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# 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

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## FOREWORD

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 prayerful 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

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# THE MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

727 Blake Street—Indianapolis, Indiana

Dr. H. T. Toliver, Pastor  
State Moderator of Indiana

Sister Essie Toliver, Wife



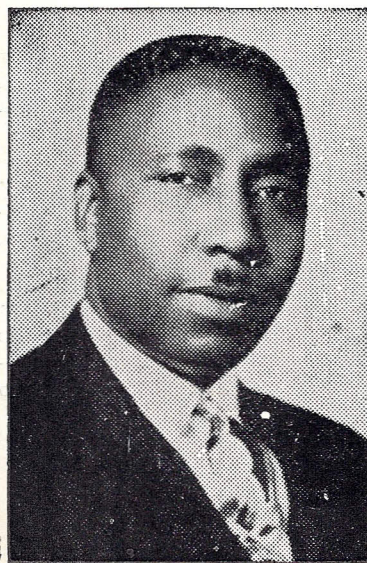
Dr. and Mrs. Toliver observed along with the church their Silver Jubilee Anniversary, 25 years of long but successful service. Mt. Olive has grown spiritually and in membership. Sister Geraldine Rogers, the only charter member of the church has worked under the following pastors: Rev. Patton, Rev. G. K. Wilson, (deceased) Rev. Holder, (deceased) and Rev. Abernathy, and now our present pastor Dr. H. T. Toliver. We, the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, are happy for many reasons but for two wonderful reasons. No. 1: To be a part of this 100 years of service with the Indiana Baptist Association. No. 2: Because you have a man of great ability as your leader.

To forward Indiana Baptist in the name of the Lord—Mt. Olive Baptist Church is 100 per cent behind you.

Dr. H. T. Toliver, Pastor  
Deacon J. C. Ward, Chairman of Mt.  
Olive Souvenir Book



MRS. H. T. TOLIVER



DR. H. T. TOLIVER  
Moderator



SISTER GERALDINE ROGERS

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**MISS MARY BOLLING**  
President

Mt. Olive Senior Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. Miss Mary Bolling, President; Mrs. Georgia Belle Robinson, Recording Secretary; Dr. H. T. Toliver, Pastor.

Sister Bolling has under her leadership a society of seventy-four members.

We are happy to be a part of this great centennial.



**MRS. CECILE B. FIELDS**

Clerk of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Corresponding Secretary of Indiana Baptist State Senior Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention.



## Mt. Olive Baptist Church



**MRS. MARY MINOR**  
Chairman of Senior Circle No. 1  
Mt. Olive Senior Woman's Home  
and Foreign Missionary Society  
Circle No. 1.

Mrs. Mary L. Minor, Chairman; Mrs. Mattie B. Whitlock, Co-Chairman; Mrs. Estella Rogan, Recording Secretary.

Greetings for one-hundred years of Christian Service to the Indiana Baptist State Association. May God continue to bless you.



**MRS. HELEN BEELER**, 1248  
Graceland Avenue, Financial  
Secretary of the Mt. Olive Bap-  
tist Church, Vice-President of  
the Senior Missionary Society  
and Missionary Chorus, Re-  
cording Secretary of the Har-  
monette and a Sunday School  
Teacher. Happy to be a part of  
this great Centennial.



**MRS. BRIDDIE SCHAFFER**  
President

Mt. Olive Junior Missionary So-  
ciety.

Mrs. Briddie Schaffer, President;  
Mrs. Mary Blair, Vice-Presi-  
dent; Mrs. Annie B. Griffin,  
Vice-President; Mrs. Orylia  
Brown, Recording Secretary.

Greetings to this great Centen-  
nial. Continue to go forward.

## MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

### I. W. A. MISSIONARY SOCIETY

—Mattie McDaniel, president; Barbara Simmons, Vice-President; Lillian Bryant, Recording Secretary; Inell Darty, Assistant Secretary; Willa Howard, Corresponding Secretary; Delores Moore, Treasurer; Lela White, Chaplain; Mrs. Cecile E. Felts, Teacher; LeVern Hoad, Membership Chrm.; Jehunie Edmund, Finance; Essie Roberts, Program; Dorothy Person, Ways and Means.

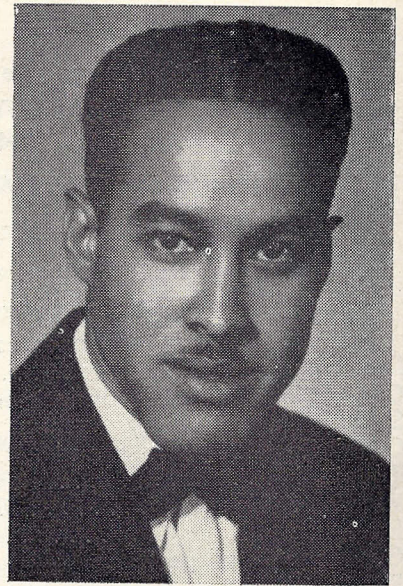
### SHEPHERD BOY'S LEAGUE—

Mrs. Mary Dumas, Counselor; Geoffrey Martin, Kenneth Martin, Arthur Dumas, James Dumas, Duane Dumas, Preston Cooby, Claude Williams, David Williams, Kenneth Wiggins.

Claude Bates, John Bates, John Miller, William Lawrence, Ronald Williams, James Moore, Gilbert Person, Ronnie Butler.

### STAR LIGHT BAND—Mrs. Vi-

vian Person, Superintendent, Carol Dumas, Debra Blue, Carolyn Phelps, Bobbie Adair, Archie Ingram, Sandra Young, Arthur Ingram, Ann Gordon, Mary Ingram, Barbara Phelps, Sheila Jetters, Lawrence Phelps, Damon Jones, Nita Jones, Doris Williams, Lillian Fair, Annette Person, Brenda Miles, Ethel Person, Wanda Miles, Gilbert Person, Alice Levels, Ruth Gardner, Pamela Gardner, Mitchell Blue, Michael Blue, Cynthia Blue, Ava Blue, Duane Dumas.

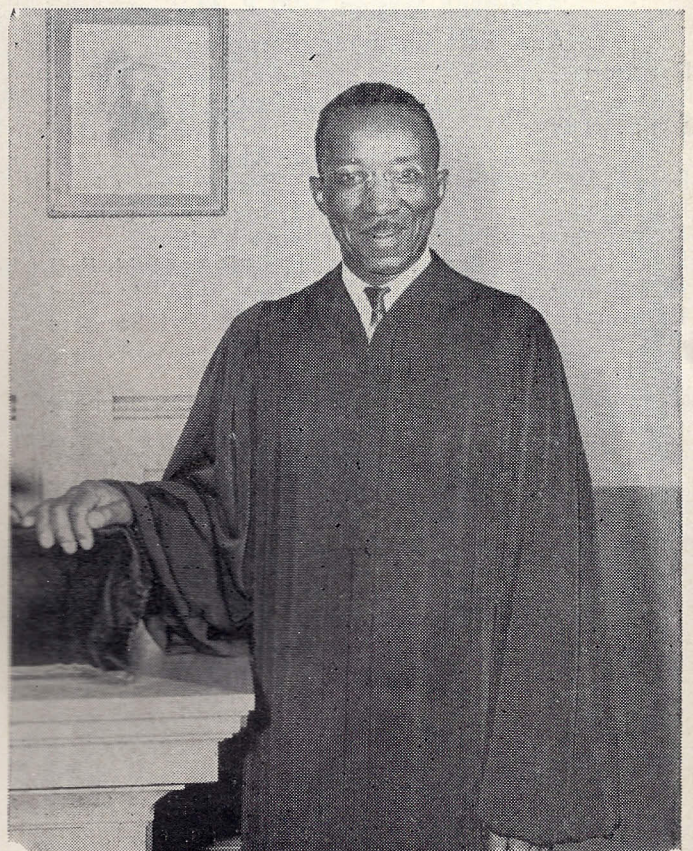


**DEACON WILLIE LAWRENCE**, Chairman of the Education Committee of the State Brotherhood Union, encourages all local Brotherhoods to take an active part in the State Education Program. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Second Timothy, 2:15.



## THE UNION VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH LAWRENCEBURG, IND.

Organized A. D. 1853 by Rev. Philip O'Banion. After the 1937 flood a new Church house was built. The present pastor, Rev. Stoughton Summers has served 9 years.



REV. STOUGHTON SUMMERS

# Official Program

## **Eighth Annual Session MISSIONARY BAPTIST STATE ASSOCIATION**

### **MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

Mrs. Willa Johnson — State Chairlady

Mrs. M. Burrell, President

### **MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 1957 — 9:00 A. M.**

General Theme — "Unpossessed Possessions"  
Invocation . . . . . Rev. C. V. Jetter  
Conventional Singing and Selected Devotions by  
Shiloh, South Calvary, Joshua, Metropolitan, Mt.  
Olive, Good Samaritan and Mt. Carmel  
Theme . . . . . Rev. F. W. Weathers  
Words of Welcome . . . . . Rev. F. F. Young  
Response . . . . . Gethsemane  
Get Acquainted period  
Registration period  
Church Singers-Symposium — Mrs. Blossom Jones,  
Conductor  
Fundamentals on Diction, Breathing, Poise  
a Soloists  
b Choir  
c Value of congregational singing  
Music Clinic . . . . . The Choir Officers  
Conductors: Mrs. Ellen Zeigler and Mrs. Martha  
Burrell  
Chords and Triads-Work Shop . . Mrs. G. Barnes  
Partial Reports  
Adjourn for lunch—12 o'clock  
Benediction . . . . . Rev. Felix Barnes

### **Afternoon Session 1:00 P. M.**

Mrs. Lois Clements, Presiding

Devotions . . . . . Mrs. Glenda Barnes  
Theme . . . . . Rev. E. T. Johnson  
Symposium . . . . . The Minister  
and The Minister of Music  
Rev. F. W. Weathers, Rev. R. C. Brown, Rev. Char-  
les Daily, Rev. H. A. King and Rev. F. K. Dillard  
Introduction of National and State Visitors  
Election of Officers . . . . . Rev. C. H. Bell  
Installation of Officers . . . . . Rev. L. A. Manuel  
Benediction . . . . . Rev. Robert Sanders

### **Evening Session — 6:30 P. M.**

Symposiums . . . . . Instrumentalists Department  
Mrs. Ruth Davis, Conductor  
A, The Organ; B, The Piano; C, The Trombone;  
D, The Marimba  
Mrs. Sarah Lee  
Mrs. Luema Bolen  
Mr. Julius Poindexter  
Summary . . . . . Rev. H. T. Toliver  
The pastor, director, singers, the accompanists,  
and all officers working together to attain "The  
Unpossessed Possessions" in Worshipful Church  
Music  
Remarks  
Reports  
Visiting group registration  
Make a joyful noise unto The Lord all ye lands.  
Sing forth the honor of His name: Ps. 66-1.  
The Centennial Musical Extravaganza  
Processional  
Selection . . . . . Mass Singing

Invocation . . . . . Rev. J. T. Highbaugh  
Choral Response  
Presenting the Chairlady by Rev. H. T. Toliver,  
Moderator  
Solo . . . . . Selected  
Annual Message . . . . . Mrs. Willa Johnson  
Music selections by local and out of town singers  
Awards  
Final reports  
Offering  
Benediction

## **81ST ANNUAL SESSION INDIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST STATE MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' CONVENTION AUXILIARY OF STATE ASSOCIATION OF INDIANA**

### **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NORTH INDIANAPOLIS**

877 Udell, Corner Annette Street

Elder Frank F. Young, D. D., Pastor  
and  
President of Convention

**TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6-7, 1957**

### **PROGRAMME**

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1957**

#### **8:30 A. M.**

Devotionals: Led by Deacons, First Baptist North,  
Bridgeport, Mt. Olive, Jeffersonville, Richmond

#### **8:45 A. M.**

Bible Hour: Dr. F. K. Dillard

#### **9:30 A. M.**

Registration Period: Dr. H. A. King, Chairman,  
Elders, U. S. Wilson, S. Summers, F. W. Weath-  
ers and F. R. Hatcher

#### **10:00 A. M.**

Reading of Constitution and By-laws

Music by Convention

Discussion, from the floor:

The Minister's Call of God to Preach  
The Minister's Call to Pastor a Church  
The Minister's Call to Evangelism  
The Minister's Domestic Call

#### **11:00 A. M.**

Annual Sermon: Dr. U. S. Wilson

Alternate, Dr. E. M. Pendleton

Evangelistic Hymn

Offering: Finance Committee

Visitors Presented — Benediction

#### **12 Noon**

Dinner Hour

### **TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

#### **2:15 P. M.**

Devotionals: First Baptist, West Indianapolis,  
Connersville, Madison, Kokomo

#### **2:30 P. M.**

Reading of Journal

Registration Period

History of Ministers and Deacons Convention:

Rev. L. A. Manuel

Missionary Sermon: Dr. G. L. Lillard

Alternate, Dr. R. H. Noel

Music by Convention

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# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NORTH INDIANAPOLIS

LATE JOHN JONES MEMORIAL  
877 Udell Street - Corner Annette

DR. FRANK F. YOUNG, MINISTER

First Baptist—North Indianapolis—John Jones Memorial—Organized 1885 in home of founder, from a Bible School, by Dr. Richard Bassett, first pastor. Then Rev. A. Simmons, Robert Gregory, Peter Ferguson, J. C. Dunn and Frank F. Young since 1907.

Built at 980 Burdsal; Bought Present plant 1951—Membership 1076—S. S. 500.



REV. F. F. YOUNG

## DEACON BOARD

Charles Morton  
Charles Blythe  
W. J. Harris  
Shanan Johnson  
Elmer Taborn  
Robert Thurman  
Joseph Graves  
Roscoe Hawkins  
Hutchel Hayes  
Hermon Brown  
William Howard  
Joe Black  
William Washington  
V. C. Jones, Jr.  
Robert Woods  
General Clark

## TRUSTEE BOARD

Henry Utterback  
Roosevelt Harris  
William A. Naylor  
Oscar Williams  
William McCray  
John J. Young  
Nathan Crocket  
John Rutland  
Frank F. Young  
Walter Lyons, Treasurer  
James Smith, Financial Sec.  
Lena Thurman, C. C.  
Naomi Taborn, D. L.  
Carlena Williams, S. S.

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## OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH

"Lest We Forget," Rev. 14:13—And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me write. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

November 3, 1867 after many house to house prayer meetings, the Lick Creek Baptist Church, now the Olivet Baptist Church was organized. It was situated on the Stoughten Fletcher farm. The Cove-

ment was read and a council was called. There were eight charter members as follows: Brothers William Jones, Tony Robinson, Caswell Howard, Cain Leonard, John Lewis, Benjamin Young, Sister Fannie Young and Sister Sarah Leonard.

Rev. G. L. Lillard was called to pastor this church May, 1930. He has labored in this field twenty seven years.

—Pastor, Rev. G. L. Lillard, D.D.

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**The Deacon And His Special Duties:**

Expressions by Deacons from the floor  
National Good Will Commission, Dr. Richard Dixon,  
Jr., Buffalo, New York

Offering: Finance Committee  
Announcements — Visitors — Benediction

**TUESDAY EVENING SESSION**

**8:00 P. M.**

Devotionals: Local Young Ministers and Deacons  
present

**8:15 P. M.**

Reading of Journal  
Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. C. J.  
Dailey and Dr. F. B. Davis  
Music by Choirs and Choruses  
Doctrinal Sermon: Dr. C. Kembrew  
Alternate: Dr. A. Batts (Appeal)  
Offering: Finance Committee  
Announcements — Benediction

**WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION**

Dr. C. B. Dailey, Presiding

**8:30 A. M.**

Devotionals: Irvington, Haughville, New Albany,  
Brazil

**8:45 A. M.**

Reading of Journal  
Registration Period

**9:15 A. M.**

Discussion of Associational Theme, Dr. F. K. Dil-  
lard

**10:15 A. M.**

Educational Sermon: Dr. N. E. Hord, Terre Haute  
Alternate, Dr. F. H. Moore  
Report of Committees  
Offering: Finance Committee  
Presentation of Visitors  
Doxology — Benediction

**12 Noon**

Dinner Hour

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

**2:15 P. M.**

Devotionals: South Bend, Madison, Lost Creek,  
Eastern Star, Mt. Carmel, Columbus  
Remarks by Moderator, Dr. H. T. Toliver  
Report of Officers  
President's Annual Address, Elder F. F. Young  
Election of Officers  
Installation: Dr. Thomas Cleveland  
Offering: Finance Committee  
Announcements — Benediction ("Finis")

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

**at 8:00 P. M.**

Welcome Program by Entertaining Church,  
Elder F. F. Young, Minister  
Dr. H. T. Toliver, Moderator

**STATE MINISTERS WIVES' COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY MORNING — 10:00 A. M.**

Mrs. H. A. King, President, Presiding

Devotions — Mrs. F. R. Hatcher, Mrs. J. W. Carr,  
Mrs. J. R. Bradley, Mrs. C. B. Dailey, Mrs. F. K.  
Dillard and Mrs. P. C. Owens.

