November 24, 1968, air condition for the educational building was started; March 24, 1968, the cornerstone was laid for our new building (the impressive ceremonies were performed by the Southern Cross Masonic Lodge). The building was dedicated on the last Sunday in October 1967.

Good Samaritan is affiliated with the National Baptist Convention of America and holds close fraternal fellowship with the Central Division Missionary Baptist Association and Indiana Baptist State Convention.

Some of Good Samaritan's sacred beliefs:

The Holy Bible Contains the revealed word of God. Jesus Christ is the only hope of the world personally and socially.

The church has been called out to live for Christ's cause.

We believe we are to evangelize the world from our neighborhood to our Community House.

In our great adventure, we are Christ-centered with six singing groups, Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, Brotherhood, Missionary, Nurses, Flower Circle, Youth Fellowship, Youth Council, Pastor's Aid and Usher Board. All of these are under great leadership.

June 11, 1976 our beloved pastor Rev. J. T. Highbaugh became ill and was confined to the hospital for a length of time.

August 1976 very weak and unable to perform the task God had assigned him. While Dr. Highbaugh was weakening in his health, he called one of the sons of the church to come and assist him in keeping the membership vibrant in attendance. The son that Dr. Highbaugh asked to assist him was Rev. C. Kelly, who was not pastoring at that particular time. Dr. Highbaugh thought it best to retire after giving 35 years of service.

Through him and his foresight and trust in God, Good Samaritan Baptist Church owes so much to him in coming this far by faith, trusting in the Lord. As a shepherd he has helped us over some rough spots and gave us courage to go on. He passed away October 21, 1980.

Without a leader we kept the faith believing the Lord would send us someone to be our leader. April 30, 1978 one of our own who served as Deacon and was called to the ministry under the leadership of Rev. J. T. Highbaugh became the pastor and was installed as pastor of Good Samaritan July 1978.

Under Pastor Kelly's leadership we burned the mortgage on the Educational Building, which Rev. Highbaugh had constructed. The mortgage was burned just prior to Rev. Highbaugh's home going; the time of this historical moment was October 1980.

Pastor Kelly had served us two years when our Lord blessed us to burn our mortgage on our Educational Wing.

1929 Good Samaritan Baptist Church 1982

God is all powerful--all the time. Under our present pastor, a long-range planning committee has been set up for the purpose of building a new sanctuary.

Under our present pastor's leadership a Church Choir has been organized, also Youth Council and Young Adult Ushers. We have also seen an increase in our Church School, Bible Study and Prayer Fellowship. Our overall attendance has been consistent in its increase. We make our thanksgiving to God for adding to our church body by way of candidates for baptism, Christian experience and letter.

We are still going forward spiritually as well as financially. Under Rev. Calvin Kelly's leadership, three young men have been called to the ministry: Rev. Frank Sloan, Rev. Femon Owens and Rev. Arthur Lewis. Two young men as Deacons in trainee have been called: Earl Howard and Calvin Harlin.

These are the accomplishments that have been visualized and realized by our present pastor. The forming of a 10-36

Debt Retirement Plan to retire the mortgage debt on Highbaugh Hall.

By faith in God and the foresight of the pastor and members, four lots have been purchased. One lot has been paved and presently serves as an additional parking facility.

In 1981 the Spirit of the Lord increased our attendance and membership where we were compelled to move our finance office to Highbaugh Hall so we could create overflow space for seating capacity.

Pastor Kelly and membership will have a special service for the official naming of the Educational Building--Highbaugh Hall--on August 5, 1982.

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ.--1 Cor. 3:11

We have come this far by faith and we continue in the press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.



"AND THE PEOPLE HAD A MIND TO WORK" --- Nehemiah 4:6



THE NEW HOME OF

Greater Morning Star Baptist Church

The Greater Morning Star Baptist Church was organized on April 21, 1957 at 2861 North Capitol Avenue with Rev. J. W. Short, Moderator and Pastor and seven members.

On April 24, 1957 the church was accepted and confirmed by a council of Baptist ministers, namely: Rev. T. Toliver, Rev. William Sweatt, Rev. Charles Poole, Rev. T. H. Bradley and Rev. John C. Butler.

The first service was held at the Women's Federation Club Home at 2034 N. Capitol on April 28, 1957 and continued there until September 7, 1958. The church then moved to 316 West 30th Street and worshipped there until March 18, 1962. God then blessed the church to move to 519 East 23rd Street, and this building is now present worship site.

On August 10, 1972 the church was paid out of debt in full as a mortgage burning service was held December 10, 1972. The church was also remodeled at that time. Our

founder and former pastor, Rev. J. W. Short, passed away July 26, 1974 and on September 1, 1974 God blessed us with our present pastor, Rev. Sterling L. Williams, who is a dynamic pastor, preacher, teacher and leader and above all, a man full of faith whose heart God has touched.

Under the leadership of Rev. Williams, the membership has grown from seven to over 500. The church has grown both spiritually, physically and financially. In 1975 the basement of the present building was remodeled and the mortgage was burned in May 1978. An eleven passenger van was purchased in 1979.

Seeing that our present building was no longer adequate to accommodate our rapid growth in membership, in June 1981 our pastor led the church in an act of faith as the groundbreaking ceremonies were held on what will very soon be the new home of The Greater Morning Star Baptist Church family--"A Great God, A Great Founder, A Great Pastor and "A People With A Mind To Work"."

Greater Gethsemane Baptist Church

1982 Church Theme: "I can if I think I can."
-- Phillipians 4:13



Rev. Jefferson



Rev. Dillard



Rev. Manning

Old Church 1926-1975



New Church 1976-Present

In October 1926 a small group of dedicated missionaries assembled together at a house in the 500 block of Agnes Street to have a meeting. The result of the meeting was the organization of the church in November 1926 at West North and Douglas Streets.

The late Bro. Luther Cox, who most of us knew and loved, was one of those dedicated members at that meeting. He was a charter member and it was he that suggested the name of our church. It was accepted.

The first deacons were: Bro. Luther Cox, Bro. Thomas McGinty, Bro. Dorris Shobe and Bro. Nathan Lindsay.

The new church was then ready for a pastor. The call was issued to Rev. Forest Jefferson, who accepted and became the first pastor of the church. He served four years, from 1926 to 1930.

In 1931 Rev. V. Decker was called. He rendered his services for a brief period of time.

In 1932 Rev. Charles Vance was called. His memory still lingers in the hearts of those who knew him. Some of the organizations he formed are still very active, such as the Gospel Chorus. Rev. Vance's leadership ended on 1937.

Rev. S. S. Thomas was called in 1937 and served for a brief period of time. In the same year Rev. Noble was called. He also served briefly.

Rev. T. C. Thornton was called to pastor after Rev. Noble. It was under his leadership that two of the members, the late Sis. Maggie Smith Green and the late Sis. Lula Hampton, were instrumental in finding the present location. Rev. Thornton resigned in 1939.

On January 4, 1940 Rev. Frank K. Dillard was called to pastor the church. He brought with him pastoral experience, energy, drive and vision. Under his leadership, our church grew in size, stature, and overall effectiveness in Christian endeavors. Many fine accomplishments in our church's history took place under Rev. Dillard's leadership, namely our first Educational System, the first Annual Church Convention, the first Annual Night Sunday School, the first Vacation Bible School, the Visitation and Canvassing programs.

Declining health caused Rev. Dillard to become inactive for over a year. He returned to service for a short while

only to be stricken again. The second illness found him to retire after 26 years of dedicated service. His counseling and loyalty are remembered by both the young and the old.

On April 4, 1969 Rev. Wesley Manning Sr., the associate minister that acted in the capacity of pastor during Rev. Dillard's illness and during the interim period after his retirement, was called as our pastor.

Rev. Manning is a hard worker and a man of decisive action. He loves God and people. God has blessed us to grow in spirit, in finances and in membership. Under Rev. Manning's guidance we have paid off the mortgage on the old building, added five deacons to the board, purchased property for building and additional parking, and accomplished many other good things to further expand God's program. Our hopes have been satisfied, our dreams have become a reality in the new edifice we are now enjoying.

Our last meeting in our old church was November 2, 1975. We marched to our new building on Sunday, September 26, 1976 at 10:30 AM. We worshipped with the Greater Tridestone Baptist Church ten months and 24 days while our new church was being built.

We have accomplished some very impressive undertakings under Rev. Manning's guidance. We were the first church in the state to retire a pastor with over 75 per cent of his regular salary and all utilities paid with a parsonage to live in. The first Outreach Program was organized thru the Mid-Day Prayer under the direction of Bro. Oliver Johnson.

Under the pastorate of Rev. Dillard and Rev. Manning, ten ministers have been called and ordained to the ministry. They are: Rev. Murphy Smith, Rev. John R. Gant, Louisville, Ky., Rev. Wesley Manning Sr., Rev. Leonard Flowers, Detroit, Mich., Rev. Cecil Smith Jr., Rev. Arthur T. Rascoe, Rev. Frank Watkins, Cerulean, Ky., Rev. Charles Montgomery, Rev. Larry A. Rascoe and Rev. Tyrone Dixon.

We have also been blessed to have many fine associate ministers fellowship with Gethsemane through the years. Space does not permit us to list all these fine Christian men. We do wish to give special consideration to Rev. James C. Davis, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, and Rev. Charles Williams.

We pray God will continue to bless and help us to grow stronger.



Rev. Alexander Bernard



Greater St. Mark Baptist Church

1960 Yandes Street

Indianapolis, Indiana

On January 1, 1927, the Christian Union Mission was founded with 12 members in attendance at 2030 Yandes Street. On March 7, 1927, the St. Mark Baptist Church was organized from a Mission by Dr. S. S. Reed. The church was organized on the letters of Norval Bennet, first church clerk and first president of the B.Y.P.U.: J. O. Horton, Deacon and Sunday School Superintendent; Annie Mae Horton, Missionary and Choir Organizer. Harry Hunter was the first treasurer.

Mary Osborne was first secretary of Missionary Society, and Annie Bernard was the first treasurer.

A young minister, Alexander Bernard, new in the ministry, came to this city from Jackson, Mississippi in 1923 and was called to the pastorage. He was licensed from Mt. Helm Baptist Church under Rev. O. J. Steel. The church called for his ordination and a few months later he was ordained at the St. John Baptist Church by Dr. S. S. Reed.

A few years later the church moved to its present location at 1960 Yandes Street. In 1949 the old structure was torn down and a new edifice built at the same location. Formal dedication was in February 1960. Brother J. O. Horton, only surviving charter member, remains as superintendent emeritus of the Sunday School and chairman of the Deacon Board. He remains active in the B.T.U., Brotherhood and State and Central District activities.

Rev. Bernard has served the church and community well and has been active in all phases of convention work. He holds the distinction of being the oldest pastor in the State of Indiana in one church. He recently celebrated his 55th Anniversary. He also is Chairman of the Baptist Training Union Board of the National Baptist Convention.

Reverend Alexander Bernard, Pastor
LorraineLooper, Church Clerk



Pastor Robert Majors

Indiana Baptist Church

Indiana Baptist Church was organized July 1939 at the home of Rev. Edward R. Gatewood, 801½ W. Walnut, with six members. Having no building of their own, they held services at North and Blackford, where the late Rev. Overstreet was pastor. All services were in the afternoon. After many trials, hardships and praying, God blessed and the Rev. Jefferson moved from 759 W. Walnut. Indiana Baptist was able to purchase the building. As time moved on, they were able to erect a new building and the church began to grow. They have had four pastors: Rev. Gatewood, Rev. John Adaway, Rev. Ray Hudson and the present pastor, Pastor Robert Majors. Each added improvements to the building during his pastorage.

Leadership is very important in the growth of any organization. We are blessed to have in our pastor a leader who works for and encourages growth physically and spiritually. We are proud to be a part of the 125th cele-

bration of Indiana Missionary Baptist Convention, which again proves good leadership is important. May God bless our leaders as they guide us toward Greater Kingdom building.

OFFICIAL STAFF

Pastor - Robert Majors
Deacon - Rand Shead, Chairman Deacon Board
Deacon - James Arnold
Deacon - Thomas Williams
Deacon - James Gold
Trustee - Isoih Mathis
Deacon - Charlie Nickelson, Chairman Trustee Board
Deacon - Greg Majors
Deacon - Jimmie Granger
Rev. Louis Allen, Associate Minister
Bessie Arnold - Financial Secretary
Leona Mason - Church Clerk

Light of the World Baptist Church



Being led by the Holy Spirit, Rev. Sherman D. Allen Sr. called his wife, five of his children and two other young men together at his home, 1857 N. Dexter at 7:30 PM on May 24, 1964. After a spirit-filled devotion, he organized a Baptist Mission. A few days afterward, the Holy Spirit gave its name to Sis. Juanita Allen--"Light of the World". She related this message to her husband and this name was given to the Mission. About two years later a council of ministers, moderated by Rev. H. T. Toliver, was called and organized the Light of the World Mission into a Missionary Baptist Church. At the same time Rev. Allen was called to pastor the church and one member was added during the service. Soon afterward the church moved to 2107 N. Harding. Through prayer, preaching, the study of God's word and laboring in the field many souls have been added. By baptism, Christian testimonies and letters over 250 members have been added to the church. A lot has been purchased at 30th Street and N. Capitol Avenue and we are waiting for direction from the Holy Spirit for construction of the church to begin. God has surely blessed us over the period of 18 years and only three members have been called to their reward. The charter members are: Sis. Juanita Allen, Bro. Wilfred L. Allen, Bro. Robert D. Allen, Bro. Sherman D. Allen, Jr., Sis. Hazel Allen, Bro. James D. Allen, Bro. Dewight Patterson and Bro. Joe Taylor. "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates shall not prevail against it." --Matthew 16:18.

Some of the attendance at the May Promotion Board held Thursday, May 13,
with the Christ Missionary Baptist Church, Dr. M. L. Girton, Host Pastor.



May Promotion Board

Metropolitan Baptist Church



Metropolitan Baptist Church
2815 Sutherland Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46205

The Metropolitan Baptist Church was founded in the year of 1902 under the leadership of Rev. W. T. Lott.

The Church was located at that time on Senate Avenue. The Church was later re-organized under the leadership of Rev. J. D. Johnson and moved to Missouri Street. Upon Rev. Johnson's death the church called Rev. William F. Sweatt in 1944.

After the death of Rev. Sweatt, Rev. L. E. Ervin was called in 1969.

The church was re-located from Missouri Street to 2815 Sutherland Avenue and a new edifice was constructed under the leadership of the present pastor, Rev. L. E. Ervin.



OUR PRESENT OFFICERS:

Rev. L. E. Ervin, Pastor

Dea. Charles Ellis, Chairman of the Deacon Board

Bro. John Moore, Chairman of the Trustee Board

Sis. Fern Love, Church Clerk

Sis. Elnora Jones, Superintendent of Sunday School

Dea. Henry Quarles, Director of Religious Education

Sis. Katherine Masley, President of Missionary

Dea. U. B. Quarles, President of Usher Board

Rev. Conwell Avant, Associate Minister

Rev. P. E. Owens, Associate Minister

Rev. Randall Sargent, Associate Minister

Rev. Otis Herron, Associate Minister

We are continuing to grow and support the local, state and national organizations of our denominations.

Rev. L. E. Ervin, Pastor



CONGRATULATIONS from

Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church



Rev. & Mrs. E. T. Johnson
Pastor & Founder

Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church was organized July 16, 1940 by Rev. E. T. Johnson, who had formerly pastored four churches in the state of Tennessee, with 26 members present. The Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church had its beginning in a storefront at 15th Street and Martindale Avenue. It became affiliated immediately with the Indiana Missionary Baptist State Convention. At the expiration of one year we were financially able to purchase the property at this location. The members worked vigorously with enthusiasm, the congregation increased spiritually, numerically and financially.

In 1948 a structure of a modern edifice was erected on the site of this same location. During construction of the church, Mt. Moriah shared worship facilities with the 16th Street Baptist Church where the late Rev.

Albert Batts was pastor. On May 10, 1949 the pastor and membership entered into the new church, where the paper

work to the laying of the cornerstone was done with appropriate services. The Mortgage Burning took place May 22, 1960.

The new Highway Program forced Mt. Moriah to relocate. On March 31, 1965, the pastor and trustees made purchase of a land site for a new church home. Groundbreaking ceremonies were conducted at 2349-51 Keystone Way, the present location, April 14, 1968 with Dr. F. Benjamin Davis officiator. Upon completion a "Day of Jubilee" was held on March 16, 1969 with ribbon cutting ceremonies.

The building consists of a seating capacity of 600, pastor's study, 18 educational rooms, full kitchen, Nurses' Aid Station, ladies' lounge, Fellowship Hall and 6½ acres of land. On October 19, 1980 the final mortgage burning ceremony was held.

Ministers called under Rev. E. T. Johnson are: Rev. Charlie Williams; Rev. Alsie Palmer; Rev. DeWitt Fleming; Rev. Bithas Freeman; Rev. R. V. Mumford; Rev. Felix Barnes; Rev. Melvin Bell; Rev. Linnie Neal; Rev. H. Griffin; Rev. Connelius Emerson and Rev. Willie Calvin.

With eight charter members yet surviving and hundreds having been accepted across the 42 years Rev. Johnson assumed the pastorage, he has exhibited all of those fine qualities of devotions and integrity and his beloved wife has labored hard and long with him most effectively.

O, God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.

Be thou our guide while life shall last and our eternal home.

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church

5502 E. 36th St.



Rev. T. T. Newman

In 1890 the Mount Carmel Baptist Church originated from a Sunday School class being held in the home of Rev. I. N. Kimbrough, a member and unordained minister of the New Bethel Baptist Church. Rev. Kimbrough saw a great need for religious education for the youth in the community and gave a room in his home for that purpose.

In September of 1891 after Rev. Kimbrough accepted the pastorship of the Mount Carmel Baptist Church, an edifice was constructed at 25th and Oxford Streets with a membership of ten.

Since the church's beginning a host of ministers, members and friends have made great contributions, giving their service and devotion to God and the Mount Carmel Baptist Church.

The pastors were as follows: Rev. I. N. Kimbrough, serving from 1890 thru 1896; Rev. J. F. Broyles, 1896-1917; Rev. C. H. Walton, 1917-1918; Rev. Wm. Winfrey, 1918-1928; and again Rev. C. H. Walton, 1928-1945; Rev. Oldham, 1945-1946; Rev. A. D. Banks, 1946-1953; and in 1953 Rev. James Glover was selected to pastor the Mount Carmel Baptist Church until 1962.

In 1963 Rev. Dr. T. T. Newman was called to the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. Under his leadership a new tri-level parsonage was built in 1964 and in 1973 a new church at the present location. The improvements have been 23 lots and a super-structure completed for Sunday School classes. The Mount Carmel Church has a membership of 548.

Mt. Paran Baptist Church

Joseph Mimms
Deacons' Chairman

Bumice Head
Trustees' Chairman

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Pastor B. F. Sims, B.Th.
Associate Pastor Fred League

Lucile F. Dobbins
Church Clerk

Mildred L. Fitts
Membership Clerk



Pastor B. F. Sims



Associate Pastor Fred League



"God came from Teman and the Holy One from Mount Paran." This is how it all began. On March 4, 1906 the Mount Paran Baptist Church was organized in the Reality Hall located on West North Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. There were sixteen charter members: Sis. Georgia Blackburn, Bro. Frank Brown, Sis. Mary Bryant, Sis. Bettie Carter, Sis. Lizzie Carter, Sis. Rena Carter, Sis. Lucy Dawson, Bro. William Edmondson, Sis. Mary Johnson, Sis. Bettie Mayfield, Bro. Eliza Murphy, Sis. Victoria Smith and Bro. William Weeden.

The man to whom God gave the vision and inspiration to start organizing this church was Rev. Benjamin Franklin Farrell. This man, a humble man, born in Gallatin, Tennessee, was characterized as an individual who was God the totem pole position in his life. In this organizational meeting Rev. Farrell was selected as the shepherd. He suggested the name of "Mount Paran" which had been revealed to him in Habakkuk 3:3--"God came from Teman and the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of His praise."

The shepherd had a humble beginning, so did the church. It started as a meek seed and then grew into a mighty tree that yielded shade and comfort for many. The growth of Mount Paran had its share of hardships and toils. Without a permanent place of worship, the congregation often found itself moving. Our first move from Reality Hall was to a brick church at Eleventh and Senate where we worshipped for four years. Our place of worship was then changed to the Second Christian Church, corner of Thirteenth and Missouri Streets. Later, after worshipping in many other locations, we purchased the building on the corner of Twelfth and Missouri Streets. We had many problems during the early days at Twelfth and Missouri, but God blessed us and we made plans for a new edifice. On April 14, 1918 the cornerstone was laid. The services were conducted by the Masonic Orders and Dr. C. H. Clark of Nashville, Tennessee was the principal speaker. On December 22, 1918 we marched into our new church home.

An honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity, was bestowed upon our shepherd. Under Dr. Farrell's fervent preaching and dynamic leadership Mount Paran continued to grow. He believed in taking what you have and making what you want out of it. After a well-spent life, Dr. Farrell was called from labor to reward on August 22, 1927.

By a majority vote on September 30, 1927 Rev. C. Henry Bell was called as the shepherd. Rev. Bell was fortunate in that he inherited from Dr. Farrell a well-organized church that was accustomed to working for the Master. Rev. Bell believed that if any church was successful in the extension of God's kingdom, she must have a plan and then work the plan.

The work of the church extends into every facet of our

lives, so much so that Rev. Bell saw the need of pastoral assistance. He recommended to the church, Rev. Plummer D. Jacobs, and in December 1931 Rev. Jacobs became the Associate Pastor of Mount Paran.

Rev. Bell also received an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Central Baptist Theological Seminary. He also served as President of the Indiana Missionary Baptist State Convention for 12 years.

Early in the sixties we had to start looking for a new location because the Indianapolis Highway Improvement Project was needing the land where we were located. On April 13, 1964 the church voted to purchase the land at Thirty-fourth and Boulevard Place. Groundbreaking was held in April 1966 and the cornerstone was laid October 2, 1966 with the Masonic Orders assisting. On June 18, 1967 we marched from Twelfth and Missouri, led by our shepherd, Dr. Bell, to our new edifice.

Dr. Bell's physical condition at this time required a reduction in his activities and on October 6, 1967 he retired as the pastor and by vote of the church became Pastor Emeritus. By vote of the church on November 17, 1967 Rev. Benjamin F. Sims was called as pastor. It was from this building that God called Dr. Bell from labor to reward on May 19, 1968. Under Pastor Sims' leadership the mortgage was paid off (\$501,114.00) and Mortgage Burning ceremonies were held on October 3, 1976.

Under Pastor Sims' leadership souls were added to the church and with our Senior citizens in mind, land and property have been purchased with a "Senior Citizen's Home" on the drawing board. In order to serve the transportation needs of our members three buses have been purchased. And God has carried Mount Paran a little higher by blessing us with the purchase of the building just south of the church known as the "Mount Paran Annex".

Our Associate Pastor Plummer D. Jacobs was called from labor to reward on April 12, 1980. By vote of the church Rev. Fred League was elected as the Associate Pastor on July 3, 1981.

The Lord has always smiled upon Mount Paran in the past and is continuing to do so under the leadership of Pastor B. F. Sims.

Jesus said "... upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

This is how Mount Paran Baptist Church started and continues to the present year, 1982. Pastor B. F. Sims; Associate Pastor Fred League; Sister Lucile F. Dobbins, Church Clerk; Sister Mildred L. Fitts, Membership Clerk; Deacon Joseph Mimms, Chairman of Deacons; Brother Burnice Head, Chairman of Trustees; and Deacon Richard A. Graves, Treasurer.

Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church

On June 17, 1894 a group of Christians, largely from North Carolina, lead by Rev. Ward, organized a church known as the Reed Street Baptist Church, on Reed Street between Prospect and Orange Streets in the city of Indianapolis. Some early founders were Jack Kennedy, the Waterman family, the Crooms family, the Coleman family, and the Lyons family. A few years later the church moved to Olive Street and Pleasant Run Boulevard and prospered under the capable leadership of Rev. John R. Miller, Rev. M. C. Elzy, Rev. Emanuel Boyer, Rev. Brown, Rev. Anderson Simmons, and Rev. Charles Henry Bell. Under the leadership of Rev. Bell the church was rebuilt--dedicated on June 16, 1926 at Linden and Iowa Streets, its present location. Rev. O. J. Steele served 11 years after the departure of Rev. Bell. In March 1941 Rev. E. M. Pendleton was called to the pastorate and the church progressed both spiritually and financially. In 1942, the church was host to the Central District Baptist Convention. In 1943 the burning of the mortgage was observed. There were as many as 17 auxiliaries during his tenure. July 28, 1980 Rev. E. M. Pendleton, beloved pastor of 39 years, entered into eternal rest.



Rev. John R. Stevenson

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit Rev. John R. Stevenson was called to the pastorate June 28, 1981; he was installed August 2, 1981. Under Rev. Stevenson's leadership the first movement was to organize the Prayer Band, followed by the reorganization of the Deacon Board, the Baptist Training Union was revived; he has organized the Outreach Choir with Mrs. Carolyn Stevenson as Directress, the Starlight Band, the Starlight Choir, the Deaconess Board, and the King's Daughters Gospel Choir. There has been 35 additions to the church roll. Major remodeling has been started. We were grateful to represent seven of our auxiliaries in this years' Central District Baptist Convention. "Rev. Stevenson, a man of compassion; filled with great ideas for the work of the Lord. He believes in doing big things for the Lord and is also one of our national figures in the Convention. We are blessed to have such a spiritual leader." Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Deacon Board by Deacon Thomas Woodfield, Chairman.

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Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky,
University of Kentucky receiving a
BA Degree, Lexington, Kentucky

Pastoral Experience: First Baptist Church, Bridgeport,
Indiana (1963-70). Pastor and
Founder of the Lady Esther Baptist
Church, 2431 N. Columbia (1970-
79). Past Moderator of the Central
District Missionary Baptist Assn.,
comprised of 83 churches,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Membership on Boards:

Past National Baptist Foreign Board Member of America
Past Chairman State Foreign Mission Board
Past 1st Vice President of State Congress,
Indiana Missionary Baptist State Congress
Chairman Advisory Committee for Ministers Citizen's
Forum, Inc.
N.A.A.C.P.
Indiana Council of Churches
Mayor's Better Neighborhood Program
Member of the Concerned Ministers of Indiana
Governor Orr's Prayer Breakfast Committee

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church



Anniversary
of
67 Years

Rev. F. H. Moore

It was in the early part of 1914 that the late Rev. W. M. Patterson and the following families met at the home of Bro. Tom Cunningham on South Keystone near the Pennsylvania railroad track. There were Bro. and Sis. Rasdale, Bro. and Sis. Ditto, and Bro. John Allen. Bro. Cunningham's mother was elected Mother of the Church.

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church was agreeable as the name, and with the Lord's help there were many additions to be church.

It was during the early part of November that some year when Rev. Patterson learned of a church building at 1940 Harbom Street. After moving in a great revival was conducted. Rev. Patterson was an evangelist sent from God, and he preached nightly for two weeks. Many more members were added to our church--some restoration, others candidate for baptist. Among the members who joined were Sis. Myma Clark, who later became Sis. Myma Wiggins, who is still a member of our church.

After World War I was over, many soldiers and their wives became members of our church. Some were placed on the Deacon Board as well as Trustees. The names of the first deacons of Mt. Calvary were Bro. Tom Cunningham, Bro. John Allen, Bro. Jud Rasdale. During the years from 1914 thru 1944, the church had three pastors. Rev. Patterson, the founder; Rev. Hill; and Rev. Willingham--all of these are deceased. After the passing of Rev. Willingham in May 1947, Rev. F. H. Moore was called and is still pastor of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church.

Our church has grown in membership with steady progress. We give honor to our pastor. We love him. We appreciate the years he has served as pastor of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. We pray that God will continue to bless him and his companion, and that he may continue to be our pastor. We also pray that the Lord will bless our church so that we may grow in number as well as closer, and to bless us with many more church anniversaries.

COMPLIMENTS OF
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church

5111 West 62nd Street, Indianapolis, IN

Rev. R. E. Barnett, Pastor
Inex Grundy, Secretary



Rev. and Mrs.
R. E. Barnett

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church was organized in 1893 with a few members meeting from house to house. There was a local minister in the community whose name was Isaac Pleasant for whom the church received its name. Later, meetings were held in an old milkhouse.

In 1895 a small church was built and Rev. Wash Teeters was called as the first pastor of Mt. Pleasant. Several ministers were called and pastored the church and under their leadership the church prospered and the membership grew.

In 1922 it became necessary to seek a new location for our church.

Rev. Robert H. Noel was called in March 1930 and pastored until 1934. During his pastorate ground was pur-

chased and construction began immediately with members and friends doing the volunteer work. The church was completed in 1934. The church was located at 5900 Reed Road.

March 1959 Rev. William C. Groves was called and pastored until 1970. Under his pastorate the Park Board talked of purchasing the church property.

Our present pastor, Rev. Robert E. Barnett, was called on October 3, 1970. The ground for the new sanctuary was purchased from the Park Board and located at 5111 West 62nd Street. February 15, 1972 construction began and was completed in August 1972. On August 13, 1972 the congregation moved to its present location. The mortgage burning services were held July 4, 1976 on the church's 83rd Anniversary. By faith and through prayer in God we have come this far

Mt. Olive Baptist Church



1003 West 16th Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202

634-9178

Rev. Dr. Wayne T. Harris, Pastor

The Mt. Olive Baptist Church was organized June 10, 1910 in the 800 block of North West Street under the leadership of Rev. J. C. Patton with a congregation of 44 members. He labored diligently until he resigned July 15, 1915.

Upon his resignation Rev. J. E. Youree accepted the call on August 26, 1915 and resigned December 14, 1916. A third pastor, Rev. G. K. Wilson, was called on March 6, 1917. Under his leadership the membership increased to the point that the church had become too small. A move to the St. Clair Hall located on Indiana Avenue provided accommodations for the congregation until a new church was erected in 1921 at 727 Blake Street. Rev. Wilson resigned November 9, 1924. The, in 1925 Rev. Abernathy became the fourth pastor, and he remained until October 1928.

Rev. Verner Belcher prayerfully, ardently and humbly officiated in the capacity of pastor until Rev. J. H. Holder was called June 13, 1929; then in August 1931 Rev. Holder resigned.

It was then that a miracle in the person of Rev. H. T. Toliver, a determined minister, was called indefinitely on May 12, 1932, a position which he held for 45 years. On July 19, 1976 Rev. Toliver was retired with honors and the title of "Pastor Emeritus of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church". Rev. Toliver was called to eternal rest on October 14, 1981.

During the period between Rev. Toliver's retirement and the calling of another pastor, Rev. Felix Chandler diligently and successfully served as pastor.

Then on the first Sunday in September 1978, the Rev. Dr. Wayne T. Harris became pastor of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Rev. Harris' ability to preach the gospel is attested to by the fact that our membership has grown by over 500 new members in three years. Those who would not come to him, he has gone to them by means of a 24-hour prayer line, and a live radio broadcast, a quarterly Financial Report, and a Newsletter to keep members abreast of all church activities. He is a leader who has both vision and leadership ability. In the past three years the church has purchased additional properties adjacent to the church and has established a Senior Citizen Center; two buses have been added to the bus ministry and a nursery constructed. In addition, the pastor's study has been redecorated along with the entire edifice being redecorated and carpeted. Rev. Harris encourages liberal giving, especially tithing. He places equal stress upon membership unity and Bible Study. Now in the year of 1982, we shall enjoy the fruition of many more of Rev. Harris' divinely inspired dreams which will lead to the betterment of Mt. Olive. All of these contributions which have been made to both the structure and the religious program of this church from 1910 up to 1982 will stand as a monument which ages cannot destroy nor time erase.

New Baptist Church

1211 N. West Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202

The Rev. Mr. James A. Williams, Pastor

Rev. Irving Washington, R., Associate Minister
Rev. Calvin Scott, Associate Minister
Rev. Donald Grady, Associate Minister
Rev. William Harris, Associate Minister

Mrs. Naomi Parks, Church Clerk
Miss Deandra Blair, Church Secretary

Mrs. Anna Dillon, Chairperson of Education
Mrs. Melissa Williams, Chairperson of Evangelism

Mr. Harry Board, Chairperson of the Deacons
Mr. James H. Johnson, I, Chairperson of the Trustees
Mr. Louis Muse, Financial Secretary

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. Ruth Austin, President of the Senior Choir
Mrs. Geraldine Rhodes, President of the Mission Chorus
Mr. Mitchell Williams, President of the Usher Board
Mr. Myron El, President of the Choraleers
Mrs. Blondell McIntyre, President of the Nurses Aide
Mrs. Willie Jones, President of the Mission Union
Mr. John Washington, President of the Male Chorus
Mr. Jerry Senter, Chairperson of the Bible Class
Mrs. Melissa Williams, Chairperson of the Deaconess
Rev. Irving Washington, Jr., Superintendent of the

^{Sunday School}
Mrs. Ollie Berry, Chairperson of the Pastor

Sunday School
Mrs. Ollie Berry, Chairperson of the Pastors' Aid

New Garfield Baptist Church



Dedicated to God on Sunday, October 20, 1968



Rev. Charles W. Poole, D.D.
Pastored New Garfield 57 yrs.



Rev. Robt. L. Horsley,
B.S., M.S.
Called to New Garfield
November 1980

The Garfield Baptist Church organized in 1885 with the Reverend Bristo Wagner as its first pastor and has had an interesting growth for Christ. In the year of 1913 the Reverend Charles W. Poole was called to the pastorate. Under this dynamic servant of God, Garfield grew spiritually, numerically, and financially. Many good Christian workers supported the operation of Garfield, but as the present pastor, I think credit is due the late Deacon Smith Cheatham, who served as Sunday Church School superintendent for over 35 years. He made a most enviable record of service to God and to New Garfield. Because of him many young people were given trips to such places as Washington, D.C. and New York City annually.

The new edifice, another important achievement of D. Poole, was dedicated on Sunday, October 20, 1968, and continuously since it has glorified God and has been



used to further His kingdom. The activities of New Garfield are: the Missionary Society, the Sunday Church School, the Bible Class, Prayer Meeting, Deacon Board, Trustee Board, Deaconess, Recreation Committee, Nurses' Aid is reorganizing, three Choirs, and a New Members Class.

The preaching ministry of New Garfield is composed of the pastor, Robert L. Horsley; Assistants to the pastor, Rev. R. Tillman, Rev. Anthony Hollis and Bro. Robert Lashwell (our witnessing minister).

The church clerk is Sister Carolyn Morrison; the treasurer is Bro. Oliver W. Duncan; chairman of the Deacon Board is Raymond Ferguson; and the chairman of the Trustee Board is Bro. Charles Crenshaw.

As a motto New Garfield is "A church witnessing for Christ in lives and words."

The Rev. Dr. F. Benjamin Davis



Our Pastor, Dr. F. Benjamin Davis came to New Bethel Baptist Church in August of 1954. He was born in Indianapolis and graduated from the public schools of Indianapolis.

His first pastorate was the Glenco Baptist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. Other pastorates were Bethany Chapel Baptist Church, Ottawa, Kansas; Ninth Street Baptist Church, Lawrence, Kansas; Mount Zion Baptist Church, Seattle, Washington.

Pastor Davis received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Ottawa University; the Master of Arts degree from the University of Kansas; the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Western Baptist Theological Seminary; Doctor of Theology, Divinity School of Chicago. In 1966 the Cincinnati Baptist Theological Seminary conferred upon him the honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree, and recently he received an honorary degree from Union Baptist Bible College & Seminary, Houston, Texas.

Dr. Davis serves as President-Dean of the Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Indiana and President of the Indiana Missionary Baptist State Convention. He is Chairman of the Committee on the Uniform Series of International Sunday School Outlines, the Commission on Orthodoxy--the National Baptist Convention of America, and the Governor's (Indiana) Commission on Aging and Aged.

Dr. Davis is the Dean of Christian Education for the National Baptist Sunday School and Training Union Congress, and a member of the Editorial Staff for the National Baptist Publishing Board in Nashville, Tennessee. In November 1978, he was elected a member of the National Baptist Publishing Board.

Dr. Davis had held leadership positions in many organizations: Indiana Council of Churches; the Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis; N.A.A.C.P.; Fall Creek Y.M.C.A.; the National Council of Churches; Flanner House; Indianapolis Urban League; Eastside Christian Center; the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee.

He had received awards from the following schools and organizations: Crispus Attucks High School; American Negro Emancipation Centennial Authority; Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis Y.M.C.A.; the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; the American Heritage Research Association.

Dr. Davis is the Past Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons-State of Washington; Grand Prior of the United Supreme Council A.A.A.R. of Prince Hall Masons Northern Jurisdiction, and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; Pi Gamma Mu-National Honor Society.

He has written numerous articles for various publications and is the author of several books: In Memory of Robert L. Stovall; Qualifications of a Deacon; Mission Study in Haiti; History of Negro Baptists; Ministerial Ordination Standards.

Dr. Davis is married to the former Ruth Lomax of Evanston, Illinois. They have one daughter, Lynn (Mrs. Douglas C. Vaughn) of Kokomo, Indiana.

Ruth Lomax Davis

RUTH LOMAX DAVIS, wife of our Pastor, Dr. F. Benjamin Davis, is a native of Evanston, Illinois--the only child of James and Eliza Lomax. She was reared by her father, her mother having died when Ruth was eighteen months old. Mrs. Davis was graduated from the public schools of Evanston.

At eleven years of age she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized in the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Evanston. She later served this church as pianist for the Junior Choir, church organist, and director of the Senior Choir.

Mrs. Davis studied for two years at the Chicago Conservatory of Music; she holds a Bachelor of Music Education and a Master of Arts degree from Northwestern University. She has done postgraduate work at Christian Theological Seminary, Butler University and St. Olaf College.

Mrs. Davis is a music teacher in the public school system of Indianapolis; a life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; organizer and president of the Fall Creek-College Neighborhood Association.

She is organist for the Indiana Missionary Baptist State Convention and the State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress. For ten years Mrs. Davis has headed the Music Department of the National Baptist Sunday School and Training Union Congress. She is organist for the National Pastor's Conference and in September 1978 was elected organist for the Women's Auxilliary of the National Baptist Convention of America.

Mrs. Davis served as Satellite Leader for the 8th Baptist Youth World Conference. She is often asked to serve as Women's Day speaker in local churches and churches throughout the nation. She compiled the very successful New National Baptist Hymnal and has conducted church music workshops in thirteen states.

She enjoys cooking and traveling. Her daughter, Lynn, shares her interest in cooking and together have collected numerous recipes which they hope to compile into a cookbook. Mrs. Davis has visited forty-nine of our fifty states and twenty-three foreign countries. She says she would like very much to visit Africa and return to the Holy Land "one more time".

Mrs. Davis says the years at New Bethel have been growing years--growing in increased devotion to Christ and His Cause and growing more and more in love with a wonderful church.



New Bethel Baptist Church



Pastors of New Bethel Baptist Church



Dr. N. A. Seymour
1879-1937



Rev. George Baltimore
Acting Pastor 1926-1937
Pastor 1937-1948



Dr. F. Benjamin Davis
1954-Present Pastor



Dr. J. Q. Clark
1949-1953

Rev. J. R. Reiner served approximately 4 years as pastor prior to his death. He was followed by Rev. G. Smith, who served until Rev. N. A. Seymour began his pastorate in 1879.

History

The New Bethel Baptist Church was organized in 1875 in the home of the late Deacon William Jackson at 1200 East 16th Street. The Church moved to Bealer Street and was first called Bealer Street Baptist Church under the pastorate of Rev. Jacob R. Royner. Bealer Street became Martindale Avenue, and the Church took the name of NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. Rev. Royner served four years until his death. Rev. N. A. Seymour came in 1879. His pastorate ended by his death in 1937.

Rev. George Baltimore served as Acting Pastor from 1926-1937; and on May 12, 1937, after the death of Dr. Seymour, was installed as pastor. He served well in that capacity until his death on November 12, 1948. Dr. J. O. Clark served from 1949 until June 7, 1953, the date of his death. Dr. F. Benjamin Davis was called May 20, 1954, and assumed his duties as Pastor on August 22, 1954.

Under the leadership of these great men of God, marked progress has been made spiritually, numerically, and financially--through the Depression years, years of prosperity, and many adversities.

Church organizations include a departmentalized Sunday Church School; Baptist Training Union; graded Missionary Society (Starlight Band, Girls' Auxiliary, Young Women's Auxiliary, Junior Mission Society, and seven adult missionary circles: Business and Professional, Deborah, Dorcas, Leah, Lydia, Naomi, and Rebekah); Men's Brotherhood: Junior and Senior; Scouting activities for boys (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers) and girls (Brownies, Juniors, Cadets); Church Aid Society; Pastor's Aid; Church Nurses: Junior and Senior; Deaconesses; Senior Choir; Youth Choir; Junior and Cherub Choir; Gospel Choir; Men's Choir; Ushers: Junior and Senior; Parent-Teachers Christian Association; and a Church Convention with a Presidents' and Workers' Council. Also included is a complete Recreation Program for all ages.

New Bethel Baptist Church observes Baptist Heritage Week, Church Music Week, Graded School of Missions, Vacation Bible School, Boy Scout Sunday, Girl Scout Sunday, Study Classes on Thursday and Friday nights and Saturday morning, Youth Week, and Holy Week. Parental Dedication of Little Children is observed during Sunday morning worship service twice yearly. This list contains some of the many spiritual and educational activities engaged in at New Bethel, open to all age levels, which help in ministering to the "whole man". We have a Home Extension Department and an Employment Bureau service. Under the auspices of the Baptist Training Union, we conduct a Membership Orientation Class, open to all church members.

Local ministers of New Bethel (some deceased) have included Reverends George Davis, Isaac Kimbrow, Marcellus Elzy, William Davis, Lee Motley, F. R. Hatcher, James Courtney, J. O. Clark, George Baltimore, William Corathers, John Murphy, Charles Stames, Charles Floyd, K. Davis, J. O. Price, J. S. Cheffins, S. Seabree, L. R. Victor, Bert Hardeman, W. E. Starks, Matthew B. Downey, Scott Parker, J. Graham, S. M. Brown, Robert L. Saunders, Milton Williams. Reverends T. W. Washington, J. R. Bradley, Calvin Kelly, and Edwin D. Wells, all of whom were licensed and/or ordained when they joined New Bethel prior to their uniting with New Bethel. The following seventeen are those who were licensed and/or ordained by Dr. F. Benjamin Davis: Reverends Fitzhugh Lee Lyons, Sr., R. H. Walker, Joshua Cutler, Willard Nance, Randall Hutchison, Sr., Kenneth A. Reed, Dorsey Lee Huff, Garfield Smith, J. T. Matthews, William L. Parrish, L. M. Durden, Lewis T. Spann, Leroy Smith, Robert A. Lee, Ronald L. Page, Jack L. Reed, and George Graham.

The deacons of New Bethel (some deceased) have included William Jackson, Hannibal Hall, Gabriel Griffin, J. W. Johnson, James Bousley, Harrison Elzy, William Murrell, Wesley Jackson, Emphriam Murphy, Watson Stames, Charles Stames, William Reed, James Watson, James Cushingberry, George Baltimore, Charles Tucker, Robert Barrett, William Lyons, E. T. Johnson, Eugene Skaggs, G. Patterson, S. Goliath, S. Watkins, D. Scott, Nathan Watson, Leroy Claypool, Thomas E. Taylor, Ervin Hatcher, John Wade, Clarence Wilson, Robert Edwards, William H. Bailey, Arnold Gee, William Gray, Walter Hollins, Daniel Lee, Sr., Bert C. Means, Earl Osborne, Lewis Carroll, Lewis J. Thomas, Verne A. Overton, Sr., Robert Peters, Sr., Bivens Swiney, Lee Taylor, Thomas L. Taylor, William White, Sr.,

Curtis Wilson, Henry Wood, Heman J. King, Lewis T. Spann, Raymond Floyd, Samuel Toliver, Leroy Smith, William Z. Christian, Gus H. Poindexter, Harvey Ware, Sr., Percy Means, LeRoy Marshall, William Jackson, Reginald Cheatham, Heman Appleton, Paul C. Bateman, Richard Allen Bell, Robert L. Bell, Sr., Joseph E. Benson, Henry Blakemore, Sr., Preston L. Brown, Robert L. Clark, Lee T. Hudson, Roosevelt Johnson, Randolph W. Jones, Robert A. Lee, Bert W. Means, Herschell Means, Omer Middleton, Ronald L. Page, Fred Richards, Jr., Wellington S. Saunders, Jr., William Smlin, Jr., Karl Walker, and Eric A. Yancy.

The deaconesses of New Bethel (some deceased) have included Mattie Appleton, Mary Benson, Mariah Bradford, Louise Brown, Nancy Brown, Freddie B. Clark, Marguerite Cutler, Rosellen Edwards, Christine Floyd, Katherine Floyd, Odis Freeman, Elizabeth Gee, Annie

Mae Gray, Lillie M. Hatcher, Mary E. Hatcher, Carrie Hallins, Valree Hollowell, Willa Jackson, Charlene E. Johnson, Marlyne J. Jones, Magdalene Marshall, Celester McKinney, Brenda L. Means, Lillie B. Means, Elizabeth Nance, Maria Nance, Janie Lee Osborne, Ullis Peters, Georgia Porter, Sharon Richards, Norveline Saunders, Katherine Smith, Mammie J. Smith, Rebecca Smith, Bertha Spann, Marion Sumlin, Bernice Swiney, Lillie B. Thomas, Lucinda Towns, Mattie Walker, Pearl A. White, Willie White, Ruby C. Williams, and Haidee Wilson.

A historic pastorate began in 1879 with Rev. Nathaniel A. Seymour and terminated only at his death fifty-eight years later (1937). The Mount Carmel Baptist Church germinated from a Sunday School which met in 1890 in the living room of a young, unordained preacher, Rev. I. N. Kimbrough--a member of New Bethel. A church was organized by New Bethel and Rev. N. A. Seymour. The church was erected at 23rd and Oxford Streets in September of 1891. Many members of New Bethel could not make it to their house of worship because of travel conditions and so united with Mt. Carmel. Rev. Kimbrough became the first pastor of Mt. Carmel.

Rev. George Baltimore was the assistant pastor of New Bethel and served as acting pastor from 1926-1937. On May 12, 1937, he was installed as pastor of New Bethel and served in that capacity until his death on November 12, 1948. Rev. Baltimore led New Bethel from a small structure to a full-size church building with a basement, classrooms, baptistry, and balcony. With the organization of several auxiliaries, the fast-growing membership rendered more extended service to God and to humanity.

Dr. J. O. Clark came to New Bethel as pastor after the death of Rev. George Baltimore. He was a great educational and missionary leader who had a vision and led New Bethel to purchase the property on which a neighborhood Community Center stood. Through the Community Center, he established a seven-day-a-week program which allowed opportunity to study the Bible, for training spiritually and intellectually in Baptist Young Peoples' Union, and an opportunity for wholesome recreation. Outreach programs included basketball, swimming, scouting, and camping. The Center also included a day nursery, commissary, and library. There was complete remodeling of the existing building under his leadership, and the organizational structure expanded to the organization of Boy Scout Troop, Cub Packs, and Brownie Scouts Troop. Dr. Clark served until his death on June 7, 1953.

