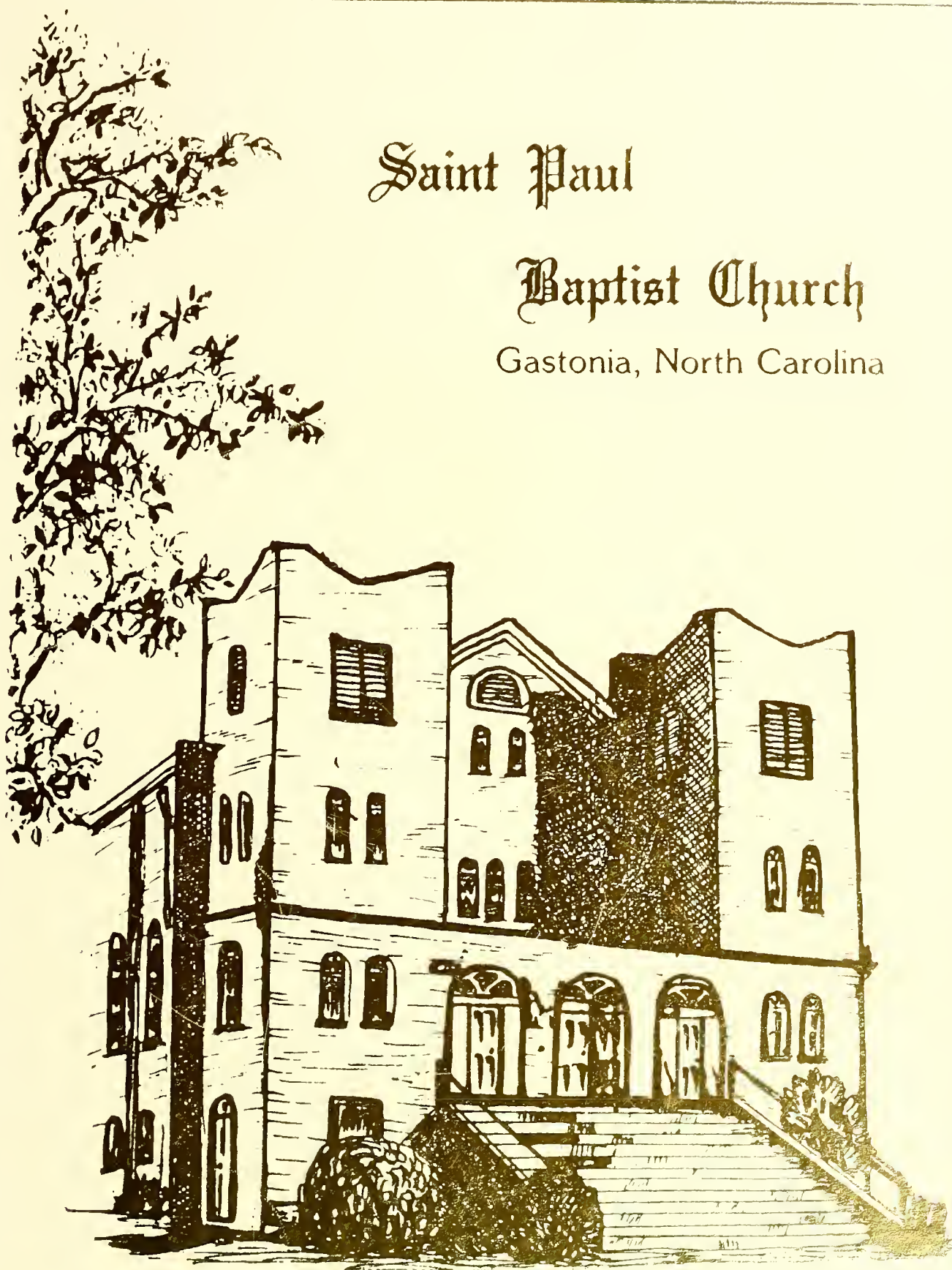


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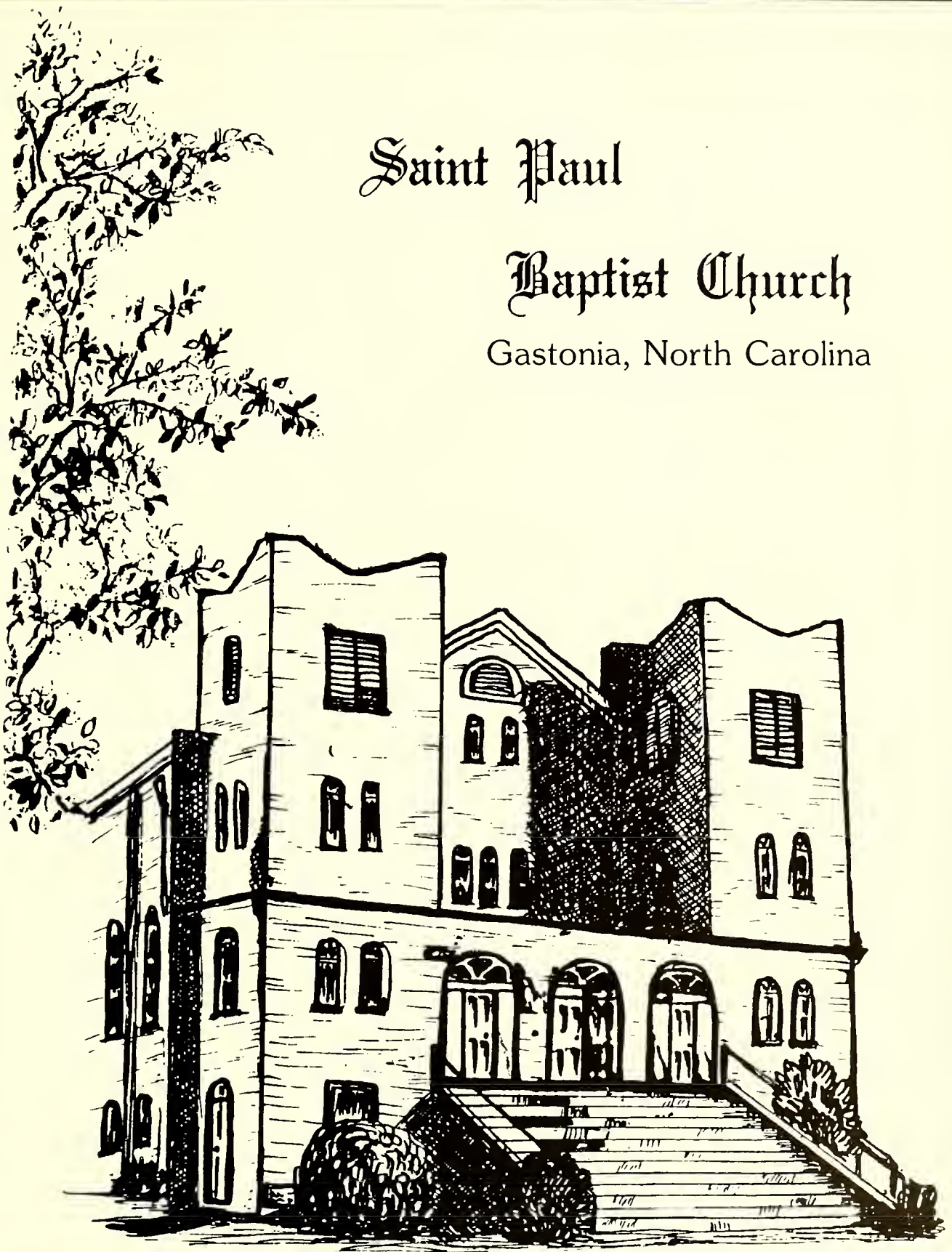