Organization

Music—

Theme: "Unpossessed Possessions."

Panel Discussion: In the Home (Mrs. J. H. Crow-  
ley); In the Church (Mrs. E. T. Johnson); In the  
Community (Mrs. R. H. Noel)

Music—

Moderator's Greetings . . . . . Rev. H. T. Toliver  
Introduction of Visitors  
Offering, Announcements, Benediction

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON — 2:00 P. M.**

Mrs. F. F. Young, 1st Vice-President, Presiding  
Devotions — Mrs. Mattie Taylor, Mrs. McKin-  
ney, Mrs. J. T. Highbaugh, Mrs. C. V. Jetter,  
Mrs. C. H. Bell and Mrs. J. T. Ward.  
History of the Council . . . . . Mrs. R. C. Brown  
Solo . . . . . Mrs. John Butler  
Inspirational Address . . . . . Mrs. J. M. Battle  
of Milwaukee, Wis.

Recognition of Visitors  
Offering, Announcements, Benediction

**TUESDAY EVENING — 8:00 P. M.**

Mrs. W. H. Turner, 2nd Vice-President, Presiding  
Musical Program  
Mrs. H. T. Toliver, Mistress of Ceremonies  
Combined Choruses of Mt. Olive, New Bethel, and  
Metropolitan Baptist Churches,  
Mrs. Mable Washington, Directing  
A. and B. Numbers by the Combined Chorus.  
President's Address  
Program by the Choruses  
Offering, Announcements, Benediction

**WEDNESDAY MORNING — 10:00 A. M.**

Mrs. H. A. King, President, Presiding  
Devotions — Mrs. H. McBride, Mrs. J. T. Ward,  
Mrs. C. J. Dailey, Mrs. R. I. Ray, Mrs. L. A.  
Manuel and Mrs. E. M. Pendleton.  
District Reports  
Committee Reports  
Election of Officers  
Solo . . . . . Mrs. F. B. Davis  
Sermon . . . . . Rev. S. Summers  
Alternate . . . . . Rev. E. T. Johnson  
Final Reports, Benediction

**23rd ANNUAL SESSION  
JUNIOR WOMEN'S CONVENTION**

**AUGUST 6-7, 1957**

Theme: "Unpossessed Possessions"

**TUESDAY MORNING**

**8:30 A. M.**

Frances B. Ramsey, Presiding  
Prayer, Local Presidents and Officers

**9:00 A. M.**

Call to Worship—First Baptist, Calvary Muncie—  
Music Committee

**9:20 A. M.**

Bible Quiz—Lillie Bell Murphy  
Fellowship Period

**9:45 A. M.**

Organization  
Reading of Constitution  
Registration  
Appointment of Committees

**10:15 A. M.**

Theme: "Unpossessed Possessions" in the home—  
Norma Carroll—New Bethel

Solo . . . . . Janice Carroll

**10:30 A. M.**

Panel Discussion—Ophelia Brooks

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## EASTERN STAR BAPTIST CHURCH



Twenty Second Street and Columbia Avenue  
Indianapolis, Indiana

REV. PERKINS C. OWENS, Minister



REV. P. C. OWENS



MRS. P. C. OWENS

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### History Of The Eastern Star Baptist Church

The Eastern Star Baptist Church was organized in 1920 with nine charter members present. Rev. Johnson was installed as pastor. He was succeeded by Rev. C. H. Poole. Rev. Freeman and Rev. Henry Whittaker.

In 1933 Rev. John T. Weeden was called and pastored for sixteen years. Under his leadership our present church was erected in 1945. The membership increased from 150 to 900.

He was succeeded in 1948 by our present pastor, Rev. P. C. Owens. Through his guidance the church has overcome the serious damages of two fires, and paid the mortgage on church property. The church has also grown, spiritually, financially and numerically.

Rev. P. C. Owens, Minister  
Mary Barnett, Church Clerk

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**10:45 A. M.**

Inspirational Singing  
Moderator's Period ..... Rev. H. T. Toliver  
Meditations ..... Rev. C. B. Dailey, Second Baptist, Anderson

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

Margaret Taylor, 1st Vice-President, Presiding

**1:30 P. M.**

Call to Worship — Mt. Olive, Second Baptist  
Marion, Music Committee

**1:45 P. M.**

Bible Lesson—Olivia Motley, Calvary, Muncie

**2:00 P. M.**

Theme: "Unpossessed Possessions" in the Community—Dolores Elliott, Mt. Paran

**2:15 P. M.**

Selection ..... Leavell Sisters  
Committee Reports  
Scholarship ..... Fannie Williams  
Report of Districts  
Northeastern ..... Alberta Smith  
Central ..... Lucy Lewis  
Echo from National Field Workers ..... Helen Roberts, Mt. Paran  
National Sunday School ..... Dolores Elliott  
Temperance, State, Home, Foreign Missions  
President's Message  
Solo ..... Mrs. Ruth Davis  
Presentation of National, State, District Officers

**TUESDAY EVENING SESSION**

Cora Malone, 2nd Vice-President, Presiding

**7:30 P. M.**

Candle Light Service—Mt. Olive and New Bethel  
Y. W. A.

**8:00 P. M.**

Selection ..... Mt. Olive Junior  
Missionary Chorus, Corinthian Choir  
Sermon ..... Rev. Stephen Wells, Corinthian  
Alternate ..... Rev. L. A. Manuel,  
South Calvary  
Finance Committee  
Adjournment

**WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION**

**6:30 A. M.**

Sunrise Prayer Service "Pray Without Ceasing"  
Prayer Leaders ..... South Calvary  
Prayer Hymn ..... "Amazing Grace"  
Bible Lesson ..... Margaret Taylor  
Fellowship Breakfast—First Baptist—Hostess  
Re-assemble

**8:00 A. M.**

Call to Worship ..... New Liberty  
Second Baptist, Kokomo — Music Committee  
Reading of Journal  
Music Committee  
Theme: Discussion—"Unpossessed Possessions"  
in the Church—Pearl Jeter, St. Paul.  
Final Committee Reports  
Local President's Period ..... Briddie Schaffer  
Missionaries on Parade  
Rev. F. K. Dillard, Sister Anna Washington  
Election and Installation of Officers—Sister  
Esther Lynch  
Meditation ..... Rev. J. R. Bradley,  
2nd Baptist, Marion  
Adjournment

**60th ANNUAL SESSION OF THE  
INDIANA BAPTIST WOMAN'S HOME AND  
FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1957  
AFTERNOON SESSION**

Mrs. Anna Washington, President, Presiding  
Theme: "Unpossessed Possessions." Joshua 13:1

**2:30 P. M.**

Devotion, Sisters Mary McTerry, Eastern Star;  
Ethel Merker, New Bethel; Mary Osborne, St.  
Mark; Cora Gilbreath, 2nd Baptist, Kokomo;  
Clara Wood, Bethlehem.  
Discussion of Theme—  
Theme Song: "Is Your All On The Altar?"  
Scripture  
Prayer  
Convention Chorus: "When We All Get To  
Heaven"  
Nurses Department Program  
Remarks  
Solo ..... Mrs. Mildred Logan, Corinthian  
Presentation of Speaker  
Sermon ..... Rev. F. B. Davis  
Alternate ..... Rev. A. Bernard  
Convention Chorus  
Offering  
Remarks  
Adjournment  
Meditation: "I Am Going To Work Until The Day  
Is Done"

**8:00 P. M.**

"JOINT SESSION"

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 8**

Mrs. Anna Washington, President, Presiding

**9:30 A. M.**

Devotion: Sisters Maggie Dorsey, Mt. Nebo;  
Georgia B. Robinson, Mt. Olive, Mary Williams,  
South Bend, Mary Bass, Mt. Pilgrim, Clara  
Rickett, Mt. Paran.  
Theme Song: "Is Your All On The Altar?"  
Scripture  
Prayer  
Theme: Mrs. Geneva King, Metropolitan  
Convention Chorus  
Welcome For New Workers and Visitors—Mrs.  
Aletha Irvin, First Baptist, N. I.  
Response, . . . Mrs. Alberta Williams, Mt. Carmel  
Open Discussion: "Thank God for Jesus and Why"  
Mrs. Eva Jackson.  
Convention Chorus—"Leaning On The Everlasting  
Arm."  
Silent Intermission for Formation of Organizations  
Through Appointments of Committees.  
Remarks  
Adjournment  
Meditation ..... "It Pays To Serve Jesus"

**2:00 P. M.**

Devotion: Sisters Bertha Cleveland, New Mission;  
Seta Stewart, Good Samaritan; Anna Hatcher,  
Emmanuel; Rosemary Hitcherson, 2nd Baptist,  
Terre Haute; First Baptist, Bridgeport.  
Theme—Mrs. Annie Mae Grady, Mt. Pisgah,  
Kokomo.  
Scripture

# SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

701 NORTH WEST STREET INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Dr. C. V. Jetter, Pastor



One of Indiana's Most Outstanding Churches Is Shiloh. Under the Leadership of Dr. Clyde V. Jetter, with A Membership of over 300 Active Members.

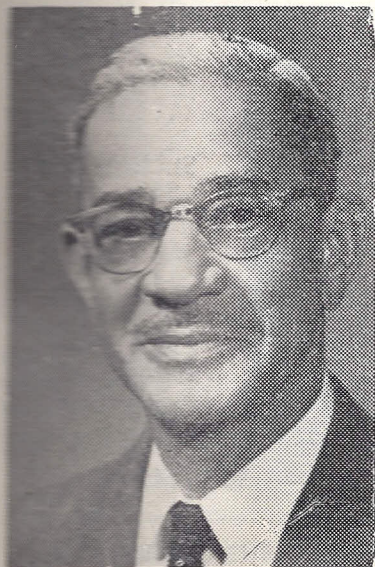
Shiloh was organized in 1897 by the late Dr. J. I. Saunders who started a beautiful job.

The continuing growth of this church is due to the Pastor's remarkable work in its improvement, Spiritually, Financially and Physically—and through the full Cooperation of the membership who make up over 20 active groups in the church.

Her success is also due to the most efficient officia' and secretarial staff.

The Pastor and Members have continued through the years to hold on to the motto: "Shiloh is the Church of Welcome and the House of Prayer."

Shiloh is proud to be represented in this 100th anniversary of the Indiana Missionary Baptist State Association and the Pastor and Members stand proud of our Great Baptist Doctrine and will continue through the Power of God to keep it growing and Saving Souls for The Master.



REV. H. A. KING

Indiana Baptist S. S. & B. T. U. as such was organized 13 years ago. It however, is outgrowth of the State Sunday School Convention which was organized in 1867 and B. Y. P. U. Convention organized in 1897.

It is called the "Indiana State Summer School of Methods." In this school the latest books and methods for instructing and teaching are received. Rev. J. R. Bradley, President; Rev. C. B. Dailey—1st Vice-President; Rev. N. E. Horde 2nd Vice-President.



REV. J. R. BRADLEY

Prayer  
 Bible Discussion: "Ideals For Living" Matt. 5:1-12.  
 (a) Ideals For Living Here: Mrs. Lizzie Snorden, Kokomo.  
 (b) Ideals For Living Yonder Eternally With God: Mrs. Ora Cole, New Hope, Indianapolis.  
 Song ..... Convention Chorus  
 Presentation of Speaker  
 Sermon ..... Rev. Bernard White, South Bend  
 Alternate ..... Rev. Lee Squires, 2nd Baptist Franklin  
 Duet  
 Clinic: "The Essential Possessions for all times and for all Occasions" Acts 1:8. Mrs. Josephine Laddell (Moderator)  
 Summary ..... Mrs. Essie Toliver  
 Convention Chorus  
 Introduction of Visitors, State and National Officers.  
 Remarks  
 Meditation ..... "Precious Lord."

**8:00 P. M.**  
**JOINT SESSION**

Annual Message ..... Moderator and President  
 Solo ..... Mrs. Mable Washington  
 President's Message  
 Solo ..... Mrs. Ardelia Halsell

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 9**

Mrs. Anna Thomas, First Vice-President, Presiding

**9:30 A. M.**

Devotion: Sisters Nettie Fleming, Zion Hope; Bethesda; Dorothy Edwards, Antioch, Muncie; Willie B. Yeagans, New Liberty; Mrs. Turner, Elkhart.  
 Theme Song ..... "All On The Altar"  
 Scripture  
 Prayer  
 Song ..... Convention Chorus "Amazing Grace"  
 Open Forum: Mrs. L. A. Manuel, South Calvary (Moderator)  
 (a) Am I My Brother's Keeper?—Mt. Pisgah, Kokomo  
 (b) Must I Forgive More than Once?—Mrs. Maletta Wright, Anderson  
 (c) Must I Forget?—Mrs. Lantine Johnson, St. Paul.  
 (d) Must I Love Without Assimilation?—Mrs. Mattie Bradley, Joshua Baptist  
 Convention Chorus  
 President's Message, Expressions  
 Election of Officers  
 Installation  
 Convention Chorus  
 Sermon ..... Rev. V. W. McLawler  
 Meditation ..... "Almost Persuaded"

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

Mrs. Ardelia Halsell, 2nd Vice-President, Presiding

**2:00 P. M.**

Devotion: Sisters, Carrie Mason, Garfield; Fannie Mabry, 16th Street; Minnie Highbaugh, 1st Baptist, Irvington; True Vine, Tried Stone.  
 Theme Song ..... "All On The Altar"  
 Scripture  
 Prayer  
 Theme Discussion: Mrs. E. T. Johnson  
 Duet  
 Round Table Discussion: "Jesus As A Soul Win-

ner"—Mrs. Eleanor Wooley (Moderator)  
 (a) Where Did He Go For Preparation?—Mrs. Hortense Horton, St. Mark.  
 (b) Did He Travel Alone?—Mrs. J. T. Ward, Mt. Pleasant.  
 (c) How Many Went With Him?—Mrs. Mary Minor, Mt. Olive.  
 (d) How Did They Know He Wanted Them?—Mrs. Craig, Shiloh.  
 (e) What Were The Followers Called?—Mrs. Whitehead, 2nd Baptist, Richmond.  
 (f) How Was He Received By His Own?—Mrs. Ross, Mt. Moriah, Richmond.  
 (g) Did He Give Up? If Not, What Was The Final Answer As An Eternal Standard For The Soul Of Man?—Mrs. Hattie Harris, Connersville.

**8:00 P. M.**  
**"BANQUET"**

**10TH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**STATE MISSIONARY BAPTIST USHERS'**  
**CONVENTION**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 1957**

**FIRST BAPTIST—NORTH INDIANAPOLIS**

877 Udell and Annette Streets  
 Rev. F. F. Young, Minister

**MORNING SESSION — 9:00 A. M.**

Mr. Kenneth Hyde — Mt. Paran, Indianapolis — Presiding.

**8:45—9:30 A. M.**

Registration  
 Assistant Secretary of Credentials and Badge Committee in Charge.

