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PREFACE

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ECHOES OF EAST has been written as a book of loving memories for those who have served and are serving in the ministry of East Baptist Church.

Material has been gathered from many sources: church minutes, bulletins, the church paper, church brochures, Associational minutes, newspaper articles, and resource material from the Gaston County Public Library. Information has been sent on request from the church office of the First Baptist Church, Flint-Groves Baptist Church, Long Creek Memorial Baptist Church, and the New Hope Baptist Church.

Personal interviews, correspondence, and personal conversations also have been helpful. My thanks to My Mother, Mrs. D. Y. Alexander, who has helped in securing information by telephone. It would be impossible to list them by name, but I am grateful to every person who has helped.

No claim is made that all of the information is accurate in every detail; some of the records are incomplete - and a few of the events came from person to person. However, most of the information can be verified from sources used to compile the history.

One regret of the writer is that some who have meant so very much to East Baptist Church through the years are not mentioned - it would be impossible to include every person. Therefore, as you read of people and events, other memories will come to mind - cherish these - and they, too, will become ECHOES OF EAST.

Juanita Alexander

INTRODUCTION: THE BEGINNING ECHOES

East Baptist Church began with a small group of Christians who worshipped in a school building. Today, it has property valued at \$772,000, and a membership of 1034 (894 at East and 140 at the Ozark Mission). It is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and the Gaston Baptist Association.

However, Baptists were not the first denomination to have a spiritual ministry in this County. The Presbyterian Church was first, with the organization of the Goshen Church. In 1764, Reverend Alexander McWhorter and Reverend Elihu Spencer were sent by the Synod of New York and Philadelphia to North Carolina to organize churches. The formal organization of the Goshen Church was probably 1764, though it was a preaching place prior to that time.

The first Lutheran Church in the County was Kastner's Church. This was the early spelling for Costner; and probably was named for Adam Costner - who was the first Costner to come to this Country from Germany. The Church was later known as Philadelphia Church; its date of beginning probably was 1767.

Long Creek Baptist Church was among the first Baptist Churches in N. C., and is the oldest church in the territory of the South Fork Association. There are no records of its earliest history, therefore, the exact date of the organization is not known - some records state 1772, others 1777. It was reorganized in 1794.

According to one source, Dr. Judson L. Vipperman stated that Long Creek Baptist Church was the mother church of the First Churches of Gastonia, as well as a number of others. Dr. Vipperman was Pastor of the Long Creek Church from 1917-1924; and 1937 until he retired in 1956. In February 1957. he was made Pastor Emeritus by vote of the Church.

The First Baptist Church of Gastonia was organized in 1876 with 29 charter members. At first, they met in a one-room house located near the site where East Baptist Church is today; the Pastor was Reverend P. R. Elam. It was reorganized in 1885 on the corner of Marietta Street and Long Avenue; and the Reverend J. A. White was elected Pastor. Just before the turn of the century, Dr. W. F. Watson was called as Pastor. Thirty-four members of the First Baptist Church and a few other interested persons were responsible for the beginning of East Baptist Church.

In 1900 there was a feeling among many residents of East Gastonia that a new Baptist Church should be organized. In November of that year, a group of Christians began coming together to worship in the school building at the Ozark Mill under the Pastoral leadership of Reverend J. A. Hoyle. They continued to meet until June 23, 1901, when the church was formally organized.

For 70 years East Baptist Church has maintained a spiritual ministry, and joins with other churches to minister in the name of Jesus Christ. Thus, there are many ECHOES OF EAST to be shared with those who have served faithfully through the years 1901-1971.

CHAPTER 1
ECHOES OF THE HOYLE ERA
1901 - 1904



REV. J. A. HOYLE

East Baptist Church was organized as the Second Baptist Church on June 23, 1901 at 3:00 P.M. Assisting in the organization were the Pastor and three deacons of the First Baptist Church of Gastonia: L. L. Jenkins, J. D. Moore, M. T. Saunders, Sr., and Reverend W. F. Watson.

The exact number of charter members is uncertain. Some records state there were 35, others 37, and others 39. In some records the number does not correspond with the list of names.

It is believed there were 34 members from the First Baptist Church, three members from the Maiden Church, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Vann Fisher from Lowell, N. C. - a total of 39 charter members:

Miss Bright Aker	Mrs. J. E. Parrish
Miss Mattie Allison	Miss Ida Rhyne
William Allison	Miss Lizzie Rhyne
Mrs. William Allison	W. T. Rhyne
Miss Kate Armstrong	Mrs. Laban Smith
Mrs. Lillie Bridges	Miss Mary Smith
J. B. Caldwell	F. S. Stines
G. W. Capps	Mrs. F. S. Stines
Miss Sara Cathey	R. F. Stines
Anderson Davis	Miss Rebecca Stines
Mrs. Anderson Davis	Mrs. Alice Tritt
Miss Florence Davis	Clyde White
Miss Lucy Davis	J. A. White
J. Vann Fisher	Mrs. J. A. White
Mrs. J. Vann Fisher	John White
J. A. Hoyle	Mrs. John White
Miss Esther Hurley	Miss Mary Ida White
J. A. B. L. Hurley	Luther Williams
Mrs. J. A. B. L. Hurley	Mrs. Luther Williams
Mrs. L. L. Lee	

The organization was completed at the night service by calling Reverend J. A. Hoyle as Pastor.

It is said of Mr. Hoyle that he had baptized more members and built more church buildings than any other minister in the area. His first work was at Shady Grove near Cherryville, N. C. Other churches constructed under his leadership were: Bethel, Link's Chapel, Macedonia, Maiden, Mt. Ruhuma, Mt. Zion and River View.

Mr. J. A. White was elected treasurer, and J. A. B. L. Hurley, church clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. B. L. Hurley had eleven children. One of the daughters, Miss Amy Hurley, is member of East at the present time.

The first deacons were: J. B. Caldwell, Anderson Davis, J. A. B. L. Hurley, W. T. Rhyne and F. S. Stines. These also served as Trustees.

At first some felt that a new church would hinder the First Baptist Church, however, progress was made and soon doubts were removed as to the wisdom of the organization.

The services were held in the school building so there was a need for a place to baptize those coming into the church by baptism. Mr. J. Vann Fisher lived off the Chapel Road (now North New Hope Road) behind the Lutheran Chapel. He built a dam in the creek near his home and it was used for baptism. In one month after organization, at the service on July 27, several people presented themselves for baptism and membership in the church, among these were Marcus Bolick, Charles O. Long, Minnie Lee Long, Hattie Ritchie, Vester Richie, Walter Lee Smith, Paul Stradley and Willie Belle Stradley. Some other members who were "baptized in the creek" were Esther Beauchamp, Nancy Beauchamp, Della Miller (now Mrs. Lawrence R. Smith), George Smith, and Sparkie Smith. (Sparkie Smith was 12 years old when she was baptized. She is now Mrs. W. M. Miller). Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Miller are still members of East Church.

At almost every service, there were several to join by transfer of church membership.

A committee, composed of J. B. Caldwell, W. T. Rhyne and Etta White, was appointed to solicit funds for the purpose of building a "house of worship". In church conference on August 24, the Church voted to begin construction as soon as sufficient funds could be obtained.

The total amount of money raised for all objects during the first year was \$336.31.

Mr. J. B. Caldwell, Anderson Davis, J. Vann Fisher, J. A. B. L. Hurley, and F. S. Stines were appointed to find a suitable location for the new church building. One month later the committee reported that the site, located on North Church Street (the present site), could be purchased for \$225.00. The lot was purchased and the frame building was erected largely by free labor donated by Anderson Davis, Mr. Hancock, and O. L. Wagstaff, with G. W. Bowman serving as foreman. The building was completed in 1902.



FIRST CHURCH BUILDING - ERECTED 1902



Mr. A. J. Saunders ("Lonnie") united with the Church about a year after it was organized. Mrs. Saunders, the former Miss Olnar Moss, was church pianist for 13 years. There is one son, A. J. Saunders, Jr., who now lives in Garner, North Carolina. Olnar was a sister of Miss Myrtle and Miss Rebecca Moss who are still members of East. Mrs. Saunders is deceased. Mr. Saunders recalls that in the early years of the Church, those who lived in the "Flint community" often walked from their home to church, sometimes they rode the streetcar and got off at the underpass near the Church. He also recalls there were three trains on Sunday - but not during church hours! Being elected in 1912 and elected life deacon on September 28, 1958, Mr. Saunders today has the longest record as deacon at East. He lives in Belmont, N. C., but is faithful in attendance at Church.

Reverend Hoyle served as Pastor from June 23, 1901 until December 1904.

CHAPTER 2
ECHOES OF THE VIPPERMAN ERA
1904 - 1912



DR. J. L. VIPPERMAN

Dr. Judson L. Vipperman began his pastorate on Sunday, December 25, 1904.

At first the church had the system of calling a pastor annually. In 1904 when the pastor was being called the count showed that J. L. Vipperman received 48 votes, J. A. Holye 14, and J. J. Payseur 1 vote.

Mr. Vipperman accepted the work after the church voted to extend the call for an indefinite time. It was said of him that he was a Pastor who urged the membership to move forward in every way. Often he used committees to get the work done; for instance, a committee was to find Baptists in the community whose church letters were out-of-town, and another committee was appointed to visit the sick among the membership and to make reports on the visits. At the beginning of his pastorate, Reverend Vipperman preached only in the afternoon. On February 4, 1905, he began preaching morning and evening of the first Sunday in each month. In September the church went to half-time preaching.

On May 6, 1905 the name of the Church was changed from Second Baptist Church to East Baptist Church; on Sunday, July 2, a dedication service was held with the Pastor preaching the dedicatory sermon. All indebtedness had been met and the notes were burned. A baptismal service was held on this date, also, and one who was baptized was Mr. C. B. Newton. The Newton family was one of "quality and quantity"; there were eleven children. The family went home after a church service one day and found one child missing; Mr. Newton returned to the church and found C. B. Jr. asleep on the pew. Today, two of the daughters-twins-Margaret (now Mrs. John H. Fagan) and Thelma (Mrs. D. L. Baker) are members of East Church.

Mrs. L. G. Ramsey came to East Church in 1907 or 1908 and is still a member at the present time. She was then Miss Ida Tritt.

In 1907 the membership had grown to 248. Total receipts during the year were \$1,076.12.

Dr. Vipperman served until May 1912.

CHAPTER 3
ECHOES OF THE BEACH ERA
1912 - 1916



J. J. BEACH

Reverend J. J. Beach was called as Pastor in 1912. He was the first resident pastor and for the first time the church had full-time services. During this pastorate the church had its first parsonage.

Some who remember Mr. Beach recall that often, during the worship services, he preached with his hands in his back pockets.

He accepted the work when the parsonage debt was to be paid and at the same time there was a need for more space at church. The Sunday School space was enlarged by building basement classrooms to meet a growing enrollment. Many times there was hardly enough money to pay all the bills, consequently, Mr. Beach's salary was sometimes as low as \$3.00 per week.

The first members to be called into the Ministry and ordained in East Baptist Church were Craig J. and Sloan A. Rhyne.

Craig J. and Sloan A. Rhyne were uncles of Mrs. Brodus Wallace. The Wallace family were active members at East Church from about 1936 to 1947.

In the last year of Mr. Beach's ministry, the membership reached 371 and receipts passed \$3,000.

Reverend Beach served from 1912 until 1916.

CHAPTER 4
ECHOES OF THE WHITLEY ERA
1916 - 1919



J. W. WHITLEY

Reverend J. W. Whitley began his Pastorate on the first Sunday in February 1916. According to records, during his ministry Mr. Whitley sought to give the people a greater vision of their responsibilities and possibilities. Those who knew him remember him as a great leader.

In 1917 the membership exceeded 500. East Church led the South Fork Association in total receipts; \$6,048.10.

In the spring of 1910 the First Baptist Church of Gastonia organized a Sunday School on East Fifth Avenue between Broad and Oakland Streets. From 1910 to 1917 East Baptist Church and the Loray Baptist Church helped Frist Baptist with the work. The three churches agreed to under-write \$25.00 a month in addition to help received from the Home Mission Board. On October 7, 1917 a church was organized and named the South Gastonia Baptist Church. The name of the church was later changed, and is now the South Marietta Baptist Church. (1971: Reverend Richard E. Hicks is Pastor).

East Baptist Church adopted plans for a new sanctuary and the remodeling of the existing building into educational facilities in 1918.

Though the sanctuary was not completely finished, it was near enough to completion to have the first wedding on October 3, 1918. Reverend Whitley performed the ceremony of Rodney Ray Stewart and Miss Esther Glover. This union was blessed with eight children; three are still members of East. They are: Mrs. Rosemary Huffstetler, Mrs. Hall Mauney (Sarah), and Ray Stewart, Jr. The other children attended East and are now living out of town. They are: Evelyn (Mrs. Walter R. Brenner), and Johnny who live in California, Gwen (Mrs. T. S. Joslyn) lives in Arizona, Sloan lives in Charlotte, N. C., and Janice (Mrs. Don Walker) lives in Indiana. Mr. Stewart is deceased (August 15, 1968). Mrs. Stewart is an active member of East Church.

On December 8, 1918 the church voted unanimously to dedicate one of the art windows in the new sanctuary to the Pastor and his wife. Today six of the windows are engraved and read as follows:

Presented by East Baptist Church

G. C. Moss & Family - 1918

T. E. L. Sunday School Class - 1918

To Reverend and Mrs. Julius W. Whitley - December 8, 1918

Mrs. Sally Hoffman Grass - 1886-1918

In Memory: Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Saunders

The church made good progress, but had its trials and made some mistakes. One of the hardships of the beginning was the continual resigning of those placed in office. During the first three years there were six different church clerks. In March 1919 there was a misunderstanding between the Pastor and deacons. As a result, the Sunday School Superintendent resigned, six deacons resigned, and the members of the building committee offered their resignation. At a called conference on March 30 a paper was read as a matter of information, stating that the difference between the Pastor and deacons had been settled. Each was re-elected to his office.

Reverend Whitley served as Pastor until May 1, 1919.

CHAPTER 5
ECHOES OF THE KISER ERA
1919 - 1920

During May and June 1919, the pulpit was supplied by visiting preachers. At a called conference June 15 a unanimous call was extended Reverend C. Cleveland Kiser of Aberdeen, Miss. He preached his first sermon July 13, using Acts 10:29 as the text of his sermon: "Therefore came I unto you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me?"

September 7 was the beginning of a two week series of revival services. The Pastor preached and Mr. J. P. Carter of Hendersonville, North Carolina, directed the music. Twenty-two people came into the fellowship of the church during the meeting; 17 on profession of faith for baptism and five by transfer of church letter.

The Church voted on September 24 to participate in the "Seventy-Five Million Campaign". This was a Southern Baptist Convention program to raise \$75 Million in five years for increased support of all missionary, educational and benevolent work. Mr. W. L. Walters was Church Director of the campaign.

The annual Woman's Missionary Union meeting of the South Fork Association was held at East Church on October 14 and 15, 1919.

A meeting to form a new Association was scheduled and the following members were appointed to represent East Church at the organizational meeting: J. Vann Fisher, Grover C. Moss, Sr., J. L. Price, J. H. Setzer, and W. L. Walters. The meeting was Tuesday, November 4 at the First Baptist Church of Gastonia (located then at the corner of Marietta Street and East Long Avenue). The Association was formed from the South Fork and Kings Mountain Associations, composed of 26 churches, and was named Gaston County Baptist Association.

Reverend Kiser served as Pastor of East Baptist Church from July 13, 1919 until 1920.

CHAPTER 6
ECHOES OF THE KING ERA
1920 - 1923



T. H. KING

Reverend T. H. King came to East Church as Pastor in 1920, coming from the First Baptist Church of Mount Airy, N. C.

Prior to his coming, and during this pastorate the people were going through a financial depression. This made it difficult to take care of the large building fund notes and at the same time give financial assistance to world missions. Consequently, some felt the church was not able to make as much progress as it should.

Mr. King was looked upon as a great preacher and a pastor far above the average.

In the Spring of 1921, A. O. Clemmer and Mrs. J. L. Brackett were sent from East Baptist to the Flint-Groves community to conduct Sunday School for the small children. In the Fall, the Pastor of East, Reverend T. H. King, called on Reverend C. J. Black to conduct a revival meeting in the community.

Reverend King and Mrs. Beeler Moore organized a Sunday School and used the public school building as a meeting place in the Spring of 1922. Reverend King preached on Sunday afternoon each month through the summer months. In the Fall, H. E. Waldrop, the Pastor of McAdenville Baptist Church, began preaching two Sundays each month. After preaching several months he saw the need for a Baptist Church in the community.

A meeting was called for Friday evening, March 30, 1923 in the Flint Community Hall. Those taking part in the service were: Dr. Judson L. Vipperman, chairman; C. J. Black, clerk; W. N. Cook, H. E. Waldrop, Deacons J. L. Price and J. Vann Fisher from East Baptist Church and H. W. Jenkins from Long Creek Memorial Baptist Church. After scripture reading by Reverend H. E. Waldrop and prayer by Reverend C. J. Black, the door of the church was opened and the following 56 people, with letters from East Baptist Church, came forward to become members of the new church:

V. M. Angley	Mike Elmore
Mrs. V. M. Angley	Mrs. Mike Elmore
Mrs. A. C. Baker	Mrs. Etta Evans
Lester Baker	S. A. Fort
Mrs. Lester Baker	Mrs. S. A. Fort
Clara Baker	G. W. Harstin
Paul Baker	Gladys Harstin
Pearl Baker	Mrs. Minnie Hedrick
A. M. Black	Dan Keever
Mrs. A. M. Black	Mrs. Dan Keever
E. N. Bradley	Mrs. Louise Kincaid
Mrs. Artee Bradshaw	J. L. Lanier
E. A. Bradshaw	S. B. Laws
T. S. Clark	Mrs. S. B. Laws
Mrs. T. S. Clark	Mrs. Dan Lingerfelt
Flora Clark	Mrs. Lloyd Long
Focian Clark	Mrs. T. E. Nantz
Forest Clark	L. B. Penley
Ida Clark	Mrs. L. B. Penley
Theodore Clark	Mrs. L. J. Penley

P. A. Cline
Mrs. P. A. Cline
Will Cloer
Mrs. Will Cloer
William Cox
Mrs. W. R. Cox
Ruth Cox
C. B. Crook

M. T. Saunders
Mrs. M. T. Saunders
Mrs. L. H. Stowe
Bertie Stowe
Fannie Stowe
L. A. Williams
W. R. Williams
Mrs. W. R. Williams

The Articles of Faith were read by Dr. Viperman and the Church Covenant by Reverend C. J. Black and both were adopted. The Church was named Flint-Groves Baptist Church. (1971: Reverend J. Gerald Harris is Pastor).

Reverend King served as Pastor of East Church until 1923.

Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.

—George Bernard Shaw

CHAPTER 7
ECHOES OF THE FULBRIGHT ERA
1923 - 1927



J. O. FULBRIGHT

The next Pastor was Reverend J. O. Fulbright of Kings Mountain, N. C., who came in 1923.

The Fulbrights lived at 814 East Second Avenue and the church parsonage was rented.

Mr. Fulbright tried to enlist the members in building the work to the highest standards. He insisted on clean, upright living and encouraged giving both time and money to the support of the work of the church.

Mrs. A. Frank Weir, Sr. helped with the secretarial work during Mr. Fulbright's ministry. She also served as W. M. U. secretary for the County. Mrs. Weir is deceased (November 14, 1960). Mr. Weir is still a member at East Church. There are two children, Frank Weir, Jr. and Jess Jane. Frank Weir, Jr. is a doctor and lives in Spartanburg, S. C. He is married to the former Miss Janet Roberts and they have five children. Jess Jane married Robert Cook and lives in Clover, S. C. They have four children: Marjorie, Robin, Frances and John. Mr. Cook is Presbyterian but attends East frequently with the rest of the family who are members of East.