Four fires have wrought havoc to the physical structure of New Bethel at various times. The worst was on April 27, 1955. The fire gutted and completely

destroyed the newly remodeled structure. Dr. F. Benjamin Davis had been the pastor of New Bethel only a few months. Under his consecrated and courageous leadership, the congregation was held together; additional land to the north was purchased; and old structures were removed and the process of rebuilding all the physical facilities of New Bethel was begun. On June 10, 1956, groundbreaking ceremonies for a complete new structure were held. The cornerstone unveiling for the first phase, which consisted of a sanctuary with a seating capacity of over 1,200, a chapel, twenty-six additional rooms, a choir stand with seating capacity of over 115, and an elevated baptistry, was March 30, 1958. In October of 1958, the congregation marched into the new Church building.

In 1970, we anticipated a change in the physical structure of our building within the next few years because the Highway Department would take our Historic Fellowship Hall. This change has now become a reality! For in 1973, we occupied the combined second and third phases of our Building, adding to New Bethel the New Fellowship Hall which houses multiple-purpose rooms for all children and youth departments, a gym, two spacious dining areas, a kitchen, three lounges, and the most modern of heating equipment and air conditioning facilities. Pastor Davi prayerfully, quietly, methodically, and untiringly led and guided us through to a beautiful accomplishment--another structure built to the glory of God and for the use of humanity of all age groups and from all walks of life! Pastor Davis and his faithful companion, Ruth, a Christian lady and a Minister of Music, and their daughter Lynn, have aided much through their contributions to the spiritual, cultural, and educational facets of our lives here at New Bethel and community.

New Bethel Baptist Church is affiliated with the Central District Baptist Association; Indiana Missionary Baptist State Convention of which our pastor is president; the National Baptist Convention of America, wherein both Pastor and Mrs. Ruth Lomax Davis hold key positions. Pastor Davis is a Past President of the Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis where we hold membership. We are allied with the Indiana Council of Churches and with many other Christian movements into which Pastor Davis gives guidance. Our mission fields include Africa, Haiti, and Jamaica. Our foreign outreaches are supported by the Church at large, and in addition, some special contributions are made by our Missionary Society, our Men's Brotherhood, our Senior Choir, plus the gifts from many individuals to families in the foreign mission fields.

New Bethel Baptist Church Officers

Dr. F. Benjamin Davis, Pastor
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Barbara L. Hatcher, Assistant Clerk
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Rosellen Edwards	Elizabeth Nance	Marion Sumlin
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Carrie Hollins	Sharon Richards	Ruby C. Williams
Valree Hollowell		Haidee Wilson

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New Salem Baptist Church

1909 South East Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

Rev. Dr. William A. Dennis, D.D.
Pastor

THE CHURCH WITH THE MESSAGE AND
MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION THROUGH
JESUS CHRIST



On April 20, 1976 - The meeting was called to order by Rev. William R. Hughley. Prayer by Rev. John R. Stevenson. Congregational song "I Love The Lord". Scripture was by Rev. William R. Hughley. Rev. Thomas W. Petty was acting as secretary.

Rev. Hughley asked, "How many letters were there to be presented?" There were 13 letters. After the letters were presented, the name was chosen--the New Salem Missionary Baptist Church. The church was named by Sister Louise H. Dennis.

The church was officially set up by 13 members. This began the New Salem Baptist Church. At this point Rev. Hughley asked the congregation if they had chosen a pastor. A motion was made by Sis. Eve Crawford that Rev. William A. Dennis become the life-time pastor of New Salem Baptist Church. It was seconded by Sis.

Cecelia Emanuel, the motion was carried and the vote was unanimous. At this point the church, having chosen its pastor, Rev. Hughley had Rev. Stevenson give the charge to the church. Rev. Stevenson gave the charge to the church and used for his scripture Matthew 16:18-20. After the charge was given to the church, Rev. Thomas W. Petty gave the charge to the pastor, Rev. William A. Dennis. Rev. Petty used I Timothy 4:1-5.

It was brought out by Rev. Stevenson that the 13 members with letters are the charter members of New Salem Baptist Church. Sis. Eve Crawford, Bro. Herman Moore, Sis. Cecelia Emanuel, Sis. Essie Maw Cecil, Sis. Earline Moore, Sis. Mattie Traylor, Bro. Willie Bailey, Sis. Mary Kinchlow, Sis. Louise H. Dennis, Sis. Armanda Wright, Sis. Louise Scott, Bro. Phillip Kinchlow, Sis. Geneva Watts.

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Olivet Baptist Church

1001 Hosbrook St.

Indianapolis, Indiana



Rev. W. L. Squires

Many years ago a group of devout Christians worshipped God in a log cabin located on the Stroughton Fletcher Farm, which was located in the now Beech Grove area. Many were ex-slaves and earned their living by working for the farm owners. Bro. Cass Howard worked for Mr. Fletcher and it was through him that they were able to use the cabin. Later they moved to a house on Churchman Pike located on the McGinnis farm through which ran Lick Creek. Feeling the need for an organized church, a decision was made to have a Baptist church. On a motion by Bro. Ben Young, the father of Rev. Frank Young, seconded by Bro. Tony Robinson, the church was organized under the name of Lick Creek Baptist Church. This was November 3, 1867. The members were baptized in Lick Creek. Among the members at this time were the ancestors of Bro. Russell Trabue, Wilkerson and Elizabeth Pope. They were the only members who could read and write.

In 1875 they moved to Indianapolis to a building on Southeast Street, and then they moved to a brick building on Hosbrook Street. With each move, God was blessing them with a better building. Bro. Andrew Simmons felt the church needed a name and offered the name "OLIVET". Scriptural references: Acts 1:12; Samuel 15:30; Matthew 24:3. In the early 1900s, they purchased and moved to a larger building at Prospect and Leonard Streets.

The first convert after moving to Indianapolis was the late Rev. Robert D. Leonard. Others serving and being ordained during this time was the late Rev. Frank F. Young and Rev. Charles H. Pools. Olivet singers under the direction of Professor Clay were widely known throughout the city and state.

In 1927 the Olivet Baptist Church moved from Prospect and Leonard Streets to a new building, the present site, 1001 Hosbrook Street.

During the Depression years, a number of pastors worked with little success. In 1930, Rev. George Luther Lillard was called as pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church and, in spite of some hard times and years, labored faithfully and untiringly for 36 years. His wife, Sis. Adelaide Lillard, worked faithfully by his side. The mortgage was burned July 24, 1954. Rev. C. J. Dailey and church participated.

Extending a life-time call to Pastor Lillard January 4, 1964, Olivet's own, Rev. William Lee Squires, who was licensed and ordained at Olivet, was called as Assistant Pastor. February 16, 1966 Olivet experienced a "first", the death of the beloved pastor, Dr. G. L. Lillard; thus, a period of mourning.

August 2, 1966 Rev. William Lee Squires was called as pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church, and he is presently serving as a "Good Shepherd". His constant reminder is "Olivet did not start from a split, has never been split, and never let anyone cause you to split."

Pilgrim Baptist Church

3001 Clifton Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46208

History (1939-1982)

Under the direction of the Holy Spirit the Pilgrim Baptist Church was organized on February 17, 1939 for Rev. Forrest Jefferson. The formal setting for the church was on the southeast corner of Senate Avenue and St. Clair Street. Rev. S. S. Reed, then President of the General Baptist State Convention officiated.

Rev. Forrest Jefferson was born in Raymond, Mississippi April 25, 1880. He was called from labor to reward on March 25, 1967.

On the last Friday in December 1967 the church issued a call to the Rev. Dr. Stacy R. Shields, who was pastoring First Baptist Church, Campbellsville, Kentucky. Dr. Shields accepted the call and in January 1968 moved to Indianapolis.

On May 18, 1970 the church edifice burned to the ground. Under the able leadership of Dr. Shields, as he was guided by the Holy Ghost, a new edifice was erected at a cost of \$350,000.00 and on April 11, 1971 the pastor and congregation moved into the new Sanctuary and educational building.

In 1978 because of the phenomenal growth, a new wing had to be erected at the cost of \$160,000.00. At present Public School No. 41 has been purchased and the vision of the future is a Senior Citizen Home, a Geriatric Day-care Center, a Community Counseling Center and a Youth Recreational Center. With God's guidance and help we hope our vision becomes a reality in June 1984.

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Rev. Dr. S. R. Shields, Pastor

Pleasant Union Baptist Church

1202 Eugene Street

Rev. Charles Harris, Pastor

Indianapolis, Indiana

It was May 17, 1964 a group of 77 spirit-filled people met at the home of Brother and Sister Eugene Smith, 514 E. 32nd Street, for worship service. We agreed to form a mission. The name (Pleasant Union) was submitted by Sister Alfreda McClain. Brother Earl Allen was chosen as Chairman of the Deacons. Brother Hill Bennett, Chairman of the Trustees and Sister Robbye Baker, Clerk. Already there were three ministers in our midst, and they served well.



Rev. & Mrs. Harris

Our congregation grew so rapidly we appointed a committee to look for a church home. This was fruitless so we accepted an invitation from Rev. Will Griffin to have our service late in his church at 510 W. 26th Street. Our mission was organized into a church on July 23 by Rev. L. A. Monnuel and Rev. Richard Gregory.

On Wednesday, September 30, 1964 Rev. Wm. A. Dennis was chosen pastor, and we set out to find a permanent location to worship. Through much prayer and sacrifice God led us to this location, 1202 Eugene Street. Rev. Dennis served for 12½ years. Upon his leaving, we chose Rev. Charles W. Harris Sr. as our pastor. He was our own and filled with the Holy Ghost and eager to move forward with faith and trust in God. Rev. Harris accepted Pleasant Union Missionary Baptist Church December 15, 1976. He came saying "The Earth Is The Lord's And The Fullness Thereof". He encouraged the membership to work and pray and God would do greater things for us.

On December 18, 1979 the foundation for our new church was laid; the church was finished in April 1981. The seating capacity of the church is 510. We also have six classrooms and four lots at the present time. Our congregation now counts 532 members, and we are seeking prayerfully God's guidance that he will continue to bless us and manifest his love through us.

We thank God for giving us a pastor who knows He is the master builder of the world and they that dwell therein.

Charles W. Harris Sr., Pastor



Pleasant Union

St. Paul Baptist Church



Rev. & Mrs. C. J. Daily



The St. Paul Baptist Church was organized in 1890, for the purpose of Divine Worship, salvation and service to humanity. It has been blessed with pastoral care of many eminent Ministers of the Gospel, and survived the many assaults and tests of her ability to perpetuate the doctrines of our Blessed Saviour.

We are truly grateful to many ministers, and those faithful untiring members whose labour, suffering and sacrifices made possible the success of our Church throughout its history, and especially are we grateful for the contribution, confidence and fellowship of our present pastor, Rev. C. J. Dailey, whom we consider the most eminent of them all. Rev. C. J. Dailey, a graduate of Simmons Theological Seminary, was called to the St. Paul Baptist Church in 1931. He was at that time pastoring Joshua Tabernacle Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky. For fifty-one years he has piloted the church through both troubled and calm waters.

His first ten years in Indianapolis, he scanned the city and saw the necessity of a Training School for Ministers

and religious leaders being the Moderator of the Central District Association of Indianapolis. In the 1942 session he recommended that a Central Baptist Seminary be organized, at the close of that session a Board meeting was held, the details were worked out, and that same year in the Fall the Central Baptist Theological Seminary was organized in the St. Paul Baptist Church, and as the school began to grow the Rev. Dailey had another far away dream and in 1946 after the Seminary was incorporated Rev. Dailey brought forth his dream, "A HOME FOR THE AGED" at St. Paul, but not for St. Paul Baptist Church, it had been built for the Community, the City and State as far as it can serve. The St. Paul Baptist Church Home is the first of its kind to be built and operated in the state, and maybe in the country.

Putting God first, Rev. Dailey along with his devoted wife, Beatrice, has dedicated himself to God's service. Members of St. Paul Church, many friends, and his colleagues and community can testify to a job well done, and can say, taking a quote from the scripture "...Be thou faithful until death and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 10:2.

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church



Dr. C. V. Jetter

Shiloh Baptist Church is the progeny of the Antioch Baptist Church and was organized in Marion County Court House, Indianapolis, Indiana on July 19, 1897. At that time the congregation consisted of 40 members (all deceased now).

The Reverend Thomas Bowles and Reverend James Arvett were the first ordained ministers to preach the gospel to this new congregation. Following these ministers, came Reverend Charles Johnson on July 18, 1898, and Reverend Underwood in 1900. The Reverend C. J. Patton and S. H. Batchelor were called next and together they served nine years. In 1914 the congregation split and the Mount Olive Baptist Church was born.

The Reverend Floyd L. Morris was called to Shiloh in 1914 where he served faithfully and tirelessly for nine years. Under his guidance the congregation purchased a small framed building at 701 North West Street for \$2,200.00. The congregation had grown substantially by that time. The first officers elected were: Brother Will Goodwin, Chairman of the Deacon Board; Brother Robert Douglas, Church Clerk; Sister Nannie Tower, President of the Senior Missionary Society; Brother Howard Cooper, Sunday School Superintendent; Sister Susie Whiteside, President of the BYPU. The first child born to the new church family was Fred Douglas.

After the absence of a pastor for two years, on February 13, 1925, an invitation was extended to the Reverend Judge I. Saunders, Pastor of the King Solomon Baptist Church of Cincinnati, Ohio. Reverend Saunders accepted the call and became the seventh pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church. Upon his arrival, Reverend Saunders found a very heavily indebted but, devoted and energetic congregation. By 1930 all debts had been liquidated and the congregation marched on successfully under his leadership. The old building was moved to the rear of the property while a new Shiloh was being erected at a cost of \$85,000.00. Most of the interior work was done by Reverend Saunders and Reverend S. L. West. Many people

predicted that Shiloh would never be completed as these were the worst of the depression years, but in June 1934, the cornerstone was set and Shiloh was completed for worship in 1938. The Reverend B. F. Ferrell participated in the cornerstone setting.

Shiloh continued to grow and in 1945 new pews and a new organ were purchased at a cost of \$3,500.00. Shortly afterwards two houses just north of Shiloh in the 700 block of West Street were offered for sale. It was the desire of Reverend Saunders that Shiloh purchase both houses, but only one house was acquired.

In 1947 Shiloh celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, which was called the "Golden Jubilee".

Later in 1947 a few members left the congregation to form the New Hope Baptist Church. Reverend Saunders continued to serve the remainder of his congregation until January 8, 1956 when God called him from labor to reward, ending his 30 years and 11 months of devoted service.

The Reverend Clyde V. Jetter became the eighth pastor of the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in August 1956. Reverend Jetter came as a young man with a desire to keep the church on the move and to expand its growth. He organized a \$150,000.00 campaign to remodel the building and organized several new auxiliaries. These being: the Boy Scouts, Male Chorus, Junior Choir, Junior Missionary, Adult Ushers, Business and Professional Women, Ways & Means Committee, Starlight Band, and the Girl Scouts.

On January 5, 1969 the church at 701 North West Street was destroyed by fire. Reverend Jetter found the church a temporary place in which to worship at the Buggs Temple Church of God, located at 11th and Missouri Streets, Indianapolis, Indiana. We worshipped there for one year and 30 days. During that time some of the members moved their membership.

Since 1970, Reverend Jetter has ordained several ministers and deacons, and has added several hundred members to the congregation. As Shiloh looks forward to its 85th anniversary, Shiloh holds the following auxiliaries to its credit: the Senior Choir, Senior Ushers, Trustee Board, All Zones Auxiliary, Baptist Training Union, Nurses Aide, Junior Ushers, Young Adult Choir, Young Adult Ushers, Helping Hands, Male Usher Board, Senior Missionary Society, Mother's Union, Brotherhood, Youth Missionary Council, Young Women's Missionary, Pastor's Choir, Church Clerk, Church Secretary, Junior Choir, Male Chorus, Male Chorus Wives, Deacons & Trustees Wives, and the Ways & Means Committee.

It is our prayer this church stand in years to come as it has stood these 85 years--a living monument to a Saviour who died that all men might live.

South Calvary Baptist Church

At the time of its inception a group of people who were consecrated members of Mt. Zion lived on the Old Fletcher's farm. Heavy rains in the northern part of the state had caused the waters of White River to rise and the rains were inundating the farms. Many levies had to be built and the residents were forced to work on Sunday. Mt. Zion, whose pastor was Rev. William Singleton, adhered strictly to the rule of no work on Sunday and withheld the hand of fellowship.

About the same time there were some loyal Baptists from Kentucky who lived in back of the old rolling mill. They had not joined a church since coming to Indianapolis. They felt the need of a church home and decided to organize one. They heard about the plight of the former members of the Mt. Zion and decided to ask them to join forces and start a southside church.

As was usual in those days a revival of a week's endurance was held. Rev. Moses Broyles was the evangelist; and at the termination of this revival the South Calvary Church was officially begun. Four of the great names in the ministry assisted in the organization. They were Rev. Christopher Wilson, Rev. Simmons, Rev. J. R. Miller and Rev. Jacob Rainer. Rev. Thomas Smith was called to be the first pastor.

The church at first housed in a blacksmith shop across from our present location. Rev. Charles Williams bought the land on which we now stand. Later the church purchased it from him and the property has been in the name of the church ever since. Rev. Smith served faithfully and in 1882 he was called to another field. Before he left; however, Mt. Zion Church had finally withdrawn its objection and we were accepted into the General Association of the State.

After prayer and careful consideration, the congregation called Rev. Chas. Williams. He had been with the church from its inception and was known and loved by everyone. This selection proved to be one of the wisest and most fruitful decisions ever made. In 1887 a drive was launched to build an edifice to house the membership. The cornerstone was laid in 1888. The dedication was the second Sunday in October.

Rev. C. F. Williams pastored the church 34 years. Money was very scarce in those days and he worked whitewash and brush, carried around in his horse-drawn wagon, to support his family and gave his salary back to the church. In 1912 Rev. Williams slipped quietly home.

Rev. George Lillard was called as the next pastor. He came to us well recommended by the brethren and was educated at Simmons University of Kentucky. The church basement was added to the church at a cost of \$2,000.00, which was quite a sum in those days. In 1922 Rev. Lillard left for another field.

Rev. J. T. Highbough came to us as a young man of 21 years of age. He came to us from Texas. In 1923 we began building another church building on the same location. We worshipped in a tent in the yard of Sis.

Kate Meeks. On October 14, 1922 the new church was opened. The budget and envelope systems were established. In 1923 Rev. Highbough was called to Good Samaritan Baptist Church.

Our fifth pastor, Rev. S. S. Thomas was called in 1934. He was an able pastor and he and his family found a place in the hearts of the members which was never vacated. Rev. Thomas served three years and resigned.

Rev. V. W. McLawler was called as the next pastor. The church was still in debt. He brought a plan to us whereby we were able to burn the church mortgage. He served 10 years and in 1947 was called to a field in Texas.

In June 1948 Rev. Leonard A. Manuel was called to our church. He was a product of our city schools and the School of Religion at Butler University. He married one of our most faithful members, Sister Stella Devine, in 1949. Under his leadership the old edifice was torn down and replaced with a new one in 1951. The cornerstone was laid October 29, 1950 by the trustees of the church under the supervision of Rev. L. A. Manuel. On Sunday, October 28, 1951, Deacons I. H. Hill, Forrest McFerren and chairman of the trustees, Felix Moore, led the ribbon cutting ceremony. Rev. Manuel was a tireless worker in the District, State and National Conventions. The Lord called him home, Monday December 1, 1968. His family remains faithful and active in South Calvary. Rev. Virgil Sprowel was appointed our acting pastor and was faithful in carrying out the duties of a pastor.

August 1969 Rev. Robert A. Bennett III became our eighth pastor. He was a young man of 22 years of age. The mortgage was burned February 22, 1970. A Youth Recreation Program was organized under his pastorate. He was killed in an auto accident on Sunday, February 14, 1971. Again Rev. Sprowel was appointed acting pastor, along with Rev. M. E. Williams, until our ninth pastor was called.

Our ninth pastor, Rev. Leo Sneed, is a native of Chicago, Illinois and was educated in that city. He was pastoring the Loving Baptist Church in Bloomington, Illinois when called to pastor South Calvary Baptist Church. Under his capable leadership the Altar Guild was organized and is responsible for fresh flowers being on the altar each Sunday. We have purchased several parcels of land and are now in the process of making plans to build a new edifice.

Current Officers are as follows:
Chairman of Deacon Board - Bro. John Moore
Church Clerk - Sis. Evelyn Miller
Church Treasurer - Bro. Edward L. Shivers
Chairman of Trustees - Bro. Hezekiah Hill
Church Secretary - Sis. Imogene Sechrest

St. Matthew Baptist Church

On November 6, 1955 the Rev. Mr. Matthew B. Downey called together a group of Christian men and women to be organized. This meeting was held in the home of the Rev. Matthew B. Downey. The group was at that time organized as a church and named the St. Matthew Baptist Church.

It was consent that the Rev. Mr. Matthew B. Downey would be the pastor and Mrs. Georgie Moor would be the treasurer and other officers would be elected at a later date.

First on the agenda was a place to worship. The pastor

and his wife offered their home as a temporary place to worship. One service was held in their home and the following Sunday God blessed them with a vacant building in the rear of their home where services were held for six years.

On June 22, 1959 the trustees, Mr. Samuel Washington and Mr. Bennie Lasky, and Pastor Downey purchased the lot at 3105 Hovey Street on which the present edifice was erected by the pastor with the help of some of the members.

God has truly blessed St. Matthew Baptist Church.

True Vine Missionary Baptist Church

True Vine Missionary Baptist Church was organized in the year of 1940 with about 15 members, under the leadership of Rev. F. H. Moore. They held their meeting in the home of one of the members. Later they were able to rent the building at 1260 East 19th Street, which was later known as True Vine Missionary Baptist Church. True Vine Missionary Baptist Church was very successful under the leadership of Rev. Moore. At his own request his resignation was accepted by the church.

On July 3, 1943 Rev. Walter E. Starks was called as pastor of True Vine Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. Starks was all any church would need as a pastor, teacher, and a very fine leader (the best). True Vine Missionary Baptist Church made great accomplishments under his leadership. Rev. Starks resigned as pastor of True Vine Missionary Baptist Church in the early 1950's.

Rev. V. W. McLawer was called as pastor and leader in 1951. Rev. McLawer served until 1953.

Rev. Wm. I. Jones was called to pastor True Vine Missionary Baptist Church in July of 1954. Under Rev. Jones' leadership True Vine Missionary began to knit back together. There were many added to the church. Some much needed improvements were made. Rev. Wm. I. Jones' service as pastor of True Vine Missionary Baptist Church ended.

Rev. Willie Harris was called to pastor True Vine Missionary Church April 10, 1967, and he has remained faithful in his service until this present day. Under Rev. Harris' leadership True Vine Missionary Baptist Church has grown. We have been able to build a new sanctuary, the location of our present church--2815 North Dearborn. By the help of the good Lord we have had our mortgage burning service. Truly, we are grateful for Rev. Willie Harris as our very fine leader and giving thanks to God for His wonderful blessings.

True Vine Missionary Baptist Church
Rev. Willie Harris, Pastor
Essie G. Primus, Church Clerk

West Parkview Baptist Church

Organized 1922 by Rev. R. H. Noel

Rebuilt 1944 by Rev. H. T. Green

Rev. William H. Lee

Rev. John D. Buchanan, Pastor

4155 Edgemere Court

Church: 241-3852

Home: 549-2380



Rev. John D. Buchanan, Pastor

Calvary Baptist Muncie, Indiana



This church was organized and named Second Baptist Church of Muncie in May 1872 by William and Sarah Jones, Phillip and Julia Peaudrews, Rev. Davis and two other baptized believers whose names are unknown. A log cabin on the corner of Jackson and Beacon Streets, which was the home of William and Sarah Jones, was used for their worship services.

1879 to 1901. The membership grew and a new location was needed. In 1881 a frame church building was erected and completed at 1115 East Jackson Street.

1901 to 1971. It was not long before a new building was needed. In 1901 a new brick building was started and completed in 1903. The name was then changed to Calvary Baptist Church.

1926 to 1971. The building was not in very good shape. During this time new art windows were installed, the building was redecorated inside and outside, the choir loft and French windows were installed, the electric

organ, piano, electric water fountain, dining room tables, kitchen equipment, and the present parsonage was purchased. Also, a lot west of the church was cleared for parking purposes.