**9:30 A. M.**

Meeting Called to Order ..... President

**9:45 — 10:00 A. M.**

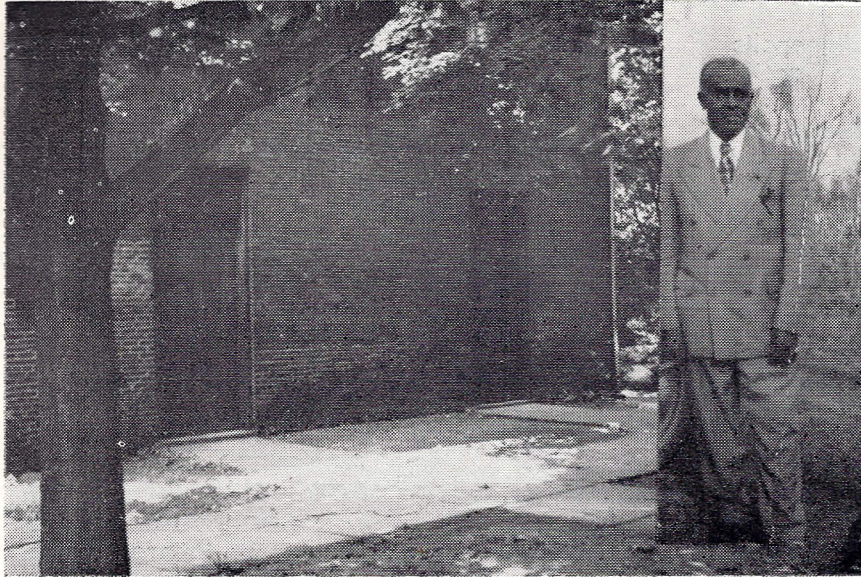
Devotions ..... Chaplain  
 Mrs. Willie Lou Foster — Bethesda Baptist, Anderson  
 Welcome Address .... First Baptist Usher Board  
 Response .... Mrs. May Smothers — Calvary Baptist, Muncie  
 Roll Call of Officers ..... Recording Secretary  
 Report of Committee on Credentials .. Assistant Secretary  
 Announcements of Committees ..... President  
 Report of Officers  
 Mrs. Jean McCullum ..... St. John Baptist South Bend  
 Mrs. Roena McClung — Mt. Carmel Baptist — Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Unfinished Business  
 New Business  
 Announcements  
 Presentation of Visitors .... Mrs. Elizabeth Cosby  
 Program ..... Mrs. Alma Taylor  
 Morning Message ..... Rev. I. R. Broad  
 Remarks ..... President

**LUNCH 12:30—1:30 P. M.**

**JUNIOR USHERS BUS TOUR**

**AFTERNOON SESSION—2:00-5:00 P. M.**

Mr. Nathaniel Stricklen—Presiding  
 Devotions ..... Chaplain  
 Reading of Minutes of Morning Session



## SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

Rising Sun, Indiana

The Shiloh Baptist Church at Rising Sun was organized in 1867. Rev. I. J. Williams has pastored for the last twenty years. There are forty-five members, maintaining an Associate Minister, Official Board, Missionary Society, Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, Choir and Usher Board.

### Deacon

John Roseberry

### Board of Trustees

Clinton Minor,  
Chairman

Rev. J. S. Beal  
Secretary

George Williams and  
John Roseberry,  
Spokesmen

### Church Clerk

Alberta Thomas

Rev. J. S. Beal,  
Asst. Pastor

## Indiana State Junior Women and Y.W.A. Missionary Convention

FRANCES B. RAMSEY

PRESIDENT SOUTH CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

### PAST PRESIDENTS:

Mrs. C. H. Bell, Mt. Paran

Mrs. Rose Mitchell, First Baptist,  
North Indianapolis

Mrs. Esther Lynch, New Bethel

The object of this Convention is to unite the effort put forward by Christians all over the state in Missions, to stimulate and inspire them to greater efforts and to arouse all the Young Adults in Baptist Churches to action in this departmental work.

### OFFICERS

1st Vice President: Margaret Taylor, New Bethel,  
Indianapolis.

2nd Vice President: Cora Malone, Second Baptist,  
Kokomo.

Recording Secretary: Lee Emma Rice, First Baptist,  
North Indianapolis.

Chorister: Arlisher Johnson, Mt. Paran

Assistant Recording Secretary: Anna Durrell, St.  
John, South Bend.

Corresponding Secretary: Carrie Diggs, Mt. Olive,  
Indianapolis.

Treasurer: Joan Van Meter, Second Baptist, Rich-  
mond.

Pianist: Mary Leavell, Antioch, Muncie.

Report of Other Committees  
 Usher Board President's Report  
 Work Shop—3:00 P. M. Led by Mr. Nathaniel Stricklen  
 Lifting Offering . . . . 1st Baptist, N. Indianapolis  
 Proper Ushering . . . . . New Liberty Baptist  
 Uniform Demonstrations  
 Summer . . . . . Mt. Olive Baptist  
 Winter . . . . . Mt. Paran Baptist  
 Paper . . . . . "Things The Ushers Should Know"  
 Junior Ushers  
 Report of Entertainment Committee . . Host Board  
 Program Committee  
 President's Annual Address  
 Solo  
 Acknowledgement of Visitors  
 Offering  
 Announcements  
 Remarks  
 Adjournment

**DINNER—5:00-6:00 P. M.**

**Evening Session—6:30 P. M.**  
 Mrs. May Smothers—Presiding

Devotions . . . . . Chaplain  
 Reading of Minutes of Afternoon Session—Recording Secretary.  
 Reports of Committees  
 Auditing  
 Unfinished Business  
 Acknowledgement of Visitors  
 Program Committee  
 Report of Appreciation Committee  
 Announcements  
 Selection of place for next Convention  
 Parent Body  
 Remarks  
 Memorial . . . . . Chaplain  
 Musical . . . . . Convention Usher Chorus  
 Adjournment

Let us then be up and doing,  
 With a heart for any fate;  
 Still achieving, still pursuing  
 Learn to labor and to wait.

**A DELEGATE'S PRAYER**

May I this day make each member that I contact, realize my earnest interest in him as a part of the Ushers' Convention, May I at the same time make the Convention Officials conscious of my conscientiousness in all things relating to the State Ushers' Convention

**TENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE INDIANA STATE BAPTIST MISSIONARY BROTHERHOOD UNION**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 1957**

**Evening Session**

Theme: "Unpossessed Possessions," Joshua 13:1.  
 Brother Arthur Duerson, 2nd Vice-President, Presiding.

**7:30—8:00 P. M.**

Devotions—Brother J. W. White, Brother Dyes, Brother J. C. Ward, Brother J. O. Horton.

**8:00—8:15**

Reading and Adoption of Program and Minutes

**8:15—8:30**

Memorial Service — Chairman, Brother Coleman, Muncie, Brother J. O. Horton, Indianapolis

**8:30—8:45**

Discussion of Theme—Three Men 5 Minutes Each (Men to be Named)

**8:45—9:45**

Educational Program, Chairman Willie Lawrence in Charge.

Topics: The Purpose of the Brotherhood Union—Every Church Needs a Brotherhood.  
 The Importance of the Pastor in the Organization

**9:45—10:00**

Chairman of Finance Brother Robert R. Carpenter

**SATURDAY MORNING SESSION**

President Zerah Sweeney, Presiding

**8:00—8:30 A. M.**

Devotion . . . . Brother J. W. White, Metropolitan

**9:30—9:50**

Reading and Adoption of Program and Minutes

**9:50—10:00**

Appointment of Committees

**10:00—10:15**

Theme Discussion: Brother Leslie Caldwell, Brother Erley Reed and Brother Cecil Smith.

**10:15—10:30**

Address: The Difference Between Brotherhood and Brotherhood Union—Brother William Stewart.

**10:30—10:45**

Report of District Presidents

**10:45—11:45**

Brother Willie Lawrence, Chairman of Education in charge. "The Difference Between the Law and the Gospel" Summary, Brother Calvin Donald of Shiloh Baptist Church.

**11:45—12:15**

Sermon: Rev. Hoy Thurman, Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Kokomo.

Alternate, Rev. R. W. Vance, Tried Stone, Indianapolis.

Offering—Adjournment.

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

Brother J. S. Todd, 1st Vice-President, Presiding

**1:45 P. M.**

Devotion

**1:45—2:00**

Echoes—Local Presidents

**2:00—2:15**

Report on Local and District Co-operation needed for State and National work, by Brother R. Carpenter, Chairman of Finance.

**2:15—2:30**

Address: On Brotherhood Work, Brother Edgar Bowes.

**2:30—3:15**

Solo . . . . . Brother Isom of Eastern Star Baptist Church

Introduction of State President

President's Annual Message

Chairman of Finance, Brother Robert R. Carpenter

Election of Officers

Installation of Officers . . . . . Rev. F. F. Young

Finance Report

New Churches

Benediction

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Greetings From  
ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
South Bend, Ind.



REV. BERNARD WHITE, Pastor



MR. SHARRY WARFIELD



ST. JOHN MISSIONARY SOCIETY



MRS. ANNA BELLE THOMAS  
Vice-President W. H. and F.  
Missionary



# ONE-HUNDREDTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE INDIANA BAPTIST STATE ASSOCIATION

Rev. H. T. Toliver, D. D. . . . . Moderator  
General Theme: "Unpossessed Possessions"

## THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 8, 1957

9:00 A. M.

Theme . . . . . Rev. F. K. Dillard

9:30 A. M.

Organization

10:00 A. M.

State Mission Board, Ushers and Auditor

10:45 A. M.

Annual Sermon . . . . . Rev. F. F. Young

Rev. G. L. Lillard, Alternate

Finance Committee

Announcements, Remarks and Benediction

Dinner Hour, 12:30 until 1:30 P. M.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 P. M.

Association at Worship. First Baptist, West Indianapolis; Bethesda, Anderson; Joshua, Indianapolis.

2:15 P. M.

Bible Hour . . . . . Rev. J. T. Highbaugh

2:45 P. M.

Home and Foreign Mission, Youth Council, and Temperance.

3:00 P. M.

Sermon . . . . . Rev. C. V. Jetter

Rev. R. Mumford, Alternate

4:00 P. M.

Evangelical Board . . . . . Rev. F. W. Weathers

Report of Officers

Historian, Statistician, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. Ministers' Wives.

Finance Committee

Announcements, Remarks and Benediction

## EVENING SESSION

7:30 P. M.

The Association of Worship: Mt. Moriah, Richmond; Mt. Olive, Richmond; Canaan, Elkhart; Mt. Nebo, Indianapolis.

8:00 P. M.

Missionary President's Hour

Moderator's Hour

Finance Committee

Announcements, Remarks and Benediction

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

9:15 A. M.

Theme . . . . . Rev. F. K. Dillard

10:30 A. M.

Educational Board Report.

10:45 A. M.

Educational Sermon . . . . . Rev. R. C. Brown

Rev. R. Vance, Alternate

Benefit Board, Publishing Board, Trustees, and Pastor's Conference.

Field Worker . . . . . Rev. J. H. Crawley

Finance Committee

Reports of Committees

## AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 P. M.

The Association at Worship; Antioch, Muncie; First Trinity, Jeffersonville; Good Samaritan, Indianapolis; Mt. Pisgah, Kokomo; Second Baptist, Terre Haute.

2:30 P. M.

Bible Hour . . . . . Rev. J. T. Highbaugh

3:00 P. M.

Reports of Districts

Central . . . . . Rev. C. J. Dailey, D. D.

North Eastern . . . . . Rev. F. W. Weathers, D. D.

South Eastern . . . . . Rev. C. Kimbrough

Western . . . . . Rev. N. E. Hord

3:30 P. M.

Doctrinal Sermon . . . . . Rev. C. J. Dailey, D. D.

Rev. P. C. Owens, Alternate

Election of Officers

4:45 P. M.

Report of Auxiliaries

State Sunday School and B. T. U. Congress

Rev. J. R. Bradley, President.

Ministers and Deacons Convention

Rev. F. F. Young

Brotherhood . . . . . Brother Zerah Sweeney, Pres.

Music Dept. . . . . Mrs. Willa Johnson, Pres.;

Finance Committee

Announcements, Remarks and Benediction

## FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

7:30 P. M.

The Association at Worship; Mt. Paran, Indianapolis; Mt. Olive, Indianapolis; Olivet, Indianapolis; Mt. Zion, Muncie

Report of W. H. and F. M. — Mrs. Anna Washington, President

8:00 P. M.

Sermon . . . . . Dr. W. M. Downs, Cleveland, O.

Rev. F. W. Weathers, D. D., Alternate

First Baptist Singing Groups

Finance Committee

Final Remarks and Benediction by the Speaker.

## BANQUET

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

6:00 P. M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

North Indianapolis

## Mammoth Parade

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

2:00 P. M.

Forming At

GOOD SAMARITAN BAPTIST CHURCH

New York and California Streets

## Mass Meeting

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

3:00 P. M.

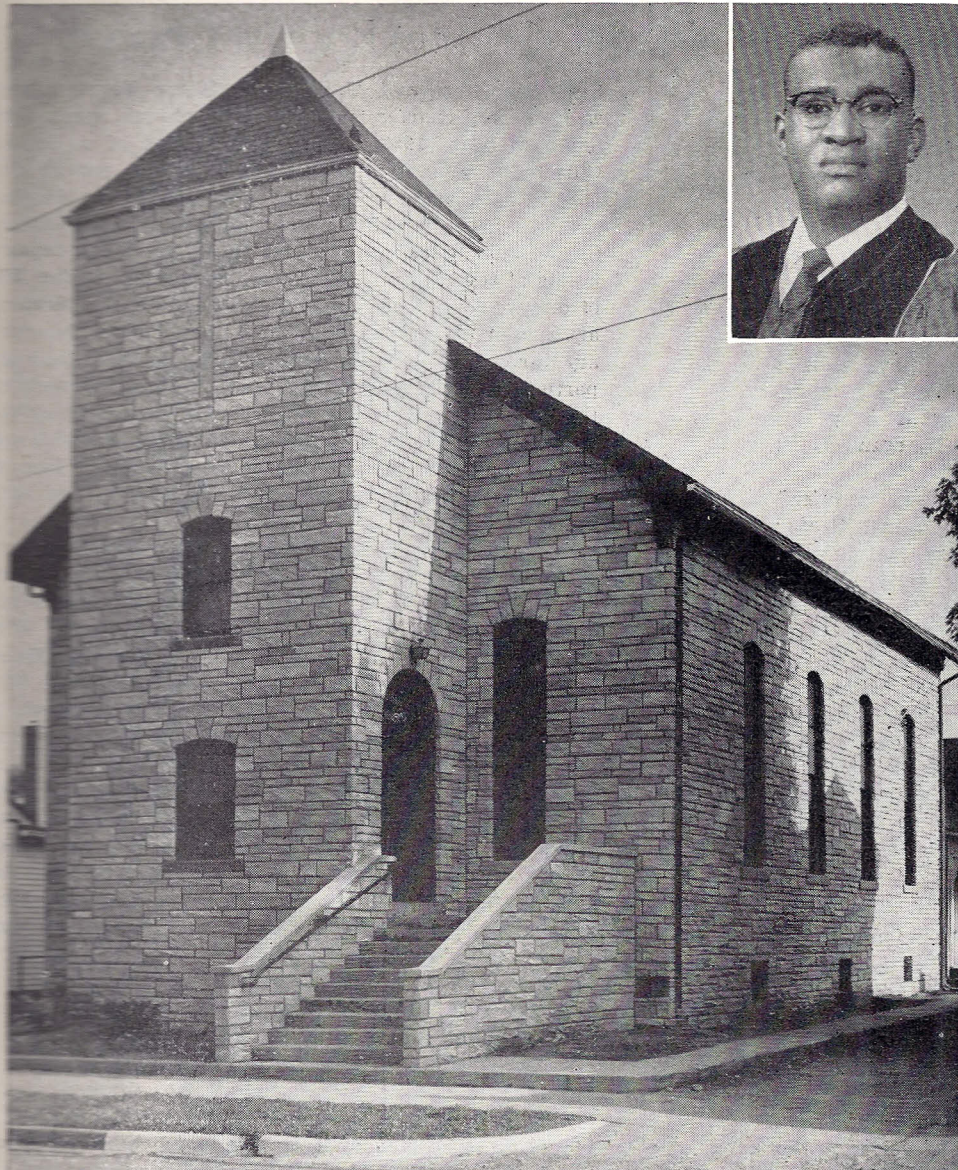
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Auditorium

Speaker

DR. W. M. DOWNS

Cleveland, Ohio



## SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

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The Second Baptist Church, Shelbyville, Indiana was built in the 1860's, under the pastorage of the Rev. Miles Bassett one of Indiana's pioneer preachers.