During this pastorate several people responded to definite Christian work: J. Sterling Lazenby and Hubert Huggins were licensed to preach. Raymond Long and W. L. Walters were ordained to the ministry. (Mr. Lazenby is deceased: May 25, 1969. Reverend Huggins retired July 30, 1967, from the Dallas Baptist Church, Dallas, N. C., after 32 years in the only church he served; he and Mrs. Huggins built a house and live in Dallas. Reverend Long is Pastor of the Jackson Park Baptist Church of Charlotte, N. C. Reverend Walters is a retired minister and member of East Church).

Reverend Fulbright was Pastor at East until September 1927.

CHAPTER 8
ECHOES OF THE CASHWELL ERA
1927 - 1959



REV. T. L. CASHWELL, SR.

October 1, 1927 was the first Sunday at East Church for Reverend T. L. Cashwell, Sr. Mr. Cashwell was born in Hickory, N. C., the son of Reverend C. S. and Martha E. Cashwell. On April 12, 1916 he married Miss Eleanor Summers ("Ella"). He was ordained to the ministry by the Western Avenue Baptist Church of Statesville, N. C. in September 1917. After his ordination he accepted a pastorate in Cornelius, N. C. where he served for four years. From Cornelius he went to the Durham Memorial Baptist Church of Charlotte, N. C. After six years at the Charlotte church he accepted the call to come to East Baptist. The church parsonage on Airline Avenue needed repairs, so Mr. and Mrs. Cashwell and the three children, T. L. Jr., Eleanor, and Patty, moved to their first Gastonia residence in the 300 block of East Third Avenue. A "pounding" was given on the evening of September 28 to "tide them over" until they could get settled in their new home.

Plans were made in April to sell the parsonage on East Airline Avenue and build a new one at 321 South Columbia Street.

In 1929 the annual "love offering" was started and the indebtedness of the church was liquidated in September. The building was dedicated with a former Pastor, Reverend T. H. King, preaching the dedicatory sermon.

During the early 30's the church continued to grow spiritually and financially. The revival of 1932 looms as one of the high marks of Christian experience at East Church. The series of services was scheduled for two weeks, but, because of the spirit of the services and attendance, it lasted three weeks.

The rotation system for deacons was adopted on May 22, 1932.

It was about 1936, Norma Minges, Mary Sue Minges and one other person went to Thomasville to a Junior G. A. Declamation Contest - and were county winners.

On September 15, 1935, the church voted to purchase an additional lot on Church Street in anticipation of constructing a modern Sunday School building. The cost of the property was \$750.00 to be paid for by the annual love offering. Plans were submitted and adopted on February 20, 1938. Mr. E. L. Quinn received the contract and the work was started in the Spring. The building was completed and dedicated in 1939.



GROUND BREAKING



EDUCATIONAL BUILDING - ERECTED 1939 - Rear View

The Spring revival of 1940 was in April; Reverend Cashwell preached and, for the second year, Mr. J. Rector Robbins came to direct the music. Mr. Robbins was loved by all, especially the children. In the afternoons during Revival Week, he directed a children's music program in the church "hut".

During the year, 33 people came into the fellowship of the church by baptism and there were 23 other additions.

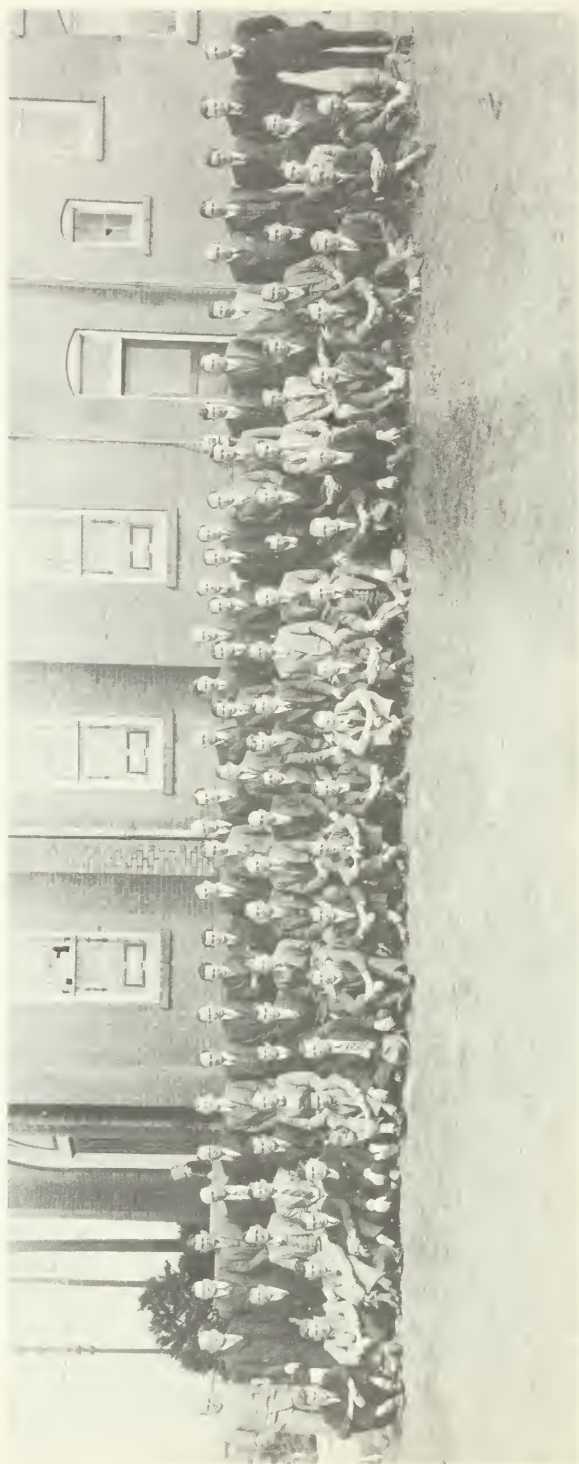
On May 17, 1941 the church voted to employ Mr. Furman O. Kelly, Sr. of Cramerton, N. C., to assist the Pastor for three months, beginning in June.

The first Vacation Bible School at East Church was June 16-27, 1941; with Mr. Kelly serving as principal. Mr. H. W. Bethel was assistant principal and Mrs. Kelly Robinson was secretary. There was an enrollment of 156 in the four departments. Beginner workers were: Margaret Saunders, Dora Price, Thelma Kincaid, Evelyn Warren, and Geraldine Farrar. Primary workers were: Mrs. T. L. Cashwell, Carolyn Propst, Patty Cashwell, Mrs. Love Jones, Mrs. H. W. Bethel, Mary Sue Minges, Rosemary Stewart and Evelyn Lawing. Junior workers were: Mrs. Paul Clemmer, Mrs. Joe Brown, Mrs. Robert Huggins, Mrs. John Lane, Mrs. Doyt Ledford, Norma Minges and Mrs. W. D. Robinson. Intermediate workers were Eleanor Cashwell, W. W. Francis, and Ruth Kelly. Eight of these are still members of East today: Mrs. Cashwell, Mrs. Jones, Rosemary Stewart Huffstetler, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Lane (now Mrs. M. B. McNeil), Mrs. Ledford, Eleanor Cashwell Laws, and Mr. Francis.

The 3H Bible Class brings many memories to the men of East Church. Reverend Cashwell was the first teacher. According to some of the members, there was an enrollment at one time of about 115. The class met first in a classroom and then moved to the sanctuary because a larger room was needed. Later three classes were formed and taught by A. B. Clayton, Claude Smith, and Boyd Warren.

Mr. Charles P. Burchette came to East Baptist Church as Minister of Music and Education on May 9, 1943, and served for about a year. He was reared in Winston-Salem, N. C., graduated from Wake Forest College, and came to East Church following his graduation from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mrs. Burchette is the former Miss Miriam Early of Winston-Salem. While in Gastonia, they lived on Belvedere Street. From East Church Mr. Burchette went to the Brookland Baptist Church of Washington, D. C., where he served as Minister of Education. He has served as Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Baldenboro, First Baptist Church of Kernersville, and the First Baptist Church of Cooleemee, N. C. Reverend and Mrs. Burchette now live in Louisburg, N. C., where he has served as Superintendent of Missions for the Tar River Association since November 15, 1970. They have two children, John and Mary. John is married and lives in Livermore, California. Mary lives in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Dewey C. Warren, the former Miss Lela Carpenter, served as financial secretary from January 1928 until September 1943. Mr. and Mrs. Warren are still members of East. Through the years they have served on church committees; both taught Intermediates for many years, and at the present time, Mrs. Warren teaches in the Adult III Department. Mr. Warren is a deacon, ordained in October 1939. The Warrens have one daughter, Mrs. Edward Andrews.



3H BIBLE CLASS

FIRST ROW: John Poteat, Raymond Miller, ?, Henry Edison, Glenn Long, ?, Mr. Painter, Kenneth Parrott, Mack Craig, Tom Trott, Kelly Robinson, Gene Bell, Fred Abernethy, Truitt Long, Lester Smith, W. D. Robinson, Paige Lawing, Ed Eckerd, R. F. Upchurch, ?, Bob Carpenter. SECOND ROW: ?, E. C. Ellis, H. J. Davis, Oren Hagan, Roy Smith, ?, ?, J. E. McKenzie, John Lane, H. W. Bethel, D. Y. Alexander, Clarence Miller, ?, ?, Robert Smith, ?, James Weaver, Clyde Brackett, David Bethel, Ray Kimsey, Will Cunningham, Earl Bentley, C. A. Adams, Kelly Lineberger. THIRD ROW: John Francum, Reverend T. L. Cashwell, Glenn Minges, James Craig, ?, Luke Allen, R. A. Bright, O. L. Holcombe, Joe Brown, Mike Moss, Jennings Kincaid, Grady Jenkins, James Laws, Walker Francis, James N. Long, Jr., Tyree Moss, Ed Quinn, Mr. Robinson, ?, Raymond Buckner, ?, J. Rector Robbins, ?, Jim Lineberger, D. A. Farrell, Mr. Ramsey, Larry West, J. W. Brooks, ?, Randolph Jones, Andrew Sanford, Yates Long, Boyd Warren, W. M. McPherson.

Following Mrs. Warrens resignation, the church employed Miss Geraldine Farrar as church secretary.

On September 23, the church voted to support Reverend and Mrs. J. Frank Mitchell, missionaries to Chile. The church already supported Reverend and Mrs. Malcolm W. Stuart, missionaries to Hawaii.

For many years, East Church supported children at the Baptist Children's Home. Two of these were Miss Louise Sneed and John Benfield.

On recommendation of the Ryckers Ridge Baptist Church of Madison, Indiana, East Church voted to ordain T. L. Cashwell, Jr. to the Ministry. The service of ordination was July 30, 1944. Dr. E. V. Hudson delivered the sermon, Reverend W. L. Walters presented the Bible, and the ordination prayer was given by Reverend T. L. Cashwell, Sr. At the present time, Dr. T. L. Cashwell, Jr. is Pastor of the Hayes-Barton Baptist Church of Raleigh, N. C. He is married to the former Miss Helen Moon; they have two children, T. L. Cashwell III and Susan.

Miss Patty Cashwell was employed as church secretary on September 5, 1945. Patty is the youngest daughter of Reverend and Mrs. T. L. Cashwell, Sr.

John S. Farrar, Jr. was ordained at East Baptist Church in the summer of 1945 at the request of the Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Brownsboro, Kentucky. He is a graduate of Gastonia High School (1939), Mars Hill College (1941), Wake Forest University-Bachelor of Science (1943), and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He holds the following degrees: Bachelor of Divinity (1946) and Master of Theology (1947). On June 23, 1944, he married Julia Alyce Hoover of Crouse, N. C.; they have two children, Alycia Faye and Frederic H. Farrar. His Pastorates include: Crossnore Baptist Church, Crossnore, N. C. (Student Pastorate), Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Brownsboro, Kentucky; New Hope Baptist Church, Earl, N. C.; and Boiling Springs Baptist Church, Boiling Springs, N. C. He has served at the Culpeper Baptist Church of Culpeper, Virginia since 1958.

Charles William Farrar (Bill) was ordained at East Baptist Church at a vesper service on December 30; Reverend Ned Taylor preached the ordination sermon. He graduated from Gastonia High School, Mars Hill College, Baylor University, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is married to the former Ruth Falls. Their three children are: Jenny Lee, Helen Louise and Charles William II. He was Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Clover, S. C., from 1948-1955 and has served as Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Landrum, S. C., since 1955.

John and Bill are sons of Mrs. John S. Farrar, Sr. and the late Mr. Farrar. There are three other children: Geraldine is Mrs. Astor Propst and lives in Newton, North Carolina; Joel U. Farrar is employed by Celene and lives in Rock Hill, S. C., Ralph E. Farrar, Sr. is an active member at East.

Two other men who dedicated their lives to Christian service at East Church were Boyd Hooks and Roy Melton. Boyd studied for the Ministry at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He now lives in Charlotte, N. C. Roy lives in Hillsboro, N. C.; he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Foster F. Melton, who are members of East Church.

During the summer of 1946 some people in the vicinity of South Chestnut Street and East Seventh Avenue felt that a Mission was needed in this area of the City. After a poll was taken, it was determined that this should be a Baptist Mission. Several prospective members secured money to buy the lot at the corner of South Church Street and Seventh Avenue from Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Lackey. East Baptist Church accepted the request to sponsor the Mission and purchased an Army Chapel building from Camp Butner near Durham, N. C., and had it brought to the Mission site. A revival meeting was held the first week in November led by Reverend T. L. Cashwell, Pastor of East. On the closing night of the revival the Mission was constituted and the membership was held at East until the Mission was organized into a church. Afternoon worship services were led by Reverend Cashwell from November 1946 until February 1947. In February it was decided that the Mission needed a Pastor and the Reverend John Worth Long, a ministerial student at Gardner-Webb College, was called. In April 1948, Reverend Long resigned to continue his education at Wake Forest College. Reverend Mack A. Burgin was called as Pastor in May and served until September 1950. The next Pastor was Reverend T. M. Linnens who served until October 1951. In February 1952, Reverend J. Howard Smith came as Mission Pastor.

On Sunday afternoon, September 14, 1952, leaders of the Gaston Baptist Association met with the members of the Mission and organized the Seventh Avenue Baptist Church. Some of those participating in the organization were: Reverend Guy Walker, Moderator of the Association; L. E. Bookout; T. L. Cashwell, Sr.; Fred Forrester; Walter Long; W. C. Pate; and W. G. Rhinehart.

Letters of dismissal were granted to the following twenty-four members of East Church who wanted to unite with the Mission in forming a new church: Loretta Beam, Patty Beam, Bobby Campbell, Mrs. Bobby Campbell, Grady Clemmer, Mrs. J. L. Clemmer, Sr., J. L. Clemmer, Jr., Melvin Clemmer, Gary Dellinger, L. C. Dellinger, Mrs. L. C. Dellinger, Max Dellinger, Dwight W. Dilling, Sr., Mrs. Dwight W. Dilling, Sr., J. H. Edmonds, Mrs. J. H. Edmonds, John H. Edmonds, Jr., Bill Kiser, Mrs. Bill Kiser, Lee O. Minges, H. S. Redding, Jimmy Summey, Lester Summey, Mrs. Lester Summey.

The following people came into the fellowship of East through the Mission with the understanding that they would be transferred to, and become charter members of the Mission when it organized into a church: Joan Aiken, Bennie Arrowood, Steve Arrowood, Billy Barnhill, J. O. Beam, Mrs. J. O. Beam, Mrs. Floyd Blalock, Mrs. F. D. Carver, Calvin Clemmer, Catherine Clemmer, Deanie Clemmer, Mrs. J. L. Clemmer, Jr., Jeanette Clemmer, Dorothy Evans, Mrs. Jimmie Garrett, Mrs. Courtney Groves, E. H. Groves, Mrs. E. H. Groves, Eddie Groves, Mrs. Harry Groves, Mrs. Alice Hannah, Mrs. Hazel Hedgepeth, Franklin Hoffman, Mrs. D. P. Hoyle, Gayle Hoyle, Mrs. Gayle Hoyle, Mrs. Vera Hoyle, Mrs. Price Huffstetler, Frances Killian, Mrs. A. E. Lawing, E. G. Ledford, Mrs. E. G. Ledford, Mrs. Herman Ledford, Mrs. C. A. Lineberger, Paul G. Lowe, Mrs. Paul G. Lowe, Rachel Lowe, Bartley Meek, Jr., Elbert Morgan, J. D. Morgan, Mrs. Lorene Morgan, T. L. Morgan, Mrs. T. L. Morgan, Tommy Morgan, Walter Morgan, Mrs. Walter Morgan, Pearlie Mae Morgan, Helen Nicholson, Houston Parker, Mrs. Houston Parker, Edna Parker, Fred Rowland,

Mrs. Fred Rowland, Eddie Smith, Reverend Howard Smith, Mrs. Howard Smith, Loretta Smith, Mrs. Mary Smith, Doris Stroupe, Rueben D. Stroupe, Mrs. Rueben D. Stroupe, Edward Sweeten, Mrs. Edward Sweeten, Mrs. Mae Tilley, Mrs. L. R. Warren, Mrs. James Whitworth. (1971: Reverend V. C. Potter, Jr. is Pastor.)

In May 1947 new carpet was installed in the Nursery and Beginner departments, and additional charis were purchased. The committee was: Ralph H. Crisp, Della Wallace, Margaret Saunders and Foster Melton.

In October, the congregation honored Reverend Cashwell for 20 years of service at East. The sanctuary was filled and overflowed with tribute to the Cashwell family; after the service there was a picnic dinner on the church lawn. Edwin Howe served as Master of Ceremonies. Brief talks in tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Cashwell were given by Grover C. Moss, Sr., Boyd M. Warren, and Mrs. Robert L. Rhyne.

In January 1948, a committee composed of Doras H. Campbell, Mrs. Edwin Howe, Grover C. Moss, Sr., and Mrs. Dewey C. Warren recommended that East Church call Mr. Newell C. Carter of Knoxville, Tennessee as Minister of Music and Education.

A committee was elected to secure living quarters for Mr. and Mrs. Carter and their children, "Chuck" and Cozette. Members of this committee were: Mrs. Edwin Howe, Mrs. Truitt Long, Foster F. Melton, Paul McArver, and Boyd M. Warren. The committee recommended and the church voted that a house be built on church property at 117 North Patrick Street for the Minister of Music and Education; the house was completed in May at a cost of \$10,598.98.

In 1949 the sanctuary was remodeled and air-conditioned. Plans were revived for renovation and changing of the baptistry and the choir loft. A committee was appointed to get blueprints and specifications to be presented by the church for approval. In July, the plans were accepted as presented by the committee. The choir loft was built on the same floor level as the rostrum - the previous location of the baptistry. The baptistry was built above and behind the choir loft, with the entrance on the top floor of the educational building. At the suggestion of the building committee, the church voted to plaster over the folding doors between the sanctuary and the young people's department. In the young people's department, partitions were built for additional classrooms. Another improvement made during this year was the installation of a speaker system to enable workers to hear the worship services in the nursery departments.



AUDITORIUM – ERECTED 1918
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In December 1950, Mr. Newell Carter resigned as Minister of Music and Education; he had served since 1948. The Sunday Bulletin was dedicated to the Carters with words of appreciation by the Pastor; Robert Huggins, Chairman of Deacons; Ralph H. Crisp, Sunday School Superintendent; E. E. Hayes (Tony), Training Union Director; Miss Louise Carter, Choir President; and Mrs. A. B. Clayton, WMU President.