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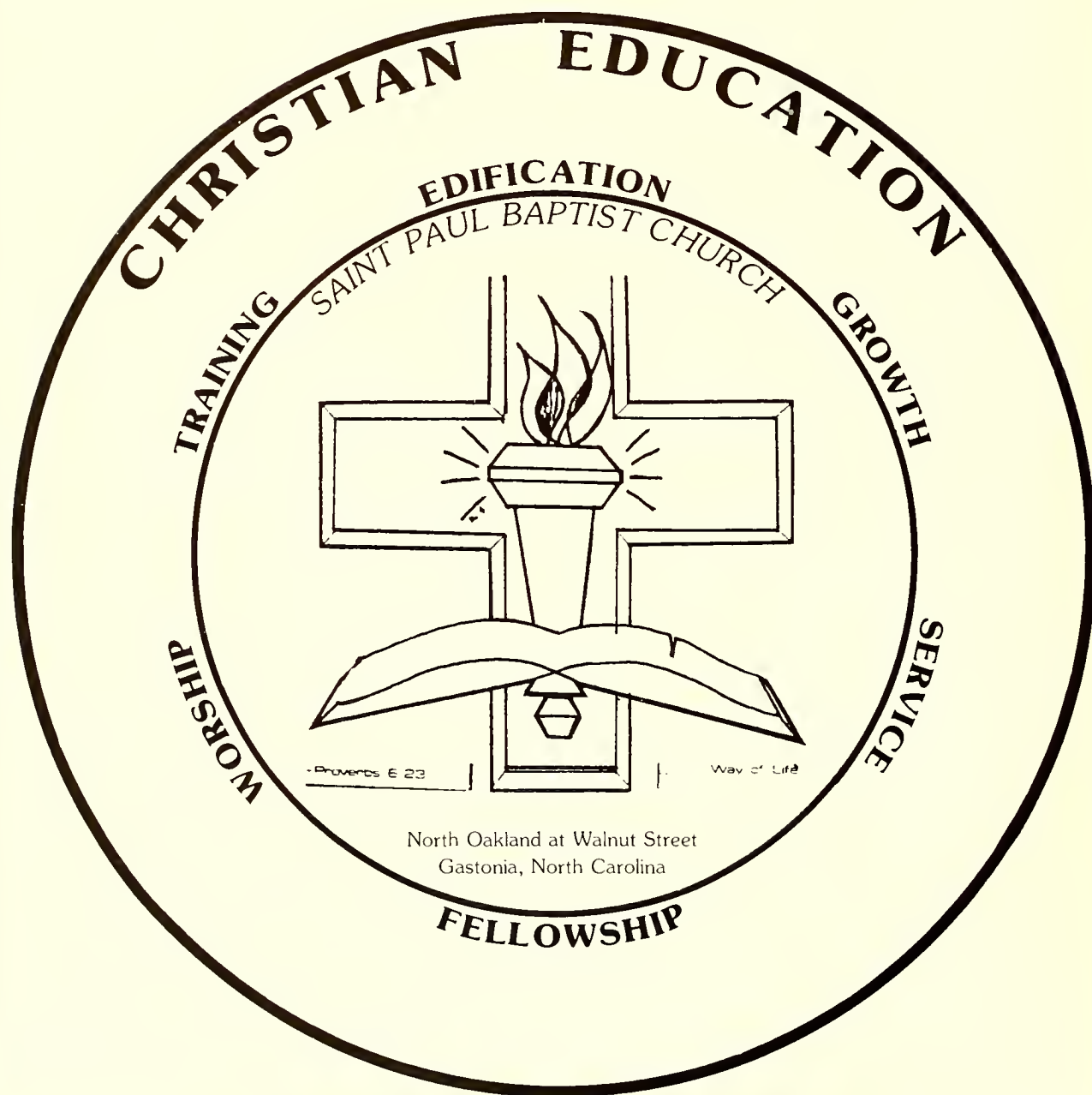
**Centennial Year 1885 - 1985**

# CENTENNIAL YEAR

1885 — 1985

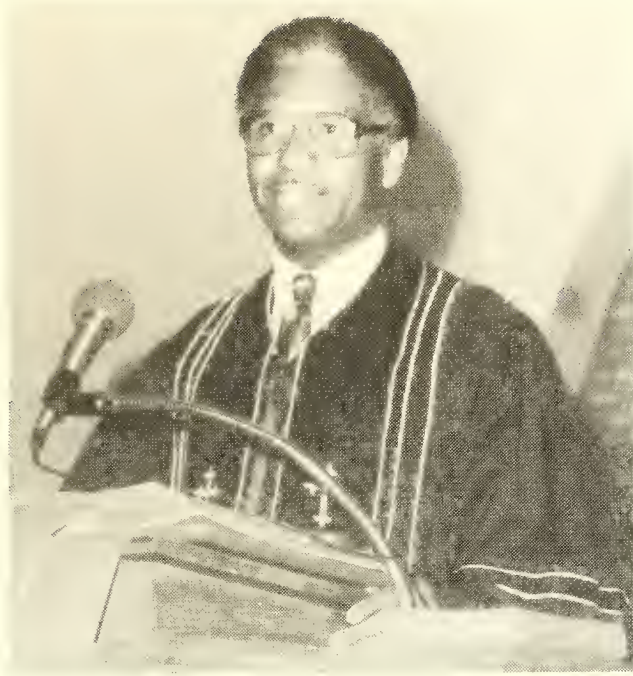
## THEME

“A Century of Proclaiming, Edifying  
Applying and Fellowshiping for Christ”



“WE CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST  
WHO STRENGTHENED US”  
(PARAPHRASE OF PHILLIPIANS 4:13)





## FOREWORD

*In the year of our Lord 1885, God inspired a few of our fore parents to come together in worship of Him and to become a light in a dark world of prejudice, and it served as a source of hope to a people only two decades out of the institution of slavery.*

*God has blessed Saint Paul Baptist Church to come this far and reach this important milestone along this pilgrimage. It has been one hundred years since the first day we existed and it gives us cause to rejoice and praise God in thankfulness as we reflect upon our past, seek revival in the present and contemplate the future.*

*Let this date ever mark our continuing efforts in doing the Lord's work according to the Lord's will. Let this second century of our existence find us rising to the challenges of the future while sharing with the world the good news of God through our witness and our work.*

**Pastor Campbell**

*This book is dedicated to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and to our Fore parents who one hundred years ago, had the courage and foresight to establish our church to the glory of God and service to mankind.*

*We feel it befitting to express appreciation in a permanent manner so that posterity can know of their services.*

**Hattie Hardin, Chairperson  
Dorothy Gregory  
Elizabeth Mobely  
Pearlie Love  
Katharee Rhyne  
Lillian Crosby  
Doris Gray  
Dequilla Rhyne  
L. Winifred Gore**

**Marshall S. Cabiness, Sr., Editor  
Lisa Howell  
Peggy Moore  
Thelma Moore  
Thomas Duff  
Ann Gill  
Virginia Howell  
Katie Friday**

**The Year Book  
Committee**

# CENTENNIAL HYMN

(We Shall Walk Through The Valley)

We have come this fa-r by-faith  
We have come this far by faith  
For Je-sus Him-self has been our Lead-er  
We have come this far - by faith.

We have toiled and struggled long  
We have toiled and struggled long  
With Je-sus Him-self as our Lead-er  
We have toiled and struggled long

But we give our Lord the praise  
But we give our Lord the praise  
For Jesus Him-self has been our Lead-er  
We give our Lord the praise!

Written by Amy M. Neely

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# *Church History*

## *Saint Paul Baptist Church*

Gaston County was established December 21, 1846 and the City of Gastonia was incorporated in the year of 1877 with a population of 263 persons. There is no record of this number as to how many persons were Negroes, but it is known that blacks owned and purchased real estate property in the city. On March 11, 1884, J. Miles Rhyne and his wife, S. A. Rhyne, conveyed a parcel of land, consisting of about one-half acre, situated on the easterly side of North Oakland Street at the intersection of East Walnut Avenue, to Wiley Torrence, Albert White and Miles Rhyne, as Trustees of St. Paul Baptist Church; the purchase price being \$25.00. The corner stone on our present church building recites that "First Baptist Church was organized in 1885." However, due to the fact that land was purchased by Trustees of St. Paul Baptist Church in March of 1884, this would indicate that the church was organized at an earlier date. Also, in his writing about black churches in Gastonia many years later, T. R. Adams recorded in the minutes of Epworth Chapel M. E. Church, Gastonia, N.C., the following:

"February 20, 1931

To Whom It May Concern:

I, T. R. Adams, came to Gastonia on December 15, 1885. At that time Gastonia was a very small village of possibly about 500 inhabitants. There was only one colored church for the town, namely: St. Paul Baptist Church."

The church edifice was a small, white framed building which sat back from the street. Some 23 to 25 years later a second and larger





OFFICE OF  
THE MAYOR

# *City of Gastonia*

A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

November 1, 1985

Rev. Howard J. Campbell  
Saint Paul Baptist Church  
418 North Oakland Street  
Gastonia, North Carolina 28052

Dear Rev. Campbell:

One Hundred Years of Christian training and religious inspiration that the members, officers and pastors of Saint Paul Baptist Church have given to many people, represent an outstanding mission of purpose and belief.

History identifies Saint Paul as the Mother Church in our neighborhood, having sown the seeds from which sprung our church environment.

It is very encouraging and delightful to observe that you, the officers and members of Saint Paul are striving and praying to maintain the rich religious heritage and tradition that have been established throughout the years.

I am grateful and honored to acknowledge with you the one hundredth year anniversary that is now being celebrated.

Respectfully yours,

Glendell N. Brooks  
Mayor, City of Gastonia





# City of Gastonia

P. O. BOX 1748

Gastonia, North Carolina 28052

OFFICE OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL

December 18, 1985


St. Paul Baptist Church  
418 N. Oakland Street  
Gastonia, N.C.  
28054

Dear Members of St. Paul Baptist Church:

Please let me extend sincere greetings and congratulations to you on the occasion of the observation of St. Paul's 100th birthday. The City Council of the City of Gastonia joins me in congratulations and in appreciation for the many and lasting contributions your church has made to the entire Gaston community and, indeed, for your greater influence throughout the state and nation. The first 100 years have firmly established St. Paul as a spiritual leader in our state and our hope is that as the years come and go St. Paul will be able to make an even larger contribution to the community it serves.