This little congregation began to grow to be a lighthouse to sinners and an inspiration to the city of Shelbyville.

It has been led by several outstanding pastors such as Rev. J. W. Clark under whose pastorage an addition was made to the Church building. Other outstanding pastors were Dr. H. W. Jones, Rev. Z. T. Yates, etc.

The present pastor Rev. R. L. Saunders was called as minister in 1955. Under his pastorage the church has grown to new heights. The auditorium has been remodeled and Perma Stone placed on the exterior of the 91-year-old structure. Church membership has grown.

Rev. Saunders has attended Butler University and Indiana Central College of Indianapolis—and a graduate of Crispus Attucks High School also of Indianapolis.

May God bless us to move forward in His Name.

### Greetings To

**THE INDIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST STATE ASSOCIATION  
ON YOUR 100 YEARS OF PROGRESS**

### Greater Bethlehem Baptist Church

1215 E. 15th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana

Deacon Richard Shaw  
Mrs. Richard Shaw  
Mrs. Estella Walker, Clerk

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## History Of The Missionary Of The Mt. Carmel Baptist Church

The Senior Missionary was organized in the year 1897 with Mrs. Lula Broyles, the pastor's wife, as President. These pioneers were truly missionary minded. They sought out those in need;—the widows, the orphans, the sick and the distressed—made visits to the Marion County Home, and rendered services readily. Women from this group, answering the call of missions, formed the first Children's Band. Some of these children who were converted in this group are now workers in the Missionary. After the State Convention gave the leadership of the Camp Fire Girls and Cadet Boys to the Missionary Department, the Star Light Band, Shepherd Boys League, and W. W. G. were organized by the women from the Missionary. These youth organizations were rated among the best trained in the State.

On January 13, 1942, the Junior Missionary was organized by Mrs. F. F. Young, President of the Central Senior Women. Mrs. Farmer, Rev. C. H. Walton, and Rev. F. F. Young were also present. These Junior Missionaries made regular visits to Flower Mission, held meetings with the sick and shut-ins, and helped to make a Merry Christmas for patients of the Booker Nursing Home and Riley Hospital. During World War II, the members of the Junior group wrote to all the boys in service from the church and the community, sending them church news and words of cheer. In September, 1944, the Junior Women sponsored an Honors Day Program at the church which honored the mothers and wives of the boys in service. During this program, flags were presented to the church. In January, 1948, the group began giving Bibles to the converts of the church and this project is being continued today.

Women who served as Presidents of the Junior Women were: Mrs. Mary Oldham, 1942-1943; Mrs. Lois Taylor, 1944-1945; Mrs. Margaret Sparks, 1946-1947; Mrs. Helen Akers, 1948-1951.

In the year of 1951 this group was promoted to Senior Missionaries and served as Group No. 2.

On January 17, 1952, due to physical inabilities of some of the older members of Seniors No. 1, the groups were consolidated at the home of Mrs. L. Farmer (at that

time Secretary and Treasurer). Sister Farmer, who was the only charter member of the church, was called home in May, 1952. Her life was that of a devout Christian woman, full of sacrifices and of service for Jesus Christ and her Church. She had been a Sunday School teacher for fifty years, and served as a pillar in the Missionary and as a leader in all the youth departments of the church. As a living memorial to the life of one who was loved throughout the state, the Missionary was given the name of The Lillian Farmer Missionary during a program on Mother's Day in 1954. Each department of the church, Mrs. F. F. Young, representing the District, and Mrs. A. Washington, representing the State, took part in the program, the theme of which was "Let Your Light Shine." We believe that Mrs. Farmer was a true Missionary and a Mother who let her light shine.

Women who have served as Missionary Presidents are: \*Lula Broyles, \*Katie Nickerson, \*Gladys Jones, \*Johnetta Quinn, \*Mrs. Umphrey, Myrtle Winston, Minta Oldham, Lorena Worders, \*Susie Rhodes, \*Susie Win-Frey, Flora Clark, \*Sarah Banks, 1948-1951, Helen Akers, 1952-1953, Hazel Jenkins, and Josephine Williams, 1954, Helen Akers, 1955-1957. — \*Deceased.

We pray we have done some good in attempting to bring to the sinners, belief in Jesus Christ. We have cooperated with the church program both financially and spiritually. We are determined to move onward and upward in the movement of missions, both at home and on the foreign field, educating the women of the missionary in the light of her place as a missionary. We have represented in the District and State Conventions and its causes for many years.

Life is a book in volumes three  
The Past, the Present, and the Yet to be.  
The Past is finished and laid aside,  
The Present we are living everyday,  
The Third and last of the volumes three,  
Is hidden from sight, and God holds the key.

This year the Missionary has reorganized the S. L. B. and working with the Young People's Department.

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***History of Colored Baptists  
In Indiana***

**Edited by Rev. J. T. Highbaugh, D. D.  
Collected by Rev. F. F. Young, D. D.**

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## PREFACE

This work is a limited effort to collect, compile and edit a history of the beginnings and achievements of Baptist Institutions.

In August, 1927 the Indiana Negro Baptist Association appointed a Commission on History. Because of lack of funds then and the depression later nothing was done other than a mimeographed copy provided for the Diamond Jubilee in 1932.

This idea grew up from previous recommendation made by the Compiler in his first Annual Address, May, 1927.

With the apparent disregard for the History Item in the State Associations, the Central District Baptist Association resumed their activities for Baptist History and appropriated \$10.00 as an initial appropriation, and this is the result.

Too much appreciation for this work cannot be given Rev. Moses Broyles, History of Baptists published in 1876, Mrs. J. R. Miller, wife of Rev. J. R. Miller, Rev. J. D. Ronse, Rev. N. A. Seymour, Rev. B. F. Farrell, Rev. G. W. Ward, Rev. B. J. F. Westbrooks (deceased), Rev. R. D. Leonard, Rev. W. Z. Thomas, Rev. J. D. Johnson, Rev. G. L. Lillard, Rev. R. M. Dehoney, Rev. J. R. Averett, Mrs. Mattie D. Griggsby Anderson, Mrs. E. J. K. Hines, Rev. L. R. Mitchell, Rev. F. Frank Young, C. C. Goins, W. H. Anderson and M. C. Anderson.

These, verbally or written, gave invaluable aid in our work, and may this information be a real inspiration to the Youth of Tomorrow.

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## 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 Browns 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 Ruben Walker and Frank Ellis return soldiers of the Civil War. Rev. Benjamin Gardener was first pastor. Sister Lucinda 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. Blakey 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. Whitly, 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 was 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 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.

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### 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 eighty's came also the beginnings of the Corthian 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 effected 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. Simmons, 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 was 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; Shi-



Ioh, 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. Shemake, 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, Shelbyville; Second, Terre Haute; Second, Brazil; Smithfield, Rockport, and McFarland, Evansville. Second, Franklin; Second, Columbus; Second, Edinburg; Mt. Zion, Indianapolis; Tabernacle, Indianapolis; Olivet, S. Calvary, Mt. Pilgrim, First W. 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

### **CHAPTER IV**

## **Battling For Union**

Growing out of ojitation 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 tht the author belonged to Rev. F. F. Young's church the Rev. Westbrook advised his 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 incorpor-

ated 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. Herdon, B. F. Farrell and A. W. Smith met with Rev. U. M. McQuire and Rev. Carlos Dinsmore executive secretary of 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. Cer-

tain 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 away 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.

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## 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 Connorsville, 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. Boaling 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 co-operative 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.

Superintendents and Presidents of this Organization have been:

Superintendents, Ida Mae Myler, Mrs. E. B. Hendon, Mrs. Anna C. Thomas.

Presidents, Ethel Buckner, Malinda Wherry, Emma Booker, Irene Ritter, Bessie Franklin, Nancy M. Corley, total collection \$1,174.

During this year Mission work was being done at Pilgrim, Ft. Wayne, Plat Glass, Kokomo, Rockville and St. James, Terre Haute. White Baptist gave \$1,881.08, while we raised \$1,240.36. Because of our non payment of subscriptions and the \$20,000 indebtedness of the Indiana Baptist Convention they dropped off their pay list The Baptist Mission Gleaner.

Rev. J. D. Clark who had been appointed Foreign Missionary was given during the year \$350.

The Women's Convention Mortgaged the house on Bond Street and borrowed \$1,000 to pay on another house on Bond Street.

In 1927 the Women's Convention bought a 15-room house at 1831 N. Capitol Avenue for an Old Ministers and Laymens Home and Baptist Headquarters. The down payment was made and one of the Bond Street houses was turned in on this debt of \$11,000.

In 1926 Rev. W. Z. Thomas left the field and took the Calvary Baptist Church. Rev. E. O. Price was elected State Missionary.

In 1928 the Central District met at Garfield Baptist Church. A program of Baptist History, Ordination, Organization and State Aid was initiated \$758.90 was raised. Southeastern raised \$344.65, Northwestern Association raised \$458.28.

In 1928 the State Association met at Metropolitan, Indianapolis, Rev. C. E. Hawkins was Moderator. This year the Program was:

1. A press in the headquarters
2. An educational director
3. A budget system for the state

Money raised at session, \$1,317.87 and \$1,990.-54 raised on the field. The White Baptist this year

gave \$1,000 for the Work, but they refused to give any aid whatever from then on. Many believed that because the White Baptist Headquarters cost them \$7,000 and ours \$11,000, they may have thought it extravagance to give to our work. But as the White brethren never breathed such we saw no right to infer it. The Women's Convention this year raised \$758.65. Rev. J. T. Highbaugh was elected Director of Religious Education, giving us our present S.S. and B.Y.P.U. Convention set up.

In 1934 the Moderator was sent to the World's Baptist Alliance in Berlin, Germany to be our representative.

1932 was celebrated as the Diamond Jubilee of our State Association. Every thing met in Mt. Paran Baptist Church. There may be a difference of a year in interpretation but yet we had a great time. Over \$2,000 was raised for all the causes, yet it was in the depths of the depression.

In 1935 Rev. J. I. Saunders of Shiloh Baptist Church, Indianapolis, was elected Moderator. Rev. Saunders came to Indianapolis from Cincinnati, Ohio, built a beautiful brick structure and is giving a fine leadership for our work. The 1925 session was difficult because of the absence of the Presiding Moderator Rev. Hawkins, because of illness. Many felt the coming of Rev. Saunders to the Moderatorship named at the illness of Rev. Hawkins was unfair while others felt that as his year was out and the office belonged to the body, they could justly elect whom they pleased.

In 1935 also at Bloomington Rev. S. S. Reed was elected President of the Indiana Baptist Convention. Many Churches in northern Indiana and around Evansville forsook the old State Association and went to the State Convention.

In 1936 the long dreamed of press was put in the Baptist Headquarters, and operated for the good of the work. Rev. Saunders is a strong aggressive leader and has a Budget Program of \$1.00 per Member in each Baptist Church as a goal.

In 1938 covering all the work we averaged about \$2,400.00.

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## Organizational Data

Sunday School Convention started in 1867. Ministers and Deacons convention began in 1870 and Missionary Society began in 1883 led by Mrs. Steward of Evansville, Indiana. A Mrs. Fichner a representative of the White Association known as the Judson Association introduced the possibility of this work. 1896 the WHEF Convention, and 1897 the BYPU Convention was started.

Mrs. C. C. Goens suggested at the 1913 session of WH&FM Convention to buy and maintain an aged ministers and laymens home. Thus \$160.12 jointly was raised and paid on property at 2466 Bond Street. The property now owned by John J. Young, son of Elder F. F. Young. The women took the lead in this adventure. Being left to their decision, they joined with the brethren and mortgaged

the Bond St. property for \$1,000 to pay on another house next door to 2466 Bond St.

In 1927 they bought a 15-room house at 1831 N. Capitol Avenue as a home for aged ministers and laymen now known as Baptist Headquarters where the Indiana Baptist Seminary holds their classes.

A down payment was made and one of the houses on Bond Street was turned in on the \$11,000 debt at Capitol Avenue. The debt has been paid under the Moderatorship of Dr. C. H. Bell and the late Pres. Mrs. E. J. K. Hines, who was president from 1913 to her death in 1952.

The YWW Guild was built up under Mrs. Alice White and the late Anna Thomas it was organized in 1911 in Shelbyville, Ind. The Children's Convention under Mrs. Lulu Webb was a thriving unit.

The late Dr. C. H. Hawkins, Moderator of the association representing in the National Convention.

A resolution was adopted August 9, 1928. The Negro Baptist State Association shall not represent in the National Baptist Convention Unincorporated, but each church and its auxiliaries shall have the right to represent in either National Baptist Convention (Article 3, Section 1). Article 9 required that all financial agents of the association must give bond not later than 40 days after setting of association.

Motion prevailed to receive no more checks unless they were certified or cashier's checks.

1928 the following ministers were given life membership; Elders R. D. Leonard, G. H. Tipton, J. D. Rouse, A. Higgins, N. A. Seymour and W. R. Payne, D. D. A. M. L. L. D. who is the only living member. He is now in St. Louis, Mo. Late Rev. George Baltimore secured 125 signatures to the Temperance Pledge in New Bethel in 1929.

Rev. Walter Highbaugh, Chairman of State Temperance Board, is trying his best to get every Christian to pledge.

We have lost the art of sending corresponding messengers to other state associations in Ky., Ohio, Ill., and others.

We had stereoptical slides of the old workers, churches, and many other interesting pictures, however seems that they have gone in to stay. The machine was left at Baptist Headquarters.

1923 in Jeffersonville, Indiana, Rev. J. D. Rouse, R. D. Leonard, W. Z. Thomas, F. F. Young, N. A. Seymore, W. M. Bell were appointed to write History of Indiana Baptist. All are gone but Rev. Young.

\$100 was appropriated for annuals in 1923. Booster Squadrons had a great place as also a State Missionary W. Z. Thomas. Baptist Mission Gleaner "great".

Life members of State Association, Rev. W. R.

\*\*\* Read minutes of 1924, page 4, regarding setup between us and our white brethren. The minutes are on file at Baptist Headquarters.

Payne, Dr. D. R. Leonard and of the Ministers Convention, Dr. R. M. Dehaney, Dr. J. I. Saunders and Dr. F. F. Young in 1940.

We miss our press so much, Dr. J. I. Saunders-Founder and Dr. E. P. Thomas-Printer, (minutes of 1938 information).

1924 Late Dr. W. Z. Thomas reported church organized in Kokomo, Rev. Hatcher was called as the pastor. This work was a success a church home built. Dr. Burris is the present pastor who has greatly improved things.

## Current History

The year 1939 marked somewhat of a beginning of an era among Baptist in Indiana. The dawn of World War II, America's entrance into adventures in integration, better training for Ministers, Church radio and the New spirit of Revival in the churches made the forties and the fifties glorious years in which to live.