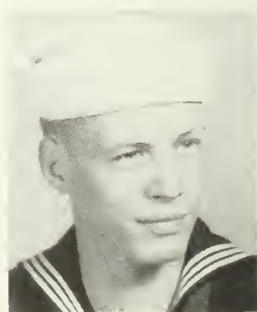
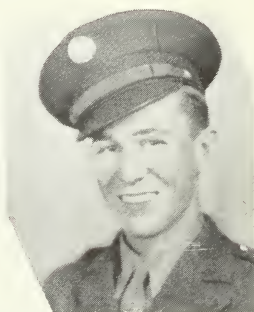
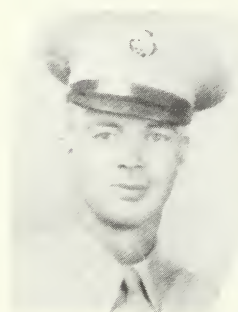
On January 10, 1951, Mrs. James N. Long, Jr. was elected Music Director. She is the former Miss Jewel Moss, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Moss, Sr.

In March, 96 people united with the church in one of the greatest revivals in its history. Reverend Cashwell preached and Mr. Clyde Moss directed the music. April 1 was high-attendance-day with 706 in Sunday School.

At a church conference on May 9, the church voted to employ Reverend T. M. Linnens to assist the Pastor during the summer months. They also voted to renovate the Sunday School building at an approximate cost of \$3,500. Miss Louise Carter, Ralph H. Crisp, C. M. Lawing, Mrs. Charles P. Lytton, and Mrs. Richard Parker were elected to serve on this committee.

During World War II and the Korean War many of the young men of East Church served in military service. The church voted to place a "Roll of Honor" in the sanctuary listing the names of members in service: James Alexander, William Austin, Rankin Brown, Calvin Brackett, Ralph Brackett, Donald Caldwell, Clarence Caldwell, Glenn Caldwell, W. R. Carr, Grover Childress, John Childress, Steve Clayton, Joe Davis, John Erickson, Charles Evington, Bill Gragg, Lee Holcombe, Larry Holloway, Jack Hopkins, Ralph James, Edney Jones, Harrill Jones, Tommy Lowe, Donald McMahan, Christine Bradley, Don Minges, Roger Minges, Max Petty, Bobby Porter, Joe Saunders, Gene Sexton, Guy Smith, Jr., Frank White.

Names of the three men who gave their lives in the service of their country were on the "Roll of Honor" in gold letters. They were: Wade Everett Saunders, Walter O. Flowe, and Edwin Yates Howe, Jr.



WALTER O. FLOWE WADE EVERETT SAUNDERS EDWIN YATES HOWE, JR.

CHURCH CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

On November 30, 1951, East Church celebrated its 50th anniversary. The Church's two living former Pastors were guests: Reverend T. H. King, retired and living in Wake Forest, N. C., preached at the morning worship service. Dr. Judson L. Vipperman, Pastor of the Long Creek Memorial Baptist Church of Dallas, N. C., preached at the evening service. A brochure was issued with church history and pictures; it was dedicated "to the members of East Baptist Church who have labored so well these first 50 years."

In October 1952 the Church honored Mr. and Mrs. Cashwell in appreciation for 25 years of service at East Baptist Church. The morning worship service included the reading of the scripture by Reverend T. L. Cashwell, Jr., music by the Junior Choir, and expressions of appreciation by Grover C. Moss, Sr. and Miss Erla Griffin. The three Cashwell children were at the services: T. L. Cashwell, Jr., Pastor of the College Avenue Baptist Church of Lenoir, N. C.; Mrs. Eleanor Laws of Cleveland, Ohio; and Mrs. Patty Lytton of Gastonia.

A reception was given on Sunday evening from 7-10 P. M. In the receiving line with the Pastor and his family were members who were members when the Cashwells came to East in 1927: Mr. and Mrs. Doras H. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sterling Lazenby, Mr. and Mrs. James N. Long, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Moss, Sr., D. Mason Robinson, and A. J. Saunders, Sr.

The Christmas Cantata "Star of the Silent Night" was presented by the Youth and Adult Choirs, directed by Mrs. James N. Long, Jr. Soloists were Robert Huggins, Miss Louise Carter, and Mrs. Jearl Noblett.

In church conference on Wednesday, April 15, 1953 the following business was transacted: (1) that the church purchase the "Bradshaw property" on Church Street and the "Gardner House" on Davis Avenue; (2) Boyd M. Warren, Paul Moss and John Francum were appointed members of a committee to purchase the property between Church Street and Davis Avenue when it was available at a reasonable price; (3) to remove the buildings on the property being purchased when they were no longer needed for church use.

The property was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bradshaw and Mr. and Mrs. Van A. Covington. In conference on June 10, the Church gave a rising vote of thanks to the Committee for the splendid work they did in securing the property. This committee was authorized to investigate the possibility of preparing some of the new property for parking.

The Church voted, on August 3, to remove the residence part of the store building and make a driveway into the church property. Also, to make necessary repairs to the store building and lease it for one year at \$60.00 per month. On October 25, the Church voted to have the parking lot paved with permanent asphalt at an approximate cost of \$3,600. Authority was granted to break the curb on Church Street at a cost of \$100.

On October 14, East Church voted to purchase property for a Mission Sunday School. Twenty-eight members of East affiliated with the New Hope Mission: Arthur G. Bradley, Mrs. Arthur G. Bradley, Mrs. Lee Brown, Jimmy Commer, Mrs. S. R. Davis, R. J. Freize, Jr., Mrs. R. J. Freize, Jr., Ronnie Freize, Everett Gore, Mrs. Everett Gore, John W. Greene, Mrs. John W. Greene

Jimmy Greene, Mrs. James Hampton, Janice Potts, Ann Quinn, E. P. Quinn, Mrs. E. P. Quinn, Frances Quinn, Grady Quinn, Mrs. Grady Quinn, Jack Quinn, Mrs. Jack Quinn, Lamar Quinn, Nell Rose Quinn, William H. Sahms, Mrs. Don Shepherd, and Gloria Weaver.

This property was located at the corner of New Hope Road and Pineview Lane and was purchased from Mr. W. A. Sahms. There was a frame building on the property previously used for refinishing textile bobbins. The site was purchased for \$3,500; \$1,500 was taken from the mission fund and \$2,000 obtained from the bank.

The Mission was organized and constituted into a church in June 1955. Because of growth, it became necessary to look for more property and, in 1957, Each Church purchased two and one half acres from Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cobb of Lowell, N. C. The property was located at the intersection of New Hope Road and Redbud Drive. On October 30, 1957 East Church voted to transfer the title of the property from East Baptist Church to the New Hope Baptist Church.

The first and only Pastor is the Reverend Robert Fountain Summey, Sr. He first served the Mission in the Fall of 1953 and was officially called as Pastor on January 6, 1954. (Reverend and Mrs. Summey have two sons, Bobby and Tolly).

CONTINUED GROWTH

The Sunday School at East continued to grow, and on December 9, 1953 the Church voted to partition the young people's department and make two departments.

The Church had a Family Night Christmas Program on Tuesday, December 22. This included the cantata "The Light of the World" with pageant scenes. Soloists were Mrs. Charles Lytton, Mrs. Jearl Noblett, Mrs. Clawston Reid, Mrs. Charles McAllister and Robert Huggins. Mrs. James N. Long, Jr. directed the choir and the pageant scenes were directed by Mr. Cashwell, assisted by E. P. Rankin, Jr. The cast included Juanita Alexander, Ralph Brackett, Lawrence Bradshaw, Steve Clayton, Lee Freeman, James Fulghum, Bill Hanna, Woodrow Long, Paul McManus, Sr., Don Pasour, Miss Detroy Powell, C. O. Rhyne, Sr., Libby Smith, Wiley Smith, Will Smith, Linda Warlick, R. G. Watkins and Martin Young.

Bill L. Kincaid was ordained to the Ministry on February 4, 1954. He is a graduate of Gastonia High School (1948), Gardner-Webb College (1950), Carson-Newman College (1953), and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (1957). He is married to the former Miss Christina Koolman and they have a daughter, Julia Kathryn, and a son, Kerry Lee. At the present time he is Pastor of the Camelia Baptist Church of Norfolk, Virginia.

Bill is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Martin Kincaid. Mr. Kincaid was active in the work of the church until his death on March 13, 1940. Mrs. Kincaid, the former Miss Anna Price, was also active in the service of the church. She made others feel good with her warm personality and pleasant, hearty

laugh. Mrs. Kincaid died March 16, 1971. There were eight children: Bill (mentioned above); Howard, Jennings, Jacob L. Kincaid, Sr., and Thelma (Mrs. Sidney R. Queen, Jr.) who live in Gastonia; JoAnn (Mrs. Rudy Wardell) lives in Loganville, Georgia; Elizabeth (Mrs. John Martin) lives in Portsmouth, Virginia; and Sgt. Charles Kincaid with the US Air Force, stationed in Las Vegas, Nevada.

On April 14, the committee acquiring property reported that they had purchased the Bumgardner property. The explanation was made that a house and lot and a vacant lot located on South Church Street were purchased for \$9,000. Arrangements were made with Miss Ruby Bumgardner to trade her house, adjacent to the church, for the one on South Church Street. The vacant lot on South Church Street was to remain the property of East Church and authority was given the committee to sell the lot when it seemed advisable. The "Bumgardner house" was used for Sunday School classes.

J. C. Price, Jr. left East Church to enter New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He had worked in many areas of service in the Church; these offices included: Church Clerk, Deacon, Sunday School Superintendent, and Training Union Director. Mrs. Price, Margaret, was also active in the work of the church. They have two children, Janice and Steve. The W.M.U. sponsored a reception for the family on August 29 in recognition of their faithful service at East. Mr. Price was ordained to the Ministry at Cary, N. C., on May 23, 1962.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Price, Sr. have been members of East for many years. They have seven children who were members of East during their childhood and they all were baptized by Reverend T. L. Cashwell, Sr. J. C. Price, Jr. is now Minister of Education at the Hillcrest Baptist Church of Hillcrest Heights, Maryland. Marshall dedicated his life to full-time Christian service at East Church August 3, 1947. He is now an ordained Minister and is Director of Recreation at the First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem. Margurite (Mrs. James Beattie) lives in Belmont. Dora (Mrs. Edward Seay) and Libby (Mrs. Carter Purcell) live in Charlotte. Newell is Manager of the State Capitol Life Insurance Company in Greensboro, and Lewis is the City Manager in Lenoir, N. C. Mrs. Price is a shut-in and not able to attend church now, but is a radiant Christian witness to all who visit with her. Mr. Price is still regular in attendance; when the weather permits, he walks to church on Sunday morning from his home at 601 North Grover Street. He is a Deacon, a Trustee, and Outreach Leader in Grade 4 Sunday School Department.

As the church continued to grow some felt that another staff member was needed. On October 10, 1951, a committee was appointed to investigate the possibility of securing an Educational Director and to make recommendations to the Church. In February 1954 the Church voted that the committee be re-activated. A motion was made and passed changing the members of the committee to the current department heads. Another motion was made and accepted to secure the services of a person to do education and music. On December 8, 1954, a motion was made and passed to have a permanent committee elected to serve until a staff member was secured. Mrs. A. B.



MR. JOHN FISCHER

Clayton, Mrs. Boyd Hooks, and Clegg A. Arndt were elected, January 5, 1955, to secure a Minister of Music and Education.

The Church voted in March to call Mr. John Fischer of Danville, Virginia. Mr. Fischer is a native of Harrison, Ohio. He majored in voice at the Cincinnati Conservatory and also studied at Chicago Music College, and in 1940 went to New York for further study. In April 1941 he entered military service. It was on the battlefield in France that he surrendered his life for full-time Christian service. After his discharge he enrolled in, and graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. He served in the First Baptist Church of Tomball, Texas; The First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, N. C.; and the Moffett Memorial Baptist

Church of Danville, Virginia, where he was serving when he accepted the call to come to East Church. He and his Mother, Mrs. Ina M. Fischer, and his brother, Charles, lived in the Church home at 117 North Patrick Street.

Mr. Fischer was principal of Vacation Bible School, June 6-16. The school had an enrollment of 301. The department superintendents were: Mrs. John S. Farrar, Sr., Mrs. Joe L. Wilson, Mrs. Paul Powers, Jr., Mrs. Guy Smith, Mrs. Clegg Arndt, Mrs. Charles P. Lytton, Mrs. George Hodnett, and Mrs. John Randall.

In March 1956, prayer meetings were held in 56 homes in preparation for revival, and there was an all night prayer meeting at the church on March 31. Revival services were led by Reverend Walter N. Long, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Belmont, N. C.

On November 7, 1956 the Church voted to have a public address system installed in the sanctuary.

A Christmass Play "No Room in the Hotel" was presented, directed by Miss Norma Minges. Members of the cast were Mr. and Mrs. Clegg Arndt, Miss Phyllis Evans, Miss Jane Francum, Ray Jimison, Michael Long, Mrs. Keith Poole, John Randall, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reid.

The choirs presented the cantata "While Shepherds Watched". Mrs. James N. Long, Jr. was organist. Soloists were Calvin Brackett, Lee W. Ashe, Sr., Mrs. Charles McAllister, Mrs. Jearl Noblett, Robert Huggins, and Jimmy Long.

In 1957 East Church adopted the Unified Budget of Church Finance.

Mrs. James N. Long, Jr. resigned as church organist. Mrs. Bill Carpenter (Mary Ann) was employed; she served from March 13 until June 30.

Vacation Bible School in 1957 was June 10-19 with John Fischer as principal. The enrollment was 276 with an average attendance of 231.

In June, a Wednesday correlated program of activities was started: 7:00 organizational meetings, 8:00 prayer service and 8:30 choir rehearsal. This schedule was used until September 1958 when the church voted to change the schedule and have prayer service at 7:30 and adult choir rehearsal at 8:30.

The Forward Program of Church Finance was adopted and Mr. Ralph H. Crisp was elected general chairman. Other committee chairmen were: Charles E. Mack, Jr., budget planning; Paul Powers, Jr., budget promotion; Mrs. John Randall, budget pledging; Mrs. Dewey Warren, reservations; Mrs. Martin Young, dinner meetings, John Fischer, lesson chairman; and Mrs. Charles Lytton, office committee. A children's party was given at the church and the Loyalty Dinner for Juniors through Adults was at the Gastonia Armory. The program included group singing, presentation of plans for "pledge Sunday", music by the church choir, and a message by the Pastor.

A Christmas pageant "Arise, Shine For Thy Light Is Come" was presented with music, actors, and speech choir. Miss Norma Minges was director, Mrs. Charles Lytton was organist, and Miss Mildred Carpenter was pianist. Stage manager was Mr. Richard Whitmire, and lights and scenery were managed by Mr. Bob Gray. Members of the Speech Choir were Miss Phyllis Evans, Michael Long, Miss Norma Minges, and John Randall. The cast included: Dan L. Alexander, Juanita Alexander, Lonnie Bryson, A B. Clayton, James Fulghum, Ralph Farrar, Sr., David A. Hawkins, Dan L. Justice, Frank Lowe, Michael Long, J. Q. McPherson, Mr. and Mrs. Carter Starnes, James Stroup, and Martin Young.

Juanita Alexander came to East as church secretary on January 20, 1958, coming from Arlington Junior High School.

A reception was given for Mrs. Charles Lytton who worked as church secretary from September 1945 until January 31, 1958.

Also, in January, the Church voted to employ Mrs. Frank L. Young as church organist. Mrs. Young is the former Miss Mildred Costner. She was employed at the Robert H. Pinnix Construction Company. Mr. and Mrs. Young lived on Graham Street with their five children, Lee, Elsie, Jennifer, Becky, and Terrell.



JUANITA ALEXANDER



MRS. FRANK L. YOUNG

On April 16 East Church voted to sponsor a Mission in the Ozark Community in East Gastonia.

The Mission originated in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace E. Falls, 503 North Groves Street, Gastonia, and was called the Berean Mission. At the time, Mr. and Mrs. Falls and their two children, Diane and Ronald, were members of the Love Memorial Baptist Church. Mr. Falls had been granted license by the Love Memorial Church to preach the gospel. Mr. and Mrs. Falls opened their home as a place of meeting and the first services were held on Sunday, November 3, 1957, with eight people present and an offering of \$5.00.

From the beginning God seemed to place His approval and blessing upon the work; interest and attendance increased, lives were rededicated and professions of faith were made at almost every service. Within one month the attendance increased from eight to twenty-two.

In a short time the need for more space became so acute that Mr. and Mrs. Falls confined their living quarters to four rooms and by removing some partitions an assembly room was made available. The work continued to grow and on February 17, 1958 it became necessary for the Falls family to move so the entire house could be used to accommodate the attendance.

Within three months from the beginning of the Mission a number of professions of faith had been made and on February 9, 1958, thirteen candidates were baptized into the fellowship of Love Memorial Church. Twenty-four others came for baptism making a total of thirty-seven received for baptism within six months. In addition to those received for baptism, forty-one expressed a desire and intention to unite with the Mission by letter or statement. On April 27, 1958, the Mission Sunday School had an enrollment of 103 with an average attendance of 98 during the month.

Under the leadership of Mr. Falls, the Sunday School, two Sunday Worship Services, and a Midweek Prayer Service were conducted. Mrs. Falls is due much credit for her loyal cooperation. Her visitation in the community, her activities in the Sunday School, her counsel and advice contributed much toward the achievements that were made. All of their work was done solely as a work of love, without any financial assistance. Mr. Falls worked six days each week as an employee of Wix Corporation, and Mrs. Falls served faithfully as a mother and housewife.

As the work of the Mission continued to expand, the need for sponsorship by an established Baptist Church became apparent. After prayer and consultations with the Associational Director and the pastors of nearby Baptist Churches, the members of the Mission voted to request East Baptist Church to sponsor the work. In response to this request, East Church voted unanimously and enthusiastically to accept the sponsorship.

By invitation from East Church, on April 27, 1958, the congregation of the Mission visited with East Church in a joint service at which time seventeen candidates were baptized and thirty-seven were received by letter and statement into the fellowship of East Church with the understanding that their activities would be at the Mission. This service was the formal organization of Ozark Baptist Mission.

Ozark Mission was a part of the "30,000 Movement of Southern Baptists".

Miss Brenda Poteat was a State winner in Junior Memory Work for three consecutive years.

In July, East Church purchased two lots in the Ozark community and helped with the financial expenses of a building for the Ozark Mission. Boyd Warren, Charles McAllister, and Floyd Yarborough were elected to supervise construction of this building.



OZARK BAPTIST MISSION
1326 Cedar Street

January 11, 1959 was the first Sunday in the new educational unit. This project had been in the planning for several years:

In April 1952 a recommendation was made that the church 'look with favor' on preparation of a building expansion program. A motion was made to have a committee of twelve members to investigate this and make recommendations to the Church. Those elected were: C. M. Lawing (chairman), Lloyd Bradshaw, Lonnie Bryson, Mrs. A. B. Clayton, Melvin Cloninger, W. P. Glover, Mrs. Boyd Hooks, Grover C. Moss, Sr., W. E. Porter, J. C. Price, Jr., Grady Quinn, and Mrs. Dewey Warren. In June the committee made a recommendation that a new wing be added to the present educational building; this wing was planned to run south and constructed so that a sanctuary could be adjoined if desired. At the monthly church conference on August 6, the committee presented sketches of a suggested three story wing which could be added to the existing building. The Church voted (1) to build when a reasonable amount of money was available; (2) that the love offering that year be designated for building, (3) that the building committee be dismissed.

On June 23, 1954, the Church voted to erect a new sanctuary with Sunday School rooms underneath as soon as advisable.

In August 1955 the deacons recommended and the Church voted that a building program be instigated that would include both an auditorium and

educational facilities to meet present needs and future expansion; and that a planning committee be elected to consider and submit plans for this program. This planning committee was elected on September 7: Boyd M. Warren (chairman), Mrs. Ralph H. Crisp, Mrs. Edwin Howe, Charles McAllister, and Floyd W. Yarborough. On September 23, 1956, the Church accepted recommendations concerning the building program as presented by the committee.