1971 to Present Time. A new church building was erected and completed in 1974. On Sunday, August 18, 1974, at 10:00 AM the congregation marched from the old church building to the new one. The old building was demolished in June 1975. The parsonage was sold, the parking lot was expanded, and a bulletin board was purchased.

The following ministers have pastored Calvary Baptist Church: Rev. Davis; Rev. Harrison; Rev. Dix; Rev. Merritt; Rev. Preston; Rev. Booyer; Rev. Bray; Rev. Robb; Rev. Slaughter; Rev. Braules; Rev. Greene; Rev. Johnson; Rev. K. Warren; Rev. Hockensmith; Rev. Palmer; Rev. L. R. Mitchell; Rev. A. D. Chandler; Rev. L. W. H. Gibson; Rev. J. M. Hendon; Rev. J. C. Smith; Rev. William Z. Thomas; Rev. S. C. Richards; Rev. R. E. S. Utterback; Rev. L. V. Jenkins; Rev. G. R. Wilkins; Rev. A. Claude Watkins; and our present minister, Rev. Billy J. Shelton.



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Prayerfully submitted,

Calvary Baptist Church

Rev. Billy J. Shelton, Pastor

Greater Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church

723 S. Macedonia

Muncie, Indiana



Rev. David Braxton

Married. Wife: Josephine Braxton. Two lovely daughters and two lovely granddaughters.

Pastor Braxton has been the pastor for the past 12 years at the Greater Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church.

Pastor Braxton believes in putting God first in every effort that he takes to do his will. He is a Christian and a gospel preacher.

His lovely wife and children have been a great help to him in his ministry.

He attended the Cross Road Bible College of Farmland, Indiana and completed a course. At the present time he is a student at the Central Baptist Theological Seminary. Also, his wife is a student. She is, also, the teacher for the adult women class in the church school. They are both studying for a degree in theology.

Humbly submitted,

Rev. and Mrs. David Braxton
P. O. Box 2652
Anderson, Indiana 46018

Greater Second Baptist Church, Marion



Dr. J. D. Williams

In the fall of 1891 an organizational meeting was held in the home of Rev. Charles Wallace, who lived on Railroad Avenue. Rev. J. M. Morton, pastor, First Baptist, North Indianapolis, and a deacon from the same church were a part of this meeting. Rev. M. C. Elsey was called to be the first pastor and served for one year. Worship services were first held in a public meeting place over Frank's Furniture Store on North Washington Street.

During the pastorate of Rev. A. J. Cromwell the first property was purchased and a building was erected where the congregation worshipped until 1905.

During the pastorate of Rev. Y. C. Terrel, the church continued to grow spiritually and numerically. Rev. Terrel led the congregation in the erection of a frame building. Mr. Samuel Plato, a black man, was the contractor. During the pastorate of Rev. William Oglesby, the lot and house north of the church was purchased, stained glass windows were installed. During the pastorate of Rev. M. J. Battle the house and lot to the south of the church was purchased for \$450.00. Although the nation was in the midst of a great depression, the property was paid off in 30 days.

Among the former pastors serving this congregation were: Rev. W. Z. Thomas, Rev. Martin, Rev. Thompson, Rev. Francis Storey, Rev. M. J. Battle, Rev. Bernard White, Rev. L. W. Mundy, Rev. James Bradley and Rev. T. T. Newman.

On April 16, 1963 in a business meeting Rev. F. W. Weathers, Moderator, Northeastern District Baptist Association, the church called the Rev. J. D. William an Associate Minister of the St. John Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio as pastor. Pastor Williams is now in his 19th year as pastor. At the call of Pastor Williams, the total assets of the congregation were \$24,000.00. Through the leadership of Pastor Williams the church was led to realize the need for expansion, to pray for guidance and to venture into building a new edifice. Property at 26th and Torrence Streets was selected and purchased from the Browner family for \$9,500.00. In 1964 Mr. Nelson D. Harris was retained to design the edifice for a fee of \$4,400.00. In September 1965 the trustees obtained a loan from Marion National Bank for \$100,000.00 to erect the building. Construction began in March 1966 and was completed in September 1966. The congregation marched into this new edifice on the first Sunday in October 1966.

The Dedicatory Service was held at the new church on October 30, 1966. The late Dr. P. S. Wilkinson, Sr., pastor of the New Light Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, was our guest speaker. Everything in the church was sanctified and set apart--from the pots and pans to the sacred altar furnishings.

It can surely be said that "We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord; trusting in His Holy Word; He's never failed us yet." Thanks be to God!

Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church

The Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church was founded and organized in 1924 by the Rev. F. R. Hatcher. The members began worshipping in homes and later purchased a tent, which was used as a meeting place. Later with the help of Pittsburgh Plate Glass and other friends they were able to build their first house of worship at 219 South Cooper Street. With different improvements and modernization this building, approximately 40 feet wide and 50 feet long, was used as a house of worship until 1969 when the present church house at 1599 East Sycamore Street was built. The church has had seven pastors: Rev. F. R. Hatcher, founder; Rev. Thomas; Rev. McBride; Rev. Roy; Rev. Burrus; Rev. H. Thurman and Rev. F. S. Kemper.

Our present pastor, Rev. F. S. Kemper has been with us for the past 20 years. Under his leadership the new church building on East Sycamore Street has been built and all indebtedness has been paid. The church consists of several auxiliaries and has a growing Church School, Junior Church, Bible classes and Outreach Programs into the community. The church is a leading supporter of the Northeastern District Association, the Indiana Missionary Baptist State Convention and the National Baptist Convention of America. He holds the following degrees: H.T.M., M.R.E. AND D.D.



Rev. & Mrs. F. S. Kemper



Rising Star Baptist Church



Rev. B. T. Jackson

Through the intercession and revelation of Rev. B. T. Jackson, a group of missionaries were called together to discuss a mission for the church. This group of missionaries met at the home of Rev. Jackson on Sunday at 3 PM where they further advanced the mission work. They decided they would meet at the following address for their first service. On December 27, 1959 the missionaries assembled at the Masonic Hall at 1129 South Branson Street. The service was glorious. Everyone was highly inspired and rejoiced over the mission work. On February 13, 1960 the missionaries decided to have a revival. They selected Doctor R. H. Faulkner as the evangelist. Dr. Faulkner began his preaching February 15, and the Lord blessed the service. There were three added to the mission workers, Bro. Ned and Sis. Hazel Mae Wrancher for baptism and Bro. Thomas Evans by Christian experience of grace. And the Lord continued to bless the meetings. The missionaries continued to grow until the Lord saw fit to promote one from the Deacon Board to the Christian Ministry. Bro. O. W. Barber acknowledged his calling and was accepted and given full privileges to exercise his gift. On May 1, 1960 to June 6, 1960 the mission was organized. The Rev. R. H. Faulkner, pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church; Rev. F. H. Wilson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church; and Rev. T. T. Newman, pastor of Second Baptist Church, assembled the missionaries at the St. Paul Baptist Church where it was perfected into an independent organization. Rev. Faulkner was moderator. It was moved and seconded that the house be open for business. Sister Annie Pettiford and Sister Arthur Ree Yates were approved protem secretaries. The moderator called for the respective letters; there were eight. Rev. B. T. Jackson, Sister Roxena Barber, Brother R. N. Barber, Sister Dorothy Barber, Sister A. R. Yates, Brother R. Yates, Brother Ivory Mitchell and Rev. O. W. Barber.

The church was organized. Rev. T. T. Newman presented the message. One joined by Christian experience. It was moved and seconded that Rev. B. T. Jackson be the pastor of this church. The name of this church

was to be the Rising Star Baptist Church. On August 20, 1960 the church authorized an ordination service. Brother Ivory Mitchell, Brother P. Yates, and Brother R. N. Barber were given offices as deacons. The Rev. W. J. Jackson of Galveston, Texas was catechizer.

The church remained at 12th and Branson until the first of July 1961. Then it was moved to the address of 444 East Second Street where the Rev. W. E. Perkins is the landlord. Rev. and Sister Perkins, former Methodists, were united with the church by baptism. The church also licensed and ordained Rev. Perkins to the Christian ministry.

The church was blessed to obtain church pews from the Friendship Baptist Church of Anderson, Indiana where the Rev. M. C. Williams is the pastor. The piano was given to the church by Sister L. Mitchell. The membership as of then was 13 baptized, 46 by experience of grace, and in all the membership totalled 67.

Since 1961 the church has been blessed to have made many spiritual and material accomplishments. In the material realm, the church was able to purchase and build the former sanctuary in 1963. We have purchased for the church a new piano, an organ, and a P.A. system. This year we were able to expand. We were able to put on an additional 1980 square feet at a cost of \$32,000.00.

The spiritual successes and blessings have been quite numerous. We have been able to observe the spiritual development of many members. In the 12 years, there have been a little over 500 members that were taken into our membership. We were able to baptize 235 out of this number. We have been blessed to have ordained 13 ministers. I have licensed and ordained 12 ministers. The church has presently serving with the pastor, seven ministers.

Closing the history of the church, the pastor and members wish to express deep gratitude to Rev. H. S. Davis, our contractor and the constructor of the new sanctuary.



Rev. H. S. Davis

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Robert A. Lee, B.Th., Pastor



SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH was organized in 1887 upon the disbanding of the Freewill Baptist Church, whose pastor was the Rev. Richard Bassett. Concerned members with the Rev. Bassett met with the First Baptist Church of Kokomo, Indiana for the purpose of organizing the new Second Baptist Church. Meetings were held in the Third Ward School on the corner of North LaFountain Street.

Second Baptist continued under several pastors moving to a structure located on East Richmond Street and with her twelfth pastor, Rev. John Crittended, a building fund was started for a new edifice. The culmination of this effort came under the pastorate of the Rev. J. W. Carr, Second's 14th pastor. On October 16, 1953 the members marched from the edifice on East Richmond Street to the new and present site located at 819 Apperson Way North. On April 10, 1960 the mortgage was burned for the new edifice.

Dr. L. F. Burton was the next God-sent man to guide this flock. Under his leadership extensive remodeling was initiated which included: a new entrance, basement area renovation, and the establishment of the J. W. Carr Fellowship Hall. Under Dr. Burton the church helped to educate young ministers who have returned to their

native land as missionaries. Dr. Burton's leadership stands as a watershed of Christian growth and development. Due to his health Dr. Burton retired from the pastorate in August 1978; however, as Pastor Emeritus of the church, he continues to serve the Lord in very active roles today.

Following the retirement of Dr. Burton, God sent and Second called the Rev. Melvin E. Bellamy to the pastorate of Second. Under Rev. Bellamy a Jr. Church Department was added to the educational program of the church and under Rev. Bellamy's leadership the church was incorporated. Rev. Bellamy led in the completion of a building phase which completely renovated and enlarged the fellowship hall, renovated and enlarged the auditorium and choir area, and moved the baptistry upstairs to a beautiful setting and placement. God called Rev. Bellamy home on April 6, 1981 after a short, but spirit-led and fulfilling pastorate.

Presently, Second Baptist follows the pastorate of the Rev. Robert A. Lee, sent and called November 15, 1981. With 95 years behind her Second prayerfully and under the guidance of God's Holy Spirit continues in service under a vigorous program of prayer, worship, study, missions, evangelism and outreach.

SECOND BAPTIST STAFF and OFFICERS

Rev. Robert A. Lee, Pastor

Sis. Shirley Washington, Clerk

Sis. Bennie Omdorff, Asst. Clerk

Rev. Lee J. Jackson, Assistant of Pastor

Deacon Hobart Washington, Chairman of Deacons

Bro. Elijah Scott, Church Treasurer

Sis. Dorothy Ellison, Superintendent Sunday School

Sis. Jackie Shields, Financial Clerk

Sis. Vivian Embry, Asst. Financial Clerk

Deacon Newton Brooks, Vice Chairman of Deacons

Bro. Richard Graham, Director of Junior Church

Sis. Juanita White, Director of Training Union

Deacon James Washington, Chairman of Trustees and Official Board

Union Missionary Baptist Church

1103 N. Macedonia

Muncie, Indiana

Man's basic need to worship God in his own environment motivated a concerned group of 18 black people to build a place of worship in Whitely of Muncie at the beginning of the 19th century. Although the members were organized in 1905, the first building constructed was in 1907. Formerly named "The First Baptist Church of Whitely", the mortgage was burned in 1919. The church

was housed in this building until December 1971 when we moved into our new church, which cost \$143,000.00 and was paid off in less than six years. The first parsonage was purchased in 1941 and our new \$19,000.00 parsonage was constructed and paid for under Rev. Albert L. Dew's leadership.



Rev. & Mrs. Albert Dew

Rev. Dew and his wife have been with us for 22 years following a succession of eight other pastors in the history of the church. Under his fine leadership, we have grown to over 250 members. It was Rev. Dew's constant dream to have one mass choir made up of all ages. This dream was realized at the end of 1981 when all choirs were combined into one. There are eight other auxiliaries including a growing church school that makes up the church body. Rev. Leo Scaife,

Rev. W. C. Edwards, Rev. Wayne Stevens, Rev. Otis Miller, and Rev. Jerry Ash all serve as associate ministers.

Our doors are always open to those wishing to enter.

First Baptist Church Kingsford Heights, Indiana

The formation of the church was started in the home of Brother and Sister Cobb, which consisted of a Sunday School. The Rev. Vaughn came to Kingsford Heights in August of 1948 seeking mission work and was led to the home of the Cobbs where Sunday School was being conducted.

Rev. Vaughn came every Sunday thru September. The needs of a church were discussed; constructive programs were offered. The first Sunday in October 1948 Sister Cobb began canvassing the community. Response was not favorable, but this did not deter them from their main goal. The church was reorganized with a group of five people. There were Brother and Sister Luther Cobb, Sister Ella Stone, Sister N. Lipscomb, and Sister Luella Cobb. Others present were: Rev. R. Wiley, Sister Vaughn, Missionary Mary McPike, of Benton Harbor, Michigan. The church was named Community Baptist by Rev. Wiley.

In November 1948 the church was blessed with three more members. They were Bro. Leroy Buchanan, Sis. Beatrice and Odessa Buchanan. November 26, 1948 Rev. W. E. Vaughn was elected pastor. Bro. Cobb was the first deacon, followed by Bro. L. Buchanan. The membership continued to grow. On January 14, 1949 a building in the business district was rented for \$15 per month with little or no heat. The first revival was held March 1949 with the Rev. Smith of Benton Harbor, Michigan. The Lord blessed the church with nine converts and on Easter Sunday, April 1949, the candidates were taken to Benton Harbor to be baptized at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church.

The first trustee was Bro. John H. Branscomb, who was elected from 1950 to 1951. Bro. F. W. Townsend was added to the trustees board. Bro. Branscomb was instrumental in getting the Kingsford Cor. to donate a lot on the corner of Chatfield and Hadley Road. Early

in 1951 plans were formulated to construct a church. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held in February 1951.

In January 1952 the parishoners were able to hold services in the basement. Pastor Vaughn did most of the labor on the church. In May 1953 the members marched from the basement to the new auditorium. On the third Sunday in July 1954 dedication service was observed. Also, in July Rev. Banks Evans was elected assistant pastor. The cornerstone was laid in August 1954. Rev.

W. E. Vaughn was pastor from November 1948 until February 1958. Rev. J. L. Shead of South Bend, Indiana was called and was elected pastor of the church. Rev. J. L. Shead began his pastoral duties the first Sunday in June. He saw the need for improvements in the church and community. The Brotherhood of Fellowship was organized.

The church began to grow spiritually, financially, and in attendance. Due to the increase of members, Pastor Shead, being led by the Holy Spirit, saw the need for a larger building. In September 1958 the pastor and brethren started plans to remodel and enlarge the structure of the building. At this time the name of the church was changed to the First Baptist Church. The entire building was enlarged and furnished with new furniture and carpeting. The Educational Building was erected in 1977 with a heated Baptismal pool. A new kitchen was designed, new carpeting for the entire basement, new chairs and banquet tables were added.

Everyone who is familiar with the 24-year program under the pastورشip of Rev. J. L. Shead can see the extensive renovating and improvements both inside and outside the church. Under the leadership of Rev. J. L. Shead we are blessed spiritually, financially, and intellectually. The year 1982 marks 34 years of the First Baptist Church existence.



The First Baptist Church of Lakeland

The First Baptist Church of Lakeland was founded on April 3, 1949 in the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jackson on Ruth Street in Lakeland, Michigan City, Indiana. The organizational service was conducted by the following pastors and ministers: the late Rev. G. R. Beckwith, acting as chairman; along with the Superintendent of Missions for the General Baptist Convention, Rev. W. M. Morgan; Rev. Smith; and Rev. Daniel C. Cook.

Rev. Beckwith read the rules of the Baptist Church to the members. Bro. Eddie Terry motioned we elect Rev. R. H. Kendrick, the founder, as pastor. It was seconded by Bro. Freddie Hodges. Services were held in various places until we built our present church home.

The first officer crowned deacon was Bro. Bryson White. In 1954 Sis. Mable Parish was elected President of the Missionary Society and Church Treasurer. She held that office until her death in 1980. The first minister ordained was Rev. Dalton Dyer in 1955. The Senior Choir was organized in May 1955 by the Rev. Washington. Sis. Martha Farmer organized the Junior Choir in 1955. Sis. Anna B. Kendrick organized the first Usher Board in 1956. She also organized the Junior Usher Board. The Mother Board's first president was Sis. Frances Rucker. Trustees were Sis. Mable Parish, Bro. Bryson White and Bro. Zeb Olds. The first Church Clerk was Sis. Martha Farmer. Sis. Essie Hurt was elected as Clerk the following year. The records were misplaced in part from 1949 until 1954. In the month of August 1954 we moved from the home of Leatha Olds to our present church basement. In 1957 the cornerstone was laid. We moved upstairs in May 1961. We continued to grow under the Christian leadership of the Rev. R. H. Kendrick until our Heavenly Father called him to rest on July 20, 1963.

A new pastor was elected, Rev. P. R. Hicks of Chicago, Illinois in February 1964. Under his leadership the church was incorporated and many things were accomplished for the comfort of our members and friends: pews were purchased, along with tables and chairs for the dining area and furniture for the pulpit area. Tithing was also instituted. He served until October 1965 at which time he resigned and moved to the State of Alabama.



In December of 1966 Rev. W. B. Bogan was elected pastor. Under his leadership the church took an new life. Many accomplishments were realized from our basement to the auditorium. The church was remodeled and additions were made. The bus ministry was organized. The public address system was installed. The parking lot was repaired by the late Bro. David Farmer and Bro. Harry (Bill) Farmer, who also put in sidewalks, grass, trees, and flowers. Also, the church was registered with the District, State, and National Baptist Associations. Two ministers were ordained: the late Rev. James Townsend and Rev. Goldie McDonald. Sis. Willie Mae Amico, President of the Usher Board at that time, and its members carpeted the Pastor's Study. Bro. and Sis. Fred Pender and Sis. Inez Thomas headed the committee for carpeting the auditorium. He served until May 1974 at which time he was called to pastor the Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church in Michigan City.

In July 1974 Rev. Julius J. Reynolds was elected pastor. Under his leadership we dramatically increased our involvement in the District, State and National Baptist Associations. Two ministers were ordained: Rev. James Smith, who now pastors the Community Missionary Baptist Church in Union Pier, Michigan, and the Rev. Walter Brown. One minister was licensed: Rev. Melvin Reynolds. The calling of the late Rev. Wilson Clayborne was also acknowledged. Deacons crowned were Bros. Nelson Atkins, Walter Brown, and Jesse Amico. Sis. Gertrude Martin was elected Financial Secretary. She served until 1976; Sis. Neomia Brim was then elected and served until January 1981. Sis. Essie Hurt was then named Clerk Emeritus and Sis. Jackie Davis was Clerk and Financial Secretary. Bro. Nelson Atkins and Sis. Martha Farmer were elected Church Treasurers. The Youth Department was organized and Sis. Maggie Williams was named its Director. The Reynolds Friendship Club was organized and Sis. Brenda Thornton was named its president. Special services were added to the church calendar: Worship on the Lake in October, All Night Watch Meeting on New Year's Eve, Senior Citizens' Day, Homecoming, Family & Friends' Day, and Common Dress Day. The church purchased air conditioning units, added two vans to the Bus Ministry, purchased the church parsonage and its adjacent lot. We also purchased a house adjacent to the church and converted it into a community center.

The members of the First Baptist Church of Lakeland are grateful to our Heavenly Father because we feel he has done great things for us through our founder, the late Rev. R. H. Kendrick; our past pastors, Rev. P. R. Hicks and Rev. W. B. Bogan; and He continues to bless us through our present pastor, Rev. Julius J. Reynolds. We pray the Lord continues to shower His blessings upon us!

Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

206 South Falcon Street
South Bend, Indiana 46619

Church 288-7487
Residence 289-6109



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Pastor

Cornish Miller
Honorary Chairman

Linda McGill
General Secretary

Willie Alsander
Chairman of Deacons

Willie Robinson
Chairman of Trustees

Elton Gailday
Church Treasurer

Rosie Wilks
Financial Secretary

Linda McGill
Church Clerk

This is the 58th Anniversary of the Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. The church was organized by Rev. Brady in 1923. In 1927, Rev. Richardson was the next pastor. The next pastor was Rev. H. White, who moved the church from 208 S. Falcon to 145 S. Falcon Street. The name of the church was Friendship Church and Rev. White gave it the name of the Greater Friendship Baptist Church. Rev. White left the church in 1937 and Rev. Liggins was called on April 17, 1937 to pastor. Rev. Liggins laid the cornerstone and helped build the church. Rev. Liggins left the church July 5, 1946.

Rev. A. W. Williams was the next pastor. He added a new addition to the church. Rev. Williams left in September 1950; and in 1951 Rev. J. J. Jackson was called to pastor the church. Rev. Jackson came from Chicago and stayed six months and left December 18, 1951. On March 24, 1952 Rev. Dave Staples was elected pastor and stayed until 1954. On February 20, 1955 Rev. A. W. Williams was re-elected and remained as pastor until 1960. In 1960 Rev. Dave Davis was called as the pastor. He is the pastor now. In about 1968, the church was faced with another crisis due to re-development. Problems arose and the church moved to its present location, 206 S. Falcon, through the leadership of Christ, the pastor and the members the church was able to overcome the problems. Through all the years of ups and downs we had Bro. Miller, Sis. Walker, Sis. Helen Miller, Sis. Lillie Sanders, Sis. Dorothy Barnes, Sis. Dixon and others to stay with the church.

The church is still making history, and there are many that are gone to Glory--and many others that have joined forces to try and continue to do the will for our Creator. God bless those who worked during the years in love and in spirit.

Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church

101 North Adams Street
South Bend, Indiana 46628

On December 1, 1922 St. John Missionary Baptist Church purchased the building at 130 North Adams Street for the place of worship, paying \$2,500.00. The name of the church was to be Saint John Missionary Baptist Church by the request of the Working Hope Club. This name was suggested by Sister Helen Smith.

MINISTERS WHO PASTORED FROM 1922-1931: THE REVEREND R. B. ALEXANDER; THE REVEREND M. DAVIDSON; THE REVEREND J. O. CLARK.

October 1931 St. John Missionary Baptist Church and

Mount Zion Baptist Church united. The total membership was 125. Rev. H. A. King was called to pastor. The church grew steadily, financially and held under the leadership of Rev. H. A. King. Bro. L. F. Brown was president and Sis. Milandi Lindsey was vice-president. A very successful convention was held and the building had to be made larger.

In 1934 the Rev. C. J. Sebree of Elkhart was called to pastor and served seven years. During his guidance the church increased spiritually and financially.



WE HAVE GROWN

November 1944 Reverend Bernard L. White, Sr. accepted the pastorate of Saint John Missionary Baptist Church of which there has been a steady increase in spiritual inspiration, membership and finance. Under the pastorate of Rev. White there has been 12 ministers called to preach the gospel. In 1975 he retired and in 1977 he was called to his Heavenly Home.