In the fall of this year the All Baptist Fellowship was born in the live and fertile brain of Rev. J. T. Highbaugh, pastor of Good Samaritan Baptist Church and Rev. Clive McGuire, Executive Secretary of the Indianapolis Baptist Association. Two Christian Community Centers came as result of this adventure. West Side Baptist Center opened in fall of 1942, with Mrs. Mattie D. G. Anderson, Director, returning from American Baptist Center in Detroit, Michigan and in 1943 Mrs. Anna Bybee of the Good Samaritan Baptist Church continuing until 1953 with an average daily attendance of 46 children daily. The Eastside Christian Center now known as the Eastside Christian Center was begun in 1945 in the New Bethel Baptist Annex 1523 Martindale Ave. Rev. G. Baltimore, pastor. In 1947 it moved to its present location 1937 N. Arsenal Ave., Mrs. Edna M. Martin pioneered this field being its first Director growing it from a handful of children to 215 daily 7 full time workers and 13 part time workers and an operative Budget of \$20,000 annually. The Board of Directors as originally dreamed of by Drs. McGuire and Highbaugh has representatives on it from all major 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. Seymore, 1921-1926; Rev. J. T. Highbaugh 1926-1940; Rev. C. J. Dailey 1940-1957. Rev. Dailey dreamed of a Baptist Seminary fostered by Baptist 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. Adie 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 the Good Saramitan 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 1954 destroyist 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 Mammouth Thanksgiving Parade both for the achievements of these 100 years and a Piszah Peep into the Second Century with our Great Joshua, Rev. H. T. Toliver of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

And 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

<p>1846 SECOND BAPTIST ELDER CHARLES SHACHEL</p> <p>1875 NEW BETHEL ELDER JACOB RAYNOR</p> <p>1881 CORINTHIAN ELDER PETER VERTRESS</p> <p>1867 OLIVET ELDER BENJAMIN YOUNG ELDER TONY ROBERSON</p> <p>1897 SHILOH ELDER JAMES R. AVERETT</p> <p>1872 MT. ZION ELDER SINGLETON</p> <p>1891 MT. CARMEL ELDER J. M. KIMBREW</p> <p>1891 ST. PAUL ELDER ISON HARRIS</p> <p>1885 FIRST, N. INDIANAPOLIS ELDER RICHARD BASSETT</p> <p>1889 ANTIOCH ELDER JAMES M. MORTON</p> <p>1887 FIRST, W. INDIANAPOLIS ELDER R. DAVIS</p>	<p>1914 NEW LIBERTY ELDER W. W. WINES ELDER T. J. FRANKLIN</p> <p>1907 NEW BAPTIST ELDER W. W. WINES</p> <p>1931 25th ST. BAPTIST ELDER WARE ELDER J. B. CARTER</p> <p>1892 METROPOLITAN ELDER W. T. LOTT</p> <p>1896 MT. PARAN ELDER B. J. FARRELL</p> <p>1916 GREATER ST. JOHN ELDER A. W. SMITH</p> <p>1910 MT. OLIVE ELDER J. C. PATTON</p> <p>1875 SOUTH CALVARY ELDER THOMAS SMITH</p> <p>1929 GOOD SAMARITAN ELDER V. DAVIS</p> <p>1916 CENTRAL DISTRICT ELDER F. F. YOUNG G. D. GORE</p>	<p>1916 NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT ELDER W. Z. THOMAS</p> <p>1916 SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT ELDER M. DAVIDSON</p> <p>1867 SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION ELDER W. H. ANDERSON</p> <p>1897 W. H. &amp; F. M. CONVENTION MRS. IDA FITCHNER</p> <p>1897 B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION ELDER G. W. CARR</p> <p>1908 EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH ELDER C. H. JOHNSON</p> <p>1915 ANTIOCH—MUNCIE ELDER W. R. PAYNE</p> <p>1913 OLD MINISTERS' HOME MRS. C. C. GORMS</p> <p>1939 ALL BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP ELDER J. T. HIGHBAUGH</p> <p>1870 STATE MINISTERS' CONVENTION</p> <p>1943 CENTRAL BAPTIST SEMINARY ELDER C. J. DAILEY</p>
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## LONGIVITY OF MINISTERS SERVICE

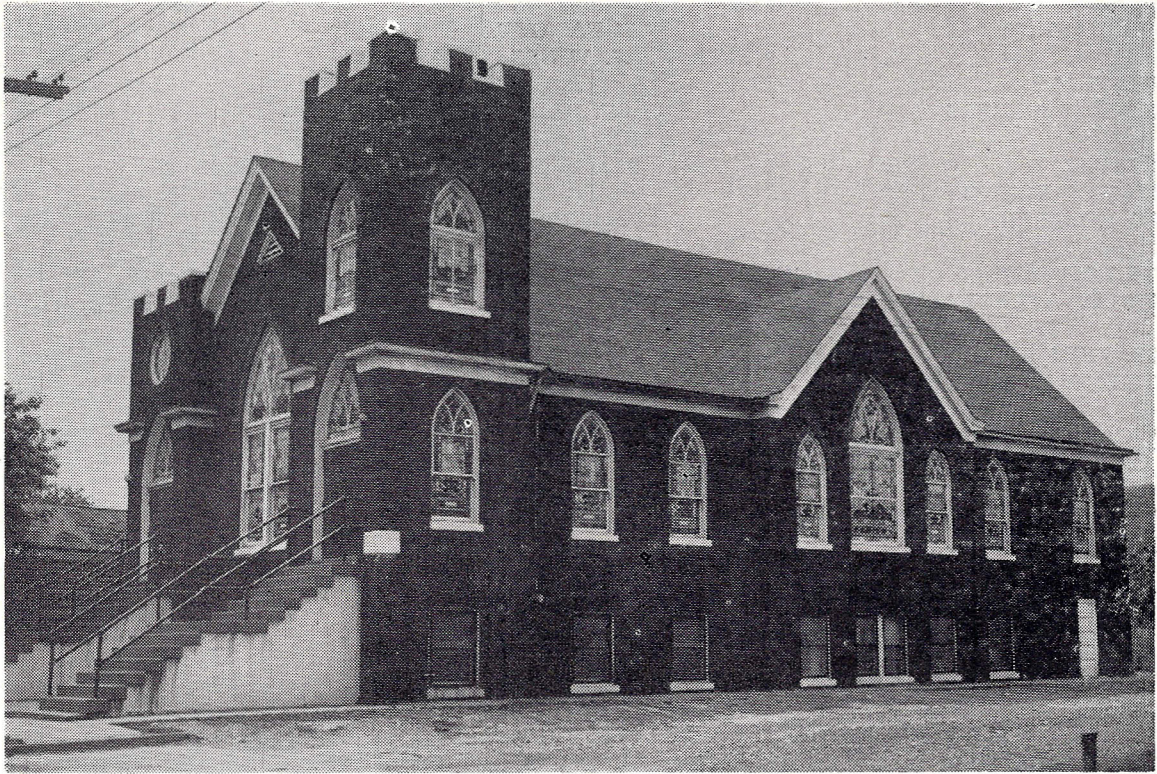
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F. F. YOUNG	63½	54
L. S. GASTON	22	20
CHARLES COFFEY	37	14
H. T. TOLIVER	31	25
E. T. BRITTON	22	20
H. A. KING	35	30
ROBERT C. EVANS	35	
J. T. L. HIGHBAUGH	48	40
W. McLAWLER	45	43
C. B. DAILY, JR.	10	5½
C. J. DAILEY	31	31
G. L. LILLARD	65	50
G. W. EVANS	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	28
J. A. G. JORDAN	34	29
F. K. DILLARD	38	38
E. T. JOHNSON	29	28
GEORGE TOLBERT	8	
E. D. BUTLER	21	8

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# First Trinity Baptist Church

• Jeffersonville Indiana •

Rev. W. Jimison, Pastor



## First Trinity Baptist Church Auxiliaries

Sunday School: Nathaniel Graves—Superintendent. Melvina Shanklin—Assistant Superintendent. Emma Graves—Secretary. Charles Florence—Assistant Secretary. Emma J. Tyler—Treasurer. Lawrence Embry—Pianist. Jenö Leavells—Chorister.

Missionary Society: Emma J. Tyler—President. Melvina Shanklin—Vice-President. Mammie Conner—Secretary. Ratchell Allen—Treasurer. Emma Graves—Corresponding Secretary.

Usher Board: Sally Wilhite—President. Mattie Wagner—Vice President. Era Ross—Secretary. William Parish—Assistant Secretary. Irene Slaughter—Treasurer. Connie Elliott—Program Chairman.

B. T. U.: Melvina Shanklin—President. Alberta Graves—Vice-President.

Evelyn Graves — Secretary. Cynthia Bibb — Assistant Secretary. Jesse Wright — Treasurer.

Ladies Aid: Alberta Graves — President. Amanda Leavell — Vice-President. Jean Jenkins — Secretary. Myrtle Allen — Treasurer. Cynthia Bibb — Assistant Secretary.

Senior Choir: Mammie Conner — President. Elizabeth Stums — Vice-President. Evelyn M.

Graves—Secretary. Flora Stack—Assistant Secretary. Ida Ralston—Treasurer.

Angelic Choir: Era Ross—President. Amanda Leavell—Vice-President. Nettie Parks—Secretary. Jean Jenkins—Treasurer. Lawrence Embry—Organist.

Brotherhood: B. E. Griffin—President. Nate Graves—Vice-President. Booker Lee—Treasurer. Nate Graves—Secretary. Jesse Wright—Chaplain.

Deacons: Evans McWilliams, Chairman. Charlie Thomas, Jesse Wright, William McLean, B. E. Griffin, W. Duncan and Nathaniel Graves.

Youth Fellowship Choir: Emma Graves—President. Jenö Leavell—Vice-President. Shirley Ross—Secretary. Carolyn Graves—Assistant Secretary. Earnest Welch—Chorister. James Beasley—Chaplain.

Young Adult Chorus: Earleen Griffin — President. Katherin Martin — Secretary. Bessie Leavell — Assistant Secretary. Lawrence Embry — Treasurer.

Male Chorus: W. E. Bates — Leader.

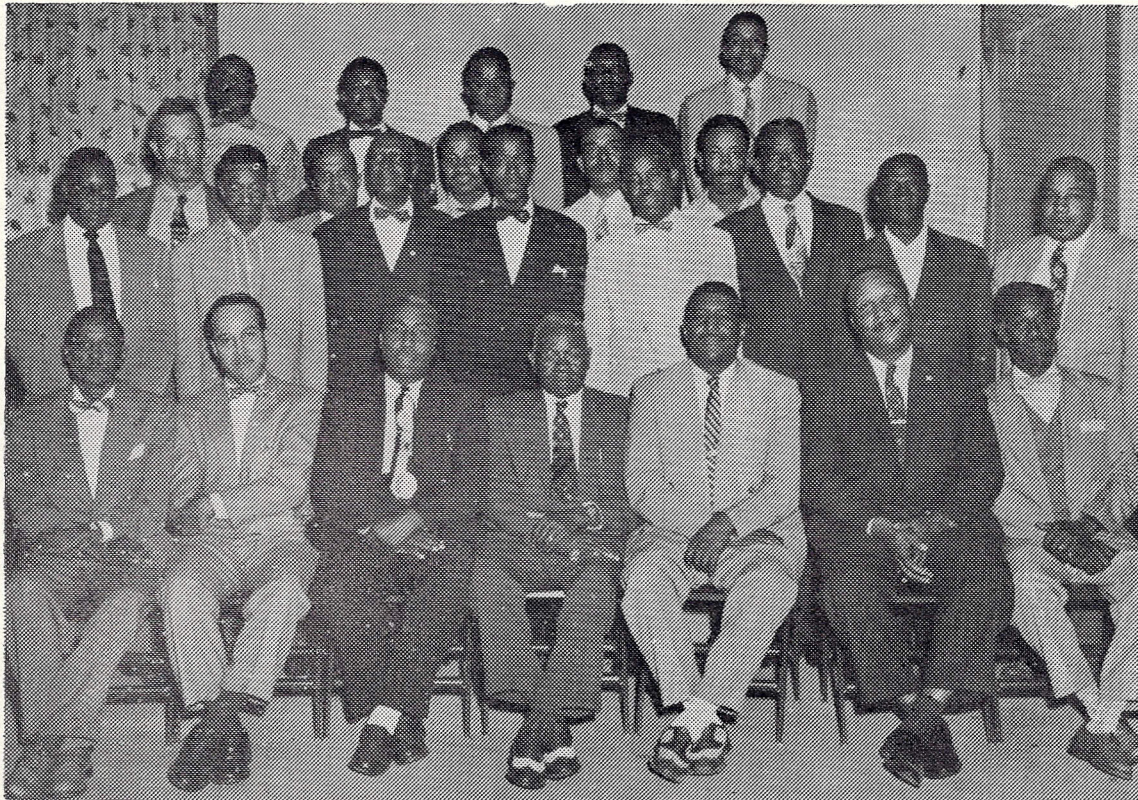
Trustees: Charlie Cousin — Chairman. William Christy, Silas Cager, Roy Jones and David Renfro.

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REV. AND MRS. WALTER JIMISON

Illinois Avenue Baptist Church, First Negro Church founded in 1866. Philip Simco, one of the first pastors. Forty-four years ago Illinois Avenue Baptist and Rose Hill were without pastors. Rev. William L. Green the pastor of Indiana Avenue, with the Deacons and Trustees of Illinois Avenue, Indiana Avenue and Rose Hill met and all of one accord, the Rev. W. L. Green was chosen as the pastor and the First Trinity Church was organized. Rev. Walter Jimison is the present pastor.



**MT. OLIVE BROTHERHOOD UNION:** Left to right—John Thatch, Hurley Smith, Willie Lawrence, Dr. H. T. Toliver, Rev. A. J. Turner, J. C. Ward, William Eastland, James Chcsnut, Nathan Head, Oscar Roberson, Zerah Sweeney, Willie Manning, Robert Carpenter, Donald Hopkins, Butler Brown, Amos Willis, Dan Moore, Cleveland Murphy, John Iknon, George Wilks, Homer Chappel, Rev. S. S. Keets, Jessie Murphy, Leonard Person, Roger Bradley.

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C. HENRY BELL, D. D., Pastor

DEACONS

Joseph A. Mimms  
 Henoh Head  
 Hayes Whitsey  
 Bennie Foster  
 Roy Hobdy  
 Edgar Jamerson  
 Grady Goodnight  
 Orie Morphis  
 James Flowers  
 Ernst C. Anderson  
 Buford Hazel  
 John R. Fitts  
 William Head



ORGANIZATIONS

Sunday School, Veanie Dawson  
 Training Union, Fred League  
 Senior Missionary, Eva Jackson  
 Junior Missionary, Delores Elliott  
 Brotherhood, James Flowers  
 Youth Council, Betty Kelley  
 Trustee Board, Eugene Burton  
 Usher Board, Clyde Hughes  
 Sisters of Help, Werdna Allen  
 Nurses, Lula Johnson  
 Dorcas Sewing Circle, Bettie Carter  
 Courtesy Committee, Lucille Head  
 Business League, Victoria Fitts  
 Morning Choir, Daisy Whitfield  
 Evening Choir, Fannie Shannon  
 Celestial Choir, Burnice Head  
 Junior Choir, Ligon Drane  
 Male Chorale, Shelley Tyler  
 Female Chorus, Johnnie Fisher  
 Co. A Club, Bennie Foster  
 Co. B Club, Emma Harding  
 Co. C Club, Hayes Whitsey  
 Co. D Club, Henrietta Martin  
 Northside Club, Sam Thomas  
 Kingdom Builders, Ruth Brown  
 \$1,000 Club, Xenia Lucas  
 Pastor's Aid, Earl Clemmons  
 Flower Club, Elva Stephens

Pastor's Sec., Rebecca Tanner  
 Membership Clerk, Dayse Thomas  
 Music Director, Blossom Jones  
 Assistant Director, David Walker  
 Organist, Sarah Jones  
 Assistant Organist, Betty Kelley  
 Pianist, Jennie V. Cox  
 Assistant Pianist, Lee Baker  
 Vibraharpist, Marguerite Elam  
 Assistant Vibraharpist, Delores Malone  
 Reporter, Elizabeth Highbaugh  
 Treasurer, Robert Fitts



P. D. JACOBS, A. B., B. D.  
 Associate Pastor

COMMITTEES

Benevolent, Julia Carter  
 Recreational, James Ella Boyd  
 Educational, Sam Thomas  
 Sick, William Howard  
 Building, Henoh Head  
 Youth Counselor, Mary Lindsey  
 Church Visitor, Elva Stephens



MRS. BESSIE MAE FORD  
 Clerk

# Greetings To

THE INDIANA STATE  
MISSIONARY BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION

**THE MT. PARAN FEMALE CHORUS** was organized November 7, 1935, by Dr. C. Henry Bell, pastor. The purpose of this Chorus is to praise God by singing such songs as are suitable for Choruses. We serve wherever and whenever needed in the Church. Our first President was Earlee A. Mays Combs. She served as President, Pianist and Director eight years. Second President, Eva Moore, deceased. Present President, Johnnie Fisher, Vice-President, Rosa L. Hill, Recording Secretary, Gertrude Lewis. Assistant Recording Secretary, Addie Glass, Financial Secretary, Sister Ruth Brown, Treasurer, Hannah Thomas.



**MRS. EVA JACKSON**

President

Mt. Paran Missionary Society



**MRS. HATTIE DAVIS**  
1st Vice-President  
Mt. Paran Missionary Society



**Mrs. M. J. Battle**, wife of Dr. M. J. Battle, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

She is the President of Wisconsin General Baptist Woman's Convention.

A member of Board of Managers of Wisconsin State Baptist Convention.