In church conference on Sunday, February 23, 1958, a proposed alternate plan was presented as recommended by the planning committee and the architect.

The Church voted unanimously in favor of the alternate plan and voted to erect the new educational plant at the low bid of \$97,880.

The building was constructed by Bumgarner Construction Company of Conover, N. C. The first and third floors were used for adult departments. The other floor included space for elementary departments, office for a Sunday School secretary, and a large room later used for the church library. The new building was used for the first time on Sunday, January 11, 1959.

In February 1959 a vacant lot across the street from the church was prepared for additional parking area. The lot is owned by P & N Railway and is used at no expense to the church.

Vacation Bible School was June 8-17 with John Fischer serving as principal. Six pupils not enrolled in any Sunday School attended, and the total enrollment of the school was 212. There were two professions of faith.

The Ozark Mission Pastor, Horace E. Falls, was ordained to the Ministry in May. He resigned his work at Ozark Mission in October.

The Forward Program of Church Finance was used again this year. Mr. Ralph H. Crisp was general chairman. The Loyalty Dinner was at the Gastonia Armory on September 24 with Mr. Arthur Smith of Charlotte, N. C. as guest speaker.

Reverend T. L. Cashwell, Sr., resigned after 32 years at East Baptist Church, effective December 27, 1959. A reception was given on Sunday afternoon from 3-5 P.M. On January 3, 1960 the deed to the house and lot at 321 South Columbia Street was presented to Reverend and Mrs. Cashwell in recognition of their years of service at East Baptist Church. During his pastorate at East, Mr. Cashwell held many associational and state offices: Moderator of the Gaston Baptist Association (1939-1941), President of Pastor's Conference, President of the Gastonia Ministerial Association, member of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention, Trustee of Mars Hill College, Trustee of Gardner-Webb College, State Chairman of Citizens for Good Government, and Chairman of the Gaston County Dry Forces.

Mr. and Mrs. Cashwell still reside at 321 South Columbia Street. Since his retirement from East Church, Mr. Cashwell has served many churches as Interim Pastor.

Grover C. Moss, Sr., Joe L. Wilson, and Paul Powers, Jr. were elected to secure an Interim Pastor.

A pulpit committee was elected and members were: Wiley P. Glover, Mrs. Dan Justice, C. M. Lawing, Mrs. Eli McAllister and Charles E. Mack, Jr.; Alternates were Mrs. John B. Randall and Boyd M. Warren.

CHAPTER 9
ECHOES OF THE HUDSON-BOWERS ERA
1960



DR. E. V. HUDSON



DR. B. A. BOWERS

On January 30, 1960, Dr. E. V. Hudson of Cramerton, N. C. began as Interim Pastor at East Church.

Dr. Hudson was born January 28, 1892, in Cleveland County, the son of William H. and Margaret Hudson. He did undergraduate study at Wake Forest College, and graduated from Southern Baptist Seminary in 1922. In 1924 he married Miss Margaret Rucker of Charlotte. He held two pastorates before coming to the First Baptist Church of Cramerton, N. C., in 1926, where he served for 31 years. Dr. Hudson served on many committees, was Director of the **Biblical Recorder**, served as a member of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention, and was Moderator of the Gaston Baptist Association. After his retirement he served many churches as Interim Pastor. (Dr. Hudson died in Winston-Salem, N. C., on January 10, 1970).

The Gaston Baptist Association sponsored a State Training Union Enlargement Clinic and Leadership Workshop, February 14-19. General sessions were held at the First Baptist Church. Clinic workers assigned to East Church were Reverend John R. Wright of North Wilkesboro, N. C.; Reverend and Mrs. Paul Nix of Clayton, N. C., and Reverend Eldon M. Boone, Jr., of Norfolk, Virginia. Mr. Boone stayed in a motel, Mr. Wright stayed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Minges, and Mr. and Mrs. Nix stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Bryson.

On April 28, home prayers meetings were held in 26 homes in preparation for revival. An all night prayer service was held at the church on April 30. Revival services were May 1-8 and Reverend W. C. Hill of the Calvary Baptist Church of Shelby, N. C., was the evangelist. Mr. Walter Jacobs of the North Main Street Baptist Church of High Point, N. C., was music director.

A new schedule for Vacation Bible School was used this year. The Nursery, Beginner and Junior departments met in the morning from 8:30-11:30; Intermediates met in the evening, 7:00-9:00.

Dr. Hudson concluded his services at East on July 1, 1960.

Dr. B. A. Bowers came to East as Interim Pastor on July 10, 1960. He was a tall, slender man, retired but still active and very energetic. Often as he preached he would enforce his words by using imitations; example: the howl of a dog or the whistle of a train. On Wednesday evenings he sometimes illustrated his message with colored chalk drawings on the chalkboard.

On July 21, twenty-one members of East went to Ridgecrest for Training Union Week and stayed at the Z. Miller Freeman cottage.

The Church voted on July 31, to call Reverend M. O. Owens, Jr., of Lenoir, N. C., as Pastor. W. E. Lawing, Paul Moss, and Floyd Yarborough were elected to find a house for the Owens family. The residence secured was 1121 East Franklin Avenue, Gastonia.

On August 21, John Fischer submitted his resignation as Minister of Music and Education effective August 31. He had served since May 1955. Mr. Fischer is now serving in the Poplar Avenue Baptist Church of Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. Bowers concluded his services at East Baptist Church on August 31, 1960.

CHAPTER 10
ECHOES OF THE OWENS ERA
1960 - 1964



REV. M. O. OWENS, JR.

Reverend M. O. Owens, Jr., began his ministry at East Church on September 4, 1960.

Mr. Owens was born November 4, 1913, at New Holland (Aiken County) S. C., the son of Milum O. Owens and Jessie E. Hammet Owens. He is a graduate of Furman University, Greenville, S. C., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. Pastorates: Myrtle Beach, S. C.; First Baptist Church, Palmetto, Florida; First Baptist Church, Marion, N. C.; and the First Baptist Church of Lenoir, N. C. He has held associational, state, and convention offices including: Clerk, Waccamaw Association, S. C.; Moderator of Caldwell Association, N. C.; President of N. C. Baptist Pastors Conference; Member of General Board, N. C. Baptist State Convention; Chairman of Program Committee, N. C. State Convention; Trustee of Gardner-Webb College, Member of Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention; Member of Committee to Nominate Trustees and Members of Boards, Southern Baptist Convention, and writer for the Church Training Department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He married Miss Ruby Bridges of Greenville, S. C., in 1938. They have three daughters: Celia, Linda and Mary.

An informal fellowship hour honoring the Owens family followed the evening worship service on September 4.

A School of Missions was held at East, September 25-30. On Sunday Miss Lydia Green, missionary to Malaya was guest speaker for the morning worship service. The speaker for the evening service was Reverend J. J. Cowser, missionary to Brazil. During the week age-group conferences were taught by members of East, followed by a general session with mission speakers: Reverend Walter Long spoke on South America; Reverend Lee Pridgen, State Missions; Reverend John W. Beam and Reverend Charles Rankin, Home Missions; and Reverend T. W. Bray, Associational Missions. Average attendance for the week was 140.

In October, the church paper the EAST VISITOR was started, to be published every other week.

James Lester Summey dedicated his life to full-time Christian service. He was licensed by East Church in 1960 and ordained to the Ministry at Flint Groves Baptist Church of Gastonia on November 20, 1960. Jimmy studied at Gardner-Webb College, Limestone College, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and Duke Divinity School. Pastorates include Midway Baptist Church, Gastonia; Macedonia Baptist Church, Tobaccoville, N. C.; Associate Pastor of the North Winston Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, N. C. At the present time, he is Pastor of Troy Circuit Methodist Churches: First, Ophir, UWharrie, and Wadeville. He is married to the former Miss Doris Beattie (daughter of Mrs. Eugene P. Beattie and the late Mr. Beattie). They have two children, Beth and Susan.

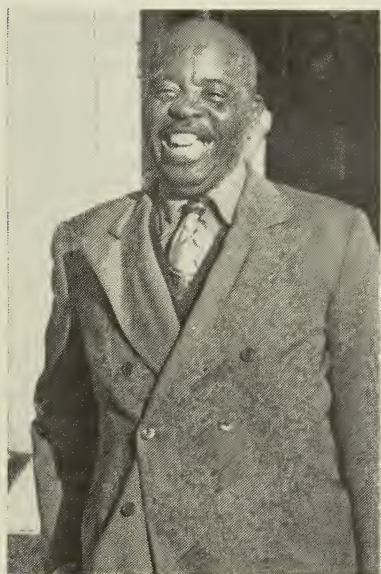
On November 30 the Church had its first "Family Night" supper meeting with 207 attending. Miss Faye Tunmire, missionary to the Philippines was guest speaker. The family night schedule was: 5:15 Junior Choir, 6:00 Supper, 6:45 Prayer Service, 7:30 Organizational Meetings, and 8:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal.

In December, new tables and chairs were purchased for the Junior and Intermediate departments. They were purchased from Southern Desk Company of Hickory, N. C., for \$1,525.

The choris presented the Christmas Cantata "Night of Miracles", directed by Reverend Owens. Miss Norma Minges was Narrator, Mrs. Jack Boyles was organist and Mrs. Frank Young was pianist.

The church voted on January 8, 1961 to buy the property at 1303 Fairfield Drive as a location for a Pastors home. The property was bought from Mrs. Roland Clinton.

On January 11, the Church voted to elect a Committee on Committees. Those elected were Dan Justice (chairman), Mrs. Joe Brown, Frank Lowe, Mrs. Lena Huggins Smith and Lee Turner. The duty of this committee was to recommend to the Church the personnel of all church committees.



LAWYER SANDERS

Lawyer Sanders, church custodian for 18 years retired from full-time work in June 1959 because of ill health. He continued to work part-time until January 13, 1961 helping the next custodian, Johnny Shelton.

The January Bible Study had an average attendance of 75 each evening. "Studies in Corinthians" was taught for young people and adults by Reverend W. L. Walters. Reverend Owens taught the Intermediates and Juanita Alexander taught the Juniors.

A. G. A. coronation Service was presented on January 15 and Miss Jane Randall was crowned Queen. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Randall. Jane married Dr. Robert Gibson and they live in Winston-Salem, N. C.

In February, the Church voted to "elect a Church Membership Committee which will be responsible for interviewing all individuals who desire membership in our church. The committee to be charged with the responsibility of supplying all information concerning our church. New converts to receive information from the Pastor to strengthen their faith before baptism. Those coming by letter or statement will be interviewed and presented the following Sunday".

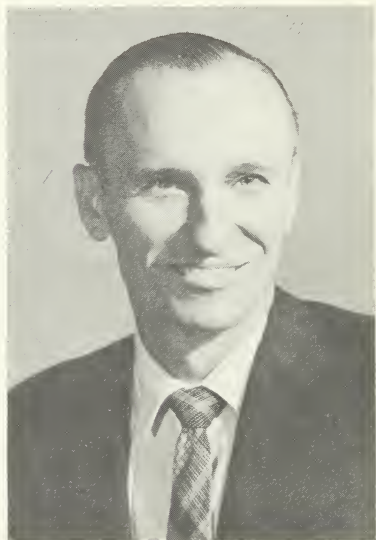
In January, the Church voted to elect two men from the Ozark Mission to serve as Deacons for the Mission; to be elected by East Church and ordained; and to meet regularly with the Deacons of East. Robert Crane and James Queen were ordained on April 9.

Home prayer meetings were held in 26 homes in preparation for revival. Services were held April 16-23 and were led by Dr. E. Eugene Poston, of Gardner-Webb College.

On April 30, Mrs. Frank Young was employed as Educational Assistant. She had served as church organist since January 26, 1958. Mrs. Young came from the Robert H. Pinnix Construction Company, and began full-time work at East on May 22.

In June, new equipment was purchased for the church office: an offset duplicator, photocopier, electric typewriter, adding machine, and a folding machine.

On February 8, the Church voted to "look with favor" on securing an Educational Director and a part-time Music Director. The Committee on Committees elected the following people to serve on the committee: Paul Meredith (chairman), Mrs. James B. Cole, Jr., Mrs. Charles McAllister, Paul Powers, Jr., and Robert Huggins.



E. PASCAL COLSON

On June 4, the Church voted to call Mr. E. Pascal Colson as Minister of Music and Education. Mr. Colson is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Seminary. He served three years in the South Houston Baptist Church of Houston, Texas and for five years was Minister of Music and Education at McGill Street Baptist Church of Concord, N. C. Mrs. Colson is the former Miss Julia Green, a native of N. C., and a graduate of Southwestern Seminary. They have two sons, Marvin and David. When they came to East Church, Marvin was six and David was nine years of age. The Colsons moved to Gastonia on July 17 and resided in the church home at 117 North Patrick Street. To welcome the Colsons to Gastonia, Mr. and Mrs. Charles

McAllister had a cook-out at their home and invited the personnel committee and the church staff. A reception was given for them at the church on July 23.

Mrs. Charles Lytton was principal of Vacation Bible School, June 14-23. Mrs. Ralph E. Farrar, Sr., was secretary and Mrs. Jack Boyles, pianist. Department superintendents were: Mrs. James Fulghum, Mrs. Ned Jordan, Mrs. Horace Long, Mrs. Paul Conner, Mrs. Frank Young, Mrs. Clegg Arndt, Miss Becky Young, Mrs. Boyce Woodruff, Mrs. Jack Friday, Juanita Alexander, Mrs. C. Edwin Campbell, and Mrs. Eleanor Cashwell Laws. The school had an enrollment of 304 with an average attendance of 256.

The Ozark Mission Bible School enrollment was 76. Mrs. James Whitworth served as Principal.

Beginning July 2, East Church had a new schedule of services for the summer months: Morning worship, 9:00 and Sunday School, 10:00 A.M.; Worship at 5:30 and Training Union at 6:30 P.M.

Twenty-one people attended Sunday School Week at Ridgecrest, July 27-August 2, and stayed at Mangum Lodge. Those attending were: Gladys Abernathy, Juanita Alexander, Mrs. Clegg Arndt and Janet, Mrs. Fred Childress, Mr. and Mrs. Colson, David and Marvin Colson, Sandra Flowe, Hazel Lazenby, Mrs. Eleanor Cashwell Laws, Randy Meredith, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Minges, Mrs. Paul Moss, Reverend Owens and Mary, Jane Randall, Harley Triplett, and Jack Watts.

Thirteen people attended Training Union Week at Caswell: Reverend Owens and Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Powers, Jr., Johnny and Vickie Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Spargo and Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Turner and Allen, and Jennifer Young.

Mrs. Frank Young and son, Terrell, attended Music Week at Ridgecrest.

On August 6, the Church voted to buy property on Kendrick Drive for future expansion. The cost was \$70,000 for eleven lots. A brick house was on the property and was suitable, after some remodeling, for a Pastor's home. The Owens family moved to 1517 Kendrick Drive in July 1962.

There were 19 home prayer meetings in preparation for revival. Services were November 6-12 and led by Dr. E. W. Price, Jr., of the Green Street Baptist Church of High Point, N. C.

Mrs. Frank Young resigned as Educational Secretary in February 1962 to return to work at R. H. Pinnix Construction Company. She agreed to serve as church organist until another person was employed.

A committee was elected to secure a music assistant and secretary to succeed Mrs. Young. Members of the committee were: Joe L. Wilson (chairman). Charles E. Mack, Jr., and Mrs. John L. White. Until a new secretary was employed, Mrs. Colson worked in the office part-time on a voluntary basis. Also, Mrs. Owens, the Pastors wife, and Mrs. J. E. Foy (Pat) worked on a temporary basis. Mrs. Celia Owens Meyer began work on July 16 and worked until March 5, 1963.

From May 30 through July 5 the Pastor and his family combined their vacation with a trip to San Francisco, California, for the Southern Baptist Convention, and Mr. Owens preached a week of revival services at the Garfield Avenue Baptist Church of Alhambra, California. Those preaching in his absence were James Summey, Reverend James Wilder, Reverend Richard Smith, Reverend Carl Poston, and Reverend John L. White.

Steve Dellinger and Terrie Howe were state winners in Junior Memory Work.

The time of the Sunday morning services was changed in July, August and September: Morning Worship 9:00 and Sunday School 10:00.

A Long Range Planning Committee was elected on February 19, 1961. Members of the committee were Clegg Arndt, John Brendle, Ralph E. Farrar, Sr., Mrs. Doyt D. Ledford, Sr., Byron Morris, John Randall, Boyd Warren, Joe

L. Wilson, and Mrs. Lester Wright. This committee was to make a long range study of the needs of East Baptist Church. Some members felt that instead of further building at the present location East Baptist Church should move to the church property on Kendrick Drive. In June 1962, questionnaires were sent to resident church members regarding the re-location of East Church. In a special conference on August 5, 1962, the Long Range Planning Committee brought the following recommendation: "that further consideration of a possible move by East Baptist Church to the Kendrick Drive property be abandoned and forgotten and the Long Range Planning Committee be dissolved and discharged as of today". Action passed by majority vote.

Vacation Bible School was held August 6-17 with E. P. Colson as principal. The school had an enrollment of 232 with an average attendance of 172; it ministered to nine pupils who were not enrolled in any Sunday School and there were four professions of faith.

Youth Week officers, August 19-26 were: Dan L. Alexander, Minister of Education; Linda Owens, Minister of Music; Celia Owens Meyer, Organist; Randy Meredith, Sunday School Superintendent; Mary Owens, Training Union Director; Arnold Robinson, Chairman of Deacons; and Jane Randall, W.M.U. President.

Home prayer meetings were held, October 22, 23, and 25, in 21 homes in preparation for revival. Revival services were held October 28-November 4 led by Dr. G. Allen West of the Woodmont Baptist Church of Nashville, Tennessee.

The annual report shows that 20 people united by baptism and there were 31 other additions. The church debt at the end of the year was \$30,500. There were 198 Training Awards received during the year.

January 7-11, 1963, was Bible Study Week with adults and young people using "Studies in Matthew" taught by the Pastor. There were classes for other age-groups taught by members of East. The enrollment was 180 with an average attendance of 145.



EVELYN HANCOCK

Miss Evelyn Hancock came to work at East on March 6. She was church organist, youth director, and office assistant. Evelyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hancock and was born and reared in Rock Hill, S. C. She is a graduate of Rock Hill High School (1957), Winthrop College, with a B.S. in Music Education (1961), and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, with Bachelor of Church Music Degree (1963). She served as organist at the Northside Baptist Church of Rock Hill, 1955-1961, and was Summer Youth Director at the West End Baptist Church of Rock Hill in 1961.

In March, two young men dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service, Blair Steven Dellinger and Paul V. McManus, Jr. (Tony).

Steve is the son of Blair F. and Mary M. Dellinger, and has one sister, Lana. He is a graduate of Ashley High School and a 1971 graduate of Mars-Hill College. In the summer of 1969 and 1970 he served as summer missionary in Home Mission work in Michigan. He has been assigned by the Home Mission Board to the US-2 Program and will begin this work in August 1971.

Tony is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul V. McManus, Sr. who were members of East for many years, now living in Florida. Tony has one sister, Sandra. He is serving in the field of Church Music.

A Training Union Improvement Campaign was held March 18-22. Adults and young people were led by Mr. Ladd Maxwell of Alexis, N. C. Miss Ginger Carter of Dallas taught Intermediates and Mrs. Roy Bradshaw of Dallas taught Juniors.

Ten young people attended the State Training Union Youth Convention at the First Baptist Church of Boone, N. C., May 3-4. Those attending were: Steve Dellinger, Dwight Dilling, Jr., Steve Henson, Debbie Justice, Paul McManus, Jr., Mary Owens, Cynthia Ramsey, Jane Randall, Terry Whitmire, and Virginia Wilson. They were accompanied by youth director, Evelyn Hancock, and church secretary, Juanita Alexander.

On May 12, a G.A. Presentation Service was given for seven Maidens: Karen Freeman, Vickie Freize, Nancy Harvey, Debbie Henderson, Terrie Howe, Janet Welch, and Carole Wheeler.