In 1976 to September 1981 Rev. Jimmy Jones accepted the pastorate of St. John Missionary Baptist Church.

In 1977 the church was incorporated and became Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Inc. Three ministers were called to preach the gospel. There was a new church built at a cost of \$750,000.00 under the leadership of Rev. Jimmy Jones.

Rev. Billy Kirk is presently the interim pastor of Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church. He accepted the interim pastorate October 1981.

Mt. Hermon Baptist Church, Peru

Mount Hermon Baptist Church, Peru, was organized by the late Dr. James A. Dupee, Kokomo, on July 28, 1946 in the home of the late Bro. and Sis. Ollie Hodge with four people in attendance.

Services were held in this home 22 months, during which time the present site was purchased for \$250.00 , and the building erected and dedicatory services were held May 28, 1948.

Dr. Dupee commuted between Peru and Kokomo for 17 years. Due to advanced age and failing health, he resigned as pastor on June 14, 1963, serving as Pastor Emeritus until his death in January 1966.

On August 18, 1963 Rev. Lee J. Jackson, Gary, was called as our pastor and commuted weekly. He served faithfully until his resignation in December 1980.

Rev. James E. Tolbert of Fort Wayne accepted the pastorage on March 15, 1981. Under his leadership the church continues to grow, having a membership of 85 at the present time.

Plans have been finalized for the remodeling and enlarging of our sanctuary.

New Hope Baptist Church

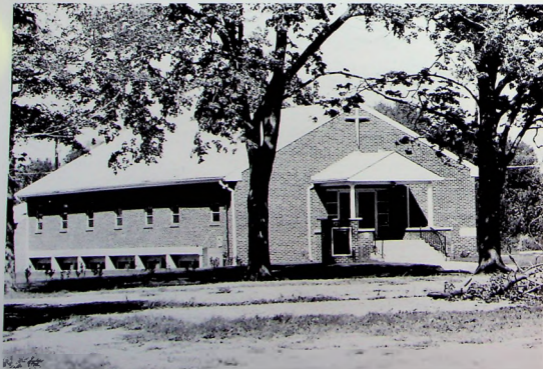
New Hope was organized on February 1, 1956 under the leadership of Rev. Dave Staples. Services were held in a building at Jefferson and Kaley Streets. After a short time services were moved to Chapin Street. Rev. Staples resigned in 1958 leaving New Hope without a pastor until 1959 when Rev. Willie V. Williams, a member of St. John Baptist Church, was called. Services moved back to Jefferson and Kaley Streets. That same year a building at 319 S. Liberty Street was rented and New Hope moved again. There were nine active members.

In December 1962 New Hope purchased a lot at 313 E. Ohio Street to build a permanent place for worship and on October 10, 1963 the membership moved into a completed basement. The late Rev. W. H. Turner, pastor of Caanon Baptist Church, Elkhart, Indiana, closed the pre-

dedication services. Contracts to finish New Hope were signed on May 4, 1966, and on Sunday evening, September 4, 1966, dedication services closed with the late B. L. White, pastor of St. John Baptist Church, bringing the message.

The cornerstone was laid on Sunday afternoon, April 21, 1968, with St. Peter Lodge No. 31 Prince Hall affiliated I and AM participating. The membership has grown to an assistant pastor, three other ministers, 271 active members under the leadership of Rev. Willie V. Williams, who has pastored this congregation for 23 years. We thank God for our pastor and for His many other blessings.

Rev. W. V. Williams, Pastor
Velma Sumner, Secretary



New Testament Missionary Baptist Church

The New Testament Missionary Baptist Church was organized in the year of our Lord One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty-one. Rev. Walter Starke headed the group of church organizers along with Rev. Harris.

The first location was on West Washington Avenue. After six months there, we moved to West Monroe Street. While at the West Monroe site, Rev. Starke resigned and Rev. George B. Jones was elected pastor and leader. Under the leadership of Rev. Jones, we made two minor moves--one to Chapin Street and the other to 602 West La Salle Street.

Rev. Jones resigned in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy. Also, in that year, Rev. Allen Gary was elected pastor and leader. Under Rev. Gary we moved to our present site and church home. With Rev. Gary's leadership over 400 members have been added to the church. This includes: 120 baptisms, 322 Christian experiences, 18 deaths, 10 marriages, 4 licensed ministers (one by Rev. Jones and three by Rev. Gary).

The Mission Society was organized in 1958 by Sister Lena Jones; the Church School was organized in 1952 by Brother James Washington; the first church choir was organized in 1953 by Mother Daisy Webb and Sister Corine Miller was the first choir director. The first ushers were organized in 1953 by Sister Ollie Mae Williams; the first baptism was April 6, 1958 with Rev. Jones officiating. Of the original members, only one remains, Mother Daisy Webb. There are three members left from the Monroe Street site and they are: Sister Rose Thomas, Sister Loretta Lloyd, Sister Iona Newman. Sister Ruth Chester is the church secretary. Rev. Allen Gary is the pastor.

St. Paul Bethel Baptist Church



God in his infinite wisdom knew that St. Paul and Bethel would unite in a few years to do a greater work. As we begin our history we will take a retrospective view of each small congregation as they began in time.

St. Paul Bethel Baptist Church is the merger of two congregations, St. Paul Church and Bethel Church. St. Paul Baptist Church was organized in October 1953 under the pastorate of Rev. David T. Tate; it was located at 1001 Prairie Avenue.

Rev. Harris named the church, Bethel Baptist Church. In May 1955 the cornerstone was laid by the St. Peter's Lodge No. 31 AM Prince Hall Masons. Approximately 130 members were added to the church under the pastorate of Rev. Harris. On February 11, 1956 Rev. Harris was called Home at 4:40 PM.

In April 1956 Rev. Floyd Dumas of Tulsa, Oklahoma was called to Bethel Baptist Church as pastor. We were under the leadership of Rev. Dumas until December 1957. Several more members were added to the church.

The Rev. William Harris Jr., son of the late U. H. Harris asked for his equity in the church, which his father had paid as down payment when the property was purchased. During this time, Rev. Dumas was called to the Greater Galilee Baptist

Church of Gary, Indiana to serve as Assistant Pastor. Rev. Dumas was concerned about the church and did not want to leave us without a pastor. He brought to us the names of three ministers from which to choose. They were Rev. J. J. Jackson, Rev. Isiah Cophy and Rev. David T. Tate. Rev. Dumas felt that Rev. Tate was the man to choose and in December 1957 Rev. Tate was called as pastor.

At this time Rev. Tate was pastoring St. Paul Baptist Church located at 231 S. Camden Street. Rev. Tate did not resign from St. Paul but he brought the St. Paul congregation with him to unite with the Bethel congregation; thus the church came to be known as St. Paul Bethel Baptist Church. Seventy-eight members were taken into the church under Rev. Tate's leadership. With the help of members Rev. Tate enlarged the church auditorium and made other needed improvements. On the first Sunday in December 1964 Rev. Tate resigned as pastor of St. Paul Bethel Baptist Church.

The fifth Sunday in January 1965 the sanctuary burned, and one week later the roof of the parsonage partially burned. Our outlook at this time was dismal, but behind every dark cloud there is a silver lining. The silver lining was a closer fellowship among the membership with a determination to rebuild physically and spiritually, and we began worshipping in our Education Building.

Bethel Church was organized on November 14, 1954 at 12 noon under the pastorate of the late Rev. W. H. Harris D.D.; it was located at 1502 W. Washington. At that time 22 members were present.

On April 22, 1965 a special meeting was called for the purpose of calling a pastor. The board brought the names of four ministers to the congregation. They were Rev. Booker West, Associate Minister of St. John Baptist Church, South Bend, Indiana; Rev. Eugene Jones of Hatcherville, Michigan; Rev. L. C. Swan of Detroit, Michigan; and Rev. G. L. Thomas of Chicago, Illinois. The church chose Rev. West. He came to serve on May 23, 1965.

The Lord sent Rev. West. He came, saw what needed to be done and did it. He took the money we had in the treasury and paid all of the back debts. With the leadership of Rev. West, the burned church was repaired. That which they could not do themselves, the men hired someone else to do. A concrete floor was put in the basement, and two restrooms. A gas furnace, a new piano and organ were bought. We were blessed with a better looking auditorium. But Rev. West was a man with a vision. He saw greater potential in the congregation and admonished us not to become complacent because of the improvements, but strive to do greater things in the name of the Lord.

A Youth Council was organized; and the church

through the Sunday School began sending some of our youth to church camp. Two were sent the first year and nine in 1971. Having the belief that a healthy body makes a healthy mind, a woman's and man's bowling team and a boy's softball team were formed under the pastorate of Rev. West. The church continued to prosper.

It seemed we would have the opportunity to purchase another church building. Through much prayer and negotiation our prayers were again answered. On October 31, 1971 we held our first service in our newly acquired building at 621 Lindsey Street, where we are now located.

Dedication services for the new building were February 13, 1972. God blessed us to continue to grow spiritually, these are some important dates to remember: 1974, the Foreign Mission was begun (Mission Field, Haiti). The Evangelistic Outreach program was launched. 1977, the birth of the "Junior Church" came into being under the directorship of Mrs. Evelyn Dickerson. We began our annual workshop to proceed the church anniversary; the workshop was "Baptist Doctrines". In 1979 the Board of Christian Education was organized. During the period 1971-1981, there has been many improvements to the physical building and property. The Lord has bestowed many blessings upon St. Paul Bethel and its membership. Many have united with the congregation and today we have a membership of 400.

We have come this far by faith and we can truly say that the Lord is blessing us right now.



Rock of Ages Missionary Baptist Church

The Rock of Ages Missionary Baptist Church, as we know it today, was first located at 113 E. Michigan Boulevard in a storefront, consisting of nine members. These original nine members were in need of a leader and elected Rev. William Eckwood as their pastor seventeen years ago.

On April 5, 1965 he was to have preached his first sermon but due to death in his family, he did not preach until April 12, 1965.

Rev. Eckwood and his family were the backbone of battle for the Lord. Rev. Eckwood, as pastor to the people, followed by his wife, as the music instructor, saw a need to start a Sunbeam Choir. The initial members were her own five children and other children from the community, singing "If Jesus Lead This Army, We'll Outshine The Sun". Sis. Eckwood continued as the music instructor for five years.

Other members of the Eckwood family joined the march for Christ, along with several families from the community. It was said it could not be done, but with Jesus as our guide we made it thus far. God continued to bless the church until there was not enough room for all the peoples, and we started looking for a larger sanctuary. Three years later the congregation marched down Michigan Boulevard to our present location, 616 Main Street.

We counted our blessings, we thanked God for them, we asked for more blessings, he did not say "no". We have beautified his Holy Temple with pews, carpet, a piano, an organ, drums and speakers. Our membership grew from a Sunbeam Choir to the Rock of Ages Choir. God continued to bless us in many ways. We later formed another Sunbeam Choir.

God blessed us to burn our church mortgage within ten years, he has blessed us with a church van, also in 1981 we added a new addition.

God has blessed us with two associate ministers, a deacon board, Missionary Society, Ushers, Nurses Guild, Pastor's Aid, Sunday School, Finance Committee, Program Committee and Musicians.

Our congregation has continued to grow; there has been 25 new members added this year. We are all still striving to become better Christians and working together for the betterment of our church. May God continue to bless us.

Rev. William Eckwood, Pastor

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GILT EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH HISTORY

The Gilt Edge Baptist Church was organized in 1921 by Rev. Edward Brown, in a house in the 800 block of Missouri Ave. He selected a Arthur Davis, Archie Robertson, Repsie Jones, Waverly Hilliard, Will Hill, and John Thomas. During Rev. Brown's pastorate a site was bought at 701 Missouri Ave., which was a store front.

In 1923 a new church was erected at this location. The first clerk was Mrs. Harris, the first assistant pastor was Rev. George Martin, the first pianist was Mrs. Edward Brown and her sister Mrs. Gaines.

In 1926, Rev. I. H. Mason was called to the pastorate and served more than three years. Three ordained deacons were added to the board. Bros. George Shrewsberry, Henry Ford, and Amos Johnson. Mrs. Ella Lee Reason was clerk, Rev. M. L. Gardener became assistant pastor, and in 1930 he was called as the pastor. His plan was to remodel the church and add inside facilities and furnace. By 1943 most of the order deacons had passed and Bro's William Shewsberry, John Morehead, and Luke Hillyard were ordained. Deacons coming from other churches were: Bro's Hastings, Jordan, Fred Parrish and Cephas Chatman, in 1950 J. T. Redd became protem deacon.

Plans were made for the erection of a new church in 1956 on the same location. The illness of Rev. Gardener in 1958 prevented him from fulfilling the plan, September 1958 the old structure was raised and a new basement laid the foundation erected but Rev. Gardener knowing his inability to carry on called in the board and advised the selection of a new pastor, meanwhile he was pastor emeritus until death with regular pay. Rev. Walter Ballinger was a real help but would not accept assistant pastor.

The Rev. Robert E. Cambell was called as acting pastor July 22, 1959, and December 18 the same year was made pastor. February 1960 he was installed at the First Trinity Church as services were being held in the Masonic Hall at 8th and Spring. Easter Sunday 1960 the processional was into the new church. October 15, 1960, Rev. M. L. Gardener was called home. 1961 the Southeastern District Convention was entertained.

Because of Highway I-65, the church had to find a new location. In July 1962 ground breaking took place at 1713 Green Street for the third new church. The motto, "truly, The People Had A Mind To Work" was used. And Sunday, January 20, 1963, the motorcade from Spring and Market to Riddle and Green, the present location.

Ordained deacons are: Wm. Shewsberry, chairman; Cephas Chatman, Vice chairman; John Moorehead, Fred Parrish, Hasting Jordan, Jett Harri, James Andrews, J. T. Redd, Maurice Clark, John Young, and David Locke. Protem Bro. James Holcomb, Wayford Sullivan, and Emmit Sims.

Trustee: Bros. Robert Shrewsberry, Willie Gillispie, Joseph Smith, William Baker, John Harris, Rev. Elzie Lawler, Wayford Sullivan, and James Holcomb.

Clerks: Ella Lee Reason, 20 years, Retired 1946; Ernestine T. Crawford, Norma Williams, Mary McCutcheon, Nettie F. Jones, Irene T. Gray and Sister Mary Simmonds.

Pianists: Evelyn Thomas, Katie W. Lawson, Geraldine Morton, Roberta Shaw, and Willie B. Owens, Laura S. Coutts, 25 years, and Robert E. Summers, Organist.

Nine charter members are: Fannie Ford, Susie Johnson, Ella Reason, Mollie Groves, Susie Fedd, Ada Ellis, Bros. Abraham Ellis, James Grishern, and William Ballinger.

HISTORY OF GALATIAN BAPTIST CHURCH New Albany, Indiana

Galatian Baptist Church was organized June 11, 1915, at Odd Fellows Hall located at State and Railroad, by the late Rev. Wm. Winfrey. The seven charter members were Mary Owens, Edward Owens, Margie Jackson, Oscar Jackson, William Buckner, Lizzie Carpenter and Edward Carpenter. Rev. Winfrey held services in a rented school building at Second and Elm. Many joined the church at this time, three of whom are still living: Lizzie Ganaway, Parthenia Carter, and Ella Miller. With prayer and hard work by the pastor and a few members, the old building was turned around and remodeled to resemble a church. A basement was dug. The first new converts were Willard and Jesse Patterson. Since there was no Baptistry the new converts were baptized in the Ohio River.

Later when Rev. Winfrey was called to Indianapolis, Galatian called Rev. James Ellis, of Louisville under whose leadership many more were brought into the

church. The church continued to progress under such leaders as Rev. Rodgers, Rev. Ferriell, Rev. Mathews, Rev. Waller, Rev. Heird, Rev. Baity and Rev. Boaz.

The flood in 1937 almost demolished the church but members again under the pastorate of Rev. Heird worked and rebuilt. August 1955 under pastorate of Rev. H. E. Boaz the old building was torn down and services were held in the Masonic Hall until the new church was completed 1958. Rev. Wm. Webster was called to the pastorate December 3, 1962. Under his leadership the church has continued its growth spiritually, numerically and financially. We have a Jr. Usher Board, Jr. Choir, Young People's Chorus, Choraliers, Buds of Promise, R.A. Boys and Red Circle Girls. The basement and kitchen have been recently remodeled. Many souls have been saved. The officers of the church are: Deacons - Ed Scott, Albert Ray, James Hickerson, Charles Crider, and Curtis Baker. The trustees are: Curtis Baker, Ed Scott, and Charles Crider; Georgia Davis is church school superintendent; Allen Ray, Church Treasurer; James Hickerson, Church Clerk; Millie Moore and Ernestine Johnson, Financial Secretary; Amos Johnson, Jr. and Kathryn Hickerson, Pastor's Secretary.

SOME OF THE HISTORY OF MOUNT MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH

Past and Present As Collected by Mrs. Merl Okey

In the growing hamlet of Richmond, Indiana, there was no colored church. Seeing the need of one, several citizens, all good christians of a missionary Baptist learning, met at the home of sister Catherine Fulliver on Marion Street, which is now Sixth Street. The exact location as told to me by Brother John McCalfrey, was where 435 South Sixth Street is located. Time has erased all of the names of those pioneers from us. Brother John McCalfrey, Brother Albert Conrad, and Sister Gulliver, all deceased, were among the twelve who were chartered members of this group, which is now the present Mount Moriah Baptist Church. The year was 1865. Their meetings for a while were in the homes of the various members. Later space was rented in the Old Phillips Coffin Opera House which was the building next door east of the present hoosier store.

The enthusiasm of the little group rose and fell, finally there were five of the faithful left to carry on the work of kingdom building. Again through cottage prayer meetings, little Mount Moriah was kept alive. Through the years the strength and faith of the few helped the group to grow and meetings were held

regularly again. Differences and difficulty in finding meeting places caused the founding fathers to purchase an old blacksmith and carriage house in 1880. There on the site the building of the present Mount Church still stands. It has been a few years from 1865 when the group first started in that humble cottage on Marion Street, to the time of the first real estate purchase. The loyal group banded together and worked with gladness of heart.

The enlisted aid of the last Rev. G. Pass was to be the first pastor. He spurred the little group to work together with fervor. Many have helped since that time to shape and guide the destiny of the little church, some of whom were the late Rev. Brumwell, Rev. Polly, Rev. Gardner, who served twice as the leader, Rev. Trevan, Rev. Sivy Shoecraft in 1872, Rev. Davis, Rev. Daniel Turner, Rev. Benjamin Jones, Rev. T. Tyler, Rev. R. D. Harris (1907, two call), Rev. Clayton Evans in 1895, who came to Richmond from Mount Pleasant Grove Church which was a white group, Rev. S. Cruchon, a West Indian, Rev. D. Lyons, Rev. J. H. Jackson, Rev. Henry Randolph (two calls), Rev. C. C. Goines, Rev. J. F. Owens, who filled the pulpit until a pastor was called. Rev. John Perry (1923), Rev. John S. Crittenden who came in 1923 and stayed 16 years. Rev. T. H. Ward, Rev. Gordon A. Humphrey, Rev. Fred H. Alexander, and Rev. R. M. McCoy.

The late Rev. Ward was a builder and during the time he was with Mount Moriah there were additions to the church, and the basement was redecorated. His wife, Mrs. Frieda Ward, added her assistance in places needed.

Rev. G. A. Humphrey whose services were obtained was a very enthusiastic worker. His program drew many Richmond folks into the fold. His spiritual presentations were in a pattern new to this locality. He had the support of Helen, his very competent wife. There were choirs, chorus groups, clubs and committees, all working to help in the promotion of kingdom building. An organ was added to the auditorium. The "Frapp Sip" introduced by the minister and his wife brought together folds of all denominations in full christian fellowship. When Rev. Humphrey announced to the congregation his intention of leaving for another call, a feeling of sadness prevailed.

During the stay of Rev. Alexander a bulletin board was added to the front of the building and a few other needed things.

Rev. R. M. McCoy emphasized tithing and church conscientiousness. A new piano was added to the auditorium. Mrs. McCoy, his wife, working with younger members of the church.

Then came Rev. Roy Perry and his wife, Verlean, and their four daughters. Their ability to sing has awakened songs again in the group and there are four choirs: Senior, Junior, Gospel and Youth. There are 15 active clubs and their committees, eight deacons and six trustees. The spiritual presentation of Rev. Perry has caused the group to come alive and grow very fast. His attention to the young people of the church has surpassed any that has been activated by any one in this locality. Having worked as a Probation Officer, Social Worker, Youth Councilor and Chairman of the Political Action Committee for the Ministers Conference in Chicago he is well versed in his ability, looking forward to greater things to come in his work young america. His minister of music is his very talented wife, who is always willing to promote the work by her christian action, her hospitality and ability to work with people. The financial drives of the group are prospering and there is a plan for a new church building in the future.

Deacons: John Lewis, Sanford Lynch, Otis Wynn, John Robinson, Wm. Emby, Charles Garret, Wm. H. Faulkner, Forrest Darnell, Doris Perkins, J. T. Hughes, J. B. Teague, and Martin Craig (Honorary).

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THE INDIANA AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Jeffersonville, Indiana

The Indiana Avenue Baptist Church has been in the present location for over fifty years. It was rebuilt in 1951 under the pastorate of the late Rev. John Ellis. The church was organized in 1889 or before. The church is nearly 100 years old. The Rev. Joseph Johnson is pastor Sister Henrita Hunter, church clerk.

HISTORY OF UNION VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH Lawrenceburg, Indiana

Rev. Phillip O'Banon, who was pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Rising Sun, Indiana, organized the Union Valley Baptist Church in 1893, at the home of Mrs. Mary Rogers, who lived about five miles out of Lawrenceburg city limits on what is known as Guilfor Road.

Charter members of this organization were: Rev. P. O'Banon, Bro. Jake Ware, Bro. Thomas Jones, Bro. John Jones, Sis. Rena Moten, Sis. Mary Rogers.

Members of the council were Rev. P. O'Banon, Bro. J. Greene, Bro. Merritt Simpson, Bro. Amos Baker, Bro. Peter Field Evans, Bro. Ben Bradford and Bro. Robert Sanders.

Basket dinners, rallies and programs were held in an effort to raise money to build a church house.

When the crowd overflowed Sister Mary's house services were held in a tobacco barn owned by Mr. George Hayes.

In 1907 under the leadership of Rev. Sim Dudley the first church house was built on the present site.

The 1937 flood destroyed the church. The congregation then worshipped in a tent supplied by the Red Cross.

July of 1938 Rev. F. W. Weathers was called in to take charge of the pulpit and the building of a new church.

The church was completed in 1945 under the leadership of Rev. J. W. Carr.

In 1955 a new store front was put on under the leadership of the present pastor, Rev. Stoughton Summers.

The original church was remodeled during the pastorate of the Rev. O. J. Steele.

Rev. E. James, Pastor Mrs. Mary Jones, Church Clk.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH HISTORY

Charlestown, Indiana

The Second Baptist Church was organized in the year of 1880. They worshipped in a log cabin located at the corner of Water and Wood Streets. The building was 24x80 ft. Later in the same year they bought a lot Nov. 29, 1880, from John Carr. Lot number 205 on High Street under the leadership of Rev. William M. Brent. Trustees were Bro. George Parker, Bro. Peter Ball, and Bro. Frank Wilson.

By the help of the almighty God Oct. 4, 1899, the church was finished and dedicated to God for Service. The Deacons Board at the time were Bro. Pewree Green, Joshua Wilson, George Jackson, Palmer Booker and Bob Monroe.

The following Ministers who have pastored this church are as follows: Rev. Dorman, Rev. Christian, Rev. Payne, Rev. Smith, Rev. Kelly, Rev. Lewis, and Rev. Jim Moore. Those who served on the Deacon Board in the later years were George Jackson - Chairman, Henry Jones, Thomas Langley, Pierce Green, Jerome Scott, Henry Taylor. The Present Trustees are: Richard Lusco, Charles Johnson, Devoris Jones and Geneva Peaks.

