

# First Baptist Church To Be Dedicated Tomorrow

**MORTGAGE WILL BE BURNED AT SERVICE**

**Brief History of Congregation Also To Be Presented In Program**

**OLD PASTORS RETURN**

**Dr. H. A. Ellis To Preach in Morning at Dedication and Rev. S. L. Morgan Will Deliver Night Sermon**

With its entire debt paid and the title clear, the First Baptist church of Henderson will be formally dedicated in services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. tomorrow, and elaborate preparations for the program have been worked out by the members.

There will be two services, with the formal dedicatory sermon preached at the morning hour by Dr. H. A. Ellis, pastor of the First Baptist church in Wilson, and for ten years pastor here until September, 1932. In the evening the sermon will be by Rev. S. L. Morgan, of Creedmoor, who was pastor for ten years prior to the service of Dr. Ellis.

Special music has been arranged for the occasion, with the regular choir in charge at the morning hour, and the Junior Choir functioning in the evening.

A feature of the forenoon service will be the burning of the mortgage. Several members will participate in this event, in which the paper that for many years represented a lien on the church property will be set fire to and consumed, and the ashes will be caught in an urn. Mrs. J. H. L. Missillier, one of the four oldest living members of the church, now a semi-invalid, will be brought from Maria Parham hospital in a rolling chair to participate in the burning of the mortgage.

The church was erected shortly after the World War, and the Sunday school department was occupied in 1921. It was five years later, in 1926, when the main auditorium was completed and put into use. The present membership of the church is 875, it was stated today by the pastor, Rev. Albert S. Hale.

Mr. Hale is in charge of the program for the services Sunday, and will preside at both meetings. In the evening he will read a brief history of the church.

Former members of the church who will be back for the services are to be recognized at one point during the service.

Since it was organized in 1856, the church has had 14 pastors. There have been three church buildings. The first was a frame structure, which was located on North William street on a part of the site now occupied by the Henderson high school. In 1885 a new brick building was completed and was used for the first time in December of that year. It also was located on the same spot now occupied by the high school. The frame building was pushed back and was used for Sunday school quarters until the entire property was abandoned for the transfer of the congregation to the present large quarters at the corner of Winder and Wyche streets.

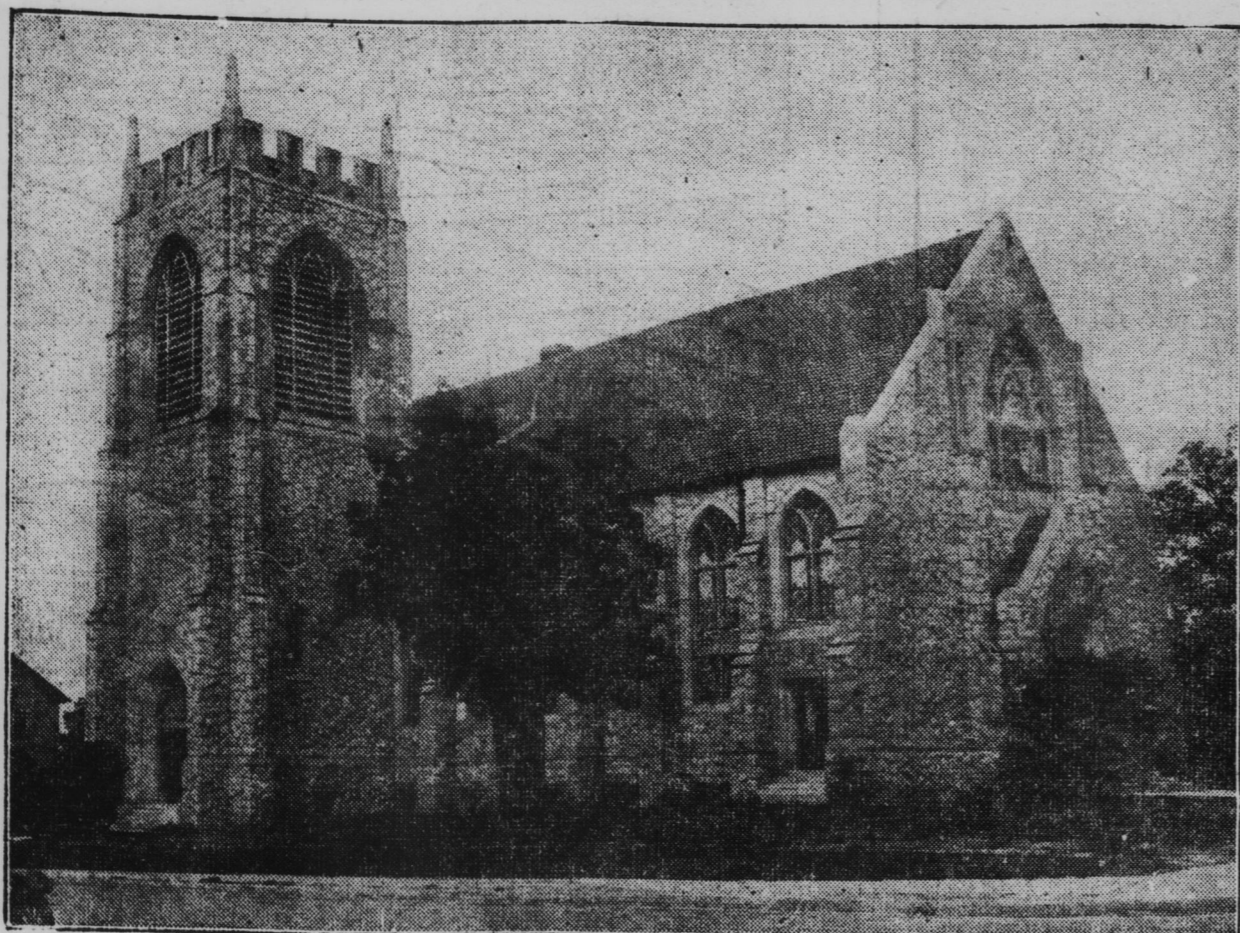
The first formal service in the present church was on June 19, 1921, and it was in September, 1926, that the present church auditorium was used for the first time.