Vacation Bible School was held June 3-14 with E. P. Colson as principal. Twenty-three pupils not enrolled in any Sunday School attended. There were nine professions of faith. Enrollment for the school was 320 with an average attendance of 249.

Johnny Shelton, church custodian since June 15, 1959, resigned effective May 8. James Evans worked from May 9 until June 15 and Albert Webber was employed June 17.

David Colson and Robert Starnes were State Junior Memory Work winners.

In July, work was done in the furnace room to meet requirements of the City Fire Safety Code: electric wiring was relocated, and fire resistant walls and ceiling were installed.

In July and August, a new schedule for the Sunday morning services was used; Sunday School at 9:00 and Morning Worship at 10:15.

Youth Week was July 14-21 with a Youth Evangelism Team leading. Russell Morris from Campbell College was Youth Week Pastor; Ann Hayes from Atlantic Christian College was Music Director; Dottie Shugart of UNC was visitation-recreation leader; and the co-ordinator was Jeffrey Marlowe of Wake Forest College. Youth Week activities were scheduled during the week and a week-end revival was held with services on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Reverend James A. Whitworth resigned as Pastor of the Ozark Mission effective September 29.

The Ozark Mission was debt free and on August 18 they had a note burning ceremony and homecoming. Members of East who participated in the service were Reverend M. O. Owens, Ralph E. Farrar, Sr., Conley Howe, Jr., Jacob L.

Kincaid, Sr., W. E. Porter, and Boyd Warren. Mission members taking part were: Fred Brown, Jr., Bob Crane, Jesse Hastings, and the Mission Pastor, James Whitworth.



The WMU had an Enlistment Week August 18-22. Associational leaders helped with the program; they were, Mrs. Woodrow W. Daves, Mrs. Ray England, Mrs. W. P. Slaten, and Mrs. Harold Strickland.

On December 12, 1962, the Church elected a committee of eleven members to study the desirability and advisability of a Mission on Kendrick Drive. Members of this committee were: Paul Powers, Jr. (chairman), Mrs. Lloyd Bradshaw, Mrs. Joe Brown, Mrs. Lonnie Bryson, Ralph Crisp, John P. Friday, Conley Howe, Jr., Robert Huggins, Jacob L. Kincaid, Sr., Truitt Long, and Mrs. Paul Moss. In a business conference on February 24, 1963, the church accepted a motion from the Mission Committee that a mission work be established on the Kendrick Drive property as soon as possible and that the church council be asked to assume the responsibility for guiding the project. Also, that all actions be brought to the Deacons before recommending them to the church. In July the building was started. Members of the building committee were: Ben S. Downey, Charles McAllister, Grady Quinn, and Robert Smith. James Fulghum was contractor. The Mission was named Parkwood Baptist Chapel. The first services were held on October 6, and the schedule for services was: Morning Worship 9:00, Sunday School 10:00 A.M.; Vespers 6:00 and Training Union 6:50 P.M. Reverend Owens, Pastor at East, was Pulpit Minister of the Chapel.

The annual WMU banquet was at the Masonic Temple on October 14 with Reverend Gordon Weekly, Pastor of Providence Baptist Church of Charlotte, N. C. as guest speaker.

Dr. A. Douglas Aldrich, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Gastonia, preached for revival services November 3-10.

Reverend J. V. Buchanan began full-time work as Pastor of the Ozark Mission on December 1. J. V. was reared in Morganton, N. C. He attended school while serving at the Mission; a graduate of Gardner-Webb College (1964) and Limestone College (1967). Further study was undertaken at UNC at Charlotte, N. C.

Reverend M. O. Owens, Jr. resigned as Pastor of East Baptist Church on January 12, 1964. He has served as Pastor of the Parkwood Baptist Church of Gastonia since March 1, 1964.

A Pulpit Supply Committee was elected on January 19: R. J. Freize, Jr. (chairman), Daniel R. Foster, Byron Morris, Mrs. Paul Rhyne, and Mrs. Everett Weaver.

On January 26, East Church granted 154 letters to members of East Church who were to become charter members of Parkwood: Clegg A. Arndt, Mrs. Clegg A. Arndt, Miss Janet Arndt, Mrs. J. Warren Ballard, Eugene P. Beattie, Mrs. Eugene P. Beattie, Neal Beattie, Paul Beattie, Mrs. Hugh Bolick, Mrs. Ralph Brittain, Steve Brittain, J. Cliff Broome, Mrs. J. Cliff Broome, James Michael Broome, Lonnie Bryson, Mrs. Lonnie Bryson, Vaughn Bryson, Wayne Cabe, Mrs. Wayne Cabe, Leary Cloer, Mrs. Leary Cloer, Mrs. Estelle Craig, Richard B. Craig, Mrs. Rankin Craig, Ralph H. Crisp, Mrs. Ralph H. Crisp, Miss Minnie Dixon, Ben S. Downey, Mrs. Ben Downey, H. W. Estes, Mrs. H. W. Estes, Wylie Estes, Robert Fincher, John P. (Jack) Friday, Mrs. John P. Friday, James E. Fulghum, Mrs. James E. Fulghum, Keith Fulghum, Donna Gaye Fulghum, Fred Gray, Mrs. Fred Gray, William O. Gray, Sr., Mrs. William O. Gray, Sr., Keith Gray, William O. Gray, Jr., Howard P. Hand, Mrs. Howard P. Hand, Libby Hand, Howard P. Hand, Jr., Mrs. Joyce Lowe Hanzel, James R. Harmon, Mrs. James R. Harmon, Ralph C. Henderson, Mrs. Ralph C. Henderson, Ray Henderson, Mrs. Ray Henderson, Debbie Henderson, David Henderson, Conley Howe, Jr., Mrs. Conley Howe, Jr., Terry Howe, Robert L. Huggins, Mrs. Robert Huggins, Mrs. Herman Hughes, Pamela Kay Hughes, H. Ned Jordan, Mrs. H. Ned Jordan, Mrs. Dona Lawing, Horace W. Long, Mrs. Horace W. Long, R. Michael Long, W. Truitt Long, Mrs. Truitt Long, Woodrow W. Long, Mrs. Woodrow W. Long, Michael Long, Tony Long, Frank W. Lowe, Mrs. Frank W. Lowe, Thomas W. Lowe, Charles E. Mack, Jr., Mrs. Charles E. Mack, Jr., Miss Lucy Mauney, Charles McAllister, Mrs. Charles, McAllister, Pamela McAllister, Eli F. McAllister, Mrs. Eli F. McAllister, Mrs. J. F. McAllister, Carroll D. Medley, Mrs. Carroll D. Medley, Louise Ann Medley, Carolyn June Medley, John F. Merrill, Mrs. John F. Merrill, Flay Merrill, Mary Jane Merrill, Covert E. Meyer, Truitt S. Miller, Jack Moore, Mrs. Jack Moore, Grover C. Moss, Sr., Mrs. Grover C. Moss, Sr., Grover C. Moss, Jr., Paul Moss, Mrs. Paul Moss, Jearl Noblett, Mrs. Jearl Noblett, Kenneth Parks, Mrs. Kenneth Parks, Don E. Pasour, John W. Pasour, Mrs. John W. Pasour, Mary M. Owens, Francis Patterson, Mrs. Francis Patterson, Linda Patterson, Reverend Carl Poston, Mrs.

Carl Poston, Reba Gail Poston, Barbara LaLene Poston, Garland Propst, Mrs. Garland Propst, Mrs. W. H. Putnam, Grady Quinn, Mrs. Grady Quinn, John B. Randall, Mrs. John B. Randall, Miss Jane Randall, Wade Saunders, Mrs. Wade Saunders, Mrs. Augusta Shirlin, Mrs. Lena H. Smith, Robert Smith, Mrs. Robert Smith, William L. Stroupe, Mrs. William L. Stroupe, Debra Suzanne Stroupe, Mrs. Ora Trotter, Lee A. Turner, Mrs. Lee A. Turner, Allen Turner, Mrs. Freddie Ware, Richard Whitmire, Terry Whitmire, Joe L. Wilson, Mrs. Joe L. Wilson, Virginia Ann Wilson, Rita Withers, Mrs. Lester Wright, Larry Wright, Sherry Wright, Stephen Wright, Mrs. John Lever White.

A Pulpit Committee was elected on February 2. Members were: Ralph E. Farrar, Sr. (Chairman), Mrs. Joe Brown, Paul P. Evans, R. G. Watkins, and Mrs. Floyd W. Yarborough. Alternates were C. Edwin Campbell and Mrs. Edwin Howe.



Parkwood Baptist Chapel was constituted and organized into Parkwood Baptist Church at 3:00 P.M., February 2. Reverend Walker W. Black, Pastor of Rankin Lake Baptist Church and Chairman of the Associational Council of the Gaston Baptist Association, presided. Reverend A. Douglas Aldrich, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Gastonia, delivered the sermon. Others participating in the organization were: Reverend M. O. Owens, Jr., Pastor of East Baptist Church and Pulpit Minister of Parkwood Chapel; Mr. Joe L. Wilson, Chairman of Deacons at Parkwood; and Reverend Ernest Mehaffey, Pastor of the Alexis Baptist Church and Moderator of the Gaston Baptist Association. Four other Pastors who were members of the Associational Council had a part

on the program: Reverend Hubert Huggins, Pastor of the Dallas Baptist Church, Dallas, N. C.; Reverend Robert F. Summey, Pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church of Gastonia; Reverend Wilbur F. Woodall, Pastor of the Unity Baptist Church of Gastonia, and Reverend Walter N. Long, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Belmont, N. C.

Parkwood was a part of the "30,000 Movement of Southern Baptists".

East Church voted on February 23 to authorize the trustees to sell the Parsonage at 1517 Kendrick Drive to the Parkwood Baptist Church. (Kendrick Drive is now Garrison Blvd).

A PRAYER FOR OUR DAY

*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.
Where there is hate, may I bring love;
Where offense, may I bring pardon;
May I bring union in place of discord;
Truth, replacing error;
Faith, where once there was doubt;
Hope, for despair;
Light, where was darkness;
Joy to replace sadness.
Make me not to so crave to be loved as to love.
Help me to learn that in giving I may receive;
In forgetting self, I may find life eternal.*

Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226

CHAPTER 11
ECHOES OF THE LAMM ERA
1964



DR. S. L. LAMM

Dr. S. L. Lamm of Boiling Springs, N. C., came to East as Interim Pastor on February 23, 1964. Mr. Lamm was a retired Minister, but very active. He is short of stature, with a ruddy complexion and white hair. Once as he was preaching, he paused, and in the silence, a voice was heard clearly from the choir "I just love that snow white hair!" He had two things to say about his preaching: (1) that when he comes to speak he likes to "stand up, speak up, and shut-up", and (2) that his sermons "are like a dog's-tail can be cut off any place!"

During his service Mrs. Lamm came with him and was faithful in attendance and loved by all the people of East.

On March 1, the Church voted to change the policy (adopted February 1961) of receiving members into the fellowship. The recommendation was as follows: "That persons coming on profession of faith will be received into the church at the time they come and after baptism into full fellowship of the church. That those coming by letter from other Baptist churches will be received into membership on the strength of their letter. That after the reception into the church a period of orientation to inform the member and for them to inform us, in other words the purpose is to help the new member and for them to help us. The present church membership committee will serve as orientation purposes."

The Evangelist for revival services March 8-15 was Dr. W. D. Morris of the Temple Baptist Church of Wilmington, N. C.

Pastor Appreciation Week was observed in the Gaston Baptist Association and on April 5 East Church honored Dr. and Mrs. Lamm and the Colsons at a reception following the evening worship service.

Miss Evelyn Hancock, organist and youth director, resigned on April 8, effective May 17. She was married on June 7 to William Edward Arnn. (1971: Evelyn and Ed and children, Krista and Kyle, live in Fort Worth, Texas).

Mrs. Jack Boyles agreed to be church organist until a new organist could be secured.

The State Youth Convention was held at the First Baptist Church of High Point, N. C., May 1-3. Evelyn Hancock and Juanita Alexander accompanied the young people of East and stayed at the Sheraton Hotel. Those attending were: Gail Alexander, Steve Dellinger, Ralph E. Farrar, Jr., Judith Hanes, Nancy Harvey, Steve Henson, Debbie Justice, Richard Lazenby, Tony McManus, Carolyn Miller, Bill Weaver, Carole Wheeler; and Robert Wheeler.

On May 8, a piano recital was given by members of the church piano class and the private pupils of Miss Evelyn Hancock. Participants were: Mary Pat Brown, David Colson, Lana Dellinger, Steve Dellinger, Vickie Freize, Mary Ellen Gunter, Libby Hand, Nancy Harvey, Terrie Howe, Deborah Lang, Charles E. Mack III, Debbie Richard, Rhonda Starnes, and Hugh Woodruff.

A. G. A. Presentation Service was given on May 17. Mrs. R. J. Freize, Jr. was G. A. Director. The Maidens were: Mary Ellen Gunter, Kathy Odom, Debbie Richard, Rhonda Starnes, Drucilla Summey, and Sharon U'Ren. The Ladies-In-Waiting were: Vickie Freize, Nancy Harvey, and Janet Welch, and the Princess was Janice Ruth Teem.

Vacation Bible School was scheduled June 8-19 with E. P. Colson as principal. The school had an enrollment of 254. Twenty pupils attended who were not enrolled in any Sunday School; and there were four professions of faith.

The Ozark Mission Bible School had an enrollment of 90. J. V. Buchanan, Pastor, was principal.

East Church had seven Juniors to participate in the State Junior Memory Work Tournament at Fruitland on June 15. All were state winners: Toby Cole, David Colson, Mary Ellen Gunter, Dickie Laws, Debbie Richard, Rhonda Starnes, and Robert Starnes.

A building committee was elected April 9 for the new parsonage at 1303 Fairfield Drive. Members were: W. E. Lawing (Chairman), Mrs. Jack L. Boyles, Mrs. Charles Lytton, Boyd M. Warren, and Floyd Yarborough. On June 3 the Church accepted the floor plans as presented by the committee and construction was started in July.

In June, Jacob L. Kincaid, Jr. dedicated his life to full-time Christian service. In the summer of 1970 he served as summer youth worker at the Parkwood Baptist Church in Gastonia. He was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to serve as a 1971 summer worker in the Children's Camp at Petah Tiqva, Israel. He left June 7 and is scheduled to return home on August 16. In the fall he will be a junior at Wake Forest University. His parents are active in the work of the Church - Mrs. Kincaid at East and Mr. Kincaid serving at the Ozark Mission. The Kincaids have a daughter, Allison, who is ten.

Three church custodians worked during June and July. Albert Webber who had worked since June 17, 1963, resigned, effective June 14. Jay W. Floyd worked from June 15 until July 1, and James D. McClure came to work on July 13.

Youth Week was August 2-9. Officers were Scott Huffstetler, Youth Week Pastor; Johnny L. Enloe, Jr., Preacher; Paul V. McManus, Jr., Minister of Music; Jane Elmore, Minister of Education; Mrs. Johnny L. Enloe, Jr., Organist; and Carolyn Miller, Pianist.

Johnny L. Enloe, Jr. was ordained to the Ministry at East Baptist Church on August 23. Reverend T. A. Lineberger delivered the ordination sermon and was assisted in the service by Dr. S. L. Lamm, Interim Pastor at East. Reverend Enloe accepted a call to be Pastor of the Wilkies Grove Baptist Church of Hickory, N. C. He is married to the former Miss Sherry Lyda and they have a daughter, Dawn, who is three. At the present time he is Pastor of the New Life Baptist Church of Stanley, N. C.

On September 13, 1964, East Baptist Church voted to call Reverend E. Thomas Hogan as Pastor, effective October 25.

Dr. Lamm concluded his services at East on October 18, 1964.

IN LOVING-KINDNESS JESUS CAME

*In loving-kindness Jesus came My soul in mercy to reclaim,
And from the depths of sin and shame Thro' grace He lifted me.*

*He called me long before I heard, Before my sinful heart was stirred,
But when I took Him at His word, Forgiv'n, He lifted me.*

*His brow was pierced with many a thorn, His hands by cruel nails
were torn,
When from my guilt and grief, forlorn, In love He lifted me.*

*Now on a higher plane I dwell, And with my soul I know 'tis well;
Yet how or why I cannot tell He should have lifted me.*

CHORUS

*From sinking sand He lifted me, With tender hand He lifted me,
From shades of night to plains of light, O praise His name, He
lifted me!*

CHAPTER 12
ECHOES OF THE HOGAN ERA
1964 -



REV. E. THOMAS HOGAN

Reverend E. Thomas Hogan began his ministry at East on October 25, 1964. He was born and reared in Durham, N. C., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton G. Hogan. He was converted at the age of 18, and called to the Ministry during his freshman year in Duke University Engineering School. He is a graduate of Wake Forest College (1956) and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (1959). Pastorates include Columbus Durham Chapel of the First Baptist Church of Durham, and the Masonboro Baptist Church of Wilmington, N. C. Mrs. Hogan is the former Miss Erlene Gooch of Durham and is a graduate of Meredith College. They have two daughters, Emily and Sarah; Emily was five and Sarah was three years of age when they came to East Church. Reverend Hogan's hobbies include golf, guitar, weightlifting, and all sports, especially basketball. Though he has other interests, his first and greatest dedication is to his work as a Minister.

Juanita Alexander, church secretary, submitted her resignation on October 21 to work as secretary for the Gaston Baptist Association. The following people were elected as a committee to secure a new secretary; Ray G. Jimison (chairman), E. P. Colson, Herbert M. Hickson, Jr., Reverend Hogan, Mrs. William R. Spargo, and Mrs. Ray Stewart, Jr.

James B. Cole, Jr. was elected to serve as budget secretary and Mrs. Boyce H. Woodruff agreed to work in the office temporarily.

On November 22, the Church voted to hire Mrs. John W. Keener as church secretary. She is the former Carole Seagle. Mr. and Mrs. Keener live in Dallas, N. C. and they have two children, Kent and Denise. Mrs. Keener came to work on December 7.

Kathryn Diane Dobbins and Reverend J. V. Buchanan, Pastor of the Ozark Baptist Mission, were married November 24 at the Trinity Church in Mooresboro, N. C.

The 1965 Bible Study was January 4, 5, and 6, with adults and young people using "Studies in Deuteronomy", taught by the Pastor. Classes were also provided for the other age-groups. Enrollment was 218, which included twelve members from the Ozark Mission.

In January, the Church received a "Special Recognition Award" from the Sunday School Board, indicating that the 90 training course awards received last year in category 17 (Sunday School principles and methods) placed East Church 11th in the State in this phase of Church Training.

Reverend C. Burt Potter, Associate Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Gastonia, was guest speaker at the Valentine Banquet for Intermediates and Young People. Debbie Justice was elected Queen and Jacob L. Kincaid, Jr. King.

Thirteen people participated in the Church Training Tournaments on Sunday, March 24. Janice Ruth Teem, Intermediate Sword Drill; Paul Lloyd Teem, Jr., Young People Speakers; Donald L. Elmore, Adult Bible Reading; and there were ten Junior Memory Work participants. On April 4, Janice Teem was Alternate in the Intermediate Sword Drill in the Associational Tournament; and there were nine Junior Memory Work Associational winners.

Nine Juniors were State winners in Junior Memory Work: Marvin Colson, Lana Dellinger and Donna Mabe were first year winners. Second year winners were Toby Cole, Mary Ellen Gunter, Dickie Laws, and Rhonda Starnes. David Colson and Robert Starnes were three year winners.

The Junior and Youth Choirs participated in the Regional Choir Festival at the First Baptist Church of Gastonia on February 22, and the Youth Choir participated in the State Festival at Wake Forest College on April 10.

Mrs. John Keener resigned as church secretary effective April 2, 1965. Mrs. Boyce Woodruff was employed to work in the office temporarily. On May 1, Juanita Alexander returned to work at East as church secretary.