As the years went on the church was under the leadership of the following Ministers: Rev. Charles Owens, Rev. Cochran, Rev. McCatherine, Rev. Davis, and Rev. John Harris.

In 1952 Rev. J. M. Jefferson was called and under his leadership the church came a long way. Repairs were made and facilities were put in. The Trustees were Robert L. Jones - Chairman, Richard Lusco, Charles Johnson, Roscoe Harris, and John Boyd.

A church club was organized. The young Christian workers and Lillie B. Harris Missionary Society was organized also. During his (Rev. Jefferson) 15 years of ministry the church was purchased by the Urban Renewal and this left us without a place to worship. Sis. Lover Jones, the church clerk, found a place to worship. It was the Charlestown Community Bldg., located on the corner of Main Cross and Harrison St. We worshipped there until we purchased the church where we are now. We moved in the 2nd Sunday in Dec. 1965 still under Rev. Jefferson. Then in January 1968, the Lord called him home.

Rev. Eddie James came to us as Pastor in April 10, 1968, with his wife and family. During his leadership the church began to prosper. A Pastor's Choir, Young Adult Choir, Angelic Choir and Usher Board were organized. Mrs. Mary Jones was elected as our organist. The deacons were Robert L. Jones and Donald Johnson. Repairs have been done on the church. The Pastor's Choir paneled the church, and organ and piano were purchased by the church, two air conditioners were bought, pulpit furniture, collection tables and communion table were purchased by the usher board and carpeting for the floor by the Sunday School. A water fountain was put in also. All of this has been done during his 10 years as pastor. Trustees are Robert L. Jones - Chairman, David Thomas and Rosa Johnson Treasurers, Mary Jones Clerk, Richard Lusco Honorary Trustee.

We have two that have been called to the Ministry: Rev. Wayne James and Rev. Donald Johnson. Plans for improvement are still in the making. We are still climbing trying to reach the goal.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

Rising Sun, Indiana

Rev. I. J. Williams, Pastor: Alberta Thomas, Clerk

The Shiloh Baptist Church was organized October 13, 1867. A Council composed of Elder C. Cincinnati, Ohio; J. W. Harvey, Lawrenceburg, Harris of Madison, Indiana; Henry Williams of Indiana; and J. Zemm and T. W. Beagle of Rising Sun, Indiana met in the Universalist Church and constituted the above named church.

The original members were Merrit Simpson, J. E. Wright, A. Griselda Wright, Mary Simpson, Richard Bassett, Miles Bassett, and A. Walker. Membership soon grew to Sixty-five. Original organizations in the church were: Church Sunday School, Baptist Young People's Union, Literary Society, Missionary Society, Church Aid, Star Light Band, Junior and Senior Choirs. Prayer Services on Wednesday evening and Sunday morning and evening worship were the main activities of the congregation.

Some of the Pastors have been Rev. Fletcher, McWilliams, Cox, J. C. Moore, Bell, Joe Rivers of Columbus, Indiana, M. J. Mangham of Lincoln Heights, Ohio, and the present Pastor, Rev. I. J. Williams of Clendale, Ohio, who was called in April, 1937.

The Church has prospered in these years. Due to the Lack of industry in this small town, many of the families moved to larger cities, thus greatly reducing the membership. At present the membership is 40, with a Deacon Board, Sunday School, Missionary Society, Junior and Senior Choirs, Brotherhood, and Deacon's Wives Council. The Auxiliaries meet regularly and Prayer meeting enables us to continue our spiritual growth. We observe the Lord's Supper the Holy Sunday. Christ is the head of this Church, the First Spirit is our Guide and the New Testament is our source of information.

HISTORY OF THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH OF FRANKLIN* 1872 - 1966

Franklin, Indiana

When Franklin was in its early stages, then as now the negro citizenry contributed to building a clean and wholesome community. The few christians in the city felt the need of spiritual guidance and religious inspiration as an organization. Since the number was too few to have two churches at first it was decided to worship together regardless to their different denominational beliefs. These faithful christians, only a short while out of slavery, knew what it meant to fellowship; thus they decided to cast their services with the majority members; the Methodist predominated, so they were joined by the Baptist in christian service.

The association was beneficial to all who wished to serve God under a leader and to combine their moral, spiritual and financial powers. The years that rolled by brought more christian citizens to the community, among whom was the Rev. Ephream Tyler, a Baptist minister. Under his leadership the Baptist who had increased numerically organized the Second Baptist Church.

The organization took place on the fourth Sunday of August in 1872. Meetings were held in the homes of members, temporarily; and then in a school building in the East Franklin. Much good was accomplished by the Rev. Tyler and many members were added to both churches.

In the meantime a church building was given to the newly organized church. It was wrecked and moved to town and reassembled on the rear of the present church site. This work was done by Hilary, Hiram their father, Uncle Mike Clark, Squire Moore and Uncle Peter Blakemore.

The house to house meetings were again held during the reconstruction and furnishing of the new building. Rev. Tyler assisted by the Rev. Bassetts' and George Smith was making the influence of Christianity felt throughout the community. When the building was ready to be dedicated the last meeting in the homes was conducted in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson Sr. just west of the present church. Twenty years passed from the organization to the laying of the foundation of the present building in 1893. Many members had been added to Happy Hollow, approximately 96 members were enrolled during the pastorate of the following: Rev. E. Tyler, Rev. Bassetts, Rev. George Smith, Rev. Geo Harris, Rev. D. D. Slaughter and the Rev. C. C. Goens, Rev. Goens was the last pastor in the old frame building and laid the foundation and helped raise the side wall of the present edifice which has stood seventy three years. This first lead of brick was donated by the First Baptist Church, each member laid a brick, the first one being placed by Eddie Blakemore. The windowcases were installed that first year. These and tops of the walls were covered for the winter protection. Through hard work, sacrifice, and prayers, this structure was completed and dedicated by the Rev. Charles Dewall. The morning of the dedication the members assembled in the old building down the hill for the last time. The two oldest members in the point of membership: Uncle Green Williams and Aunt Mary Bell headed the line of march, two by two, carrying the open Bible, as the church bells rang, First Baptist and Second Baptist Church bells, alternating, the members climbed the hill singing: "We're Marching to Zion."

A few of the pastors were Rev.'s Chas, Dewall, Goens, D. D. Slaughter, John Miller, W. H. Patterson, Wm. H. Bell, S. C. Manuel, R. D. Leonard, Mays, Buckman, Hudson, J. C. Clark, Walter Jimison, W. L. Squires, Richard Watts, and Walter Walters.

Under the pastorate of Rev. Mays a parsonage was built, the mortgage burned during the pastorate of Rev. Judson who served 8 years. The Diamond Jubilee was celebrated under the pastorate of Rev. Jimison. Many were improvements and accomplishments during his 9 1/2 years. Wonderful has been the growth and prosperity of this church and her influence is far reaching into the community of Franklin. Our official family at present is Rev. Walter Walters, Pastor; Frances Riffe Sr. and James Lewis, Deacons; Riffe, Lewis and Mrs. Gene Wales, Trustees; Mrs. Agnes Crowe, clerk; and Ethel Harnet, Treasurer. James H. Lewis, Church school superintendent 1872-1965.

THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
Rushville, Indiana

The Second Baptist Church, Rushville, Indiana, was organized January 15, 1884, with twelve members. Rev. John Williams, Indianapolis, Indiana, was the first pastor. The charter members were Sarah Hughes, Matilda Steward, Betsy Anderson, Emily Morris, Tice Morris, Jimmie Moore, John Moore, Maggie Warfield, Samuel Morris, Nannie Morris, and Mary Silas. The Church held its first meeting in the home of John and Jennie Moore. A sewing machine was used as a pulpit.

The church building was erected in June, 1884, and was dedicated August 17, 1891. The Rev. Farrell of Indianapolis was in charge of the dedication service. In 1898 William Branum felt the call to the ministry. One of the greatest revivals held in the church was in March 1900. Rev. Farrell conducted the meeting and twenty-five were baptized and became members of the church. For many years the church prospered under the leadership of the Rev. N. T. Lane. He built the church parsonage. The Rev. A. H. Shumake was called and the church continued its growth and the vestibule was added and the basement to the church building. 1907 found the church being rededicated and a corner stone laid. With the departure of Rev. Shumake several young ministers from the Mt. Zion Church of Connersville assisted with the services and the church finally called the Rev. E. O. Price who served 5 years. The piano was purchased. Following Rev. Price, Rev. Marks was called and was pastor for 22 years. Many good things happened under his pastorate, the church was reshingled, the front entrance built, the church was redecorated inside and out. Death removed Rev. Marks June 5, 1938. February 1939 the Rev. J. K. Robinson was called. The church maintained its growth and the membership moved forward. A bible class was organized. In 1940 the church was again redecorated and the harvest homecoming originated October 8, 1939. May of 1941 the Southeastern District met with Rushville. Alice Miller, the corresponding secretary and Jessie Easley were members of the host church. After 17 years the Rev. Robinson resigned and in November 1959 the Rev. T. H. Bradley was called to the church and remained until September 1965. In June 1962 Second Baptist again entertained the District Convention. The entrance to the church was changed, the church carpeted, Kitchen modernized and a new gas furnace installed under the pastorate of Rev. Bradley.

In November 1965 the church called the Rev. Shelly Davis, Muncie, Indiana. The Rev. Davis is a Simmons University grad and holds a B. T. H. He formerly pastored the New Hope Baptist Church, Muncie, and is an associate minister of Calvary. After 6 months spiritual fellowship has increased and improvements for the church are in the plans.

THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
New Albany, Indiana

The Second Baptist Church was organized March 28, 1867, by Rev. C. Edwards, a minister of considerable ability, and who continued as pastor for nine years. In this year the Sunday School was organized with about 100 members. Some of the original members of this church were George Cole, David Cole, Isabella Williams, Unitary Murphy, E. Howard, A. McRuther, G. D. Williams, M. Sales, Simon Hall.

The organization took place in Woodard Hall on Main Street. Later this society erected a frame church in the year 1868 at a cost of about \$1,800.00. This building was occupied until 1871 when the group purchased from the Lutherans the old brick church on Fourth Street. This building had been erected by the Presbyterians in 1840. The Rev. Richard Basset succeeded Rev. Edwards.

The congregation moved to the fourth St. Church in the 1870's. No choir was allowed, nor any music, as music was considered the "work of the devil". After the move to the Third Street Church in 1881 it was recommended that as all other churches had music, an organ should be used in the Sunday School Department. The first musical instrument used was a tuning fork. Then followed the melodeon. After purchasing the Melodeon, the church would not allow it to be played during the worship services, so it sat in corner until Sunday school time. In 1877 the organ was purchased, James Brannan was the first director and Vic Param, the organist, both serving without pay, but considering it an hour to serve.

The edifice is of brick and is one of the oldest in the city. Upon it is the city clock, the official time piece for municipal business. It is known that before the civil war, the church here, along with the churches in Madison and Charlestown, Indiana, served as a station on the lines of the underground railroad, passing through Indiana by which fugitive slaves were sent on to Canada.

Some of the first deacons were: Brother Canon, Godfrey Williams, E. Howard, A. Murphy Brown, George Paran, Henry Bush. Mr. Bush served as church clerk for 30 years. The first woman church clerk was appointed in 1944, in the person of Addrienne Phillips, who still serves.

The following served as pastors: Rev. Miles Basset, Rev. Richard Basset, Rev. S. C. Manuel, Rev. William Winfrey, Rev. W. Palmer, Rev. Christian, Rev. W. H. Gibson, Rev. C. A. Nelson, Rev. M. J. Battle, Rev. J. J. Moore, Rev. H. A. King, who served 28 years and the present pastor, Rev. George R. Mallory, who has served since his call in November of 1965. The church continues to prosper and to grow spiritually and financially as it has down through the years.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
Columbus, Indiana

In the year 1881 there were only five negro families settled in the city of Columbus, Indiana, and they were Henry King, Henderson Lee, Alec Childs, William Nickey, and Old Uncle Billy.

A few months later a minister by the name of Charley Sands came to Columbus and by the help of a few members a church was organized, the first services were held in the home of the late Henderson Lee. In May of 1882 the late John R. Miller organized the Second Baptist Church with nine members, they were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dillard, Mr. and Mrs. John Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore, Lucy B. Browning, Sallie Lee, and Thomas Maywather.

There had been two organizations before this but the people moved away and the church went down. The Lee home, which accomodated the small congregation, became too small and they had to seek a larger meeting place. The services was held upstairs over Woolie's Livery Barn on Washington Street between 4th and 5th, under the leadership of the Rev. Charles Cheatem. From here the church moved to Irwins Corner at 5th and Lafayette Avenue, and from there they moved to what was known as the Pully works.

August 23, 1891, the Rev. John R. Miller left the Little congregation. A lot was purchased between the residence of Mr. Blufford Hubbard and Mr. Herman Jenkins on 9th Street. In the months that followed some of the members moved away and the church was weakened and discouraged to the extent that they gave up all hope of completing the task of building a church. Seeing their mistake they recalled the Rev. John Miller and he remained with them until 1905. With the recal of Rev. Miller the church started anew. In 1913 the church was moved to the corner of 9th and Reed Street, its present location.

Several ministers have pastored the church, some were: Rev. Smith Murry Davidson, S. S. Ree, J. B. Carter, J. W. Stone, Rev. Clark, W. C. Doty, J. C. Washington, Elzie Lawler, W. A. Naylor.

The Rev. J. C. Washington was called in 1936 and he was a faithful minister working along with the members in remodeling the interior of the church, putting a kitchen and new furnace in. He departed this life Feb. 5, 1955. March 15, 1955 the Rev. Lawler was called from Jeffersonville and under his leadership a gas furnace was installed and the basement refinished. He departed this life September 29, 1959.

The wives of the Rev. J. C. Washington and the late Rev. Lawler are still serving in the Second Baptist Church, in the persons of Mrs. Hazel Washington and Evelyn Lawler. Also serving Second Baptist are the two daughters of the Henry King and they are Miss Sallie King and Mrs. M. R. (Prentess) Smith. The church entertained the southeastern district convention in 1923 under the pastorate of the Rev. Stone and again in 1941 under the Rev. J. C. Washington.

LINCOLN PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
Clarksville, Indiana

The Lincoln Park Baptist Church was organized on May 30th, 1957 in the home of Sis. Mary Bell. We held worship there for quite a few years. In 1964 under the leadership of our organizer and Pastor, Rev. John H. Ford, we purchased the ground at our present location, and the church was erected.

The charter members were Sis. Mary Bell, Aleine Speight, Rev. William U. Baker, Mary Baker, Pearl Warden, Mary Ford, Mable Ford, S. V. Harmon, Eleanor Harmon, Willie Bell.

The corner stone was placed in 1964, the paneling in 1968, and kitchen added in 1975. New carpeting and lights were installed in 1976-77. During this time the church became a meeting place for community meetings, thus exposing the city of Clarksville for neglect to the people of our community. Rev. Hugleth and Sis. Horn assisting the campaign for the better housing and living conditions. Many city officials were introduced to the poverty needs of the community. We became a blighted and target area for governmental meeting for improvement. The house of God became an active resource to the development of street signs, water, and lights being installed, gravel roads, and home improvements.

The out reach of Lincoln Park Baptist Church has been the community mission for our area. Churches involved are, Lincoln Park, Little Flock, Gilt Edge Baptist (Late Sis. Addie Sims) Wesley Methodist under the out look of Sis. Mable Ford, with Sis. Mattie Ragland as President.

Officers at the present time are: Griffin Dinkins, Treasurer, Mattie Ragland, Clerk. Deacons are: Jon McCutchen, Gray Speight, Griffin Dinkins, Mattie Ragland, Missionary President, Mary Speight, Sunday School, Rev. W. U. Baker, Associate Minister.

Four choirs: Ohio River Spiritual Singers, Middle Tones, Pastor's Choir and The Senior Choir.

As our church has grown, so has the outreach program. We now have an attendance of fifty or more, but not active on the roll.

THE FIRST BAPTIST JEFFERSON GARDENS
New Albany, Indiana

It was in the year 1949 a Prayer Band started in the home of Rev. Ben Grissom. It grew as a community church of all denominations. Through the aid of Rev. J. L. Roberts and Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. We bought a used tent which was put on the present church grounds.

Rev. H. A. King, pastor of Second Baptist Church, New Albany, Ind. organized the church in 1950. The name was suggested by Sister Amanda Batt (barr) of the First Baptist Church of Jefferson Gardens. Rev. Ben Grissom was elected our first pastor. With 13 or 14 members, we grew to five deacons. Deacon Batts, (deceased) Riggins Malone, Lauderdale and Vandergriff. There were seven choir members. Sisters Colling (deceased), Malone (deceased), Lauderdale (deceased) Woods, Batts, and now Barr. Souls were saved, and under his leadership we built the main auditorium. Rev. Grissom served from 1950-1962 then resigned.

Rev. H. B. Douglas served from 1966-1968. Souls were saved. He resigned.

Rev. Thomas Veal served from 1969-1972. Through his leadership the dining room was completed. There were 11 additions to the church. He resigned.

Rev. Naron Smith was called as our present pastor in 1974. The church is beginning to be revived through prayer and the help of our Lord. Twenty additions have been added to the church. At present, there are 60 members on our roll.

In 1957, the Deacon's Wives Council was organized by Sister Mollie Riggins, of the First Baptist Jefferson Gardens with Sister Willie Lauderdale and Sister Mary Malone, Jefferson Gardens, and Sister E. McCracker, Howards Chapel, and Sister Ola Thornton, Little Flock Baptist.

The Council was installed by Rev. and Mrs. H. A. King of Second Baptist, New Albany, and entered in the district two years later and became a part of the district convention.

The only surviving Charter member is Sister Ola Thornton of Little Flock Baptist Church.

Deacon: James Riggins, Clerk Emeritus
Pro. Tem. Deacon: Kerry Malone, Clerk
Rev. Naron Smith, Pastor

LITTLE FLOCK BAPTIST CHURCH

Watson, Indiana

As we pause and journey into the past, we find that the way of the cross leads home.

As recorded in Clark County Court House, book 63, page 239 by Mr. Charles Hill, trustee of Clark County, Ind. This building was donated to this community by the Christian Church, at Sellersburg, Ind. Then known as the Little Flock Regular Baptist Church. This deed was issued to us Sept. 16, 1968 by Kenneth Groth, Trustee of Clark Co., under the pastorate of Rev. A. B. Clark. All previous records of our church are lost but we have a partial record. We were able through the guidance of the Holy Spirit to piece together our church history, from our charter members and the late Rev. John Stum, of Watson, Ind. who was a member of the St. James Methodist Church, and a life long member of this community. Rev. John Stum helped to remodel the first work done on our church and sang at the first prayer meeting.

Some of our early deacons were: Thornton Thurman, Richard Jones, Jack Anderson, William Hillard, George Thornton, and Levi Taylor.

We have been blessed with many great leaders to serve as pastors of this church since 1901. Rev. Bren Rev. Suggs, Rev. John Edwards, Rev. Garrett, Rev. Knowland, Rev. G. H. Marshall, Rev. J. C. Cobb, Rev. Ernest Cockran, Rev. H. M. Humphery, Rev. G. T. Allen, Rev. A. B. Clark, Rev. G. H. Thornton, Rev. P. J. Gooch.

July 1934-1941 Rev. H. M. Humphery served this church, preceding his pastorage Rev. Humphery served one year as minister of the flock upon leaving this community to serve the Shiloh Baptist Church in Louisville. He left a lasting impression on the total community. 1947 Rev. G. T. Allen was called to Pastor and serve until he was called in 1956 to Corinthian Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. During his stay in our community, he was known as the Love Pastor. We were able to renovate our building, new windows were installed, new floors, and the church was painted inside and out. Thus presenting a new look to our church and community. Rev. Allen is now pastoring the Gallie Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky.

May 1956 the church called Rev. A. B. Clark. We were blessed again with the power of the Holy Spirit. We were introduced to power of thinking. Things began to happen, the church was again renovated, in the sum of \$3,578.00. The walls were plastered, floors tiled, Perma Stone on the front, porch and steps were laid,

and railing. A pastor's office and choir room were added, two new furnaces were installed. When he left, after receiving a call to Union Spring, Ala. the church was debt free in 1959.

Under the pastorage of Rev. A. B. Clark the church took on a new look, but during this period the church gave birth to a son in ministry: Rev. G. H. Thornton. He had served as deacon under Rev. G. T. Allen and Rev. A. B. Clark. On the Fourth Sunday in June, 1960. Rev. G. H. Thornton was called to pastor the Little Flock Baptist Church. Once again God has spread His arms of love over this community. Rev. G. H. Thornton was a man small in stature, but a giant in faith. He served his church as pastor, doctor, lawyer, friend, brother, counseiler. His motto being, Press on.

During this period the youth church was organized. We had Jr. Deacons, youth choir and the pastor's choir. Also organized were the Senior Choir, Brotherhood Choir, Missionary Circle. We have two officers in our Southeastern District Convention. Deacon James Thornton, has served as Brotherhood Pres., V. Pres. of Sunday School and B. T. U. Congress. Ola Thornton as the President of the W. H. Missionary Convention, V. Pres. Deacon Wives Convention, General Secretary. Organist that has served from our church for the convention are, James Boyd Thornton, Ricky Thornton, Gregory E. Thornton. Rev. G. Thornton was vice moderator of our convention twice. He is also a member of the Evangelistic Board.

Our pastor and church went into a prayer retreat and the answer came again to renovate God's house. The annex was then built, with kitchen, rest rooms, fellowship hall, the church was painted inside and out, tile floors, new pastor's study and carpeting laid, and a new furnace. The first community Head Start was held in our church for two years. Rev. Thornton pastored until he retired in Sept. 1975.

With Rev. T. Beard serving as pastor, the church again desiring to mend the gap, engaged in remodeling the church. Under Deacon Thomas Thornton, the Baptistry was installed, and annex was paneled. Charter members: Sis. Rowena Brown, 53 years as organist, Sis. Jessie V. Willett as church clerk, 51 years. Brother Levi Taylor as Deacon and Treasurer for 51 years and Sister Piccola Martin for 51 years. New birth in the ministry, Rev. Robert Gentry, now pastoring the Second Baptist Church, Bedford, Indiana, and Rev. T. E. Beard who served as pastor in 1975. In 1974 at the age of fifteen, Sis. Yolanda Thornton became our organist, serving all the choirs. The oldest member of our church is Deacon Levi Taylor, and the youngest is Darin Martin.

Rev. P. J. Gooch was called in Dec. 1975, once again the Holy Spirit became alive in our church community. The first Ordinance of Baptism was administered in our church in 1976. There were three candidates baptized by Rev. G. J. Gooch.

HOWARD CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH New Albany, Indiana

In the early part of the year 1972, plans were made to build a new church. Ground was broken on the 4th Sunday in June, 1972. On December 25th, 1972 the church marched into its new Edifice for service.

In September 1973 the late Rev. Claude Kimbrough offered his resignation as pastor of the church because of illness. On Dec. 3, 1973 the church called Rev. William D. Hodge Jr. as Pastor of the church. Rev. Hodge was installed as pastor on Jan. 21, 1974.

On Dec. 15, 1974, the mortgage was burned. The church has grown spiritually, financially, and in membership. Under the leadership of Rev. Wm. Hodge, Jr. a mass choir, kitchen committee, Deacon's Wives Council Financial Board, outh Choir and Nurses Guild have been organized. A van and parsonage have been purchased. The young Adult Choir have purchased a baby grand piano. a steeple has been place on the church. We have three associate ministers, Rev. Carl Russell, Rev. Rocco Jones and Rev. Carl Tubbs.

Present Official Board

Deacon's Board: Brother Earl Browder, Chairman
William C. Ross, Atha Durrett,
Lawrence Parson, James Sanders,
James Thomas, Cecil Lirst Jr.,
William Frazier, William Powell,
Omas Middleton, Joseph Jones

Trustee Board: William C. Ross Sr., Chair.
Otha Currett, Joseph Jones, Cecil
First Jr. Charles Hamilton.