The City Council, the staff, and the 770 employees of the City, join me in expressing our congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

  
W.B. Brooks,  
Councilman Ward IV



## ***A Tribute To Mrs. Melissa J. Cabiness***

The 100th Anniversary of St. Paul Baptist Church makes it possible for us to pay tribute to Mrs. Melissa J. Cabiness who for over sixty years before her death on February 3, 1981 gave her unselfish devotion and service in the activities of the Church.

Born May 8, 1893, Melissa J. Thompson was the second and last daughter of the union of David and Fannie Stinson Thompson of York County, S.C.

She became the wife of Samuel E. Cabiness of Cleveland County, N.C. on June 19, 1912. Three children — Vance, Geraldine, and Marshall, and five grandchildren — Vance, Rose Marie, Marshall Jr., David and Robin came of this union.

Mrs. Cabiness was reared in a good Christian environment. Her brother, Rev. D.F. Thompson, pastored at churches in Camden, S.C., Augusta, Georgia, and the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama. Her nephew, Rev. Duff Frederick Moore, pastored in Lincolnton, N.C., Salem Baptist Church, and Antioch Baptist Church of Charlotte, N.C. Both were college graduates, Rev. D.F. Thompson of Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia and Rev. Duff F. Moore of Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N.C.

She was a member of St. Paul Baptist Church where she served faithfully for many, many years in numerous capacities. She attended the Nannie Burroughs Institute in Washington, D.C., where she received leadership training in missionary work. From this training, many of her ideas were incorporated in the Missionary Department at State level. Mrs. Cabiness was a member of the State Board of Missions in Raleigh, N.C. Through her inspiration and encouragement, many persons have entered missionary work.

She has been instrumental in the training of Sunday School teachers at St. Paul Baptist Church and was proud to develop such current teachers as Mrs. Peggy Ferguson, Mrs. Dequilla Rhyne and Miss Emma Jean Friday. Her work with children has been outstanding and is reflective in the Vacation Bible School, the training program and her help at Christmas plays and Easter egg hunts.

For more than six decades, Mrs. Cabiness sang in the choir of the church. This was in addition to another gift she had, that of being able to select an appropriate tune for the particular occasion — Fellowship, Atonement, Faith, Prayer, Joy, Love, Etc.

There is so much more that can be written: how she would wash and iron the Eucharist table coverings, how she would fix a dish or two for a church dinner, and how she was always ready when called upon to perform some needed task.

By daily readings of the Bible, by meditation and communion with her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, she lived an upright Christian life, dedicating her talent and giving of her time, influence and means to teaching or spreading Christian religion at home and abroad. She encouraged and helped in the enlistment of young people in Christian work and by making her home a center of Christian light and love. We salute you, Mrs. Melissa J. Cabiness, for your humble and caring way in making this a better place to live.

—Marshall S. Cabiness, Sr.

## ***Remembering The Past***

We do not know much about the early history of the St. Paul Baptist Church. The only written record seems to be the property deed of the Church on file at the Gaston County Courthouse. But from verbal (word of mouth) information which has passed from one generation to the next, we have fitted the pieces together and have learned something about our glorious past.

From Mrs. Nettie M. Jones, now of Philadelphia, PA. but formerly a Gastonian, we obtained these facts concerning her grandfather, James Richard Hoffman (1851-1938), also, mentioned in the Church's history as Jim Hoffman, Deacon:

1. He was one of the founders of St. Paul Baptist Church. (information provided by the late Mrs. Nettie Hoffman Jones);
2. Served as Chairman of the Deacon Board;
3. He mortgaged the family home to get money to help pay off debts of the Church (information furnished by Edward H. Jones, grandson);
4. He was a stone mason by trade and single-handedly erected the rock wall that stands today in front of the Church.

### **II.**

Floyd Massey, Jr. was born July 24, 1915; baptized at the age of 8, and was licensed to preach in 1939 by Dr. B.K. Mason of St. Paul Baptist Church. He is one of Gastonia, N.C. earliest, black graduates obtaining the A.B. degree in 1936 from Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N.C.

He attended Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N.Y. and received the B.D. degree in 1944. He was awarded the D.D. degree by his Alma Mater, Johnson C. Smith University in 1945. Later, he received the Master of Divinity degree in 1972 and the Doctor of Ministry degree (D. MIN.) Colgate Rochester Divinity School, 1975.

Dr. Floyd Massey's first church was the Pilgrim Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn. After pastoring 21 years, he left in 1965. The church membership had grown from 125 to 1000; the church budget had increased from \$7,000.00 to \$50,000.00

Dr. Massey began his pastorate in the Watts Community of Los Angeles, Calif., shortly after the famous riot, on December 1, 1965. His church, the Macedonia Baptist Church, has grown in membership from 850 to over 1707 at the present date.

St. Paul Baptist Church is thankful and happy to claim as one of its sons, Dr. Floyd Massey, Jr.

### **III.**

The Choir of St. Paul Baptist Church has long been known for its excellent ability in providing music for worship service. However, it has been instrumental in contributing to the finances of the church, as well.

Seemingly, the church was deep in debt and had been since the split in 1927. The mortgage company had grown weary and threatened to foreclose. There were rumors that if the church

### ***Remembering The Past (continued)***

could not raise the money to pay off its indebtedness, the church would have to be sold. Other rumors had the church being converted into a gym or a dance hall.

The manager of the local radio station heard of the church's plight and volunteered to help. The pastor, Rev. B. K. Mason and the Deacon Board made an agreement with the radio station for the St. Paul Baptist Church choir to sing and all donations raised would be used to clear the indebtedness. "Come over in Macedonia and Help us" was the theme for Sunday broadcasts.

Before long, members of the church rejoiced in prayer as the mortgage papers were burned.

Our heartfelt thanks go to our choirs, traditional and spiritual, to the Directors: James Edward Jones, Mrs. Eula Broome Wellmon, Dr. W. Percy Carter, Furman Davis and Franklin Walker, and to the pianists — Mrs. Cora Wilson, Mrs. Nettie M. Jones and Mrs. Amy Moore Neely.

#### IV.

May God's richest blessings be upon you—Sisters Margaret Hoffman Rippy, Edith Duff, Lois Cobb, Julia Pearson, Falli Oates, Nan Lytle, Hattie Williams, Nora Currence and Willie M. Owens; Brothers Arthur Duff, William H. Friday and Tolsen Whaley—our sick and shut-ins.

#### V.

#### Deceased Members

Anderson, Louise (Pet) & Mary  
Armstrong, Bertha  
Biggers, James  
Biggers, Sylvester  
Blair, Dr. Clarence  
Broome, James

Caldwell, Clifton  
Caldwell, Georgia  
Caldwell, James Lafayette  
Cannon, Emma  
Cansler, Ella Wright

Dawson, Alice Beathea  
Derr, Helen and William L.  
Earle, Spearman  
Erwin, Belle

Ford, Albert  
Ford, Clarence  
Ford, Gilbert Sr.  
Ford, Margaret  
Ford, Robert Louis  
Ford, Vera

Hargraves, Minnie King  
Hope, John and Gomane  
Hope, Ellen  
Hope, J. W.  
Hope, Mattie

Johnson, Mack and Emma

Kennedy, Samuel G.  
King, Senia (Mammy)

Miller, Douglas Sr.

Rozzelle, Cleo  
Rhyne, Carrie  
Rhyne, Crownie  
Rhyne, Edward C.  
Rhyne, Isaac

Sloan, Cora  
Stackston, Annie  
Stackston, Robert

Tidline, Laura & Mary  
Tims, Edward

## ***Remembering The Past (continued)***

Gilliam, Elizabeth and Mother  
Graham, John and Leola  
Gillispie, Pearl  
Green, Lela

Wellmon, Fred, Sr., Louise and Gladys  
Williams, Stafford  
Withers, Robert  
Wilson, John and Cora

### VI.

Our warmest gratitude goes to Prince A. Erwin, Jr., Mrs. Nettie M. Jones, both of Philadelphia, Pa. and to Mrs. Prince Ramseur, Church Clerk for the help they provided in gathering various items of information.

It is to be noted that the names which appear in the Memorials are not shown on the Deceased Member List.

If someone's name has been omitted, we are truly sorry.