MRS. J. K. CARPENTER

Mrs. J. K. Carpenter came to work on May 3, 1965 as church organist and office assistant. The former Miss Mildred Carpenter, she is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Carpenter, and was reared in Lowell, N. C. She is a graduate of the Music Department of New Orleans Baptist Seminary with a major in music and a minor in religious education. After graduation she served in the Spray Baptist Church of Leaksville, N. C. (now Eden, N. C.), and came to East Church from the First Baptist Church of Mt. Holly, N. C. where she served for 11 1/2 years. Mildred and J. K. live in Belmont, N. C.

Vacation Bible School was scheduled June 7-18 with Reverend Hogan serving as Principal. Total enrollment of the school was 227 with an average attendance of 186. There were fourteen pupils enrolled who were not members of any Sunday School. Three pupils made a profession of faith.

Revival services were April 18-25. The Evangelist was Dr. E. Lowell Spivey, Director of Missions for the Baptist State Convention. Twenty-three people came into the fellowship of the church for baptism, two by transfer of church letter and many came for rededication of life.

Senor Timoteo Gatica of Chile spoke at the midweek service on June 9; he and his wife were on their way to the Baptist World Congress in Miami, Florida.

Reverend and Mrs. Hogan and Emily and Sarah attended the Baptist World Congress. While they were away the pulpit was supplied on Sunday by Reverend W. T. Baucom of Charlotte, N. C. and Reverend W. L. Walters, retired Minister and member of East, was speaker for the midweek service.

Miss Judith Darlene Tripp came on June 20 as Summer Youth Director. Judy was a member of the Baptist Youth Corps of the Baptist State Convention. She is from Mebane, N. C., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Warren Tripp, and a student at Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C. During her

ten weeks of work she resided at 714 East Airline Avenue in the home of Miss Rebecca and Miss Myrtle Moss, members of East Church.

Youth retreats were at South Mountain Camp, Friday July 16 for Intermediates and July 23 for Young People. The groups left the church on Friday afternoon and returned Saturday at 4:00 P.M. - there was fun, fellowship and worship. The retreat theme was "Committed Unto God". Reverend J. V. Buchanan, Ozark Mission Pastor, was devotional speaker and Mrs. E. P. Colson was group discussion leader.

Miss Tripp directed Tuesday afternoon games and fellowship programs at the church during the summer, 2-4 P.M.

Mr. and Mrs. Colson served on the faculty at Caswell for Sunday School Week, working with Juniors and Intermediates.

Mr. Colson participated in the Hawaii Laymen's Crusade, July 25-August 1. This was sponsored by the Hawaiian Baptist Convention and the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Laymen from 15 states participated.

On August 8, Ozark Baptist Mission had homecoming. Church membership at the Mission was 156; Sunday School enrollment 119, and Training Union enrollment 70. Average offering per week was \$110.00.

James McClure, church custodian since July 1964, resigned in January, 1965. William T. Dreher worked from January 27 until April 25. Jesse Brooks worked part time from April 29 until June 24. On May 14, Andrew Rhodes came and worked until May 28 and resigned. Following him, John Saddler worked from June 25 until July 29. On July 30, Willie Darby came to work at East.

The church picnic was held at Rankin Lake on August 17; supervised recreation from 4:00-6:00; picnic, 6:00-7:00; and a devotional period from 7:00-7:30 P.M.

On August 18, East Church voted to give Ozark Mission permission to buy the lot adjoining the Mission property for \$2,250.

Youth Week was August 22-29. The theme of the week was "The Challenge Is Yours". Officers were: Paul Lloyd Teem, Jr., Pastor; Steve Dellinger, Sunday School Superintendent; Janice Ruth Teem, Training Union Director; and Judith Hanes, Music Director. Deacons were Roger Edward Campbell (Eddie), John Harvey, Jr., Scott Huffstetler, Kenneth Johnson, Eddie Stroupe, David Watkins, and Robert Wheeler.

Ushers were: Aaron Bolick, Alan Curry, Steve Harvey, Rocky Queen, Mike Spargo, and Loyd Summey.

Mr. Leonel Brunner, Vice President and Public Relations Director of the First Union National Bank, was guest speaker at the Youth Week Breakfast. During the morning service, the Pastor presented the "Key of Church Responsibility" to the Youth Week Pastor. The film "The Challenge is Yours" was shown during the Training Union hour. The Youth Choir sang at the evening service, and the youth speakers were Kathryn Gail Alexander, Steve Dellinger, and Cynthia Ramsey. On Tuesday evening the Youth Week Deacons and the Church Deacons visited shut-ins. Steve Dellinger brought the devotions at the midweek service. Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Cook invited the youth

to a picnic at their farm in Clover, S. C. on Friday evening; recreation included fishing, horseshoes, ballgame, pingpong, and hiking. Sunday, August 29 was Youth Sunday. The young people were in places of responsibility in Sunday School and the worship service.

Miss Bertha Smith taught her book "Go Home and Tell" at East Church on September 17. She is a native of Cowpens, S. C., and a graduate of Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C. Miss Smith served as missionary in China and helped start the Southern Baptist Mission work in Formosa.

In September, piano classes were started, taught by Mrs. Carpenter.

A Sunday School Enlargement Campaign was held October 2-7. The Campaign Director was Mr. G. W. Bowling, Minister of Education at the Allen Street Baptist Church of Charlotte, N. C. Teaching sessions for adults and young people were led each evening by Mr. Bowling and there were classes for Beginners and Primaries and a supervised study hall for Juniors and Intermediates. The Nursery was staffed by pediatric nurses from the Gaston Memorial Hospital School of Nursing.

Because of increased enrollment in the Junior and Intermediate departments, the leaders felt that more effective teaching could be done if additional departments were formed. Partitions were installed in the existing assembly rooms to provide for two Junior and two Intermediate departments.

During Mr. Colson's service as Minister of Music and Education, there was an annual recognition of members who received training diplomas or seals during the year. In October 1962 Mr. John Fletcher of the Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church of Charlotte, N. C. was guest speaker for the Church Training Banquet. Mrs. Colson made the caps, and choir robes were used as graduating gowns for those receiving awards. Reverend John H. Knight was the Commencement speaker at the banquet in 1963. There were nineteen in the graduating class; those receiving the red seal were: Mrs. James B. Cole, Jr., Mrs. Ralph E. Farrar, Sr., Dan Justice, Mrs. Charles Lytton, Mrs. Charles McAllister, Byron Morris, Miss Marjorie Sigmon, and Carter Starnes. Blue seals were awarded to: Juanita Alexander, Mrs. Ralph Crisp, Mrs. Dan Justice, and Mrs. Byron Morris. The Church Training Diploma was received by: Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Babb, Mrs. Cliff Broome, Mrs. Hall Mauney, Mrs. Ben Merritt, and Tyree Moss. Mrs. Joe Brown received the gold seal, approved Workman Diploma with all seals, and the Master Workman Diploma. There were three Mascots who received the Junior Diploma; Dana Atkinson, David Colson, and Michael Long. In 1965, instead of the annual banquet, recognition was given during the morning worship service on October 24. There were 110 members who had earned one or more credits and 25 of these completed requirements for a diploma or seal and were in the "graduating class".

Classes of instruction were given for song leaders and accompanists on October 25, 26 and 29. These were led by Mr. Colson and Mrs. Carpenter.

The highlight of R. A. Focus Week was a Ranking Service during the evening worship service on November 7. Marvin Colson received the Crusader Achievement Award. The following R. A.'s received the Pathfinder Award: Robert Barkley, Glenn Barkley, Jr., Toby Cole, Richard Hawkins, Dickie Laws, and Michael Ledford.

Beginning in 1966, as adopted by the church, the financial year will match the calendar year. Prior to this, the financial year began in October.

Reverend Yates Campbell of the Loray Baptist Church of Gastonia taught adults and young people in January Bible Study. Classes for other age groups were taught by members of East Church. Enrollment for the study was 85.

January 23 was Baptist Men's Day. The following men participated in the evening worship service: John Davis, Paul P. Evans, Ray Jimison, and Paul Rhyne. A men's chorus provided the music.

The Deacon-Led Spiritual Growth Program was started in January. This is a spiritual ministry designed through deacon visitation to get the new church member started right in serving the Lord through His church. Each deacon is assigned a proportionate number of church families who he will visit periodically and for whom he will be an undershepherd. This will supplement the Pastors visits and make his calls more meaningful and helpful.

For the first time, East Church prepared a church "Annual". It contains a brief history of the church, church-elected workers, the church budget, the church covenant, a calendar of activities and a list of current church members.

In March, the Junior and Youth Choirs participated in the Regional Choir Festival at the First Baptist Church of Gastonia.

The Church Library was opened on March 13 with a dedication service followed by open house. The library had not been in use since about 1951 and at that time the books were shelved in the church office. Since that time, space was made available in the educational unit opened in 1959. Mrs. Boyce Woodruff was librarian. Other library staff members were: Mrs. E. P. Colson, Mrs. Ralph E. Farrar, Sr., Mrs. Charles Lytton and Mrs. Shirley Slaughter. There were 646 books in the library.

Revival services were April 24-May 1. Guest preacher for the week was Reverend Ches Smith, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tifton, Georgia. Four people came into the fellowship of the church by transfer of church membership and twelve came for baptism.

Vacation Bible School was scheduled June 6-17 with the Pastor serving as principal. Twenty-three pupils attended who were not enrolled in any Sunday School. There were two professions of faith. The school had an enrollment of 226 with an average attendance of 185.

Seven Juniors were State winners in Junior Memory Work: Robert Starnes was a 4 year winner. Toby Cole, Dickie Laws, and Rhonda Starnes were 3 year winners; Lana Dellinger and Donna Mabe were 2 year winners; and Harvey Holbrook was a first year winner.

Miss Judith Tripp came for the second summer to work as youth director.

Sixty Intermediates and young people went to Martin Young's river cabin on June 28. Afternoon activities included softball, badminton, croquet, and fishing. After supper the group enjoyed singing around the campfire, accompanied by Mr. Hogan and his guitar and Mrs. Colson and her autoharp. A football was presented to Judy Tripp to "Kick-off" the summer activities.

Nine young people attended Music week at Caswell on July 11-16.

The Intermediates had a picnic at Rankin Lake on Monday, July 18. Recreational activities included softball, croquet, horseshoes, and hikes. After

supper, Master of Ceremonies, Kenneth Johnson, called the group together for a "sing" accompanied by David Colson and his autoharp. The devotional was given by Judy Tripp.

The Young People had a retreat at Lake Norman July 29-30. They enjoyed folk singing around the campfire accompanied by Mr. Hogan and his guitar. C. S. Vincent, Jr. was in charge of morning devotions on Saturday morning and Mrs. Colson led a discussion on "Conscience on Campus".

Other activities of the summer were after-church fellowships, informal fellowships at the homes of some of the young people, retreats at South Mountain Camp and Youth Week.

Youth Week was August 14-21, and Jacob L. Kincaid, Jr., was Youth Week Pastor. Other officers were: Steve Dellinger, Minister of Music; Judith Hanes, Sunday School Superintendent; Bill Weaver, Brotherhood President; Paul L. Teem, Jr., Chairman of Deacons; and R. E. Campbell (Eddie), Head Usher. The theme of the week was "Hold High Your Torch".

The Church adopted the Forward Program of Christian Stewardship with Byron Morris serving as general chairman. The fellowship dinner was at the Gastonia Armory and the children's party was at the church on October 11. Guest speaker at the Armory was Reverend Gordon Weekly, Pastor of the Providence Baptist Church of Charlotte, N. C.

Mr. E. P. Colson submitted his resignation as Minister of Music and Education effective September 23. (1971: The Colsons are living in Columbia, S. C.).

The Church voted to relieve Mrs. Carpenter of her duties as financial secretary and ask her to serve as Interim Minister of Music.

Mrs. Ralph Huffstetler was hired as part-time financial secretary. She is the former Miss Linda Brown, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown.

East Church had a Church Membership Revival October 9-16. The visiting preacher for the week was Reverend W. F. Woodall, Pastor of the Unity Baptist Church of Gastonia. (Reverend Woodall retired from the active pastorate in 1970, after ten years at the Unity Church).

Reverend James Ballard, Pastor of the Clinchfield Baptist Church of Marion, N. C., spoke at the Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper on November 30. Mr. and Mrs. Ballard formerly served as missionaries to Brazil.



MRS. RALPH HUFFSTETLER

On recommendation of the property committee, the finance committee, and the deacons, the church voted to authorize the trustees to purchase three houses and lots (#910, 912 and 914) on East Davis Avenue from the Ragan Estate for \$12,000.

East Church ranked third in foreign mission gifts in the Gaston Baptist Association. The goal was \$4,000, and receipts were \$4,122.

The Church Choir presented the cantata "Love Transcending" by John W. Peterson on December 18. Mrs. Carpenter was director and organist, and the narrator was the Pastor, Thomas Hogan.

Thirty persons united with East Church during October, November and December.

In January 1967, the trustees were authorized to purchase two lots beside the Ozark Mission for future expansion.

Baptist Men's Day was observed on January 22. James R. Coleman presided at the morning worship service and Paul P. Evans brought the message. Other laymen participating were: Steve Absher, Dan Atkinson, Paul N. Conner, Wylie Glover, Dan Justice, Haymore Spargo, and Charles M. Spence, Sr.

On February 15, the Church voted to elect a Personnel Committee of five members. They will serve for three years on a rotating basis.

The Week of Prayer for Home Missions began March 5, with Mr. Oscar I. Romo as guest speaker for the morning worship service. He is Assistant Secretary of the Language Missions Department of the Home Mission Board.

The Junior Choir participated in the Regional Choir Festival at the Loray Baptist Church on February 28, and the State Festival at Wingate College on April 8.

Six home prayer meetings were held on March 27 and March 31 in preparation for revival. Morning prayer services were held Monday through Friday of revival week from 10:00 - 10:30 A.M. The Evangelist was Dr. Francis Chesson, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Whiteville, N. C. Twenty-six people united with East; twenty for baptism and six by transfer of church letter.

In April, the church gave a contract to Pictorial Church Directories of America to prepare a directory for East Church. It contained a brief history of the church, pictures of members who came to have their picture made, and a list of all church members.

On May 7, the Personnel Committee recommended and the church voted to call Miss Linda Jo Beaver as summer youth director for ten weeks. Linda is a native of Salisbury, N. C., and is a graduate of Appalachian State College. She was a mathematics teacher in Greensboro, N. C.

The Church had a covered dish supper on May 31. Dr. W. K. McGee, the denominational representative at North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, N. C., was guest speaker. He showed films and moderated a question and answer period regarding the hospital ministry.

Five Juniors were State Winners in Junior Memory Work: Richard Cole and Diane Craig were first year winners; Lana Dellinger and Donna Mabe were three year winners; and Rhonda Starnes was a four year winner.

Vacation Bible School was held June 5-16, and there were seven professions of faith.

On July 2, Reverend J. V. Buchanan completed 3½ years as Pastor of the Ozark Mission; he resigned to enter Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as Pastor of the Lasker Baptist Church while in the Seminary. At

the present time he is Director of Volunteer Services and Community Relations at the John Umstead Hospital, Butner, N. C. He has served several churches as Interim Pastor in addition to his work at the hospital.

On July 16, Reverend Robert B. Grigg, Jr., Chaplain at Akers Motor Lines, was called as Interim Pastor of the Ozark Mission.

Since January 1963, eleven churches in the Gaston Baptist Association gave financial assistance to the First Baptist Church of Bothell, Washington. Bothell is a little town on the edge of Seattle, Washington, where only one out of ten belong to any church. Through the Association these churches contributed \$3,000, to help purchase property for their expansion program. East Church participated in this pioneer mission project.

Sunday School Leadership Preparation Week was September 11-13. Reverend Glain Pennell, Minister of Education at the Loray Baptist Church of Gastonia, taught "The Sunday School at Work 1967-68".

A study in church music was provided in September: "Sounds that Sing", taught to Beginners by Mrs. Roy L. Mabe; "Singing Praises" for Primaries taught by Mrs. Charles Lytton; "Let's Make Music" taught to Juniors by Mrs. Carpenter, and "The Beginning Vocalist" for Intermediates, Young People and Adults was taught by Mr. Parker Snyder, Minister of Music at the Temple Baptist Church of Gastonia.

On recommendation of the Finance Committee and the House and Grounds Committee, the Church voted to employ Bradley-Jenkins Company to grade and gravel one lot on Davis Avenue for parking, and to sow grass and straw the other lot. When the property was purchased in 1966 the tenants were given permission to remain until they could find a place to live. One house was rented for a short time. It seemed advisable to remove the houses rather than spend the necessary funds to maintain them.

Reverend and Mrs. Ruford B. Hodges and their children visited East Church on December 3. Mr. and Mrs. Hodges have been appointed missionaries to the Orient.

The Choirs presented the cantata "Night of the Star" on December 17, directed by Mrs. Carpenter.

On January 7, 1968, a reception followed the evening worship service to honor the new Pastor of the Ozark Mission, Reverend Fletcher Eddie Edens. Mr. and Mrs. Edens live in Charlotte, N. C., where he is employed by the U.S. Postal Service. He continued to live in Charlotte and serve as Mission Pastor.

The church voted on September 20, 1967 that the church library be closed as of October 1 because there was no one to serve as librarian. On December 13, the church elected Robert N. Hoffman, who came into the fellowship of East Church on October 1, as church librarian. The library was re-opened on January 7, 1968, there were 994 books in the library at that time.

The enrollment for January Bible Study was 120. Adults and young people studied "Outlines of Bible History" taught by the Pastor. There were classes for other age-groups, taught by members of East Church.

The Junior Choir participated in the Regional Choir Festival at the First Baptist Church in Shelby on February 27, and the State Festival at Wingate College on April 20.

On May 28, 1967 the Personnel Committee brought the following recommendation: "Whereas, we the members of your Personnel Committee have given considerable study, thought, and prayer to the present staff needs of East Church, it is our studied opinion that current conditons call for a divided ministry of music and education. We therefore submit to you the following recommendations: I' That a full time Minister of Education and Youth be employed. II' That a committee be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the church to seek such a staff position. The principal function of the Minister of Education and Youth shall be as follows: The Minister of Education and Youth is responsible to the Pastor for the development and promotion of the educational program of the church". Specific responsibilities, compensation, vacation, holidays, and routine requirements were also given.

The Church accepted the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and on June 14, 1967 a committee was elected to secure a Minister of Education and Youth; Mrs. Joe Brown, James R. Coleman, Mrs. Paul Rhyne, Carter Starnes, and Robert T. Watkins, Sr.

On March 3, 1968, the Church voted to call Mr. Harry M. McCall, Jr. as Minister of Education and Youth. He is a graduate of the University of Miami and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; between these two degrees he taught school (physical education) and was Director of Camp Ridgecrest for Boys at Ridgecrest, N. C. Prior to coming to East, he was at the College Park Baptist Church in Greensboro, N. C. Mrs. McCall is the former Miss Mary Lou Morrison. She is a graduate of Furman University and has taught high school English. Timothy McCall was 3 years old when they came to East.



HARRY M. McCALL., JR.

A reception was given for the McCalls following the evening worship service on March 31, and he began work at East on April 1, 1968.

Pre-revival prayer meetings were held in five homes on March 25 and 29. Revival services were March 31-April 5, led by Reverend R. F. Smith, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Durham, N. C. There were 16 additions to the church during the week.

The Church Choir presented the cantata "Hallelujah for the Cross" by John W. Peterson on April 14. Mrs. Carpenter was director and accompanist.

A Youth retreat was at Camp Thunderbird, May 3-4. The devotional leader was the Pastor, Thomas Hogan:

Junior High Conference Leader was Miss Pat Lundy, social worker at the Mental Health Clinic; and the Senior High Conference Leader was Ray Whitin, Minister of Education at the New Hope Baptist Church of Gastonia.