A member of Board of Managers of Wisconsin State Baptist Convention (white).

A member of Milwaukee United Church Woman's Choir and a humble Servant of the Lord.



**MRS. CLARA REYNOLDS**

2nd Vice-President

Mt. Paran Missionary Society



**Bro. Calvin Donald**, President, the Brotherhood of The Shiloh Baptist Church.

Since its organization on September 12, 1956, he has an outstanding record in these auxiliaries in the Church, the Sunday School, Gospel Chorus, the Deacon Board, and the Financial Secretary, Central District Brotherhood.

Bro. George Jowers, Jr. Secretary. Rev. Clyde V. Jeter, Pastor.

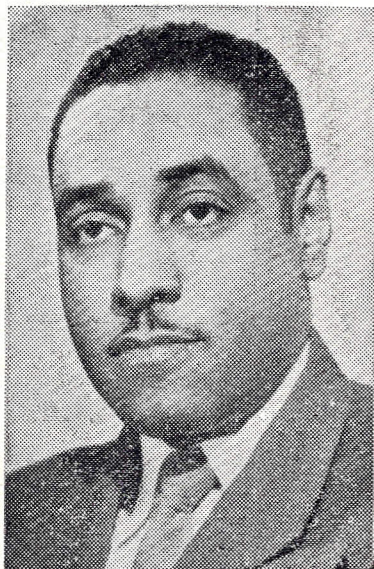
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY



(Under Construction)  
**NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

1519-41 Martindale  
Organized 1875

"THE CHURCH WITH A WARM HEART, OPEN MIND AND AN ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT"



**DR. F. BENJAMIN DAVIS,**  
Pastor  
President-Dean of the  
Central Baptist Theological  
Seminary and Vice-Moderator  
Indiana Missionary Baptist  
State Association



**MRS. FRANCES BOGLIN,** Clerk  
Registrar for Central Baptist  
Theological Seminary and  
Secretary of Central District  
Baptists' Association. Was voted  
New Bethel's Mother of Year.

## NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH DEACONS

James Bousley  
William Bailey  
Lewis Carroll  
Robert Carroll\*  
Robert Edwards\*  
Arnold Gee  
William Ray  
Ervin Hatcher  
Walter Hollins  
Hermon King  
Daniel Lee, Sr.  
Earle L. Lee  
Bert C. Means\*  
Earl Osborne

Verne Overton, Sr.  
Robert Peters, Sr.\*  
William Reed\*  
Lewis Spann  
Viven Swiney  
Leo Taylor  
Thomas E. Taylor  
Thomas L. Taylor  
Lewis Thomas  
Nathan Watson  
William White  
Curtis Wilson\*  
Clarence Wilson  
Henry Wood

Trustee Chairman, Bert C.  
Means

Sunday School Superintendent,  
Curtis Wilson

Training Union Director, Earle  
L. Lee

Missionary Society, Esther E.  
Lynch.

Brotherhood President Wil-  
liam White, Sr.

\*—Trustees

The Mount Moriah Baptist Church was organized July 16, 1940, Indianapolis, Indiana.

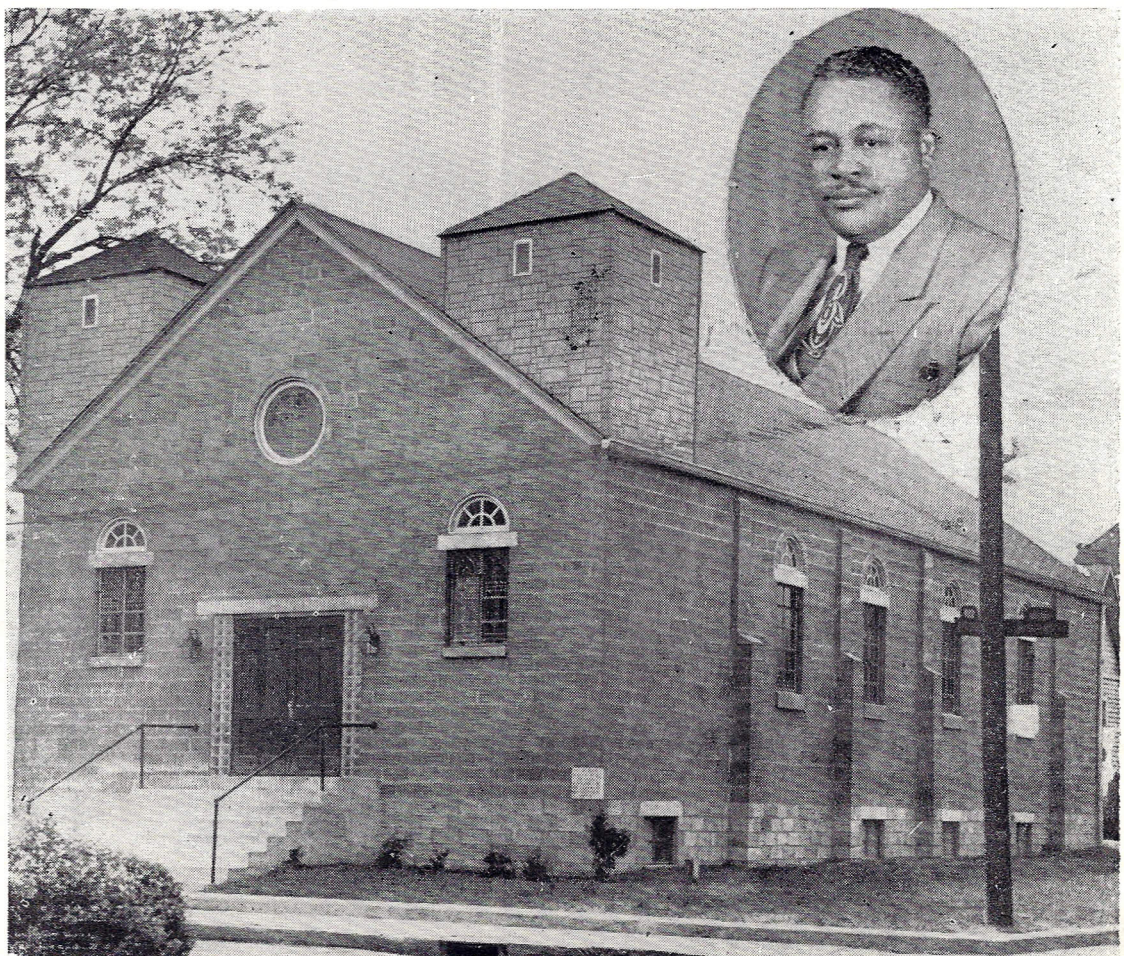
A most modern building was erected in 1949. It is located at East Fifteenth St. and Martindale Ave., ME. 7-1286.

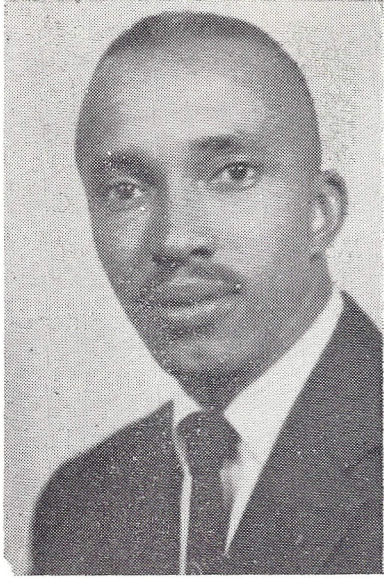
Rev. E. T. Johnson, organizer and pastor, Residence 3179 N. Capitol Ave., WA. 6-7608.

Deacon B. F. Mumford, chairman of Deacons' Board, WA. 5-7444.

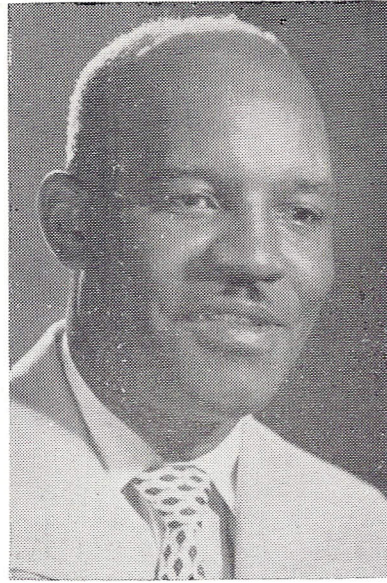
Deacon James Moore, chairman of Trustees' Board, ME. 8-4160.

Sister Bessie Holt, Church Clerk, WA. 4-4012.





**George R. Bryant**, President of the Mt. Nebo Baptist Church Brotherhood Union. Eugene Suggs, Vice-President; Esau Robertson, Secretary; Jesse Brandon, Treasurer; J. W. Bryant, Devotional Leader; Dr. J. W. Highbaugh, Pastor.



**Brother Robert R. Carpenter**, president of Central District Brotherhood Union, urges that all local brotherhoods activate themselves with the Central District Brotherhood Union.

**John 16:33** "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

Reverend C. J. Dailey,  
Moderator



**Greetings From the Baptist Ministers Wives Alliance**

Mrs. E. T. Johnson, President; Mrs. John Flemming, Vice-President; Mrs. F. R. Hatcher, Recording Secretary; Mrs. L. A. Manuel, Assistant Secretary; Mrs. J. T. Highbaugh, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. C. H. McKinney, Financial Secretary; Mrs. C. F. Harris, Treasurer; Mrs. F. F. Young, Spiritual Life Leader.

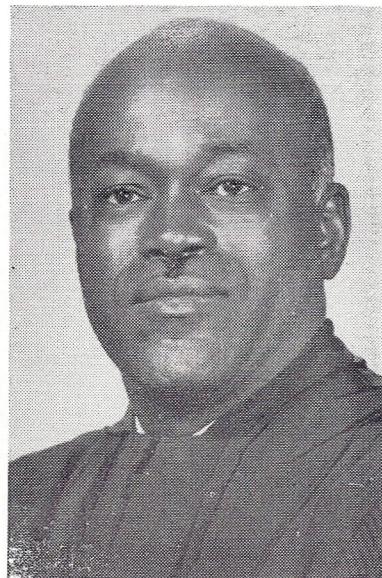


**MRS. ESTHER E. LYNCH**

The Women's Missionary Society of the New Bethel Baptist Church is composed of 12 auxiliaries and circles. Our aim is to inspire each woman and girl into full participation into the evangelical program of the church. An enlightened, enlarged and actively engaged membership is our sincere desire.

Esther E. Lynch, Pres.  
Dr. F. Benjamin Davis, Minister.

**SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION and CONVENTIONS of INDIANA BAPTISTS**



**REV. CLAUDE KIMBROUGH**  
MODERATOR  
NEW ALBANY, INDIANA



**MRS. CLAUDE KIMBROUGH**



**DR. F. W. WEATHERS**  
**MODERATOR**

**Greetings:** The Northeastern District Baptist Association; Its Officers and Members resolve to perpetuate the work of Kingdom building through Missions, Education and Evangelism. We will work while it is day and preach the acceptable year of the Lord, and teach the observance of all things to the end.



**REV. WALTER HIGHBAUGH**

Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind., was organized by Rev. Johnny Johnson and pastored by Rev. Albert Oglesby a short time. Rev. Walter Highbaugh was called later and has pastored the church 34 years January 3, 1957. Now a new edifice is under construction.



**Rosetta Rogers** has been president of the Mt. Nebo Missionary Circle for twenty years. She has worked faithfully. The Circle's name was changed last year to the Rosetta Rogers Circle. She has been a great help to the church and many souls have been saved through her work.

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**To The Indiana Baptist**  
**Association**  
**On Your 100 Years of Service**



**Mrs. Anna Mae Head**, a member of Second Baptist Church, Marion; President of Northeastern District Women's Department and president of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of her church.



**Rev. Roosevelt Mumford**, founder, organizer and pastor of the Zion Hope Baptist Church, 2304 N. Arsenal Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. Organized July 24, 1953 with 4 members. God has blessed the work there. His Choicest blessings on them.



**REV. ALBERT BATTS**  
**Pastor of Joshua Baptist Church**  
**1554 Columbia Ave.**  
**Vice-Moderator of Central**  
**District Baptist Association**

# THE GREATER GETHSEMANE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

902 NORTH WEST STREET

Began as a Mission in October, 1926, in the home of Tom McGinty, 500 Block on Agnes Street. Rev. Forest Jefferson was the first Spiritual Leader. January 4, 1940, the church called Rev. F. K. Dillard to lead them. Under the seventeen years of capable and Christian Leadership of Rev. Dillard the Lord hath done great things for us wherefore we are glad. Psalms 126:3.



REV. F. K. DILLARD, Pastor

## GETHSEMANE CHURCH SCHOOL

The Bible and Church Stand Together.

Bro. C. Smith, Supt.            Sis. M. Payton, Pianist  
Sis. E. Dixon, Asst. Supt.    Sis. E. Elliott, Secretary  
Bro. O. Johnson, Treasurer

## GREETINGS FROM THE GETHSEMANE

### USHER BOARD

Sis. Otelia Gooch, Pres.      Sis. W. Edwards, Treas.  
Sis. M. Hudson, Secretary

For 31 years the GETHSEMANE CHOIR has rendered service through song.

Sis. M. Smith, President    Sis. A. Smith Secretary  
Sis. K. Meadows, V. Pres.   Bro. B. Franklin, Treasurer

## GETHSEMANE FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Aim: To Support and Promote Every Organization of the Church.

Bro. F. R. Smith, Pres.      Bro. J. Allen, Secretary  
Bro. Ed. Finch, Treasurer

## GETHSEMANE B. T. U.

Aim: Training in Church Membership.

Bro. A. Howard, Pres.      Sis. E. Peniex, Asst. Secy.  
Sis. L. B. Dillard, Secy.    Sis. M. Moore, Treasurer

## GETHSEMANE JUBILEE CHORUS

Let us sing till the power of the Lord comes down.

Sis. J. Laddell, President    Sis. M. Hawkins, Treasurer  
Sis. E. Boone, Vice Pres.    Sis. F. Br'ght,  
Sis. E. Peniex, Secretary    Sis. A. Gant, Devotional  
Leaders

## GETHSEMANE JUNIOR MISSIONARY

Theme: Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify the Father which is in Heaven. Matt. 5:16.

Sis. E. Dixon, President    Sis. P. Menring, Secretary  
Sis. A. Jarrett, V. Pres.    Sis. G. Hayden, Asst. Secy.  
Sis. N. Redman, Treasurer    Sis. V. Strong, Teacher

## GETHSEMANE SENIOR MISSIONARY

Aim: Kingdom Building.

Sis. E. Westbrook, Pres.    Sis. S. Hayden, Secretary  
Sis. E. Peniex, V. Pres.    Sis. M. Thomas, Treasurer  
Sis. O. Gooch, Program    Sis. Laddell, Sis. A. Gant,  
Teachers.

## SISTERS OF HELP

Aim: To aid Health so that we may give better service.

Sis. E. Peniex, President  
Sis. T. Lang, Sis. A. Thomas, Sis. A. Smith, Sis. M. Hawkins, Sis. W. Edwards.



**MRS. VEANIE D. DAWSON**  
"Greater Things Than These"

We can enroll 10,000 additional men and women during September. To reach our goal, we must visit for them. Jesus has given the example as He went about doing good. He was enlisting men, He visited in their homes and places of business. Let us set aside the month of September for visitation.

In James 1:22 we read "Be Ye doers of the Word and not hearers only." In James we also read that pure religion and undefiled before God the Father is this, To Visit.

Sis. Veanie D. Dawson B.C.E.  
Central District President.



**Mrs. Lillie B. McKay**, President of Corinthian Senior Missionary Society, State Superintendent of Star Light Band, National Chairman of Nurses of Indiana.



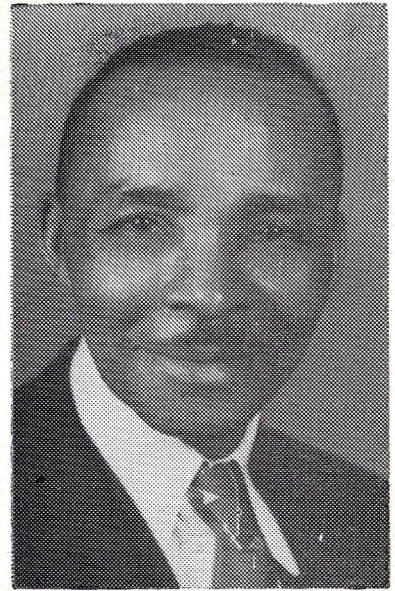
**REV. C. J. DAILEY**

The St. Paul Baptist Church, 1137-39 N. Sheffield Avenue was organized by the late Rev. Issham Harris in 1892. The present building was erected in 1923, under the leadership of the late P. J. Holmes, D. D.