—Editor

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## ***A Tribute In Gratitude***

*Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Nora Currence who has served St. Paul Baptist Church with honor and distinction and who has enriched our lives with her wisdom, knowledge of His will and spiritual understanding.*

*Our sincere thanks Dr. & Mrs. W. H. Hammond, Jr.*

*Best Wishes*

*Janice*





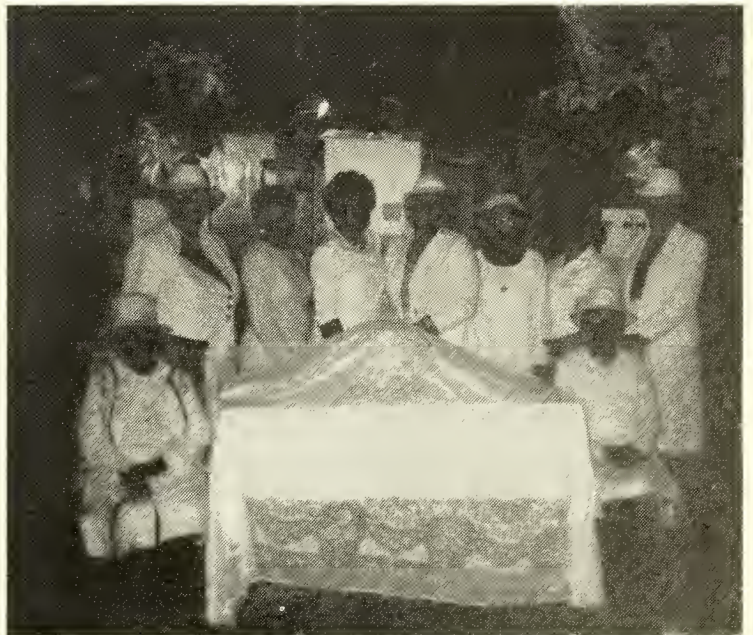
**Rev. H. J. Campbell**  
Pastor



Mrs. Prince Ramseur  
Church Clerk



Deacons Front Row: Blair Humphrey, Roger Geter. Back Row: Left to right — Charles Costner, Jr., Thomas Duff, Raymond Gordon.



### **Deaconess Board**

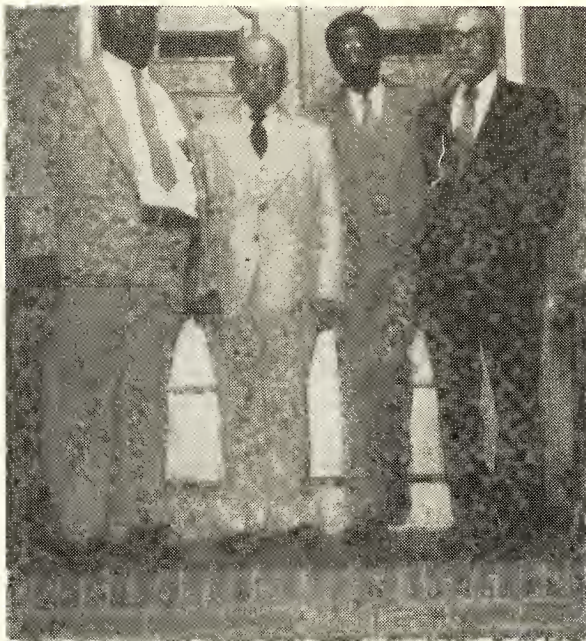
Left to right — Julie Wylie, Carnella Dunn, Josephine Geter, Theresa Campbell, Eva Bradley, Dorothy Gregory, Ollie Gregory, Jeanne Gregory - Chairman, Inez Acker.



## Deacon Board (continued)



From left to right — Thomas Duff, George Gregory, Charles Costner, Sr., Charles Costner, Jr., and Winfred Gore.



### Trustees

From left to right — Ernest McClee, Jr., Raymond Gregory, James Ferguson and Judge Donald E. Ramseur.



### Trustee Board

Front row left to right — Donald Ramseur, Sr., Thomas Derr, Owen Trammell. 2nd row - left to right — Walter L. Rhyne, Thomas Friday, Ernest McClee, Dr. William Hammond.





### **Senior Ushers**

Deacon Thomas Duff (2nd right front row) - President, Estella Rambert (1st left 2nd row) - Advisor Aundra Armstrong (seated), 2nd from left - Nancy Taylor, Ollie Gregory, Katie Friday, Betty Sturgis, Elizabeth Wylie, Rita Meadows.



### **Junior Usher Board**

Monica Bradley, Tomika Friday, Mrs. Frances Gore, Supervisor, Chris Bradley, Yul Ferguson and Lavonia Bradley.





### **Seniors and Young Adults Missionaries**

Amy J. Neely - President, Seniors; Doris Gray - President, Young Adults; Eva Bradley — Young Adult Director.



### **Youth Missionaries**

Evelyn Bradley - President, Hattie Hardin - Supervisor





### **Publicity Committee**

Amy J. Neely (not pictured) - Chairperson: Left to right — Aundra N. Armstrong, Marshall Cabiness, Ann Rhyne



### **Souvenir Booklet Committee**

Hattie Hardin (far right front row) - Chairperson

Left to right - front row, Ann Gill, Katie Friday, Marshall Cabiness, Dorothy Gregory, Katharee Rhyne. Back row - Thomas Duff, Doris Gray, Elizabeth Mobley, Winfred Gore, and Hattie Hardin. Not Pictured - Lisa Howell, Peggy Moore, Pearlie Love, Thelma Moore, Lillian Crosby, Virginia Howell, Dequilla Rhyne, Rev. Howard J. Campbell.





### **Program Committee**

Right to left — Chairman - Jeanne Gregory, Marshall Cabiness, Willie M. Anderson, Torben Gray, Hattie Hardin. Not pictured — Amy J. Neely



### **Social & Banquet Committee**

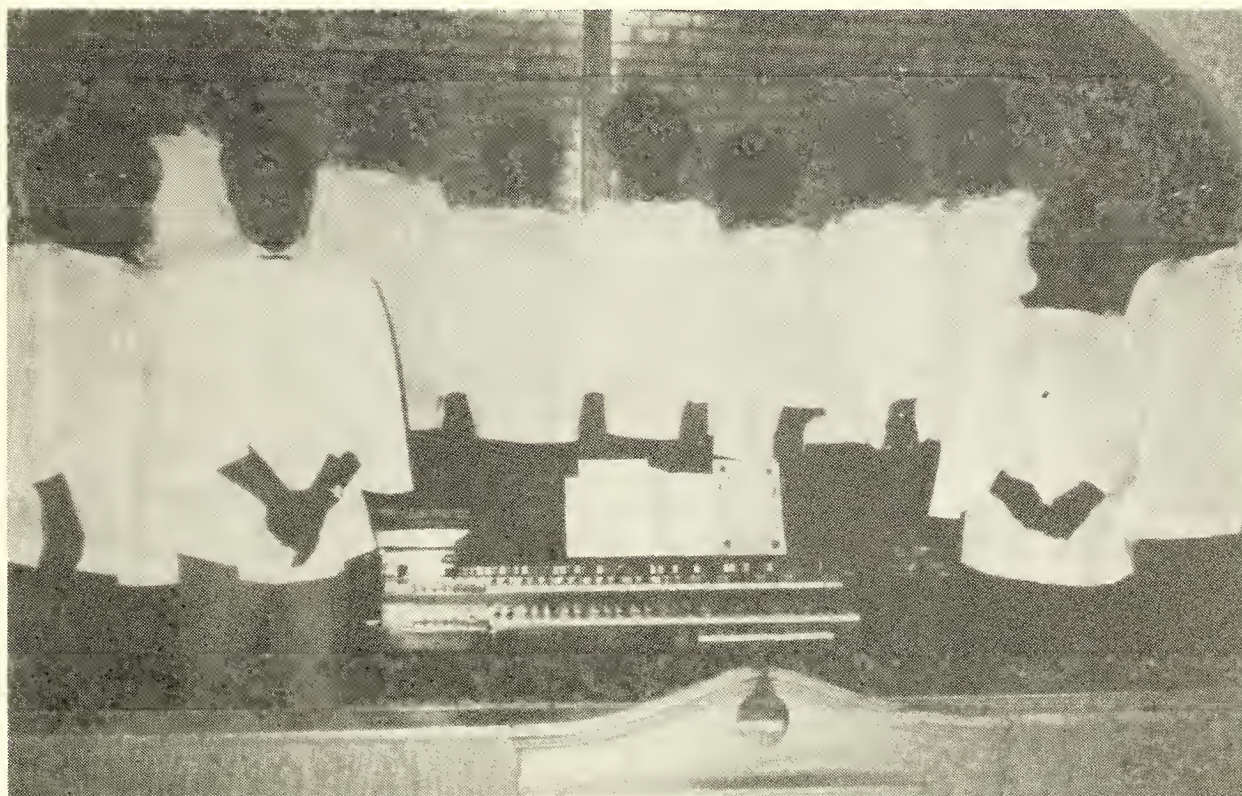
Left to right, front row — Elizabeth Mobley, Aundra Armstrong, Thelga Nix, Margaret Rhyne. Back row — Josephine Geter, Willie M. Anderson, Sandra Byers, Owen Trammell, Ann Rhyne





### **Spiritual Choir**

Franklin Walker (foreground) - director, Elizabeth Mobley (7th from left, front row) - president.



### **Senior Choir**

Furman Davis (2nd from left) - director, Amy Neely (5th from left, 2nd row) - president





### **Centennial Steering Committee**

Rev. H. Campbell (1st left - 2nd row) chairman, Elizabeth Mobley, Jeanne Gregory, Dr. William Hammond. Front row - Hattie Hardin, George Gregory, Ollie Gregory, Prince Ramseur  
Not pictured - John Geter, Amy Neely, Eva Bradley



### **Historical & Exhibition Committee**

Prince Ramseur (far right) chairperson, Charles W. Costner, Jr. (not pictured), George Gregory, Ollie Gregory, Thomas Derr.