In connection with Christian Home Week, East Church had a Family Life Conference on Sunday, May 5. Reverend Robert B. Grigg, Jr., Chaplain of Akers Motor Lines, spoke on "Family Dynamics". Age Group conferences were taught by Reverend Grigg, Harry McCall, and Juanita Alexander.

On Mother's Day, East Church had its first Parent-Child Dedication Service. This is a sacred service of the church in which parents and congregation dedicate themselves to rearing these and other children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Those participating in the service were: Mr. and Mrs. David E. Cooper, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William R. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Friday, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Mauney, Mr. and Mrs. Hall Mauney, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pell, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Erskine T. Summey, Jr.

In May, air conditioning was installed in the 1959 educational building. The work was done by Falls and Ruff, Inc., at a cost of \$5,997.81.

"Find the Folks" Day was May 26. Lunch was served at the church following the worship service and members went out to take a census of the nearby community.

Vacation Bible School was June 3-14 with the Pastor serving as principal. Thirty people came for rededication of life, and seven made a profession of faith.

Lana Dellinger was a four year State winner in Junior Memory work. Richard Cole and Diane Craig were second year winners; and, Larry Holcombe, Allen Slaughter and Elizabeth Starnes were first year winners.

Summer activities included an R. A. softball team; bowling on Tuesday and swimming on Thursday for young people; and several days were designated as "Junior Day" for picnics and recreation.

Youth Week was August 18-25. Activities of the week included youth-led worship at the evening service on August 18 followed by a trip to LaRomas, in Charlotte, for Pizza. On Tuesday, the young people went by chartered bus to Six Flags over Georgia, and the midweek service was led by the youth. On Friday, a moonlight swim at Barr's Swim Club in Lowell; and on August 25, young people were in the places of leadership in Sunday School and the morning worship service. Following the evening service, the COVE (youth center) was dedicated. The COVE was "a small sheltered inlet that affords refreshment and recreation for youth through its cooling springs...a place of solitude where the individual can better 'find' himself and his Maker...a refuge from the storms of life...a place of fellowship through which youth can develop into true 'fishers of men' ". The COVE was located on the ground floor of the church building, adjacent to the church dining area and kitchen.

Piano classes were resumed in the fall, taught by Mrs. Carpenter.

September 16-19, East Church participated with the New Hope Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church of Cramerton for Sunday School Leadership Week, meeting at New Hope Church. Fifty-one officers and workers from East Church attended.

The Personnel Committee recommended and the church voted on September 22 to call Mrs. J. K. Carpenter as Minister of Music. Mildred came to East Church on May 3, 1965 as organist and office assistant and served in that capacity until September 25, 1966, when upon the resignation of Mr. E. P. Colson she became Interim Minister of Music. In addition to her responsibilities as Minister of Music she continued to serve as office assistant.

The Forward Program of Church Finance was used again this year. The fellowship supper was held at the Gastonia Armory on October 30 with Mr. Hobart Smith of Charlotte, N. C., as guest speaker.

Repairs were made in the sanctuary in November. The ceiling, plaster and stained glass windows were repaired; and the walls were painted.

Missionary Roy E. Snell was guest speaker at the morning worship service on November 24. Mr. and Mrs. Snell are missionaries to Korea. Mrs. Snell (Mildred) has had Mission groups named in her honor.

The young people had a Christmas banquet on December 23 using the theme "Toyland". Christmas toys were taken to needy children after the banquet.

Student Night at Christmas was December 29 with David Watkins moderating. Other young people participating were Steve Dellinger, Rhonda Mullis, Carole Wheeler and Robert Wheeler.

The stork visited two staff families during this year. Eric Thomas Hogan, son of Reverend and Mrs. Thomas Hogan, was born at Gaston Memorial Hospital on May 24. Also, at Gaston Memorial, John Mark McCall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCall, born August 5.

The annual associational report shows the following information: Twenty-two people were received for baptism and there were 39 other additions; total membership 1,051-928 at East and 123 at Ozark Mission. Total value of church property was \$565,200; and the church debt at the end of the church year was \$18,751 for East and Ozark Mission. The Sunday School enrollment was 1,012; Training Union 271; Music Ministry 110; there were seven missionary organizations with an enrollment of 182, and two R. A. chapters with an enrollment of 27. The total receipts for the year was \$108,699.

January Bible Study, 1969, was on Wednesday evenings with the Pastor teaching adults and Harry McCall teaching young people using the book "The Gospel of Isaiah". Other teachers were: Phillip Chandler, Jerry Sigmon, Juanita Alexander, Mrs. Leonard Burton, and Mrs. J. K. Carpenter.

In January, during the Training Union hour, a study of other religions was presented: Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon), Unitarian, Jewish (this session held at Temple Emanuel), and Christian Scientists.

The Week of Prayer for Home Missions was introduced on Sunday with a film "What Is the Church?", and on Monday and Tuesday the Mission Groups studied "In Aloha Land". On Wednesday the Church had a home missions workshop; a study of the community and its needs were presented and prospect cards were given to members interested in home missions in the church community. Thursday and Friday nights were visitation nights. The total receipts for the Home Mission offering was \$998.03.

On February 24, the Junior Choir participated in the Regional Choir Festival at St. John's Baptist Church of Charlotte, and the Youth Choir at the Enderly Park Church, Charlotte, N. C., on February 25. Juniors participated in the State Festival at Wingate College, March 22; and the Youth Choir at Ridgecrest on April 12.

In May, the Pastor organized a Prayer and Share Group to meet on Tuesday evening of each week. At the beginning there were seven members - Juanita Alexander, Blair Dellinger, Ralph E. Farrar, Sr., Reverend Hogan, Bob Lowery, Harry McCall and Mrs. Frank Mabe; others have now come to join the group for Bible study, prayer and sharing, and visitation.

Pre-revival prayer meetings were held at the church. Families were asked to come on specified nights according to alphabetical listing. The deacons were in charge of the programs: a devotional period from 7:30-7:50, and visitation from 8:00-9:00 P.M.

Revival services were held May 4 - 11; the evangelist was Dr. Victor McManus of Belfast, Ireland, now living in Garland, Texas. He has conducted evangelistic crusades in all major cities of the British Isles and in tours in America has preached in many churches in Texas, Florida, Oklahoma, California, and North Carolina. His travels have taken him to many countries of the world including several behind the Iron Curtain. He is married and has four children.

Two classes in voice were given during the summer for Juniors and Intermediates. These classes included a study of voice production, rhythm study and sight reading, and were taught by Mrs. Carpenter.

Vacation Bible School was June 2-6, with a total enrollment of 229, and an average attendance of 211. There were three pupils who made a commitment of their lives to Christ.

The Ozark Mission Bible School was June 9-13, and 16 young people from East helped with the teaching. The total enrollment was 82.

On Sunday, June 8, East Church licensed two men to the Ministry, Blair Steven Dellinger and Charles Mabry Spence, Sr.

In June, the nursery departments were renovated; this included vinyl floor covering, painting and minor carpenter work.

Nine families participated in the annual Parent-Child Dedication service on June 15.

There were five State winners in Junior Memory Work; Richard Cole was a 3 year winner; Elizabeth Starnes, 2 year; and, Emily Hogan, Linda Holbrook, and Steven Laws were first year winners.

The theme for Youth Week, July 13-20, was "Do Your Own Thing". On Sunday evening, July 13, the young people were in charge of the worship service. Monday, Tuesday and Friday afternoons they had recreation at the Bob Gardners river house at Paradise Point. On Wednesday, the young people were in charge of the midweek service. A trip to Six Flags Over Georgia was planned for Thursday. On Sunday, the young people served as directors in the adult Sunday School departments and were in charge of the evening worship service.

Reverend Ed Edens, Pastor of the Ozark Mission, resigned, effective August 17.



CHARLES M. SPENCE, SR.

On August 17, the Church voted to call Charles M. Spence, Sr. as Pastor of the Mission. He was licensed on Sunday, June 8 and ordained September 14. Charles is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Spence who were members of East Church. Mrs. Spence is the former Miss Rita Lambert. They have three children: Deborah Carolyn, Charles M. Spence, Jr. (Chuck), and David. Reverend Spence graduated from Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute May 29, 1970, and is attending Wake Forest University.

Mrs. J. K. Carpenter resigned as Minister of Music, effective September 30. The Personnel Committee was authorized to secure an Interim Music Director and organist, and to appoint a committee to find a permanent Minister of Music.

On October 1, the Church voted to employ Mr. Ralph Lee Massey as interim Music Director and Mrs. Harold Stone (the former Miss Janet Allred) as Interim Organist.

The members of the committee to secure a permanent Minister of Music were: Jimmie W. Babb, Mrs. Charles Lytton, Mrs. O. G. Wallace, and Mrs. Everett Weaver.

Music leaders were elected for the graded choirs: Mrs. Charles Lytton, Junior Choir; Mrs. Thomas Hogan, Primary Choir; and Mrs. Bill Trimnal, Beginner Music Activity.

On November 2, Mr. Ralph L. Massey was employed as Minister of Music. He is the son of Mrs. Lodies Massey of Reidsville, N. C. Mr. Massey graduated from Reidsville High School in 1953, and received the B. S. Degree from Guilford College, Greensboro, in 1969. Mrs. Massey is the former Miss Eunice Basham. They moved to Gastonia when Mr. Massey was trans-



RALPH L. MASSEY

ferred by Sears, Roebuck and Company. He works as Comptroller at Sears and on a part-time basis in the music ministry at East Church.

East Church participated in an Associational World Missions Conference November 26-30. The following missionaries were at East during the week: Herbert Neely, missionary to Rhodesia; Mrs. Odell Vandenberg, pioneer missionary, Northwest United States; Lok-Tin Cheung of the Chinese Baptist Church of Houston, Texas; Ector Hamrick, Home Missionary in Alexandria, Virginia; Gene Phillips, missionary to Rhodesia, and Miss Olive Lawton, China and Taiwan. On Friday evening a combined meeting with all six missionaries was held at the South Marietta Baptist Church.

On December 21, the church choir presented the Christmas cantata "Love Transcending" by John W. Peterson, directed by Ralph Massey. The narrator was James Coleman; organist Nancy Foy; and pianist, Margaret Ellen Caldwell.

The youth choir presented the cantata "Wonder of the Ages" for the Student Night at Christmas program. Original tableau scenes created by high school and college students were used, directed by Harry McCall.

Baptist Men's Day was January 25, 1970. Joseph B. Davis was the presiding officer at the morning worship service and gave the call to worship. David McSwain read the scripture and Ralph E. Farrar, Sr. led the morning prayer. Speaking on the subject: "My Role as a Christian Laymen" were Haymore Spargo, Ray Jimison, and R. J. Freize, Jr. The offertory and benedictory prayers were given by Hunter Summey and James B. Cole, Jr. A men's choir sang at the worship services.

The young people had a Valentine Party on Saturday, February 14, with "pop art, poetry, and pizza featured under the purple lights".

Reverend Jay Waugh of Burlington, N. C. was the Evangelist for revival services March 29-April 5. Mr. Waugh was Pastor of the Kimmitt Baptist Church of Burlington for 16 years, and entered the field of full-time evangelism in 1960. Ten people came into the fellowship of the church by transfer of church membership and eleven came for baptism.

On March 15, at the morning worship service, Mr. Donald Adcox, a layman from Asheville, N. C. was guest speaker. The following Sunday evening the worship service was led by Mr. Adcox, Mr. Frank Dorato and Mr. Neal Pyatt. A session in witness training for adults followed the service with the three Asheville laymen in charge.

March 29 was the last Sunday at East for organist Nancy Foy. Due to a heavy school schedule, extra curricular activities and work in her own church, Pisgah A. R. P., she found it necessary to lighten her load. In 1971 Nancy was a winner of the Albert G. Myers Scholarship from the Myers-Textiles Foundation.

Mrs. Morris R. Hall came to East as Church Organist in April. The former Miss Vonne Gwaltney, she is the daughter of Reverend and Mrs. James Clarence Gwaltney. A graduate of Ashley High School and Gardner-Webb College, she has worked as a dental assistant and secretary, and has served as organist at Unity Baptist Church and the New Hope Baptist Church of Gastonia. Vonne's hobby is music! She is a member of the American Guild of Organists and a



MRS. MORRIS R. HALL



JOE C. PELL, Sr.

member of Sharps and Flats Music Club (N. F. M. C.). Vonne and Morris live at 932 Nottingham Drive with daughters Morissa and April..

In April 1970, the Ozark Mission purchased a four room house on Piedmont Street for \$3,000. This property joins the Mission property.

Youth Week was May 31-June 7 with special activities planned during the week. The climax was the presentation of the folk musical PURPOSE, during the morning worship hour.

On January 14, at the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, a new staff position was established - a part-time bookkeeper. Mrs. Wayne Bradley was employed and worked from January 17 until May 15. Mr. Joe C. Pell, Sr. was employed on May 15, 1970.

Vacation Bible School was June 8-12 with the Pastor as principal. The school had an enrollment of 229, with an average attendance of 197.

On Wednesday, September 2 a revised Family Night schedule was started: 6:15 preschool and children's music and organizational meetings; 7:15 worship and mission auxiliary groups; 8:00 church choir rehearsal.

In April, the Church voted to engage in an intensive search for church members whose addresses were not known. Resident members were encouraged to actively participate in the local church. Non-resident members located were encouraged to unite with a Baptist congregation near them. Those not located, after every reasonable effort, were to be removed from the membership roll of East Baptist Church. Non-resident members whose addresses were known, were encouraged to unite with a local congregation where they resided. A Membership Review Committee was elected: Joseph B. Davis, W. E. Porter and Ray Stewart, Jr. The names of 16 members, whose addresses were not

known, were erased from the roll in June. In September, 43 non-resident members were dropped from the roll because they failed to respond to a letter sent April 30 regarding their membership. This procedure is to be followed annually in the Fall.

In September, a ministry was started for the men at the North Carolina Department of Corrections at Dallas, N. C. The men who desire to come, are brought to the Church for services, and at times, for recreational activities. Some continued to attend Church services after they were released. Several have united with the fellowship of East Church.

Church Training Seminars for Adults during the year covered a variety of subjects. In April, a study, "A Short History of Baptists", was led by the Pastor and Mr. McCall. In May, the G. A. Program for the 70's and Men and Boys Work was discussed for the benefit of parents. Also, in May, a study of the crime and drug problem in our city. In June and July, the unit topic was "Vital Concerns in Christian Family Living". The October sessions were designed to prepare adults for the Church Renewal Mission, using the topic "Sharing Your Faith".

The annual Woman's Missionary Union banquet was on November 12, with Mr. Robert K. Montague, Church Renewal Mission Coordinator, as guest speaker.

The Church Renewal Mission was November 13-15, 1970. The Mission is a three day emphasis to spiritually re-new the membership of a church, to help members find freedom and fulness of life through an indwelling and infilling of the Holy Spirit. A 24 hour prayer vigil began at 5:00 P. M. on Thursday and continued until 5:00 on Friday. Mr. Robert K. (Bob) Montague, a Methodist layman, Postmaster, and Accountant, from Newport, N. C. was Coordinator. Mr. Allen Jolly of the First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain was Music Director. Mr. Reggie Alexander of Kings Mountain was youth director; and Miss Sharon Garner of Newport was associate youth director.

James B. Cole, Jr. served as general chairman. Other committee chairmen were: Housing, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Coleman; Food, Mrs. Judson High; Attendance, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Weaver; Visitation, Ralph E. Farrar, Sr.; Coffees, Mrs. Carter Starnes; Welcome, Mrs. W. H. Herring, Sr.; Transportation Joseph B. Davis; Correspondence, Mrs. Harry McCall; Prayer, Mrs. Joe Brown; Literature, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Gardner; Publicity, Ray Jimison; and Follow-Up, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Wallace.

On Friday evening at 6:30 there was a covered-dish supper at the Church, followed by the first general session at 7:30 P.M.

At 10:00 Saturday morning coffee groups met in the following homes: Mr. and Mrs. Mack Bookout, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Burton, Mrs. Jeanette Lee Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. C. Edwin Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Conner, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Freize, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jimison, Mr. and Mrs. Lee G. Ramsey, Miss Louise Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tolbert, Mrs. Keith U'Ren, Mrs. E. C. Vinson, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Watson. The visiting witnesses shared what Christ has come to mean in their lives. The same type of personal sharing prevailed at the noon luncheons at Dixie Village Cafeteria on Saturday and Sunday. Visits were

made to designated church homes on Saturday afternoon. On Saturday evening, a general session in the sanctuary was followed by small prayer-share groups.

Music was a vital part of the Mission; soloists were Miss Vickie Barrett of Gardner-Webb College, Miss Betsy Graham of Hildebran, N. C., and Mr. Ralph Larrimore of Davis, N. C. Jill and Debbie Paige of Riverside, Illinois played the flute and violin, and Mrs. Earl Sloan of Kannapolis, N. C. played the piano.

On Friday and Saturday the meetings were scheduled to close at 10:00 P. M., but on Saturday it was 11:45 when the last ones left.

Many visitors attended, during the three days, including groups from the First Wesleyan Church and Covenant Methodist Church of Gastonia, Gardner-Webb College, First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain and the First Baptist Church of Clover, S. C.

The visiting witnesses taught Sunday School to Junior Highs through Adults and led in the morning worship service bringing to a climax the most spirit-filled three days in the memory of the membership of East Baptist Church. The sanctuary was so over-filled that the aisles were lined with chairs and young people were seated on the floor around the piano and communion table. When the invitation was given people responded by the hundreds. Individuals came, and many families came together; for salvation, transfer of church membership and recommitment. The invitation continued without interruption until 1:30 P. M.

The visiting witnesses left on Sunday afternoon, but the evening worship service was as spirit-filled as the morning service; members were given an opportunity to witness and to express their feelings about the Renewal Mission. The invitation was given, and continued until 10:00 P. M.

"Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul" was the sentiment of the members of East Church. The effects of the Church Renewal Mission will be remembered at East as one of the great Christian experiences in the life of the Church.

The Church Choir presented the Christmas cantata "Night of Miracles" on December 20; Mr. Ralph Massey was director and Mrs. Morris Hall, accompanist.

At the end of 1970, East Baptist Church had a Sunday School enrollment of 910; 833 at East and 77 at the Ozark Mission. A total of 142 Church Training members; 107 at East and 35 at the Mission. The Mission had one choir with 12 members, East Church had 5 choirs with an enrollment of 144. There was no Brotherhood organization, but 3 R. A. chapters with 45 enrolled. The Baptist Women had seven organizations with an enrollment of 138. The Church Library at East had 1166 books. Total receipts for the year was \$106,937; and disbursements, \$72,470. There were 59 baptisms during the year and 47 other additions. Church membership was 1026; 886 at East and 140 at the Ozark Mission.

On Sunday, January 3, 1971, the "Harvey House" was used for the first time for youth recreation. The young people named the house "The Banner".

Willie Darby, custodian, resigned August 30, 1970; he had worked at East since July 30, 1965. Willie Young came on September 1, 1970 and resigned October 31. James Griffin came to work on November 5, 1970 and resigned

January 27, 1971. A commercial cleaning company was used until the restoration of the building was near completion. Grady Lee Jackson was employed as custodian on May 31, 1971.

A new Wednesday evening program of correlated activities was started February 3: 6:45 Prayer and Share Groups and Youth Mission meetings, 7:30 Organizational Meetings and Preschool and Children's Choirs, 8:30 Church Choir rehearsal. In March, the Pastor resumed conducting prayer service for those who did not wish to join a Prayer and Share Group.

At the invitation of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Mr. Hogan participated, with 43 other pastors in a preaching Mission to the Republic of Panama in February. By his own testimony, the Pastor admitted that this preaching mission added two dimensions to his life: breadth in terms of appreciation of another country and people; depth in terms of missionary concern for those beyond our borders who need Jesus Christ as Lord of Life.