Rev. C. J. Dailey, the present pastor, has served this church 26 years. He has built the membership to over 1,000, a lovely congregation of people working together to bring the lost to Christ.

A large Church School attendance also large attendance in prayer service each week. The Church is clear of all property indebtedness, all expenses are taken care of by God's plan of financing His church—Tithes and offering. There are a few members now living who have been members of this church nearly fifty years and over namely:

Bro. Sukas Durham, Sis. Mammie Johnson, Sis. Mary Pope, Sis. Zula Dandridge, Sis. Eva Crutchfield, Sis. Rosa Jones, Bro. Thomas Hawkins.



**MR. ESLEY SARVER**

Brotherhood of Eastern Star Church was organized June 4, 1954. Officers are Bro. Calvin Connor, Secretary; Bro. George Atchenson, Assistant Secretary; Bro. Otis Gardner, Treasurer; Bro. Jessie Harrison, Chaplain; Bro. Ernest Humphry, Sick Chairman; Rev. P. C. Owen, Bible Teacher; Bro. Alvin Nions, Vice-President; Bro. Esley Sarver, President.



**MRS. DELIGHT COUCH**, Clerk of Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church, Assistant Superintendent of Church School, a member of Senior Choir and Missionary Society, President of Central District Baptist Training Union.





## Smithfield Baptist Church

ROCKPORT, IND.

Smithfield Baptist Church, Rockport, Ind., has had nineteen pastors. Present pastor is Rev. Walter Highbaugh, present Deacons Eldridge Lindsey, Harvey Purcell. President of the Mother's Board, Mandy Lindsey, Superintendent of Sunday School, Eldridge Lindsey, President of Senior Missionary, Pauline Purcell, President Brotherhood, Hubert Lindsey, Ministers Stanley Purcell, Otto Moore

### THE INDIANA STATE MINISTERS' WIVES COUNCIL

The Ministers' Wives Council was organized August 10, 1945 in the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Connersville, Indiana.

Mrs. L. S. Gaston served as the president of the Council until her illness, during which time the first vice president, Mrs. H. A. King, served.

Mrs. King was elected president of the Council in 1953.

The objective of the organization is a greater service through Spiritual Counseling, Personal Work, Benevolence and Missions.



**MRS. H. A. KING**  
Heads Ministers Wives

# GOOD SAMARITAN BAPTIST CHURCH



Organized 1929

This Site Purchased in 1957  
602 W. NEW YORK STREET  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

FIRST PASTOR, REV. V. DAVIS  
1929-1933

SECOND PASTOR, REV. J. T. HIGHBAUGH  
1934-1949

THIRD PASTOR, REV. J. A. G. JORDAN  
1949-1956

FOURTH PASTOR, REV. J. T. HIGHBAUGH  
1956-1957

## OTHER LOCATIONS

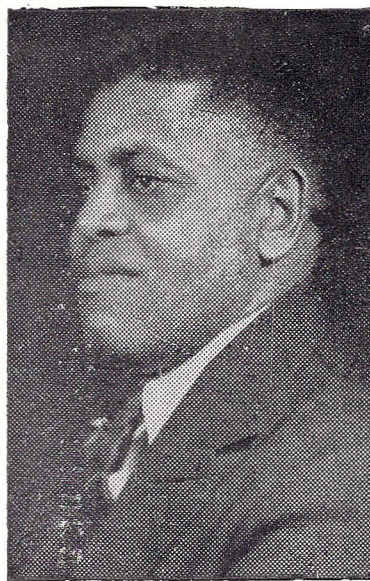
449 Blake Street—1929-1930

702 W. North Street—1930-1936

819 N. West Street—1936-1951

540 N. California Street—1951-1957

Present Membership—487



REV. J. T. HIGHBAUGH

Rev. J. T. Highbaugh, Pastor S. Calvary Baptist Church—1922-1934.

Graduate of Simmons University, A. B.—1919; B. Th.—1920.

Graduate of Butler University B. D.—1927.

Moderator of Central District Association 1926-1939.

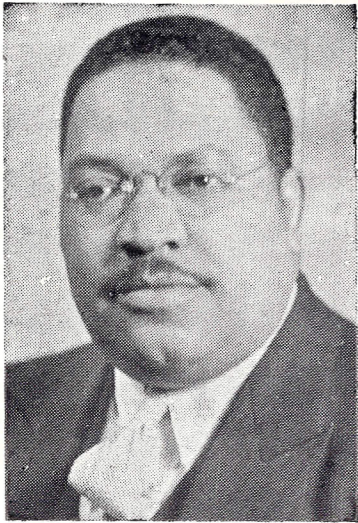
Organizer of Eastside Christian Center 1944.

Pastor of Coliseum Park Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., 1952-1956.

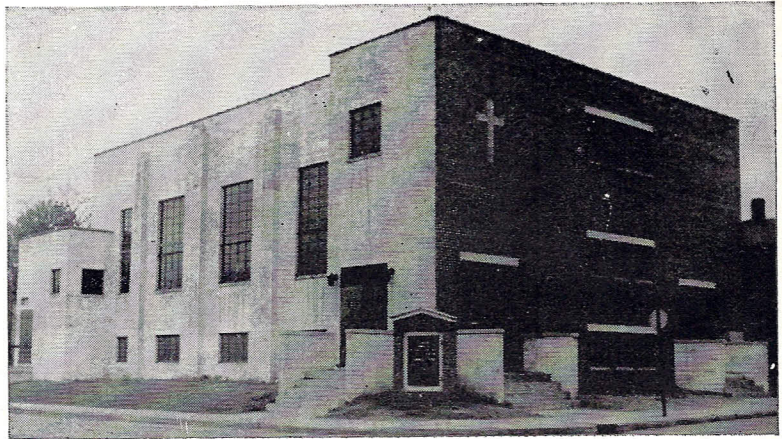
President of All Baptist Fellowship 1939-1947.

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## SOUTH CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH



**L. A. MANUEL, SR., D. D.**  
Minister of South Calvary Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, 9 years. Statistician of State Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress, Historian of the Ministers' and Deacons' Convention. Chairman of the State Benefit Board. Member of the National Baptist Benevolent Board.



South Calvary Baptist Church was organized 1875. The first pastor was Rev. Thomas Smith. Rev. C. Williams pastored for 30 years. Rev. G. L. Lillard, J. T. Highbaugh, Sr., Rev. S. S. Thomas and Dr. V. W. McLawler also were pastors of this great church. Dr. L. A. Manuel, Sr., statistician of the State S. S. and B. T. U. Congress, historian of the State Ministers and Deacons Convention, Chairman of the State Benefit Board, and member of the National Baptist Convention Benevolent Board, has successfully pastored South Calvary for over 9 years. Many souls have been added and a new church building erected under his leadership.

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THE LITTLE CHURCH WHERE WE MEET  
NO STRANGER, EVERYONE IS A FRIEND.

Greetings From

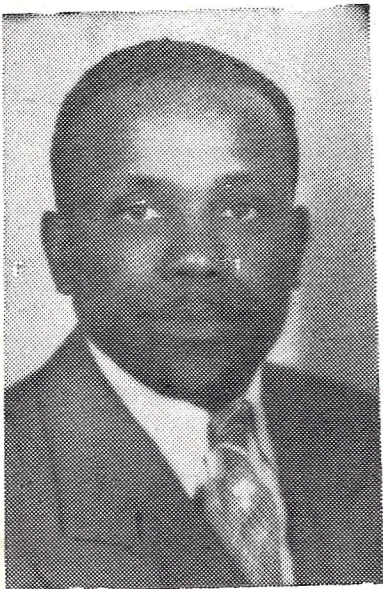
**THE GREATER ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**

**701 TREMONT STREET**

**Heard Over Radio Station WGEE, Each Sunday**

**From 9:00 A. M. To 11:00 A. M.**

**MRS. GEORGIA ROBERSON**  
Church Clerk



**REV. O. B. JOHNSON**

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## HISTORY OF SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH RICHMOND, INDIANA



The Second Baptist Church was organized A. D. 1887, by Rev. G. D. Williams, assisted by Rev. Anderson and Rev. Stone. They called together the following persons: Brothers William Smith, Theophilus Sales, Boone Berry, Zachariah Williams, Jeremiah Coleman, Colbert Robbins, Albert Conrad; Sisters Hattie Smith, Delia Sales, Mary Berry, Mary Williams, Eva Robbins and Nannie Conrad, known as a Missionary Baptist Mission.

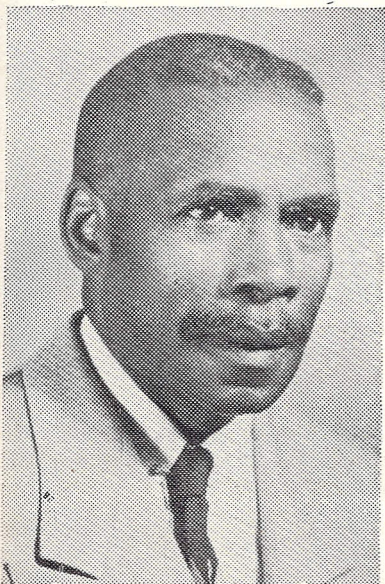
They met on Tuesday evening, up-stairs in the Wardock Hall on East Main between Fourth and Fifth Streets.

Rev. Godfrey D. Williams was called indefinitely as the pastor of the Church, Sister Eva Robbins was elected Church Clerk. Brother Jeremiah Coleman was elected Treasurer, Brothers William Smith, Colbert Robbins, and Boone Berry were appointed Deacons.

Brother William Smith was elected Superintendent of the Sunday School, Mrs. Robbins was elected Secretary and Teacher, and Brother Webster Robbins, Treasurer. Sister Myrtle Webster is the only surviving charter member.

The Pastors who have served were: Rev. G. D. Williams, Rev. Landis M. Gains, Rev. W. W. Russell, Rev. Henry Rice, Rev. J. D. Johnson, Rev. Samuel Brown, Rev. Isaac Miller, Rev. Nathan Hocker Smith; Rev. J. W. Robinson, Rev. A. A. May, Rev. J. I. West, Rev. R. M. Dhoney, and the present Pastor, Rev. F. W. Weathers who has served this church for twenty nine years successfully. The Church has increased numerically, spiritually, and financially.

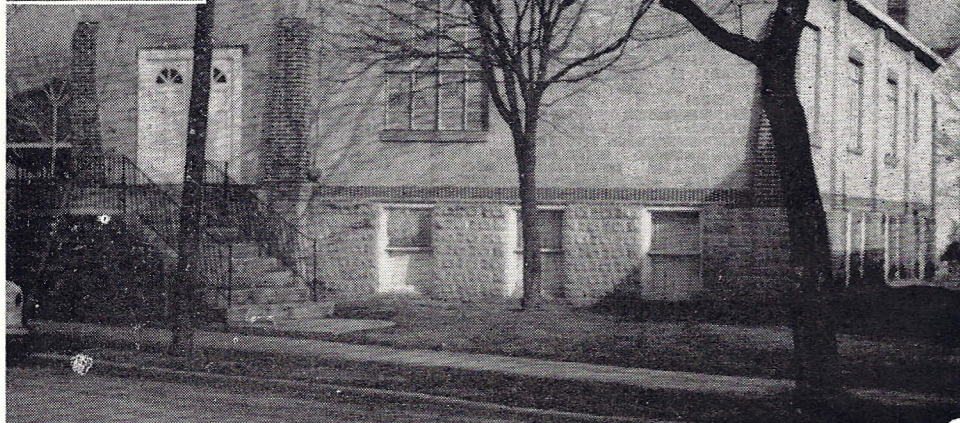
## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, WEST INDIANAPOLIS



**REV. L. S. GASTON**  
Pastor



The First Baptist Church, West Indianapolis, was organized in the summer of 1887 in the home of the late Calvin Gray, with a charter membership of ten (10). In 1888 the building was erected on Minnesota Street, near Reisner Street. The church was removed to its present site in 1916. Rev. R. Davis was the first pastor. The present pastor was called in October 1938. Sister Nelly Hutchinson has been a member longer than any one in the present congregation. The late Rev. Charles F. Anderson was the first Church School Superintendent. The late Sister Rebecca Stitts was the first president of the Mission Circle.



## CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

MARION, INDIANA

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### COMMITTEE

Mrs. Rosie Lee Stevenson,  
Chairman.

Mrs. Annabell Vincent

Mrs. Minnie Randle

Miss Lillie May Crayton

Mr. Charles Bowlds

Rev. G. H. Burrus, Pastor

Calvary Baptist Church, organized November 4, 1921. First Pastor: Rev.

Gorr; First Deacons: Jasper Greer, Charles Waldom, T. S. Sparks.

Moved to auditorium, June 22, 1952. Rev. R. Robinscn, Pastor.

Cornerstone laid second Sunday in October, 1929.

Present Pastor: REV. G. H. BURRUS

Present organizations: Junior Missionary, Senior Choir, Sunday School,  
B. Y. P. U., Pastor's Aid, Brotherhood, A Cappella Chorus, Choir, Youth  
Church, Senior Missionary, and Deacon Board.

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## Congratulations From CENTRAL DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY CONVENTIONS

**DR. C. J. DAILEY**  
Moderator

**MRS. FRANCES E. BOGLIN**  
Secretary

**MRS. MARY LINDSEY**  
Assistant Secretary

### CURRENT MEMBERS TO DATE, 1957

St. Paul, New Bethel, New Hope, Union, 1st-Bridgeport, 1st Irvington, 1st N. I.; 1st W. I., Macedonia, Mt. Olive, Mt. Paran, Greater St. Mark, Mt. Carmel, St. Matthew, Shiloh, Mt. Pleasant, Eastern Star, 16th Street, Mt. Pilgrim, Emmanuel, Golden Rule, Olivet, Greater Gethsemane, True Vine, New Mission, Joshua, New Garfield, Mt. Moriah, Bethesda, New Liberty, Mt. Calvary, Beulah, Bethany, South Calvary, Mt. Zion-Greencastle, Fall Creek, Eastside, New Haven, Zion Temple, Metropolitan, Corinthian, Greater Tried Stone, Mt. Nebo, Bethlehem, Greater St. James, Glenco Good Samaritan, Junior and International Unions, Starlight Band, Youth Convention; Brotherhood, Junior Women, Baptist Training Union-Adults, Sunday School, Senior Women and Association of Churches.

# MOUNT PISGAH BAPTIST CHURCH

KOKOMO, INDIANA



CHURCH

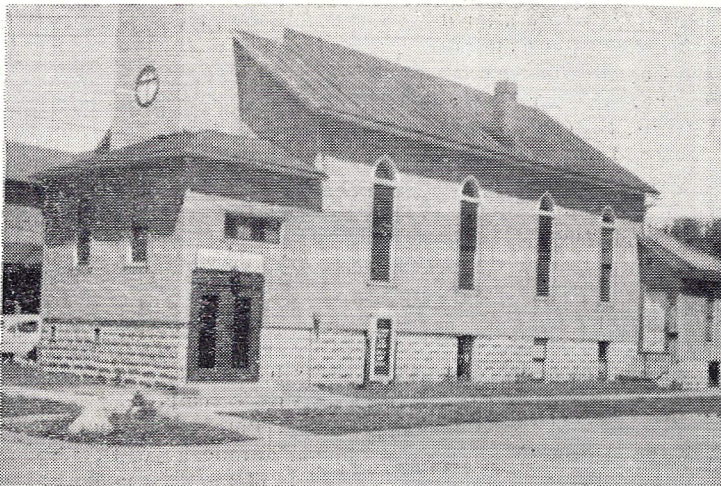


DEACONS

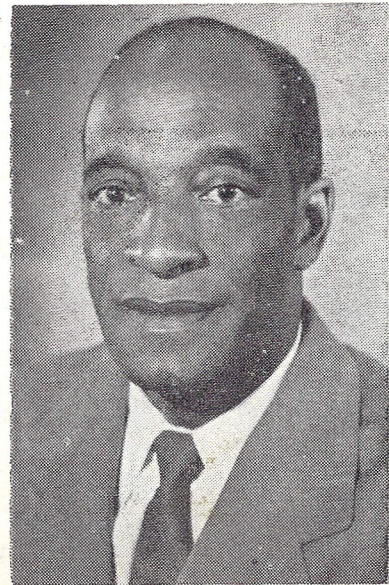
The Mount Pisgah Baptist Church was organized early in the 1920's by the Rev. W. Z. Thomas of Muncie, who was State Moderator. The Rev. Roy Hatcher was the first pastor.