### **Music Committee**

Furman Davis, Elizabeth Mobley, L. Winfred Gore. Not pictured: Amy Neely, Kevin Friday, Evelyn Bradley, Josephine Geter, Peggy Friday.





### **Sunday School — Melissa Cabiness Class**

Left to right — Barbara Jordan, Peggie Ferguson, Elizabeth Mobley, Theresa Campbell, Dequilla Rhyne, Katharee Rhyne, Ann Gill, Lou Walker, and Barbara Glover.



### **Church Advisory Council**

Front row, left to right — Ollie Gregory, George Gregory, Rev. H. J. Campbell, Prince Ramseur, Hattie Hardin. Back row — Ann Rhyne, Josephine Geter, Jeanne Gregory, Elizabeth Mobley.





### **Sunday School — Junior Department**

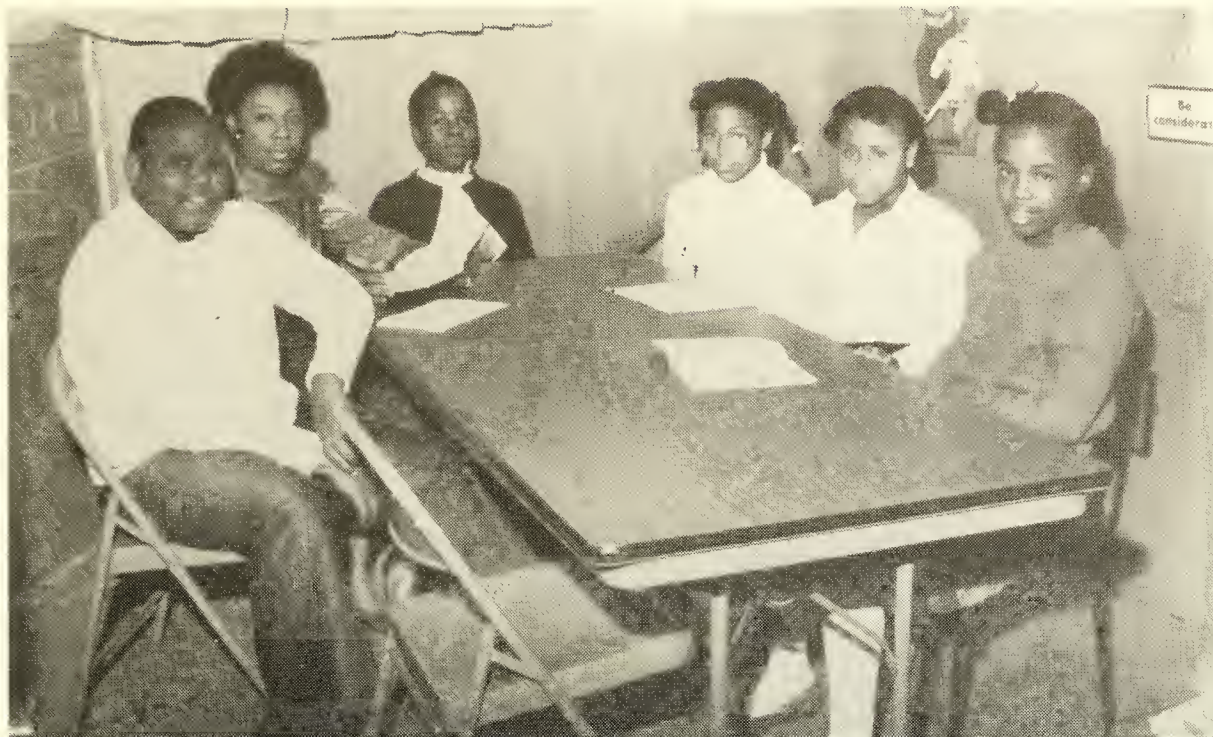
Prince Ramseur (right) - Teacher, Ramona Jordan and Lavonia Bradley



### **Sunday School — W. P. Carter Class**

Left to right — Raymond Jordan, Mike Cabiness, Blair Humphrey, Judge Donald E. Ramseur, Edgar Rhyne, and James Patton.





### **Sunday School — Youth “B”**

Hattie Hardin (2nd from left) - assistant teacher; Left to right - Brian Dee, Christal Meeks, Audrey Jordan, Tomiko Friday, LaToya Gray. (Not pictured Eva M. Bradley, Teacher.



### **Sunday School — Youth “A”**

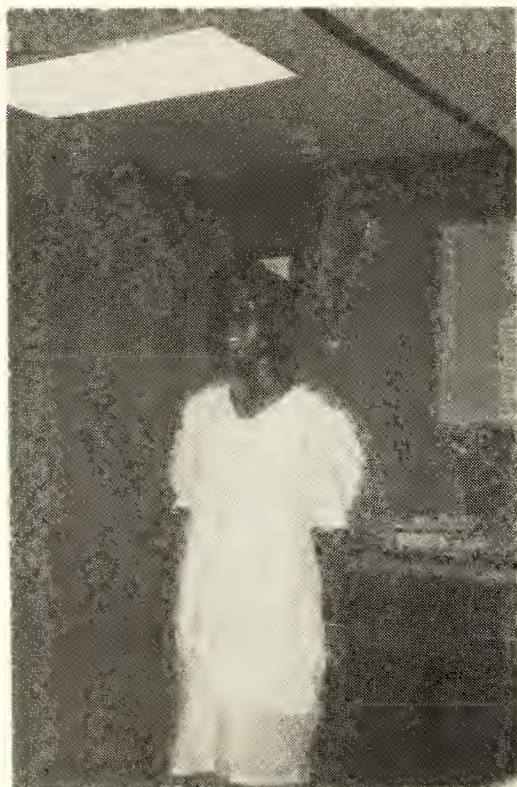
Left to right — Ollie Gregory - Teacher, Anne Rhyne - Teacher, Toni Meeks, Monica Bradley, John Geter, Jr., Torben Gray, Yulon Ferguson, Lisa Howell.





**Sunday School  
Primary Class**

Jeanne Gregory (right) - teacher with Jason Geter, one of her students.



Toni Meeks, Jeanne Gregory -  
teacher.

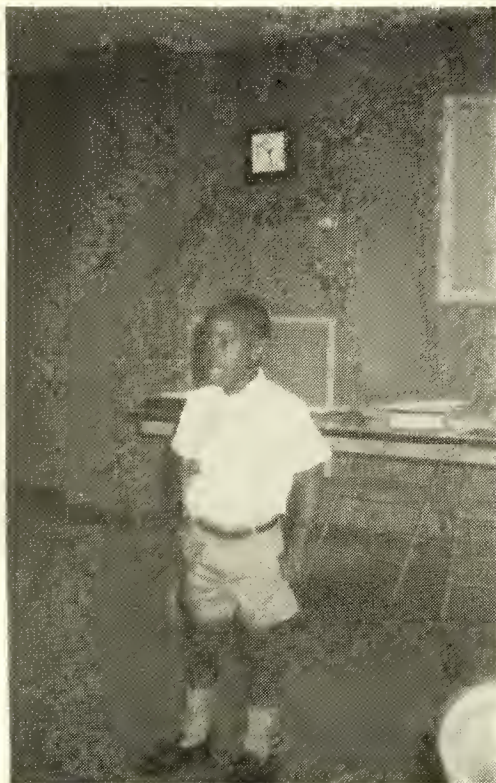


**Sunday School**  
Primary Students  
Mrs. Jeanne Gregory - teacher





**Sunday School**  
Josephine Geter (left) - teacher



Preschool with Geter



Preschool with Geter





### **Sunday School — Senior Women**

Left to right - Gussie Friday, Inez Acker, Willie Mae Anderson, Carnella Dunn, Dorothy Gregory, Mary Davis.



### **Sunday School Staff**

Left to right — Gussie Friday, Dequilla Rhyne, Ollie Gregory, Josephine Geter, Ramona Jordan, Prince Ramseur, Peggy Ferguson. 2nd row, left to right — Hattie Hardin, Donald Ramseur, John R. Geter, Yulon Ferguson, Torben Gray.



## Youth Department



Front Row - Eva Bradley (supervisor), Christopher Bradley, Tomika Friday, Nicole Bradley. Back Row - Torben Gray, Yulon Ferguson, Monica Bradley, Lavonia Bradley, Hattie Hardin (supervisor).



Dr. E. B. Turner, President of General Baptist State Convention of N.C. congratulating our own Lavonia Bradley (right) and friend.