While the Pastor was in Panama, the following men were guest preachers: Reverend Hoyle Allred, Associational Missionary for the Gaston Baptist Association; Reverend Hubert Huggins, retired Pastor from Dallas, N. C.; and Reverend Charles Wiggs, Missionary to Korea and Administrator of the Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital in Puson, Korea;

In March, the Pastor was named to the Ministerial Board of Associates of Gardner-Webb College. Since coming to East Church in 1964, Mr. Hogan has served in many county and associational capacities. He has served as Program Chairman for the Gaston Baptist Pastors Conference. His Associational work includes: Moderator of the Gaston Baptist Association; Chairman of the Committee on Committees; Member of the Executive Committee, the Ordination Committee, and the Finance Committee; and Director of the Shaping the 70's Conference.

The Minister of Education and Youth, Harry McCall, has also served in Associational capacities: Intermediate Sunday School Conference Leader, Vacation Bible School Intermediate Leader, Church Training Adult Division Director, and Church Training Director.

Home prayer meetings were held in 11 homes, April 4 and 9, in preparation for revival.

Dr. W. D. Morris of Gates, North Carolina was the revival preacher for services April 11-18. Dr. Morris is retired from the active pastorate, but has served many churches as Interim Pastor. Five people came on profession of faith for baptism, one came by transfer of church letter and some came for rededication of life.

Shortly after Mr. McCall ("MOE") came to East Church, he bought a Van to transport groups to church meetings and recreational activities. It was referred to as the "Moebile". In April, he traded the Van for a larger one - the "Ark". The young people claim priority over other groups - but the first trip in the "Ark" was a group of adults enroute to an Associational Vacation Bible School Clinic.

The Royal Ambassadors won honors in basketball and track. The most valuable player awards in basketball were won by: Dickie Hawkins, Tommy Brooks, and Douglas Vinson. First place winners in the Associational Track

Meet were Rick Jones and Rennie High. Eddie Jones, Steve Long, "Chuck" Gardner, Rick Jones, Danny Mullis and Mike Huffstetler received 2nd place honors. There were three winners in the State Track Meet at Wake Forest University; Rennie High, Eddie Jones and Danny Mullis.

In conference on May 19, the Church voted to name the 1959 educational unit, the T. L. Cashwell Memorial Building. Reverend Cashwell served as Pastor of East Church from October 1, 1927 until December 27, 1959.

June 20, 1971 will be Dedication Day for the church buildings after an extensive rebuilding program.

On March 23, 1966 the Church authorized the election of a Planning and Survey Committee of five persons to survey the future needs of East Baptist Church at the present location and to report the findings to the finance committee, the deacons, and the Church. Members elected to this Committee were: Jimmie W. Babb, Mrs. Joe Brown, Mrs. James B. Cole, Jr., Paul P. Evans, and Ralph E. Farrar, Sr. On October 23, the Church accepted the recommendations of the committee (1) that we build a new sanctuary; (2) that the budget be structured for the next several years that a building fund reserve might be built up toward the construction of the new sanctuary; and, (3) that a New Sanctuary Committee be elected to study the subject of "the new sanctuary", to evaluate and plan in a preliminary way in the light of their study and the needs of the Church, and to recommend to the Church the acquisition of new property if necessary to the fulfillment of this building program. Members of the New Sanctuary Steering Committee were Paul P. Evans, Juanita Alexander, Mrs. J. K. Carpenter, Ralph E. Farrar, Sr., Dan Justice, and Carter Starnes. Mr. Evans moved out of town and Ralph Farrar was elected to replace him as general chairman. Joseph B. Davis was elected to fill the place vacated by Mr. Farrar.

In special conference on September 24, 1967, the New Sanctuary Steering Committee recommended and the Church voted to employ Wilbur, Kendrick, Workman, and Warren, Architects, of Charlotte, N. C.

In July 1968, the "Fred Buckner property" (104 North Church Street) on the corner of Church Street and Davis Avenue was purchased for \$10,000; there was a house and store building on the property. In January 1969, the property at 108 North Church Street was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. John M. Harvey, Sr. for \$15,000.

In September 1969, the building program was presented to the Church as recommended by the New Sanctuary Committee. Ralph E. Farrar, Sr. general chairman, reviewed the progress of planning from the time the church voted to build until this date. Each member of the Steering Committee explained their area of the work. Mr. Eugene Warren of Wilber, Kendrick, Workman, and Warren showed slides of present educational facilities, and the proposed new building. In the afternoon, members of the Church were invited to come for a question and answer period regarding the plans for the building program. Enlarged sketches of the proposed building were displayed, and the program was discussed. Members were requested to study the plans and attend the church conference one week later to vote. When the vote was taken, the majority voted in favor of the program with as many as twenty people voting against.



PROPOSED SANCTUARY — 1969

In November the \$30,000 Committee was elected to promote and solicit an additional \$30,000 toward the building fund in 1970.

In the Church conference on Sunday morning June 28, 1970, the following recommendation was presented to the Congregation: "Pastor's Preface - Several months ago we adopted not only a working budget but also a supplemental goal of \$30,000 to be raised during 1970 toward the new building program. Through May of this year receipts toward that goal totaled \$2,061.79. This fact indicates to me two needs: (1) to give more generously to the building fund; (2) to undertake the necessary repairs on our present sanctuary so that it is made and remains attractive and worshipful between now and the time a new sanctuary is built. Also, we need to be aware that the two educational wings immediately adjacent to the sanctuary, because of current and continued use, need to be restored to a condition in which our children and oldest adults can best learn the fundamentals of Christian Education. It is out of this felt need that I have talked at length with a number of interested persons within the church and called this matter to the attention of the House and Grounds Committee, the Finance Committee and the Deacons. As a result, the aforementioned bring to you the following recommendation: We recommend that the Pastor appoint a five member committee to determine the necessary renovation needs in the two educational buildings adjacent to the sanctuary and the sanctuary; and to list these renovation needs in order of priority. This committee would report its total findings and recommendations to the Deacons and to the Church for their action."

The vote of the church was unanimous in favor of the recommendation.

These five people were appointed to the Restoration Committee: Harrill Jones (chairman), Juanita Alexander, W. D. Lee, Mrs. George Perkins, and W. E. Porter.

On Sunday, August 30, the Church voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Restoration Committee, and authorized the Trustees to borrow \$90,000 for the restoration project. Later the Church approved a recommendation for an enlargement of the program. So instead of restoration, it became a rebuilding program, and the people of East were enthusiastic about it. Mr. Doyt Ledford, Sr. expressed the feelings of many of the people: "I wish to express my feelings about our renovation program. It seems that the Lord is leading and the people are willing to follow. I hope He will continue to lead and with the completion of the renovation that we will be so inspired that our attendance and support will be increased, and as a result, many new souls can be won to Christ. My family pledges its prayerful support".

In November 1970, the church office was moved to the church library. Some of the Sunday School departments were combined because of the restoration.

During the restoration of the sanctuary there were two worship services. This began on February 7, 1971, Adults worshipped in the dining area and the children worshipped in Adult III department, with Mr. McCall in charge of Children's Worship.

The small classrooms were taken out of the basement area, to make one large room for the dining area. It was improved by installing olive pecan and silver oak wall paneling, new ceiling, and new lighting. Lantern lamps were

installed on the side walls. Also, in this area is the furnace room, kitchen and lounge.

The renovated office suite consists of a pastor's study, office for the Minister of Education, church office and workroom. The offices were furnished with walnut furniture and the walls were painted a combination of gold and yellow. Mrs. William R. Spargo gave the drapes for the pastor's study. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Porter gave the "world-vision" clock in the church office.

A room used as the church parlor prior to this time, was used for a nursery department. This made it possible to have all nursery departments adjoining the nursery reception room.

The small classrooms in the children and youth divisions were taken out to make large rooms for open-room teaching.

The baptismal dressing rooms were enlarged and renovated.

The pews and pulpit furniture were refinished and used in the new sanctuary. A new acoustical ceiling was installed. The walls were covered with green and ivory vinyl, and the carpet is blue with flecks of green. A Yamaha piano was given by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown and Mrs. Floyd Yarborough in loving memory of Mr. Floyd Wright Yarborough. A new Allen electronic organ was purchased. A large wooden cross is affixed to the back wall of the baptistry, donated by Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lee. The cross was made by Reverend A. A. Bailey, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bessemer City, N. C. It is constructed of the very finest fir from the organ pipes of the First Baptist Church of Gastonia when they restored their sanctuary several years ago. This is significant to the members of East Church because 34 of the 39 charter members of East came from the First Baptist Church.

A new heating and air conditioning system for the entire church, except the newest (1959) educational building was installed. New wiring and electrical work was done throughout the building. Carpet was used in all of the restored facilities except in the dining area, nursery departments, office workroom and the baptismal dressing rooms. Two new fireproof stairwells were installed, and a large porch was built at the Church Street entrance.

In March 1971, the staff moved into the new offices; and the departments began moving back into their new facilities.

June 20, 1971 will be Dedication Day for the restored buildings, and the celebration of the 70th Anniversary of East Baptist Church. Mr. Marse Grant, editor of the **Biblical Recorder** and former member of East Baptist Church, will deliver the Dedicatory Sermon. Other former members and many current ones will participate in the Anniversary Service of Dedication.

ECHOES OF EAST is prepared simultaneously with the dedication of the restored building, and the 70th Anniversary of East Baptist Church.

We can be proud of the past; but, let us. . . . *"run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith"*.

RESTORATION PROGRAM 1971



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1901	J. B. Caldwell Anderson Davis J.A.B.L. Hurley W. T. Rhyne F. S. Stines	1953-1962	J. Sterling Lazenby Grover C. Moss, Sr. J. C. Price, Sr.
		1962-1966	J. Sterling Lazenby W. E. Lawing J. C. Price, Sr.
1934-1953	J. Sterling Lazenby Grover C. Moss, Sr. D. Mason Robinson		
		1966-1971	C. Edwin Campbell W. Edward Porter J. C. Price Sr.

STAFF AND GENERAL CHURCH OFFICERS

CHURCH STAFF: MUSIC - EDUCATION - YOUTH

1933—Miss Jewel Moss - Director of Choir; 1934-1941—Mrs. J. N. Long, Jr. - Director of Choir; 1941—Furman O. Kelly - Assistant to the Pastor; 1943-1944—Charles P. Burchette - Minister Music & Education; 1946-1948—Mrs. J. N. Long, Jr. - Director of Choir; 1948-1950—Newell C. Carter - Minister Music & Education; 1952-1955—Mrs. J. N. Long, Jr. - Director of Choir; 1955-1960—John Fischer - Minister Music & Education; 1961-1966—E. Pascal Colson - Minister Music & Education; 1963-1964—Miss Evelyn Hancock - Youth Director; 1965-1966—Miss Judith Tripp - Summer Youth Director; 1967—Miss Linda Jo Beaver - Summer Youth Director; 1968—Harry M. McCall, Jr. - Minister Education & Youth; 1968-1969—Mrs. J. K. Carpenter - Minister of Music; 1969—Ralph L. Massey - Minister of Music

SECRETARY

1923-1927—Mrs. A. F. Weir; 1928-1943—Mrs. Dewey C. Warren; 1943-1945—Miss Geraldine Farrar; 1945-1958—Mrs. Charles Lytton; 1958-1964—Juanita Alexander - 1965; 1961-1962—Mrs. Frank L. Young; 1962-1963—Mrs. Covert E. Meyer; 1963-1964—Miss Evelyn E. Hancock; 1964-1965—Mrs. John W. Keener; 1965-1969—Mrs. J. K. Carpenter.

FINANCIAL POSTING SECRETARY

1966—Mrs. Ralph Huffstetler

BOOKKEEPER

1969-1970—R. G. Watkins; 1970—Mrs. Wayne Bradley; 1970—Joe C. Pell, Sr.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

1919—C. B. Newton; 1922-1924—W. L. Walters; 1924-1926—J. Sterling Lazenby; 1926-1931—Grover C. Moss, Sr.; 1931-1941—Boyd M. Warren; 1942-1943—Edwin Howe; 1943-1946—Ralph H. Crisp; 1946-1948—Foster F. Melton; 1948-1950—Paul J. McArver; 1950-1951—Ralph H. Crisp; 1951-1952—Foster F. Melton; 1952-1954—J. C. Price, Jr.; 1954-1957—Joe L. Wilson; 1957-1960—Paul Powers, Jr.; 1960-1961—Clegg A. Arndt; 1961-1962—Ray Henderson; 1962-1963—John B. Randall; 1963-1964—Carter Starnes; 1964-1966—Dan Justice; 1966—Carter Starnes.

DIRECTOR OF CHURCH TRAINING TRAINING UNION DIRECTOR

1922-1924—Miss Annie Mae Clemmer; 1924-1925—Lester Thornburg; 1925-1927—A. W. Simpson; 1927-1928—Miss Lena Huggins; 1928-1929—Brody Carter; 1931-1932—J. Sterling Lazenby; 1933-1934—Mrs. Doyt Ledford; 1936-1937—Earl Hill; 1937-1938—S. B. Laws; 1938-1939—Robert Huggins; 1939-1940—Mrs. T. L. Cashwell, Sr.; 1940-1941—Charles W. Farrar; 1941-1943—R. C. Gilbert; 1943-1944—Charles P. Burchette; 1944-1945—J. Marse Grant; 1945-1946—Miss Maxine Russell; 1946-1949—J. C. Price, Jr.; 1949-1950—Miss Dora Price; 1950-1951—E. E. Hayes (Tony); 1951-1956—Lonnie Bryson; 1956-1957—John Fischer; 1957-1959—Dan Justice; 1959-1960—John Fischer;

1960-1961—Charles McAllister; 1961-1962—Robert G. Porter; 1962-1964—Dan Justice; 1964-1965—Jacob L. Kincaid, Sr.; 1965-1968—Carter Starnes; 1968—Blair F. Dellinger.

W.M.U. DIRECTOR - W.M.U. PRESIDENT PRESIDENT OF WOMAN'S WORK

1922-1923—Mrs. Joe S. Wray; 1923-1924—Mrs. G. R. Dixon; 1924-1927—Mrs. J. O. Fulbright; 1927-1929—Mrs. Augustus McCoy; 1929-1940—Mrs. D. C. Warren; 1940-1941—Mrs. Robert Rhyne; 1941-1945—Mrs. T. L. Cashwell, Sr.; 1945-1947—Mrs. A. B. Clayton; 1947-1948—Mrs. Robert L. Rhyne; 1948-1954—Mrs. A. B. Clayton; 1954-1956—Mrs. John B. Randall; 1956-1959—Miss Norma Minges; 1959-1960—Mrs. James B. Cole, Jr.; 1960-1961—Miss Norma Minges; 1961-1962—Mrs. John B. Randall; 1962-1963—Mrs. E. Pascal Colson; 1963-1964—Mrs. James B. Cole, Jr.; 1964-1965—Mrs. James S. Carter; 1965-1966—Mrs. A. B. Clayton; 1966-1967—Miss Norma Minges; 1967-1969—Mrs. A. B. Clayton; 1969-1970—Mrs. Martin O. Young; 1970-1971—Mrs. Lloyd Bradshaw.

BROTHERHOOD DIRECTOR

1952-1953—Ralph Long; 1953-1954—R. Wiley Smith; 1954-1955—Truett Lazenby; 1955-1956—Paul Powers, Jr.; 1956-1957—Lee A. Turner; 1957-1958—John B. Randall; 1959-1961—Paul Meredith; 1961-1962—Paul Powers, Jr.; 1962-1964—Eugene P. Beattie; 1964-1965—R. G. Watkins; 1965-1966—W. Everett Weaver; 1967-1968—Donald L. Elmore.

CHURCH CLERK

1901-1903—J. H. Alexander, G. W. Bowman, J. Vann Fisher, E. A. Hurley, J. A. B. L. Hurley, O. L. Wagstaff; 1917-1918—M. T. Saunders; 1918-1919—Miss Erla Griffin; 1919—D. Mason Robinson; 1922-1923—Augustus McCoy; 1923-1932—M. T. Saunders, Jr.; 1932-1933—John S. Farrar, Sr.; 1933-1936—C. W. Cloninger; 1936-1940—Edwin Howe; 1940-1944—J. C. Price, Jr.; 1944—Ralph H. Crisp; 1944-1945—C. M. Lawing; 1945-1946—D. H. Campbell; 1946-1950—Ralph H. Crisp; 1950-1960—Jearl E. Noblett; 1960-1962—Joe L. Wilson; 1962-1967—Jimmie W. Babb; 1968—R. G. Watkins; 1968—Juanita Alexander.

TREASURER

1901—J. A. White; 1918-1919—D. H. Campbell; 1922-1925—H. G. Harris; 1925-1939—Charles O. Long; 1939-1971—Hunter Summey.

CHURCH HOSTESS

1964-1969—Mrs. D. C. Warren.

CHURCH LIBRARIAN

1945-1948—Miss Patty Cashwell; 1948-1949—Mrs. Charles Lytton; 1964-1967—Mrs. Boyce Woodruff; 1967—Robert N. Hoffman.

CHURCH ORGANIST

1940-1941—Mrs. J. N. Long, Jr.; 1941-1944—Miss Patty Cashwell; 1944-1946—Miss Helen Lynn; 1946-1957—Mrs. J. N. Long, Jr.; 1957—Mrs. Bill Carpenter; 1958-1963—Mrs. Frank Young; 1963-1964—Miss Evelyn E. Hancock; 1964-1965—Mrs. Jack Boyles; 1965-1969—Mrs. J. K. Carpenter; 1969—Mrs. Harold Stone; 1969-1970—Miss Nancy E. Foy; 1970—Mrs. Morris R. Hall.

ASSISTANT ORGANIST

1940-1941—Miss Patty Cashwell; 1942-1943—Miss Margurite Price; 1943-1944—Miss Helen Lynn; 1945-1946—Miss Patty Cashwell; 1950-1958—Mrs. Charles Lytton; 1950-1953—Miss Barbara Evington; 1953-1954—Mrs. Joe Lanford; 1965-1968—Mrs. Jack Boyles; 1968-1971—Mrs. Ralph Gibson.

CHURCH PIANIST

Salley Nolen; 13 years, Miss Olnar Moss; 1934-1940—Mrs. J. N. Long, Jr.; 1968-1970—Mrs. Charles Lytton; 1970—Miss Margaret Ellen Caldwell.

ASSISTANT PIANIST

1939-1940—Miss Patty Cashwell

ASSISTANT MUSIC DIRECTOR

1934-1935—Miss Azalee Smith.

SUPERINTENDENT OF ENLARGEMENT & EVANGELISM

1958-1959—C. Lee Freeman; 1965-1966—Paul G. Rhyne; 1968-1969—James R. Coleman; 1969-1971—Blair F. Dellinger.

SUPERINTENDENT OF TRAINING

1958-1959—William L. Stroupe; 1968-1971—Harry M. McCall, Jr.

DIVISION DIRECTORS - COORDINATORS

Mrs. Lee Freeman - Nursery; Mrs. Ned Jordan - Nursery; Mrs. Martin Young - Nursery; 1966-1967—Mrs. J. L. Kincaid, Sr. - Nursery; Mrs. Charles Lytton - Primary; 1967-1968—Mrs. J. L. Kincaid, Sr. - Nursery; Mrs. Paul G. Rhyne - Beginner; Mrs. Charles Lytton - Primary; 1968-1969—Mrs. Leary Robinson - Nursery; Mrs. Paul G. Rhyne - Beginner; Mrs. William R. Spargo - Primary; 1969-1970—Mrs. Leary Robinson - Nursery; Mrs. Ray Stewart, Jr. - Beginner; Mrs. William R. Spargo - Primary; 1970-1971—Mrs. Wayne Setzer - Preschool; Mrs. Herbert Hickson - Preschool; Juanita Alexander - Children's Div.; Harry M. McCall, Jr. - Youth Division.