Supt. of Sunday School: William Frazier
Pres. B.T.U.: Rev. Roscoe Jones
Treas. Charles Hamilton
Pres. Missionary Society: Mrs. Ruby Browder
Clerk: Mrs. Ruby Browder

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
Bedford, Indiana

History of the church under the pastorate of Rev. Gentry. January 11, 1970 to April 14, 1978. Serving under him as Deacons are Philmore Groves and Roy Thornton. Trustees, Thomas Brown, Willie Redford, Church Clerk, Sister Mary Redford, S. S. Superintendent Bro. P. Groves, Adult Teacher, Bro R. Thornton, and church treasurer Bro. P. Groves, with 30 members, 12 adults, 18 children. Loss of two adults by death, 7 moved to another state, 6 added by baptism, and two by Christian experience.

Rev. Gentry being led by God, gave Second Baptist the spirit of God and Faith, that we could finish this church and thanks be unto God with our leader, we were able to accomplish the following. April 19, 1970 dedication of the church to the service of the Lord, also the cornerstone was laid. Then Rev. Gentry inspired members to work, he then set the wheels in motion. June 17, 1970, we laid carpet for Pastor's study, vestibule, robe room, and stairway to basement. New pews dedicated June 1974. Ceiling was put on in the basement, cooking range, power mower, piano, air-conditioning unit, altarsetting, storm door for basement, hot water heater, water fountain, communion covers, telephones, hymn books, pulpit chairs, youth robes, first aid kit and supplies, bulletin board out in front of church with lights, church signs posted through out the city for direction to the church, silver tray with pitcher and tumblers for the Pastor's

study, cushion for the piano stool, plastic candles for altar setting, and the covenante for the wall. Also purchased was new carpet for the church and purchasing of the adjoining lot next to the church. Mirrors were also purchased for the Pastor's study and robe room. The mortgage was paid off November 5, 1977. Everything in the church is debt free. God is good if you trust and believe in Him.

We have our Adult Choir, Usher Board, Sunday School, B. T. Union, Brotherhood and Missionary, Pastor's Aid, all organized and working to the service of the Lord. S. S. Supt. Deacon Roy Thornton, Secretary Joan Walker, attendance 12.

B.T. Union Pres. Mary Redford, Sec. Joan Walker
Adult Choir, Pres. Roy Thornton, Sec. Mary Walker
Brotherhood P: Pres. Roy Thornton
Usher Board: Pres. Mattie Thornton, Sec. Frances Brown
Pastors Aid: Pres. Frances Brown
Missionary: Pres. Frances Brown

Deacons are: Bro. Roy Thornton, Bro. Thomas Brown
Protom Deacons: Bro. Gregory Hilliard, Bro. Leonard Thornton, Bro. James Winston
Trustees: Bro. William Clemons, Bro. Ricky Brown
Clerk: Mary Redford
Pastor: Rev. Robert J. Gentry

First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church



Rev. and Mrs. Walter Jimison

During the days of the underground railroad, many black folk came across the Ohio River to Jeffersonville, Indiana. In those days there were no churches for Negroes in the city of Jeffersonville. The Christians met from house to house in order that they could have prayer and praise God. After 1866 the Prison Hill Baptist Church, which dropped its name Prison Hill and became the Illinois Avenue Baptist Church, was organized. At a later date two other Baptist Churches were founded—the Indiana Avenue Baptist Church and the Rose Hill Baptist Church.

In 1913 the Illinois Avenue Baptist Church, the Rose Hill Baptist Church, and the Indiana Avenue Baptist Church, which at the time was pastored by Reverend W. L. Green, all three came together in a "Call Meeting". These three churches united into one. The name that was chosen was "The First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church". But after a while, Indiana Avenue Baptist Church was reformed by some of the members of the First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, who had left.

After the death of Rev. W. L. Green, First Trinity called Rev. Edward Brown. There arose a misunderstanding over finance; the Rev. Edward Brown and some of the members left and organized the Giltedge Baptist Church.

The First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church kept moving ahead. In 1921 it built the majestic building at 8th and Illinois. This building at 8th and Illinois fell victim to the I-65 bridge project. The Highway Commission of Indiana gave \$82,000.00 for the land and old building.

The membership held its service in the Jeffersonville High School music room while the present building was being built. The membership of the First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, by the help of Almighty God, on the 16th day of September 1962, were able to march into an ultra-modern building. Since the building of the new structure the church has made great progress. A modern parlor for men and women has been added; new furniture has been purchased; new carpet is laid; the church has built a very splendid modern parsonage. But the greatest achievement of First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church is the saving of many souls and at the same time carrying on a fine Mission Program. Rev. and Mrs. Walter Jimison have been ministering here nearly 27 years. Past ministers are Rev. W. L. Green, Rev. Edward Brown, Rev. G. A. Martin, Rev. V. W. McLawley, Rev. J. O. Clark, Rev. L. F. Burton, Rev. E. L. Mathew and the present Rev. Walter Jimison.

Mrs. Louise Baines
Mrs. Alfrena Bates
Rev. E. W. Bates
Mrs. Helen Beauchamp
Mrs. Anita Bell
Mr. John Bell
Ms. Marnie Bell
Mrs. Genora Birdsong
Mrs. Berite Black
Ms. Cecelia Black
Ms. Juanita Bland
Mrs. Dorothy Bowyer
Mr. Donrhard Boyd
Mrs. Georgia Boyd
Mr. John Brown
Mrs. Betty Caldwell
Mrs. Ineal Caldwell
Mr. Jeffery Caldwell
Mrs. Carrie M. Christy

Mr. Alfred Cookley
Mrs. Rosie Cookley
Mr. Roy Cookley
Mr. Donald Cooper
Mrs. Carrie Cousins
Mrs. Anne R. Douglas
Mrs. Glenda Frazier
Mr. Kenneth Gales
Mrs. Shirley Galloher
Mrs. Amita Grant
Mrs. Alberta Graves
Ms. Annie B. Graves
Mr. Nathaniel Graves
Mrs. Della Guyn
Mr. Samuel Guyn
Mrs. Mary Harris
Mrs. Lillian Hassell
Mr. Charles M. Hickerson

Mrs. Leoda Houston
Mrs. Delores Hudson
Mrs. Cora James
Mrs. Margaret Jimison
Rev. Walter Jimison
Mrs. Fannie Jumper
Mr. Louis Jumper
Mrs. Marie Kendrick
Mr. Alvin Leavell
Rev. Clifford Leavell
Mr. Gary Leavell
Mrs. Jacqueline Leavell
Mr. John Leavell
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Mrs. Margaret Leavell
Ms. Frances Lee
Mrs. Sallie Lee
Mr. Clea Marchbank

Mrs. Elnora Marchbank
Mrs. Anna Offutt
Mrs. Bessie Palmer
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Mr. James Robison
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Ms. Cassandra Ross
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Mrs. Flossie Taron
Mr. James Turner
Mr. Johnny Washington
Mr. Alvin White
Mrs. Eddie Lee Williams
Mrs. Joecille Williams
Mrs. Grace Wright

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Nathaniel Graves
Chairman
George Stum
Herbert Offutt
Jeffery Caldwell
John Bell
Alvin White
James E. Thomas
Wayford Sullivan

TRUSTEES
David Renfro
Chairman
Jesse Bowyer
Flossie Taron
Ed Garrett
Booker Bland
Robert Grant
Louis Jumper

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

15th and Indiana Avenue
Connersville, Indiana 47331

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Paul Day

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In 1888 at City Hall in Connersville, Indiana, Mt. Zion Baptist Church was organized with the help of Rev. Obanion of Owenton, Kentucky. A short time later the property at 15th and Indiana Avenue was purchased for \$2,500.00.

The first pastor, Rev. F. G. Green, was called in 1890. Eleven pastors were called between 1896 and 1943, when Rev. R. C. Brown of Richmond, Kentucky accepted

the charge. During his pastorate all indebtedness was paid and the mortgage burned. Three hundred delegates of the Indiana State Association were entertained at Mt. Zion in 1946. Rev. Brown passed in 1964.

Mt. Zion is proud that many of their sons have been called to preach and became ministers of various churches, many now deceased, others are: Rev. E. D. Butler at First Baptist Church, Bloomington, Indiana; Rev. Virgil Alexander, Massillon, Ohio; and Rev. John Harvey, Dayton Ohio.

Rev. L. H. Davison of LaGrange, Illinois accepted the call in 1964 and under his leadership the House of Worship, which was erected in 1891, was razed on February 16, 1969. The new edifice was dedicated as the Church that Faith Built on September 7, 1969 with a seating capacity of 225. Rev. Davison resigned in 1971.

Rev. LaRue Griffin of Jeffersonville, Indiana was called as pastor in 1972 and served nine years, resigning in 1981. A few of the accomplishments during his pastorate are: the mortgage was burned, air conditioning installed, securing a residence for parsonage, parking lot was purchased, church grounds landscaped and all indebtedness was cleared. Rev. Don Day answered the call and is among those sons licensed at Mt. Zion.

The 63rd Annual Session of the Southeastern District Convention was held at Mt. Zion in June 1979. Only by the grace of God has Mt. Zion come so far.

Second Baptist Church Bloomington, Indiana

Rev. Dr. E. D. Butler, Pastor

On the 23rd day of March 1892 a small group of early Bloomington settlers came together to worship God. They worshipped in the homes of interested persons for eighteen years. In 1890 they built a frame structure on the northeast corner of 8th and Rogers Streets.

The Council of Ministers, Rev. Phillip Simcoe, Rev. Wm. Singleton, and Rev. John Ghan, the uncle of our present Deacon Dwight Ghan, selected Rev. Singleton to serve as the Moderator and Mr. H. T. Tourner, the clerk and recorder. The following men became the deaconship of the newly organized church: Brothers Doc Wilson, Dennis Roberts, Milton Norris, James Wilson, Alfred Freeman, and Andrew Henson. Rev. Andrew Henson was called to be the first pastor; he was the grandfather of Deacon Dwight Ghan, and the now active Henson family.

Twelve ministers served the church as pastor from 1890-1907 and each contributed to the spiritual and numerical growth of the Church. The Rev. Andrew Henson, John Ghan, Phillip Simcoe, J. Miller, Revels, Green, William Arnold, E. Price, Clark, J. E. Rogers, C. H. Reed, and M. C. Elzy.

Mrs. Amanda Ghan, mother of Deacon Dwight Ghan was the first candidate for baptism and was baptized in a pond west of Bloomington and became one of the charter members.

The Rev. Moses M. Porter, pastoring the Second Baptist Bedford, accepted the call from the Second Baptist Church, Bloomington in 1907 and became pastor that year. In 1913 Pastor Porter owned the church (from his personal funds) \$4,000.00 to assist the small faithful congregation in the purchase of the property on the southwest corner of 8th and Rogers, the present location of the church, and led in the building of the beautiful stone structure at a cost of \$40,000.00, the first

church built of stone by Blacks in Indiana. Mr. Sam Plato, a black from Louisville, Kentucky, was the architect. Mr. John Chandler plastered the interior. The stone was donated and hauled by horse and wagon by Mr. Thomas Gordon. Mr. Lawrence Evan did the cement work, and was the uncle of Alene Williams, who was the first person baptised in the pool in the church. Mr. Gordon also was baptized by Rev. Porter at the age of 95.

After repaying Rev. Porter the \$4,000.00, the church built the parsonage at 509 W. 8th Street. Forty-five years of service with many achievements come to a close in 1952 with the passing of Rev. Porter and the Rev. Marvin Chandler became the pastor. He is the son of one of the oldest members now in the church and the grandson of the man who plastered. Music was his theme and in 1955 he resigned to continue his study and career in that field.

The Rev. M. R. Edwards was called to the pastorate and served four years.

August 1959 the Rev. E. D. Butler, who had served the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Connorsville and the First Baptist Church, Noblesville, was called and accepted the pastorate of the Second Baptist Church, Bloomington. With Rev. Butler came a new concept, new organizations, new boards and committees and a new thrust of influence on the total Bloomington Community, including the campus of I.U. The church has been redecorated and has set many goals that have been achieved. Rev. Butler became Dr. Butler in May 1981, and the outreach of the church in Education, Missions, Evangelism and Benevolence is evidence of the blessings God has bestowed upon this Fellowship as individuals use their talents and work together for the cause of Christ worldwide, as well as on the home front.

Highland Missionary Baptist Church

Henry J. and Anna M. Russell moved from a farm in Linton township to Terre Haute in the year 1900. There was no church in the community in which they made their home. Being Christians, they started to have Sunday School classes in an old building on the alley on what is now the present church, located at 13½ and Carl Avenue, Terre Haute, Indiana.

They were helped in this endeavor by Bro. Henry Uzzell and a white lady by the name of Mrs. Decker. The interest grew and ministers by the name of Bro. Clay and Bro. Conley would preach for these few Christians once in awhile on Sundays. Finally, there were enough members to move to the front of the lot in a newly erected building. Bro. Henry Austin was called as the first pastor of the church, after which the following ministers were called:

Bro: T. C. Paterson	Bro. Russell
William W. Clark	Bro. Estell
Charlie Robbs	William McClure
William Holmes	Leonard A. Manuel
J. D. Garrett	Louis Byron Russell
Leslie V. Jenkins	James E. Flowers

and our present pastor, Bro. C. N. Tyler.



Rev. C. N. Tyler

Lost Creek Baptist Church



- Jan. 1850 Organized as United Baptist Society of Lost Creek by Rev. Louis Artis, changed to Missionary Baptist and then to Lost Creek Baptist Church.
- Apr. 1863 Property of present site donated by Mr. Dixon Stewart Sr. to first trustees--Messrs, George Evans, Hezekiah Roberts and George Anderson.
- 1869 Frame building destroyed by fire and replaced with the present building.
- Sep. 1871 Sunday School organized by Mr. Z. M. Anderson. Mt. Zion Sunday School was name chosen over Pleasant Hill Sunday School. During period 1911-1912 there were 7 classes. Mrs. Opal (Anderson) Pettiford was the Superintendent.
- 1872-1874 Rev. William H. Anderson, Pastor.
- 1874-1879 Rev. George Anderson, Pastor. Flat ceiling removed and replaced by the present arch ceiling.
- 1879-1920 Rev. Malachi C. Anderson, Pastor. Rev. Fletcher was pastor for one year due to Rev. Anderson's illness. When Rev. Anderson resumed pastorate, windows were arched and vestibule and bell tower were added.
- 1920-1923 Rev. H. A. King, Pastor. Church was repainted.
- 1923-1924 Rev. William M. Dickerson, Pastor.
- 1924-1926 Rev. R. M. Dehoney, Pastor. Piano purchased to replace the organ.
- 1927-1929 Rev. W. M. Dickerson returned as pastor. Church was raised and basement added.
- 1930-1933 Rev. Cyril W. Harris, Pastor. First coal furnace installed.

- 1933-1936 Rev. Louis B. Russell, Pastor. Church was repainted.
- 1937-1942 Rev. H. C. Franklin, Pastor. Electric fixtures replaced the gas lights.
- 1942-1952 Rev. Cassius M. Hammond, Pastor; Rev. Morris Blade, Assistant Pastor. New carpeting, pulpit furniture, new pews and a new furnace installed.
- 1953-1957 Rev. Earl Nevels, Pastor; Rev. Ernest Stewart, Assistant Pastor. Stained glass windows installed, exterior covered with asbestos siding.
- 1957-1960 Rev. Ernest Stewart, Assistant Pastor, served until the appointment of Rev. Lester Lapsley as Pastor. New piano was purchased.
- Nov. 1960 Rev. Lester Lapsley, Pastor. Running water was installed in basement kitchen, outdoor drinking fountain installed, and south entrance added.
- 1970 Social room and kitchen were added to upper level, vestibule remodeled, chapel redecorated, and east entrance remodeled with new steps and wrought iron railing.
- 1972 Baptismal pool was built in the basement.
- 1973 Missionary Society was organized with Mrs. Marguerite Lapsley as President.
- 1976 New oil furnace installed.
- 1977 Insulation was added and new well drilled.
- 1978 Social room and kitchen was insulated and paneled. New roofing applied.
- 1980 Rest rooms were completed with ladies' room on main floor and men's room in the basement.

As the Lost Creek Baptist Church begins its 131 years of continued service to God in the glorification of Him and His Precious Son, it is hoped that this church will maintain and strengthen the role it has played during the past years in the salvation of souls to work toward the Kingdom of God as set forth in His Holy Word.

Bro. Russell Tyler - Financial Secretary
 Deacon Erwin Harris - Deacon Burt Ross
 Mrs. A. Stigall - Supt., Sunday School
 Mrs. O. Ross - Asst. Supt., Sunday School
 Mr. G. Walden - Usher
 Mrs. B. Edwards - Church Clerk
 Miss Lynn Bronaugh - Secretary, Sunday School
 Miss Laura Bronaugh - Sunday School Teacher
 Mrs. L. Anderson - President, Senior Aid
 Rev. Lester Lapsley - Pastor

Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church

Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church was organized November 1910 by Rev. James Avery. It is now located at 1935 Tippecanoe Street

PASTOR

Rev. Cary Elliott

ASSOCIATE MINISTERS

Rev. Allen Cohen

Rev. Charles Irvin

Rev. Edward Porter

Second Baptist Church, Brazil

The Second Missionary Baptist Church of Brazil, Indiana was organized in 1874.

It was the first black church, and is one of the oldest in Clay County, Indiana.

Land on which the church was built was donated by Jacob Madison, a black Civil War veteran.

Sixteen ministers have served during the church's ministry.

Rev. James M. Thomas is the present pastor and Rev. Thomas R. Wood is the assistant minister.





Rev. K. B. Lodd

St. John Missionary Baptist Church

1915 Buckeye Street
Terre Haute, Indiana

St. John Missionary Baptist Church was organized in 1940 in a store front at the corner of 23rd and Buckeye Street under the leadership of Rev. William McClure. The church was constructed as a frame building on two lots purchased at the present site at 20th and Buckeye Street.

After the death of his wife, Rev. McClure then moved to Indianapolis, Indiana with his children.

Rev. Alfred Robbs was called as pastor in 1947. The church was rebuilt under his leadership and he served for nine years.

Several pastors followed, including Rev. G. Wright, L. White, G. Mallory, J. Perkins, P. Bush and E. Jackson.

Rev. Kenneth Ladd was called in December 1971. Being a God-sent man, under his leadership the church was enlarged and remodeled in 1975. Pews were added in 1977 and the annexation of the kitchen and education rooms was completed in 1979.

We pray to continue to strive for the salvation of man and the glorification of God.

Second Missionary Baptist Church

1872 to 1982
1400 Oak Street --- Terre Haute, Indiana



Five years after the great War Between the States had ended, during the early years of the Reconstruction, there was evidence, in all sections of our country, of sincere efforts to bind up the wounds of our nation. No where was this evidence more convincing than in the missionary zeal of the Baptist Church. Indiana was one of the states fostering such work and men like the late Richard Bassett and Lewis Artis were at the vanguard of the movement. Under the guiding spirit of the State Missionary, Rev. Lewis Artis, the first black Baptist Church of Terre Haute was organized. In the year 1871 at 28th and Second Streets, the Third Baptist Church was organized. The first leader of this small group was Reverend Hardin Anderson. The first deacons were M. P. Bragg, Willis Wade, Alfred Thomas, John Waller, W. M. Jackson, Silas Jones and A. C. Corthen.

After a short period the church moved from the Second Street site to 15th Street near Wabash Avenue. Pressed by the need for a better location, a lot was purchased at 7th and Deming Streets and a building was erected. This building also proved inadequate; therefore, the present site was secured by Rev. Stephen Clay, the successor to Rev. Hardin Anderson. Reverend Clay purchased the lot and building which had been used as a meat market for the sum of \$1,600.00.

It was at this site and during this period that the organization adopted the name of the Second Missionary Baptist Church. The existing structure was renovated and served as a house of worship until the congregation was able to construct a more suitable building which was completed under the pastorate of Rev. Clay. Rev. Clay who resigned to accept another pastorate, was succeeded by Rev. Bluford Hillman. Under Rev. Hillman's pastorate the church grew numerically and spiritually.



Rev. Cleytus D. Malone

The church plant was remodeled. Rev. Hillman served as pastor for fifteen years before resigning to accept the pastorate of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church at Lincoln, Nebraska. Rev. Hillman was succeeded by Rev. Henry Snowden, who served for three years. Rev. C. M. C. Hammond followed Rev. Snowden and renovated the parsonage before leaving to organize the Calvary Pabbist Church at 13½ and College Streets. Rev. William Dickerson succeeded Rev. Hammond and had served but a few months before the church building was completely destroyed by fire.

It took but eight months and on the third Sunday of November 1916 a grateful congregation received the keys to the present church building from the contractor and chief engineer. Dr. David Jenkins.

Mr. Jenkins was a member of the church and a local contractor. Under a financial committee headed by the late Bunie Porter the funds were raised and the mortgage burned in three years. With the passing of Rev. Hillman the church called Rev. Clarence E. McFadden. He pastored the church for eight years. Rev. W. W. Moore followed Rev. McFadden as pastor. He was succeeded by Rev. B. N. Murrell. Rev. Murrell was succeeded by Rev. Herring. Rev. Herring resigned; Rev. B. C. Winchester was called by the church and served until his death November 19, 1947. After Rev. Winchester's passing, Rev. Mack T. Williams pastored in 1948, followed by Rev. J. T. Highbaugh who served from May until October 1949. On October 7, 1949, Rev. B. T. Almon was called and he served until January of 1952. On September 10, 1952 Rev. Noel E. Hord was extended the call to become our pastor.

From November 1952 through April 11, 1979 Rev. Hord served as pastor for the Second Missionary Baptist and his stay extended for 26 years plus. He voluntarily resigned and left the church financially sound. He asked to be remembered for the good and the service that he had rendered.

October 2, 1979 Reverend Cleytus D. Malone became our pastor. To this date he is doing an outstanding job for the Upkeep of the Kingdom Program. In bringing in the sheaves fifty-four have been added to the fold.

Shiloh Baptist Church



This is a portion of the history of Shiloh Baptist Church. On January 3, 1932 a disband assembly of the Union Baptist Church became concerned about organizing and becoming an active assembly. There were eight available members present. Namely Deacon Ernest Simpson, Louis Hart, Lee Utley, Dewey Bass, all deceased. Sister Daisy Baxter Lawrence, Nellie Hart, deceased, and Sister Dena Simpson, who is yet a very faithful member in our present congregation.

This assembly invited the Associated Baptist Churches of Terre Haute. From those that attended a council was organized. Rev. Clark, pastor of the Highland Baptist Church, was chosen to act as Moderator. Bro. Parker was rightfully elected as Secretary. Through legal procedures the Union Baptist Assembly changed its name to the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. Next in order was to find a leader of the flock. The Rev. A. M. Dickerson D. D. was appointed to serve as the first Pastor, and our own Sis. Dena Simpson was appointed to serve as Secretary or Church Clerk.

Under his leadership great things were done in the Missionary Baptist Church.

From 1939 to 1952 there have been several great leaders. Just to name a few-Rev. Tucker, Rev. H. H. Bagglely, Rev. Sanders, Rev. Trotter and Rev. A. Hudson. With the death of Rev. Cunningham that left the flock once again without a leader.

The strong Official Board kept the flock together until God sent them a Shepherd.

In November of 1956, God saw fit to bring Rev. J. E. Barksdale from Bowling Green, Kentucky. Rev. J. E. Barksdale has graciously occupied the Pastor's Chair in Shiloh for the past twenty-five years, and is still our Pastor today.

Under the great leadership of Rev. J. E. Barksdale many great things have been done in and around Shiloh Baptist Church.



Rev. J. E. Barksdale

After two years as our leader Rev. Barksdale received a vision from God to start working on the building, so in 1958 Shiloh's members saw the old structure destroyed and a new one erected.

That can be verified by the cornerstone that is located on the northeast corner of the structure.

In 1966 under leadership of the Pew Committee and God's blessing, Shiloh was able to see our new pews installed.