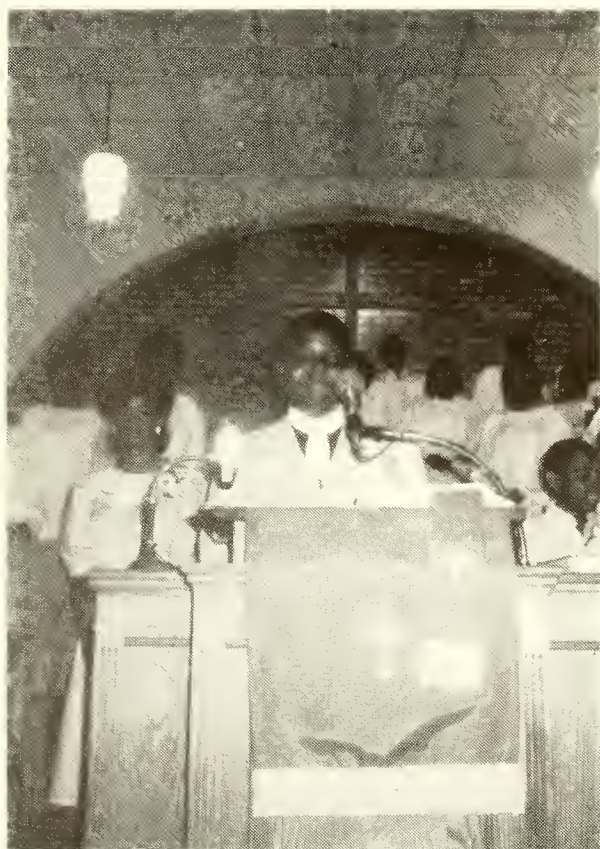




Evelyn Bradley



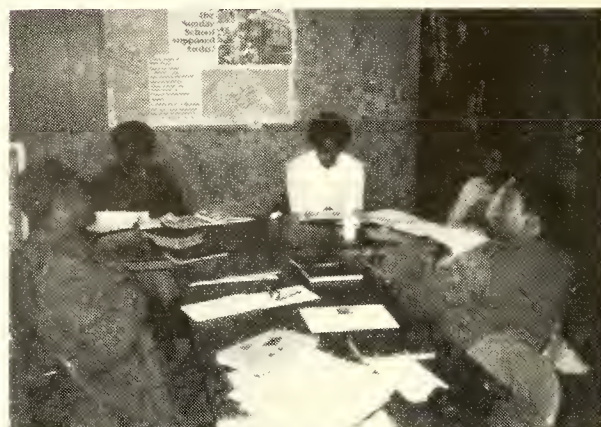
Evelyn Bradley (right) being congratulated by Hattie Hardin Youth Supervision on Evelyn's oratorical contest speech.



Torben Gray

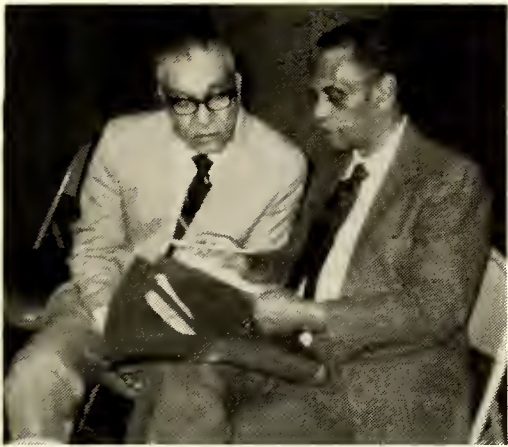


**Church Program  
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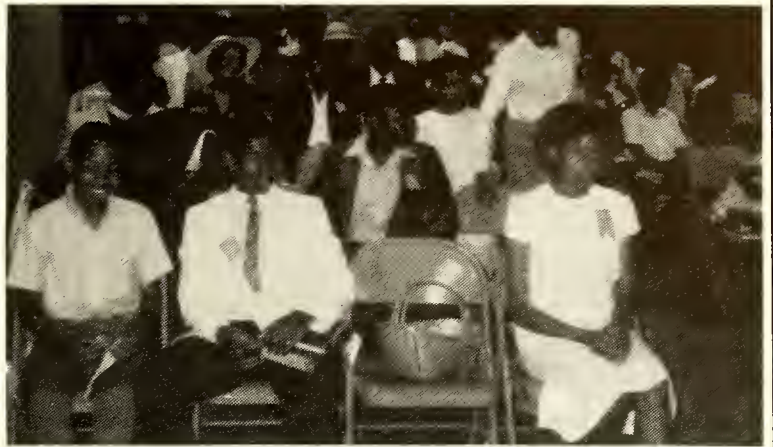


Left to right — Marshall Cabiness, Doris Gray, Ann Gill, Hattie M. Hardin, and Katie Friday.

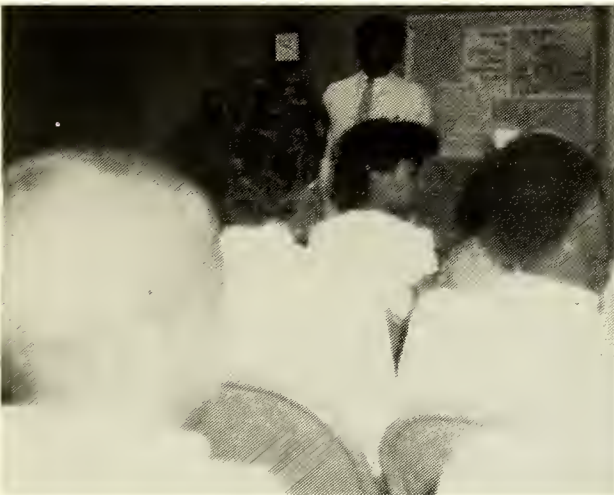




"Mike" Cabiness (right) and Judge Ramseur (left) discussing a Sunday's lesson.



### ***Church Program Activities***



Rev. H. J. Campbell addressing Sunday School gathering.



### ***Church Program Activities***



Chris Bradley (at mike)



### ***Church Program Activities***





Kim - Evelyn - Chris - Latoya



### **A Gathering of Young and Old**

Hattie M. Hardin, George Gregory, Margaret Rhyne, Doris Gray, Ann Gill, Tomiko Friday, Ann Rhyne and Katie Friday





**Year Book Committee  
in a work session.**

Left to right — Marshall Cabiness, Doris Gray, Ann Gill, Rev. H. J. Campbell, Hattie Hardin, Thelma Moore, and Katie Friday.



Audrey Jordan



Willie Mae Anderson (foreground) attending one of many out-of-town conferences.



Hattie Hardin instructing Yulon Ferguson (right) during a presentation.



Furman Davis, Director of Senior Choir practice with "Buck" McClee.



Kim Duff



Thanksgiving in Sunday  
School.



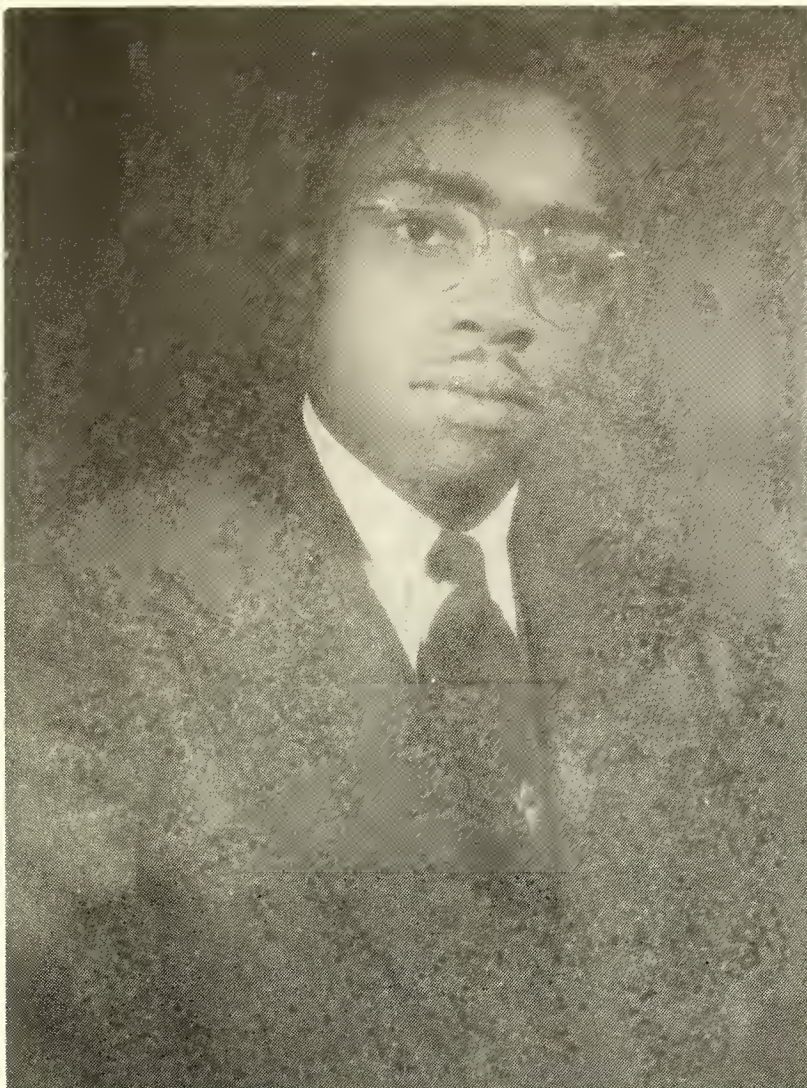
“Have A Heart For  
Missions” competition.



