

REMEMBER THE CHILI SUPPER
1ST BAPTIST CHURCH N.I.
FELLOWSHIP HALL
MARCH 12, 1988 5 P.M.

COMPLIMENTS OF FIRST BAPTIST WOMEN



POUNDER

JUNE 15, 1844 OCTOBER 13, 1931

Deacon Jones was born as a slave in Rangewood, North Carolina, He was set free by an act of the Civil War and came to Indianapolis, Indiana . Unable to read or write, but through the grace of God he died as one of the city's most successful business men.

## HISTORY

This historic Church had its beginning with a Prayer Band which met at the various homes of the interested group, until it was organized in 1885 in the home of the founder, the late John Jones, Sr. Rev. Richard Bassett was the first Pastor.

Deacon Jones and his wife, Eliza, were the first and second charter members of First Baptist Church. Deacon Jones a dedicated Christian, was born a slave in Nash County, North Carolina, Tuesday June 13, 1844. At the age of 21 he was freed and came to Indianapolis. His obedience and faith in God rewarded him with great wisdom and foresight, thus he became the founder of the John Jones & Sons Sand and Gravel Company.

Much of his wealth was given to the Church and he was blessed throughout his entire life.

Other members were Laura Montague Elizabeth Ray, William Ray.

William P. Austin. John Francis. Nellie Francis, Alexander Richardson, Mary Richardson, M. Ferdinand, Martha Moss, Joseph Stockton, Jasper Jones, Mrs. Gregory, Henry English, Hattie English and Laura Sassman. Mrs. Laura Montague, last surviving charter member, died August 21, 1962 at the age of 102.

Pastors preceeding the late Dr, Frank P. Young were the Reverends A. Simmons, Robert Gregory Peter Fergurson, J.C. Dunn.

The first church with only twenty-six members, was located on the south west corner of Edgemont and Rader Streets.

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