Through the years from 1966 to 1968 there were numerous improvements done in and around Shiloh, mostly in our basement.

In 1969 Shiloh appointed Rev. Gleytus D. Malone as their Assistant Pastor, and he served faithfully and successfully for seven years.

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church is proud to announce that under Rev. Barksdale's spiritual leadership and guidance Bros. Kenneth Ladd and Clarence Tyler were called to the ministry, and they were issued their licenses by Rev. J. E. Barksdale.

Also, many other souls have been added to the fold.

This Church is not the largest one you will find today, but God is here to save and bless each time we meet and pray within its walls God's spirit to fill each thirsty heart to give salvation and power to live from day to day.

Rev. J. E. Barksdale - Pastor
Danella Hatfield - Clerk

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3. Providing information by acting as a fact-finding center and
4. Acting as a catalyst for new ideas and change.

Our professional staff along with our board are in the continuing process of developing and implementing new and creative programs, projects and approaches that address themselves to attacking many of the problems growing out of poverty and lack of equal opportunity.

Committed to the goal of an open, integrated society as the best hope for the nation's future, the Urban League seeks to build bridges of understanding between White and Black America.



A United Way Agency

AFFILIATED WITH THE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE

URBAN LEAGUE

a non-partisan, non-profit, charitable, interracial organization whose policy is set by a forty-five member board. The presiding chairman is Carolyn J. Blitz and Sam H. Jones is President. The Indianapolis Urban League was incorporated December, 1965, as an autonomous local affiliate of the seventy-two year old National Urban League. The Indianapolis Urban League has been and continues to be a United Way Agency.

THE URBAN LEAGUE'S PURPOSE IS . . .

to create better opportunities for Blacks, the poor and other minority groups and to help them enter the mainstream of society. The Urban League believes equal opportunity is an inherent right which includes:

- The right to a secure family life.
- Adequate housing in a fair market.
- Quality education.
- A decent job at a decent wage.
- Participation in the community decision making process.

To attain these goals, the Urban League is dedicated to moving beyond segregation and discrimination toward an all inclusive and just society!

THE URBAN LEAGUE ATTAINS ITS GOALS BY . . .

providing direct services in the areas of employment, economic development, welfare, housing, health, education and community education. To carry out these programs, the League assumes many roles. We serve as:

- An advocate for equal opportunity.
- A provider of technical assistance.
- A forum for differing points of view.
- A catalyst for change.
- A fact finding and information center.

Memberships
Contributions . . .

The Urban League, serving the Indianapolis community since 1965, needs your support. Join us in "Building for Equal Opportunity in the Challenging '80's".



CROP

Key Questions and Answers you should know about CROP

1. What is CROP?

CROP is the name given to local community efforts at hunger education and fundraising for Church World Service, the relief and development agency of more than 30 Protestant and Orthodox denominations in the U.S.

2. How much of every CWS dollar goes directly to help people in need?

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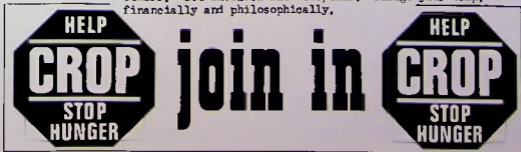
3. How are gifts to CWS/CROP distributed?

Primarily, through colleague Christian agencies in eight program categories:

- .Appropriate Technology
- .Education
- .Emergencies, Foreign and Domestic
- .Family Life and Population
- .Food
- .Refugees
- .Technical Consultants
- .Seeds

4. How can you help?

Learn about the real causes of hunger--economic, social, political, ecological, demographic. Consider how your lifestyle differs from and affects that of others. Get involved with CWS/CROP. Pledge your help, financially and philosophically.



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- 1** If you can conceive it and believe it you can achieve it.
- 2** Schools at their worst are better than jails at their best.
- 3** It's not your aptitude but your attitude that determines your altitude.
- 4** Both tears and sweat are wet and salty but they render a different result.
- 5** You can't plant a seed and pick the fruit the next morning.
If we allow our children to eat junk, watch junk, listen to junk, talk junk, then don't be surprised when they come out social junkies.
- 6** You're not a man or woman because you make a baby but because you raise one.
- 7** What does it matter if we have a new book or an old book if we open neither?
- 8** Parents must make room in their hearts and then in their house and then in their schedule for their children.
- 9**



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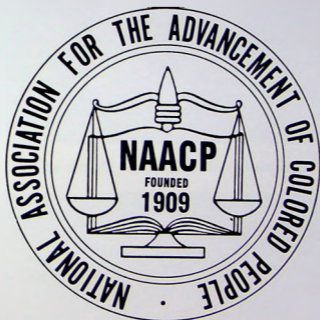
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Greetings

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STATE CONVENTION
FOR
125 GLORIOUS YEARS

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A Seattle, Washington Baptist Friend



CONGRATULATIONS on your
125th ANNIVERSARY of SERVICE



Frances E. Boglin-Hill
Immediate Past Associational
Secretary for Central District
1954-1964; 1968-1979
Secretary-Register for
Central Baptist Theological Seminary
in Indiana

South Calvary Baptist Church

National Women's Auxiliary Chairman of Personal Service
Council under MAB FULLER and now under F. C.
THOMPSON.

State Women's Auxiliary Chairman of Tracts and
Visitation.

Central District Women's Auxiliary Chairman of Tracts;
17 years the Adult Leader for Starlight Band Conv.;
Registrar for Central District M.B. Association Local;
a 25-year past President of Women's Missionary at Mt.
Nebo B.C., Rev. J. C. Perkins, Pastor, Indianapolis,
Indiana.

Presently: Organizer/Founder of the COMMUNITY
CHILDRENS'S MINISTRY housed at Mt. Nebo, meeting
each Monday evening. The Lord is blessing the work
for children are making the decision to follow Christ!



GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS
FROM
SOUTH CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1146 S. KENWOOD AVENUE
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
REV. LEO SNEED, PASTOR

National Baptist Convention Vice President
Women's Auxiliary



ANNA PAULINA WASHINGTON (1898-1973)

First woman in Indiana to serve as vice president of the (unincorp.) National Baptist Convention Women's Auxiliary.

Service more than 40 years.

President of the Indiana State Baptist Women's Convention over 25 years.

First in city to carry chartered buses out of state.

Member of Mt. Paran Baptist Church and organizer of its first Missionary. The True Vine Missionary.

One of the founders of the Midwestern Youth Conference.

Organizer of Anna Washington Chorus, Muncie, Indiana.

Graduate of Nashville (Pearl High School); attendant of Fisk University.

Mother of one daughter, Virtae Downey, also an active church member and local school teacher, coordinator of first black women's history book in Indiana.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF

Mrs. Mamie Sue Woods
Mrs. Mamie Beasley
Mrs. Mattie Buckner
Mrs. Dorothy Neighbors
Mrs. Malinda Northington
Miss Bobbie McGraw
Mrs. Rosie B. Wilson
Mrs. Ethel Trobue
Mrs. Katie L. Childs
Mrs. Annie Mae Roddy
Mrs. Lillie Kelley
Mrs. Lena Mae Cave
Mrs. Bessie Holt
Mrs. Corine Holt Lee

Mrs. Blanche Hayes Brown
1958 State President 1964

"They had finished her crown in glory,
and she couldn't stay away from the
great coronation."

Deacon Charlie Lee
Deacon Benjamin F. Mumford

"Sorrow vanquished, labor ended, Jordan passed."

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Nurses Guild,
Mrs. Ruby G. Lockridge, President

Reverend E. T. Johnson, Pastor

"GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN"

Dr. B. F. Farrell
Founder and Builder
1906-1927

Dr. C. Henry Bell
Pastor & Pastor Emeritus
1927-1968

Elder Plummer D. Jacobs
Associate Pastor
1931-1980

Mrs. Anna Washington
Former President of the
Women's Home & Foreign
Mission Convention; also
Former 1st Vice President of
National Women's Convention

"Memories are treasures none can steal, death is a heart-
ache none can heal; some may forget you now that you've
gone, but we shall remember, no matter how long."

MT. PARAN BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor B. F. Sims

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REV. DR. DAMON S. ROACH, PASTOR

IN MEMORY

BENETTA O. ROACH 1907-1978

WILLIAM ROACH 1900-1978

PARENTS OF REV. DR. DAMON S. ROACH, PASTOR



Sister Benetta Roach, mother of the Pastor of First Christian Missionary Baptist Church. Also, she was one of the first members in the organization of the church.

"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want."--Psalms 23:1

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INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
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IN MEMORY OF



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Treasurer of Sheridan Bus Lines.

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BEST WISHES

From the New Bethel Baptist Church Senior Choir

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Ruth Lomax Davis, Director

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Sandra Stigler
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Esther Walker
Elsie Walls
David Watson
Lolita Watson
Lonnie Watson
Betty Jo White
Jacquelyn Williams
Eric Yancy
Pamela Yancy

BEST WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUCCESS

from the

**Central District
Missionary Baptist Church
Nurses Convention**

OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



**Mrs. Lillie B. Thomas
First and Current President
Central District Missionary
Baptist Church Nurses Convention**

It was in 1959 that this organization became a reality for all when pastors of Indianapolis recognized the profound needs of their congregations for basic health care. The organizational meeting was called by the great orator and abled leader, Moderator Rev. C. J. Dailey, and by concerned nurse, Mrs. Lillie B. Thomas, at Greater Gethsemane Baptist Church, 901 North West Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, where Rev. F. K. Dillard was the host pastor.

The enthusiastic group secured volunteer instruction from the American Red Cross, Indianapolis Chapter, in proper home nursing and first aid. There were nine churches represented and 18 initial members present.

The first annual convention was held at New Garfield Baptist Church in May 1959. Founding officers elected were: Mrs. Lillie B. Thomas, President; the late Mrs. Lula Johnson, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. Nellie Warnock, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. Alma J. Mimms, recording secretary; Mrs. Thirsty L. Lang, assistant recording secretary; Mrs. Augusta Posley, treasurer; Mrs. Rose Hill, devotional leader, and the late Mrs. Susie Jenkins, pianist.

Rev. C. J. Dailey was moderator and ex-officio officer. Dr. F. Benjamin Davis served as chairman of the constitution and by-laws committee, along with Rev. W. E. Starks, Dr. J. T. Highbaugh, Rev. F. K. Dillard, Rev. G. M. Mimms, Rev. C. V. Jeffer, Rev. L. S. Gaston and Rev. C. P. Owens. Many other ministers and workers were appointed to work with the church nurses in their newly organized health venture.

In 1960 eight nurses' aids, later known as church nurses, were graduated in the first commencement service. "Religion In Nursing" was the course completed under the teaching of Dr. F. Benjamin Davis, President and Dean of the Central Baptist Theological Seminary. Other instructors were the late Rev. L. A. Manuel Sr., the late Rev. W. E. Starks, Rev. G. M. Mimms and Rev. F. K. Dillard.

In retrospect the following activities are noted:

1959 - 1st annual session at New Garfield Baptist Church, the late Rev. Charles Paole, pastor; Rev. C. J. Dailey, moderator; Mrs. Lillie B. Thomas, president.

1960 - St. Paul Baptist Church, Rev. C. J. Dailey, pastor and moderator. At this time the church nurses thus inspired to continue the educational theory of

nursing as a Christian vocation. The same year an all nurses fellowship hour was held when nurses gathered for information about the Central District Church Nurses to solicit new members, exchange ideas, formulate new patterns of approach to the problems in the local groups and to promote an overall feeling of need to work together.

1961 - Meeting at Mt. Paran Baptist Church, Rev. C. Henry Bell, pastor.

1962 - Greater Gethsemane Baptist Church, Rev. F. K. Dillard, pastor. Mrs. Mary Dumas was elected president and served until 1964. Mrs. Nellie Warnock was elected president in May 1965 and served until May 1979. Mrs. Lillie B. Thomas was at this time re-elected president; Rev. Benjamin F. Sins was elected moderator in May 1979.

Current officers of the Central District Missionary Baptist Church Nurses Convention are: Mrs. Nellie Warnock, president emeritus; Mrs. Lillie B. Thomas, president; Mrs. Esther Springfield, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Lorraine Nettle, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Rosa Martin, recording secretary; Mrs. Thelma Graves, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Anna Jones, treasurer; Mrs. Gladys Johnson, devotional leader; Mrs. Henry Le Shereles, chorister; Mrs. Rosa K. Horton, pianist, and Mrs. Ruby G. Lockridge, coordinator.

A look at more recent activities of note:

1980 - Updated constitution and bylaws.

1981 - Central District Missionary Baptist Church Nurses Convention first annual banquet.

1982 - Local church nurses, presidents, pastors salute you on your 125th Anniversary headed by Mrs. Lillie B. Thomas, president.

*****A special project worth mentioning is the first health fair held by the Central District Missionary Baptist Church Nurses Convention at First Samuel Baptist Church in April. The fair featured a display from the Indianapolis Sickle Cell Center. An educational program along with free testing for Sickle Cell Anemia, Thalassemia, and Hypertension was available. This program was one of the main ones for 1982 and was an inspiration of Mrs. Thomas with the full support of her many nurse affiliates.

from

Central District WOMEN'S HOME and FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

1920

1982



The Central District Convention was organized in 1920 with Sister Leon Leonard as its first president. She served well and faithfully for 12 years. In 1933 Sister Alberta Young was elected president and under her leadership and guidance, great missionary auxiliaries were organized, namely the Starlight, Shepherd Boys League, Girls' Guild and Junior and Y.W.A. Much missionary was done by these groups. For several years the District at Sister Young's suggestion had an annual dinner to support the Central Seminary. Sister Wooley was the vice-president under Sister Young for several years. Those that worked with her were: Sisters Caryl Pinner, Para Lee Wagner, Delight Couch and several others through the years.

In May 1966 Sister Elenor Wooley was elected president and Sis Young was made President Emeritus. Sister Wooley has served well for 16 years. Sister Wooley is a dedicated missionary worker. Much can be said about this Christian woman.

The Central District Missionary Convention has grown spiritually and in attendance and fellowship. Under her leadership the first door to door knocking in evangelistic service was started and has continued through the years. Two institutes are held each year in the spring and fall. We have a beautiful salad spread in March each year and the societies bring money for our

State Home and Foreign Missionary projects. It has grown so large that few churches can accommodate it in their dining rooms. It is a Christian social fellowship which has brought much love and fellowship among the members. It is wonderful to see our convention growing. We now have 37 Missionary Societies. We are proud of Sister Wooley and Central District. We have enjoyed working with her and truly she is a blessing sent by God. Sister E. T. Johnson served faithfully with her for 10 years. We are happy to be a part of the Indiana Baptist State Convention's 125th Anniversary.

THE OFFICIAL STAFF WHO ARE DEDICATED WORKERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1st Vice President	Sister Helen Manning
2nd Vice President	Sister Nora O'Bannon
Secretary	Sister Lucille Henard
Ass't Secretary	Sister Virginia Shivers
Starlight Band Leaders . . .	Sister Rosetta Rogers
	Sister Edwina Boone
Corres. Secretary	Sister Onis Walker
Treasurer	Sister Mary Drake
Chorister	Sister Virtea Downey
Pianist	Sister Rosa Horton
Organist	Sister Jennie Schaffner

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE INDIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION FOR 125 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE TO THE STATE OF INDIANA.



Central District Senior Ushers Convention, an Auxiliary of the Central District Missionary Baptist Association, Pastor B. F. Sims, Moderator.
Reading from left to right--Mrs. Lucile F. Dobbins, President; Mrs. Martha C. Means, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Mary West, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Marie Young, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Josephine Manning, Chorister; Mrs. Shirley A. Smith, Assistant Chorister; Mrs. Mary Robinson, Secretary; Mrs. Lillian Tanks, Assistant Secretary; (insert--Deacon Preston Brown, Treasurer). Other officers not shown are Mrs. Sarah A. Jones, Organist and Mrs. Luima Burris, Pianist.

CONGRATULATIONS

from



Dea. H. T. Reed, President
Central District Brotherhood Union
Pastor B. F. Sims, Moderator



Mrs. Inez Reed, Assistant
Associational Secretary
Central District Missionary
Baptist Association
Pastor B. F. Sims, Moderator



COMPLIMENTS of
Mrs. Lucile F. Dobbins, General Secretary
Indiana Missionary Baptist State Convention
Dr. F. Benjamin Davis, President

WHAT THE BROTHERHOOD HAS MEANT TO ME AND WILL MEAN TO ALL MEN -- ACTION !



I hope you will forgive me for saying so much about myself, but this is the only way I can explain what I want you to know about Brotherhood.

It started one Saturday night in 1954 when the Brotherhood came to Eastern Star Baptist Church and organized a Brotherhood Union. I was a member there. Deacon Robert Norris was appointed president, and he worked on Saturdays so he asked me to go to the Central District on each third Saturday. At that time the officers were Deacon Zear Sweeney, State President; Deacon Robert R. Carpenter, District President for 18 years; Deacon James O. Horton, First Vice-President. (He was one of the first men in the Brotherhood and went to the National Convention in 1948 held in Oakland, California.)

The four presidents of that time were: Ira L. Clark, President; E. R. Graves, Executive Vice-President; Charles L. Peters, Sr., First Vice-President; E. W. Brooks, Second Vice-President.

These men wrote a policy called **POLICY OF THE BROTHERHOOD**. This policy has nine segments. We advocate certain practices, principles and ideas.

1. Regard for Leadership
2. Undergirding the whole program of the church
3. Respect for the right of others
4. The absolute duty of each brother to live a Christ-like life
5. The necessity of temperance
6. The obligation of every brother to pay his tithes
7. The right of every brother to use his talents and the opportunity to develop his faculties
8. To deepen spirituality
9. To promote religious intelligence and to lead the lost to Christ

1. Regard for leadership. We say that the pastor is the number one man in the Brotherhood. You must have regard for him.

2. Undergirding the whole program of the church. The way to do this is to try and train a man for everything in the church, prayer meeting, usher board, etc.

3. Respect for the right of others. Plain horse sense.

4. The absolute duty of each brother is to live a Christ-like life. You have seen some people that go to church and live like the world does all through the week. Christ lived every day alike.

5. The necessity of temperance. Moderation, self-control.

6. The obligation of every brother to pay his tithes. If we could teach all Christians to tithe, what would happen? There would be more time to witness for the Lord. Just think if some sinner would come in the church where you attend to look for someone to tell him about the Lord, and you go to him before he says anything. You ask him to buy some candy. Read Malachi 3:10. Some say this was not for the church, but it came under the law.

Read Matthew 23:23. What were they doing? They sure were tithing and the Lord said they ought to do these things.

Read the history of the Brotherhood; also the names of the State Presidents in this book.

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THE INDIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION
ON
125 Years Of Growth

May The Lord Continue To Bless Your Efforts

Dr. and Mrs. Eric A. Yancy

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GREETINGS FROM SIS. VEANIE D. DAWSON

Sis. Veanie D. Dawson of Indianapolis has served in the teaching department of the Central District Sunday Church School Convention for many years. She has given 30 years of dedicated service and expertise to the district as president of that convention. In addition she is Chairman-Dean of the Board of Christian Education of the District Association and is actively involved in the State Convention and the National Baptist Sunday School and Training Union Congress since 1922 and was the first woman on its staff. She is presently head of the Superintendent's Department.

Sis. Dawson has been an active member of Mt. Paran Baptist Church for sixty years where she is immediate past president of the Church School and is presently chairman of its Board of Christian Education.

A willing worker for Christ, Sis. Dawson is in constant demand as director of institutes, workshops and retreats throughout the District.

She is a member of the Inter-Faith Educational Conference of the Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis.

Greetings:

Indiana Missionary Baptist State Convention
ON YOUR
125TH BIRTHDAY!



3000 WOMEN
IN WHITE.

NO COMMAND EVER GIVEN BY
A GENERAL ON A BATTLEFIELD
IS MORE DEFINITE AND BIND-
ING ON HIS FOLLOWERS THAN,
"The Great Commission"
GIVEN BY JESUS TO HIS CHURCH.

THE UNFINISHED TASK TODAY OF
THE INDIANA MISSIONARY BAP-
TIST STATE WOMEN'S HOME AND
FOREIGN MISSIONARY AUXILIARY
IS LAID UPON THE HEART OF
EVERY FOLLOWER OF CHRIST.

-St. Matthew 28:19-20

Mrs. Martha G. Means
GENERAL CHAIRMAN
3000 WOMEN IN WHITE

FROM all of us connected with the CBT SEMINARY

An idea born to Dr. C. J. Dailey in 1942 came alive with the ORGANIZATION OF CENTRAL BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY on October 17, 1942 at the St. Paul Baptist Church.

Dr. C. J. Dailey, President till 1956; Dr. V. W. McLawler, Dr. Joseph C. Carroll and Dr. R. H. Faulkner Deans. In 1956 Dr. F. Benjamin Davis was elected President-Dean of Central, and CENTRAL CONTINUES to GROW!

Trustee Chairmen: 1944--Rev. George Baltimore; 1945--Rev. C. F. Harris; 1949--Dr. H. T. Toliver; 1959--Dr. C. J. Dailey; 1962--Dr. C. Henry Bell; 1968--Dr. J. T. Highbaugh, Sr.; 1976--Dr. E. James Gdom; 1979--Rev. William Lee Squires.

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The SOUTH BEND EXTENSION is housed at St. Paul Bethel Baptist Church with Rev. Booker West, Director; Rev. Charles G. Rowlett, Dean. The MUNCIE EXTENSION is housed at Antioch Baptist Church, Dr. I. P. Broaddus, Director-Dean; Dr. J. D. Williams, Chairman of Supportive Churches.

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F. BENJAMIN DAVIS, Th. D., D.D.
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Northeastern District Baptist Association

The Northeastern District Baptist Association extends to you congratulations on your 125th Anniversary.

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Rising Star Baptist, Marion
Mt. Olive Baptist, Richmond
New Bethel, Ft. Wayne
Bethesda Baptist, Anderson
Union Baptist, Muncie
Mt. Zion, Muncie
Greater Second, Richmond
Antioch Baptist, Muncie
Greater Pilgrim Rest Baptist, Muncie
Shiloh, Richmond
Mt. Pisgah Baptist, Kokomo
Mt. Hemon, Peru
Good Samaritan, Muncie
Rock of Ages, Marion
Calvary, Marion
Anderson Zion, Anderson
Second Baptist, Kokomo
New Hope, Muncie
New Faith United, Lafayette
Mt. Moriah, Richmond
Trinity, Anderson
Mt. Pilgrim, Anderson
Calvary, Muncie
Second, Anderson
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Rev. Cecil Hall
Founder and Organizer



Dea. Jessie Beard



Pastor W. Bernard Minor



Church Nurses



Ministers



Young Adult Choir

Greater Second Baptist Church

Marion, IN

We, the members of the Greater Second Baptist Church, Marion, Indiana, wish to extend to the Indiana Missionary State Baptist Convention our sincere congratulations on this your 125th Anniversary Year.



Dr. J.D. Williams

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

3801 Forest Manor
Indianapolis, Indiana 46226

REV. C. V. JETTER, PASTOR, B.TH.D.D.



SENIOR MISSIONARY MEMBERS

Seated: Emma Clanton, Bertha Robinson, Amelia Woolfolk, President; Lena C. Stigger, Vice-President; Lillie Sloan, Trudy Williams.

Standing: Nora Wright, Samantha Spears, Ida Miller, Arletta Whitfield, Janet Davis, Donnier Sulton, Charles Mitchell.

Not in picture: Shirley McGriff, Deacon Aron McGriff, Lovie Jones, Georgia McClain, Deacon Riley Porter, Jennie Belle Townsend, Deacon Conrad Baker, Rubie Alexander and Jesse Oliver.

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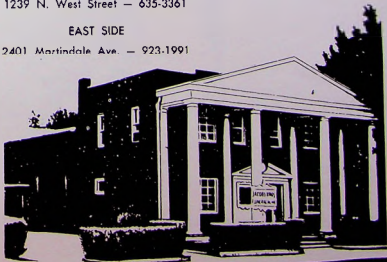
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