Sunday School in  
session for lesson  
summary.



## Former Pastors



Rev. J. A. Everett  
1947 - 1948



Rev. John H. Thomas  
1967 - 1972



Rev. John H. Acker  
1948 - 1962



## **Church Leaders (Officers, Teachers, Missionaries)**



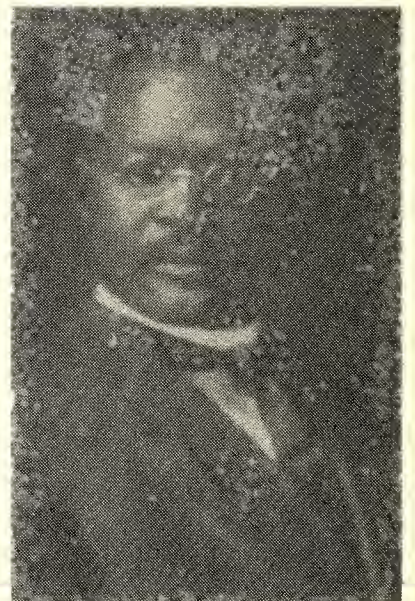
Ernest McClee and wife, Maggie S. McClee.



Mrs. J. A. Everett



Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Nora Currence, Rev. H. J. Campbell.



George Caldwell  
Supt. - Sunday School



***Echoes of the Past***



***Choir — 1939***



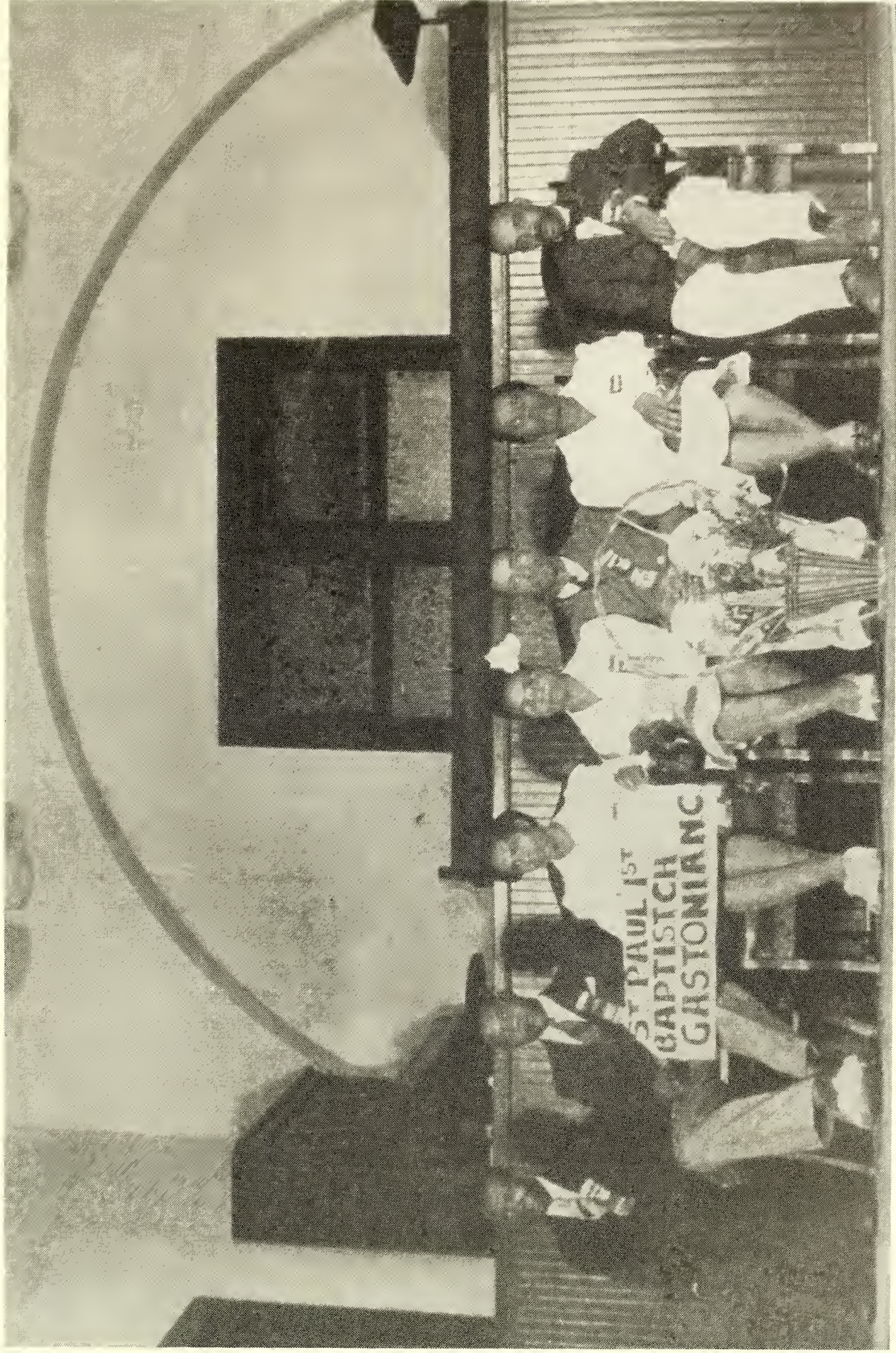
***Echoes of the Past***



***Choir — 1948***



## ***Echoes of the Past***



### **Usher Board**

Sam Kennedy, John Geter, Sr., Ida M. Geter, Gladys Earle, Stafford Williams, Willie Mae Anderson, Odell Ratchford.