The present pastor, Rev. Hoy H. Thurman, A.B., B. Th., is a product of Kentucky State College, and of Central Baptist Theological Seminary of Indianapolis. He is at present on the teacher's staff at the Seminary where he teaches Basic Speech.

## Congratulations MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH



"A FRIENDLY WELCOME TO ALL"  
15th St. and Indiana Ave.  
REV. R. C. BROWN, Minister  
Connerville, Ind.



REV. R. C. BROWN

DEACONS  
Fred Grant  
Samuel Walker  
Marshall Collins  
Gerard Easley  
William Leftridge  
William Riddell, Jr.

CHURCH CLERK  
Julia Hamilton

FINANCIAL SECRETARY  
Delores Riddell

### TRUSTEES

Lawrence Day, Chairman  
Gerard Easley, Treasurer  
Richard Goodson  
Edward Hamilton  
Wm. Leftridge  
Rev. C. Coleman  
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## EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

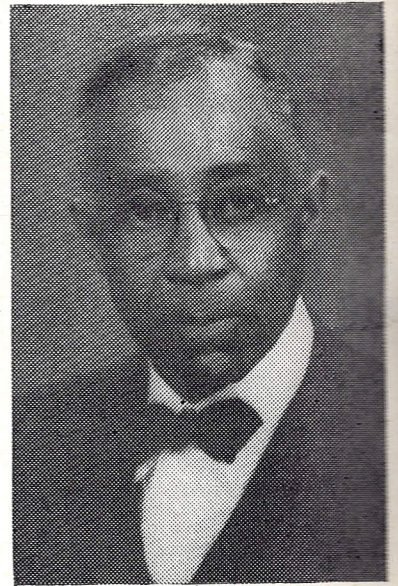
One of the most progressive ministers sent from the New Bethel Baptist Church to Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Kokomo, Indiana and served sixteen years as a successful pastor, as founder and builder of this great church, the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, started with only 3 members and on leaving the church there was more than 300 additions doing his 16 years as pastor.

Receiving the call to the Emmanuel Baptist Church in 1939, he accepted in 1940. Since this was his home, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Rev. Hatcher has had a steady increase, and many of the older membership returned under his pastorship. Fourteen departments make up the auxiliaries of the church.

Including the many activities, Rev. Hatcher is now holding the offices of Corresponding Secretary of the Pastor's Council and Treasurer of the State Benevolent.

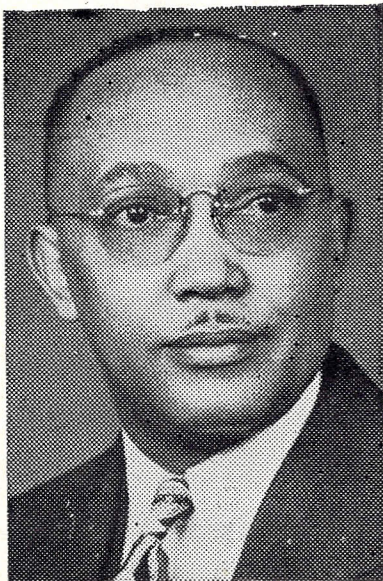
Many find Rev. Hatcher a man who is loved by hundreds, and always willing and ready to serve for the Cause, and his fellowman.



**REV. FRANK R. HATCHER**  
Pastor

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## GREATER ST. MARK BAPTIST CHURCH



**REV. A. BERNARD**

Pastor

Greater St. Mark Baptist Church

On March 7th, 1927 a mission, which was called the Christian Union, was organized at 2030 Yandes St., Indianapolis, Indiana under the leadership of Rev. Alexander Bernard, who was ordained after its organization. Rev. Bernard was born and reared in Jackson, Mississippi and attended public school there.

He came to the City of Indianapolis in 1923 and served five years as assistant pastor of the Mt. Helm Baptist Church under Rev. O. J. Steele. Charter members were Brother James O. Horton, Sister Annie Mae Horton, Brother Norvel Bennett, deceased and Sister V. Diamond, also deceased.

With a few weeks, Sister Mary Osborn and Sister Orvilla Eakers, Brother Earl Biggerstaff was the first convert. Brother Norvel Bennett was the first church clerk, a position he held until his passing in 1945 Brother Harry Hunter, deceased, was the first treasurer. Brother James O. Horton, first superintendent of the Sunday School, Sister Annie Mae Horton, first president of the Missionary Society and Brother Norvel Bennett, first president of the B. T. U. Under the thirty years of Rev. Bernard's leadership, over a thousand members have been taken into the Church. In 1949 under this great minister's leadership a new building was built at the present location, 1960 Yandes Street, which is completely debt-free.

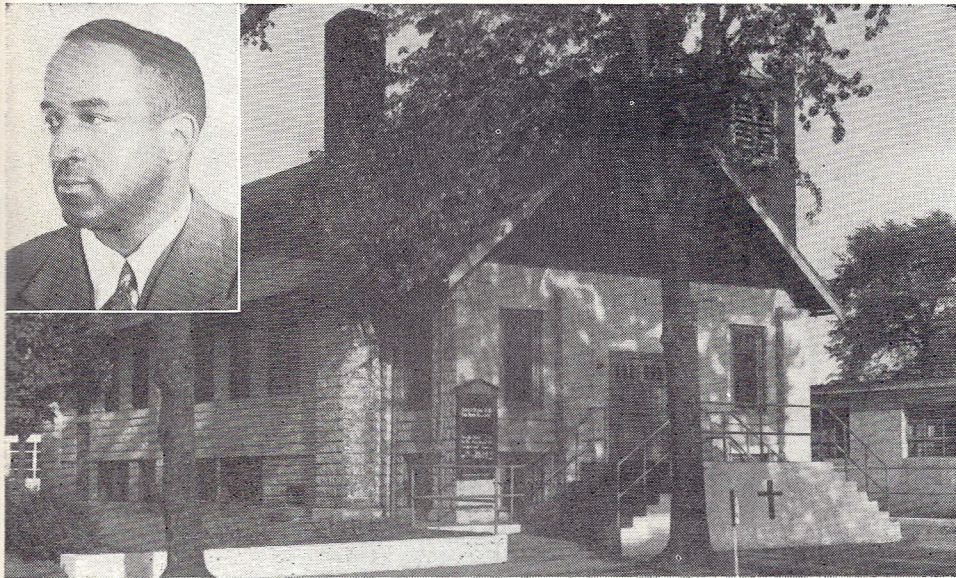
Present officers of the Church are Rev. Alexander Bernard, Pastor, Lorraine Looper Church Clerk, Marion Brittain, Assistant Clerk, Minnie Boyd, Corresponding Secretary and Edward Lewis, Treasurer. The members of the Deacon Board are James C Horton, Chairman; Edward Lewis, Leroy Quarles, Ephren Osborn, Edward Taylor James Ackles, Percy Jones, Oscar Vaughn and Harry Lewis.

The members of the Trustee Board are Edward Lewis, Chairman, Marcus Cook, Wardell Bishop, Ephren Osborn and James Ackles. Rev. James Thomas is Superintendent of the Sunday School. The following are presidents of various auxiliaries of the Church. George Mosaly, B. T. U., Edward Lewis, Brotherhood, Ruth Majors, Missionary Society, Twelzie Biggersaff, Pastor's Aid, Wardell Bishop, Male Chorus, Melissa Jackson, A. B. Club, Esther Crutcher, Sisters of Help, Minnie Boyd, Senior Choir No. 1, Lorraine Looper, Senior Choir No. 2, Dock Brady, Usher Board, Henrietta Lewis, Prayer Band, Annie Bernard and Sallie Nesbitt, Star-Light Band, Marion Brittain and Leona Collins, Youth-Ever-Ready Club, and Vera Thomas, Church Pianist.

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# CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH

1412 SOUTH SOUTH SIXTH STREET  
ELKHART, INDIANA



REV. H. W. TURNER, Pastor



MRS. L. B. TURNER  
President, Missionary Society

The Canaan Baptist Church was organized the first Sunday in August 1918, by the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of South Bend, Indiana, and Rev. Smart, who was the Pastor at that time. Rev. Frazor was the assistant pastor. The name Canaan Baptist was given by Deacon Bob Braggs.

The first officers were as follows: Deacons Jordan Brandford, W. W. Ingram, W. M. Bridgeforth and H. C. Ingram.

Bob Braggs was the first superintendent of the Sunday School. Rev. Y. V. Gamble was the first pastor, 1918 to 1919. Rev. Charles Banberry was the second pastor. Rev. G. J. Sebree was the pastor and builder of the church in 1920.

Present officers are as follows:

M. M. Middleton, chairman of the board of deacons; H. C. Ingram, chairman of the board of trustees; J. H. Woods, Jr., church clerk, and Rev. H. W. Turner, pastor.

Isaac Wagner is Superintendent of Sunday School.



## BAPTIST MINISTERS AND MINISTERS' WIVES COUNCIL, MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH



### GREETINGS:

The Council was organized in September, 1952. Sister Mary Minor, Founder and President.

First Vice President, Sister Rose Turner  
 Second Vice President, Rev. William Richard  
 Recording Secretary, Sister. O. D. Williams  
 Assistant Secretary, Sister Mary C. Thurman  
 Corresponding Secretary, Sister Essie Toliver  
 Treasurer, Sister Lillie Richard

### OFFICERS

Chaplain, Rev. Willie Minor  
 Bible Teacher, Rev. Hoy Thurman  
 Assistant Bible Teacher, Rev. O. D. Williams  
 Program Chairman, Rev. A. J. Turner  
 Sick Chairman, Sister Rose Turner  
 Reporter, Sister Mary C. Thurman  
 Dr. H. T. Toliver, Pastor.

## THE BAPTIST MINISTERS' ALLIANCE Of Indianapolis, Indiana And Vicinity

### PAST PRESIDENTS

REV. J. W. CARR  
 REV. J. M. MORTON  
 REV. G. L. LILLARD  
 REV. J. J. SAUNDERS



REV. G. M. MIMMS

### PRESENT INCUMBENT OFFICERS

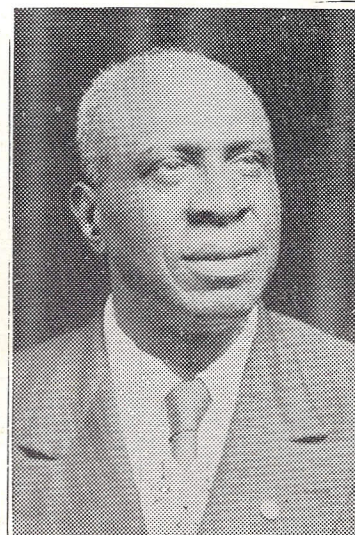
REV. G. M. MIMMS, PRES.  
 REV. A. BERNARD, VICE. PRES.  
 REV. C. B. DAILEY, 2nd VICE. PRES.  
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 REV. R. V. MUMFORD, ASST. SEC.  
 REV. E. T. JOHNSON, TREAS.  
 REV. V. W. McLAWLER, S. S. LECTURER  
 REV. H. T. TOLIVER, ASST.  
 REV. G. W. EVANS, CRITIC  
 REV. A. S. OGLESBY, CHAPLAIN  
 REV. J. W. DETWLER, ASST.

## Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Richmond – Senior Missionaries. Greet The Centennial of The Indiana Baptist Association



Hattie Brown, Parliamentarian; Vera Ross, Treasurer; Erma Embry, Assistant Secretary; Ophelia Faulkner, Corresponding Secretary; Lottie Faulkner, Recording Secretary; Mariah Lee, Vice President; Eliza Rhodes, President; Lizzie Leavell, Chaplain; Virginia Scott, Mary Lewis, Georgia M. Smith, Margaret Hill, Pearl Ramey, Roberta Chenault, Dovie Reed, Rev. R. McCoy, Pastor. Anna M. Robinson. Motto, Philippians, 4:13. I Can Do All Things Through Christ Which Strengtheneth Me.

Zerah Sweeney, President of the Indiana State Missionary Baptist Brotherhood Union. A member of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, a member of the Deacon board, a very active member of the Church Brotherhood Union, also assistant Bible teacher of same. Very active in Sunday School, and is also assistant teacher, a member of the Missionary Circle (No. 1) the first man of the Church to become a member of the missionary group. Chairman of finance committee of the Central District Brotherhood Union, and was elected to the office as president of the Indiana State Baptist Brotherhood Union, August, 1952. Brother Sweeney has shown an untiring interest in the Brotherhood movement. The Brotherhood of Shiloh Baptist Church, said as guest speaker for their Men's Day program, Sunday, June 16th, he was a great inspiration to them. One of Brother Sweeney's favorite Scriptures "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us who can be against us?" Romans, 8:31.



ZERAH SWEENEY



**MRS. ANNA WASHINGTON**

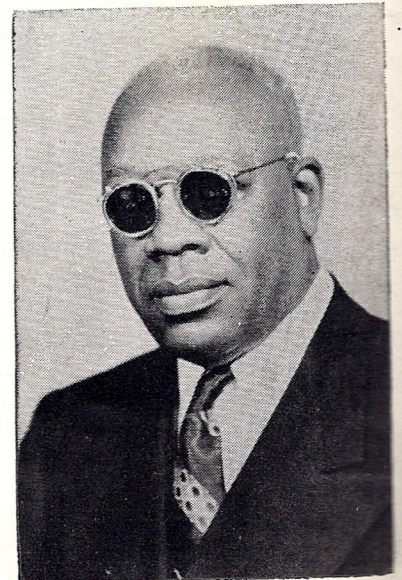
**President**

**State Womens' Home and Foreign  
Missionary Convention**

**Co-Chairman of General Centennial  
Committee and Chairman of  
Souvenir Historical Booklet.**

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Rev. Crawley has been active in the Baptist circles of the State of Indiana for a number of years. He is recognized throughout the middlewest as one of the outstanding preachers of this region. In 1948 he was given a certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Service. In 1950 he was included in Who's Who of Colored America. He began his ministry in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. He has pastored in Garrett, Ind., the Shiloh Baptist Church of Ft. Wayne. For over 14 years he pastored the historic Second Baptist Church of Anderson, Ind., serving this church longer than any other pastor in its long history. Rev. Crawley also had the distinction of serving for 12 years as chairman of the State Educational Board. At present he is the Field Worker for our State Association. Rev. J. H. Crawley—preacher, missionary, scholar.



**REV. J. H. CRAWLEY**

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HIGH LIGHTS  
**Centennial Celebration**  
Year Of Our Lord 1957

**Outstanding Events**

Saturday 6:00 P. M.

**Banquet**

Sunday 2:00 P. M.

**A DEMONSTRATIVE PARADE**

Sunday 3:30 P. M.

A Mass Meeting of Love and Respect for Those who Left Their foot prints  
in the Sand of Time That Men Might Know How to Divinely Work  
Together.

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**GENERAL CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**

Rev. F. K. Dillard, Chairman	Rev. C. Henry Bell, Chairman of Parade
Mrs. Anna Washington, Co-Chairman	
Mrs. Bessie Mae Ford, Secretary and Chairman of Centennial Banquet	Rev. F. W. Weathers, Chairman of Centennial Chorus
Rev. F. Benjamin Davis, Treasurer	
Mrs. Anna Washington, Chairman of Souvenir Programs	Mrs. Charles Ramsey, Chairman of Publicity

**SOUVENIR BOOK COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Anna Washington, Chairman	Mrs. Cecil Fields, Financial Secretary
Mrs. Lillie B. McKay	Mrs. Helen Beeler, Recording Secretary
Rev. F. F. Young	Rev. P. D. Jacobs, Treasurer

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