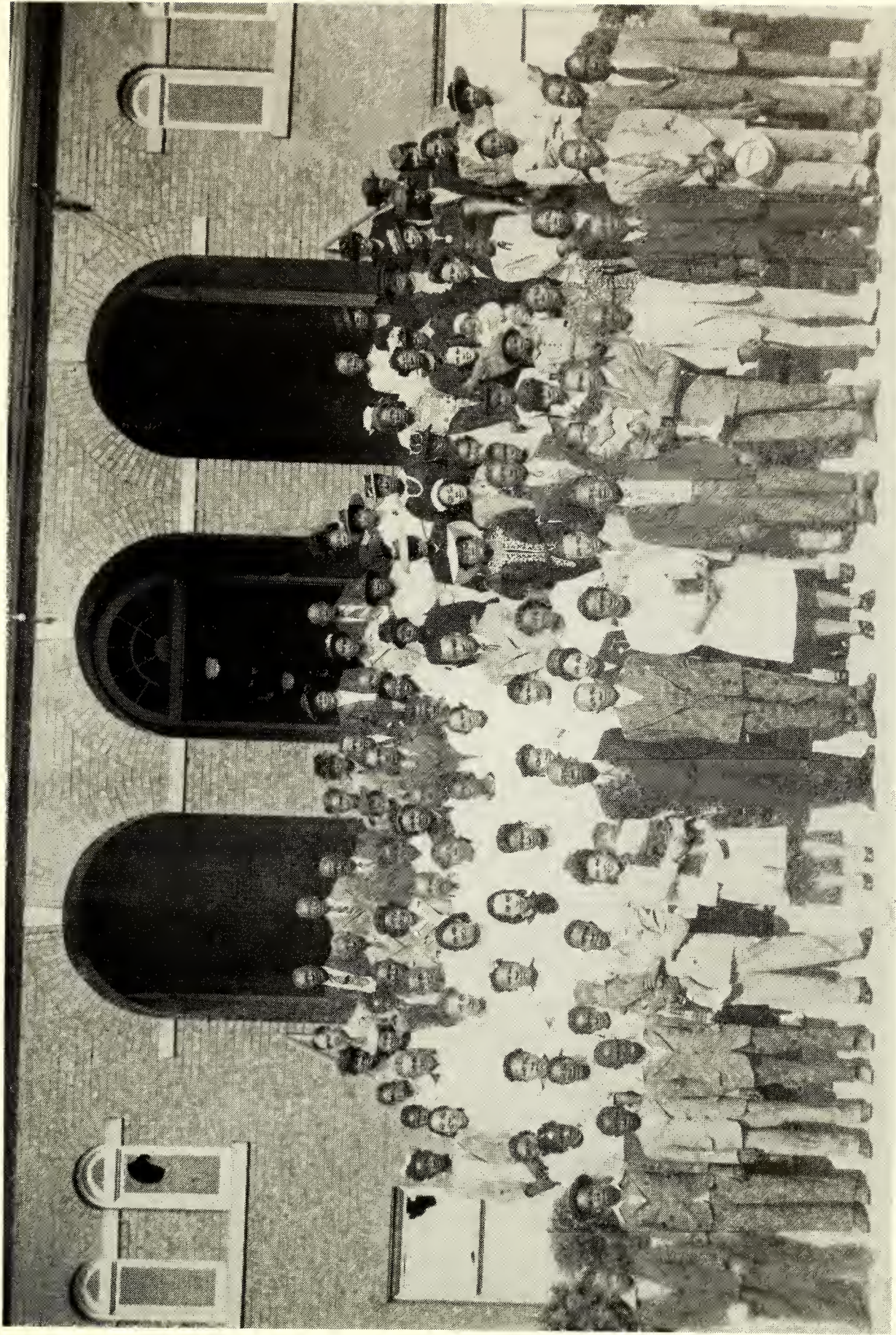


## ***Echoes of the Past***





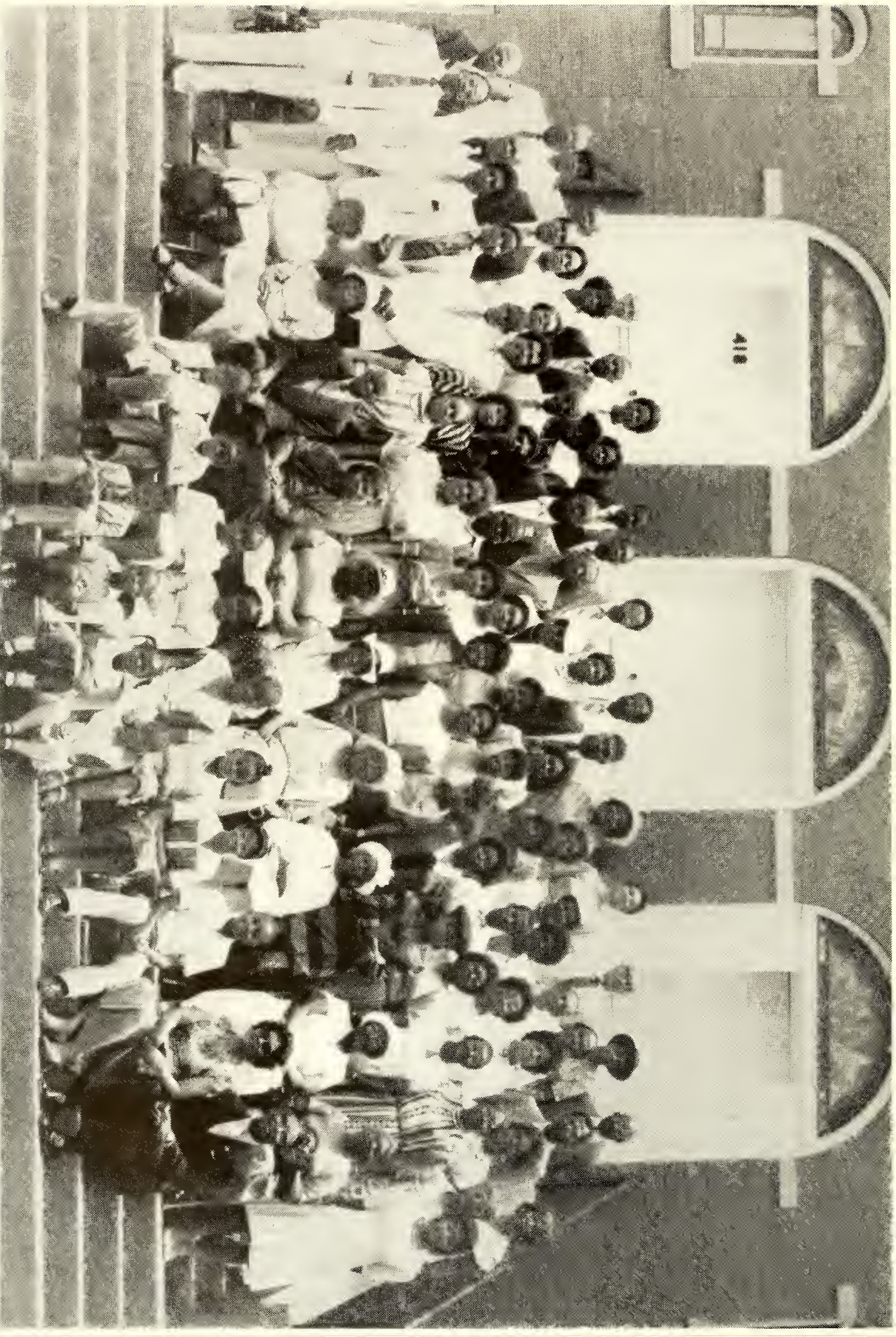
# Church Family Past



1948



# Church Family Present



1985



# ***Echoes of the Past***

OCTOBER 31, 1925.

## **ST. PAUL'S CHURCH TO HAVE NOTABLE PROGRAM**

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**Dr. J. H. Henderlite to Be  
Speaker—Negro Melodies  
to Be Feature of Service.**

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St. Paul's Baptist church N. Oakland St. will observe exercises appropriate to its 40th anniversary Sunday afternoon, November 1. The program begins at 3 o'clock. Dr. J. H. Henderlite is the speaker. The program:

Song service. Inspirational melodies, "By and By." "Come, Sinner Come," and "Get Right With God."

Congregational singing, "Sun of My Soul," followed by the 23d Psalm in unison.

Invocation.

Selection by the choir, "Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love."

The church mission—Rev. A. J. Roland, D. D., pastor of Third Street Presbyterian church.

Choir, "Take Your Burden to the Lord."

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Offering.

Closing remarks by the pastor, Rev. W. W. Burke, D. D.

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*Dear Pastor & Congregation of St. Paul Baptist Church,*

*We at First Mt. Calvary of Charlotte wish you the best of everything during the celebration of your centennial — May God continue to bless our son in the ministry, Reverend H.J. Campbell and may he continue to lead the church to greater heights. May the Church remain growing in christ and may it forever be a light house for the lost.*



Yours in Christ

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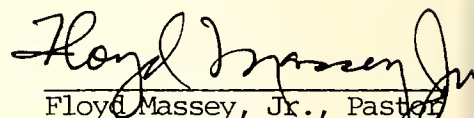
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We have memories of many mountain top experiences in that great church. I was converted there, baptized with 16 adults on Easter Sunday morning, gave my trial sermon and licensed there. Moreover, you have been kind enough to invite me back to preach.

May your Centennial Services be filled with Spiritual Exuberance.

My wife and congregation join me in these sentiments.

Yours in Christ,

  
Floyd Massey, Jr., Pastor

FM:at



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Did Graduate studies — University of Rochester, N.Y.



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Friend to Many,  
And My Good Friend.*

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Psalm 116:15

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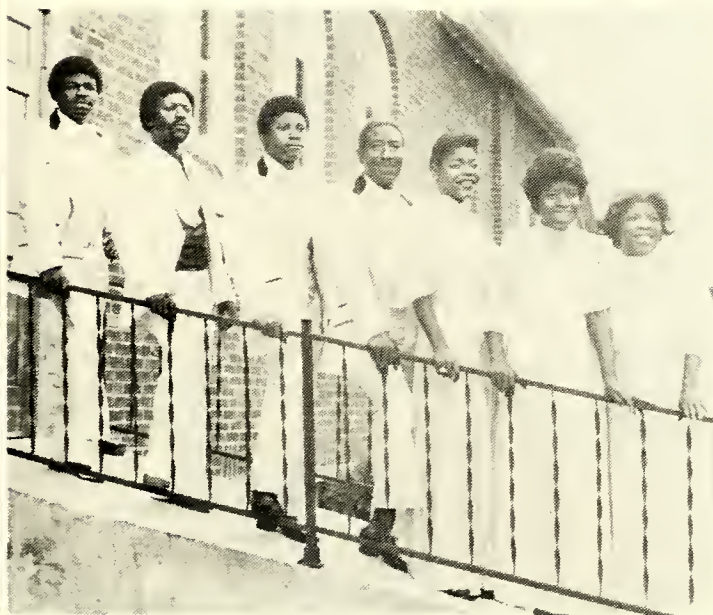
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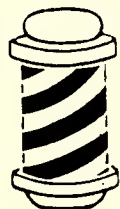
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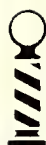
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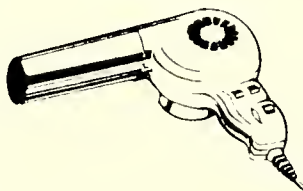
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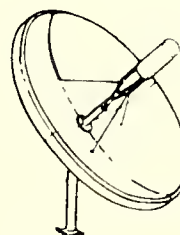
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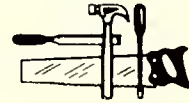


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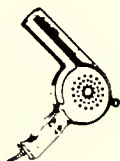


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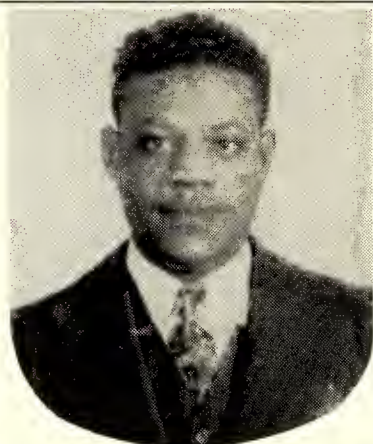
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