The congregation began planning for a new church as early as 1910, and from time to time from then on various stages were passed. Property was bought and sold at a profit and furnished much of the funds for the work to proceed.

When the new auditorium was completed, a debt of \$30,000 was incurred, payable in installments annually until liquidated. Some \$20,000 was paid in the ten-year period, and when a few weeks ago it was decided to pay off the entire remainder, the congregation raised \$11,600 for the purpose.

Large congregations are expected for both the services at the church tomorrow, and the membership has invited the general public to join with them in the exercises of dedication, both morning and evening.

This Church Will Be Dedicated Tomorrow



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HENDERSON

## First Baptist Church History Spreads Over Long Period Of Years

**BY REV. ALBERT S. HALE, Pastor, First Baptist Church**

The history of the First Baptist church of Henderson dates back to the middle of the past century, or a period of some 80 years.

**Early History.**

We do not have access to authentic records with reference to the organization of the church. It is generally believed to have been organized in the year 1856. This is the year which is listed as the date of organization in the historical tables of the Tar River Association. Tradition has it that the services of the church were held in the dining room of the Debban hotel for a period of possibly two years. The number of the charter members is unknown. In 1861 there were eleven white members and seven colored members. The clerk was S. J. Parham.

According to the history of the Tar River Association written by Dr. Thomas J. Taylor, the church was received into the Tar River Association at the meeting at Poplar Springs church, Franklin county, on August 17, 1858. "Franklinton, Henderson, Sharon and Wake Forest churches were received at this time. The first three were newly constituted churches."

**Pastors of Church.**

According to the best available information, the following list contains the names of those who have served as pastors during the eighty years of the life of the church:

Dr. T. B. Kingsbury. No authentic record. Dr. Taylor in his History of the Tar River Association writes: In 1855 Dr. Kingsbury was pastor of the Methodist church in Warrenton. He changed his views concerning Christian baptism, was baptized in the First Baptist Church, Raleigh, soon afterward he was ordained as a Baptist preacher. He accepted a call to become pastor of the Baptist church in Warrenton and served the church two or three years—Sometime in 1863, Dr. Kingsbury left Warrenton to become the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee. In his article in the Henderson Daily Dispatch September 11, 1926, Judge Thomas M. Pittman wrote: "At the close of Dr. Brook's ministry in 1877, Dr. T. B. Kingsbury, of Oxford—was called to the pastorate. He came only two or three times and for some reason withdrew."

Dr. William Thomas Walters. Some think he was the organizer of the church. This remains a matter of uncertainty. Dr. G. W. Paschal makes numerous references to Walters in his History of Wake Forest College, but never mentions his name in connection with the Henderson church. He says for instance, in speaking of Walters: "He was greatly interested in the work of the Gospel ministry and was very successful in the establishing of new churches, those of Littleton and Weldon being due to his ministry." Dr. Taylor likewise makes no mention of Walters in connection with the Henderson church.

Dr. W. T. Brooks. Graduated Wake Forest College 1839 and was for many years a professor in that institution. He was also Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the College for a number of years. "Pastor of the Henderson Baptist Church twenty years," Taylor, in History Tar River Association. Dr. Paschal says: "He had the chief part in building up the Baptist church in Henderson." History of Wake Forest College.

Dr. R. H. Marsh. It seems that his pastorate continued until the close of 1881.

Dr. M. V. McDuffie. The second house of worship, a brick building was erected during his ministry. He resigned the church in Henderson to accept the pastorate of the Livingston Avenue church in New Brunswick, N. J.

Dr. Robert Van Deventer. He came to Henderson from Edenton, North Carolina, and served as pastor of the church from 1886 until 1894, when he went to Hawkinsville, Georgia. His was the first full-time pastorate of

the church.

Dr. Junius W. Millard. Pastor 1895-1896. Accepted a call to become pastor of the Eutaw Place Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland. During his ministry the Carey's Baptist Church was organized by twenty-three members from the Henderson church.

Dr. J. D. Huffham. Pastor 1896-1903. Affectionately called "The Bishop of North Carolina." This was his last regular pastorate.

Rev. J. D. Larkins. Pastor 1904-1906. He resigned to accept a call to a pastorate in Georgia.

Rev. J. R. Doan. Pastor 1907-1910. It was during his ministry that the movement for the present building was begun. Reverend Mr. Doan resigned July 10, 1910. Prior to this time the Committee on Location had reported purchase of Tucker lot for \$9,000.00.

Rev. John W. Morgan. Call extended to him to become pastor of the church August 28, 1910. He was pastor at that time in New Albany, Indiana, and doing graduate work in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. His pastorate continued until September 8, 1912.

Rev. Samuel L. Morgan. A brother of John W. was called to become pastor on September 29, 1912. His ministry continued until June 4, 1922, when he resigned to become pastor at Ramseur, North Carolina. Under his ministry the congregation was led into the Sunday School auditorium.

Dr. Hugh A. Ellis. His ministry began on Sunday, February 4, 1923, and continued until his resignation to accept the call of the First Baptist Church in Wilson, N. C., August 8, 1932. The main auditorium of the church was occupied for worship services for the first time on September 12, 1926.

Reverend Clarence H. Patrick. During the period in which the church was without a pastor between the close of the ministry of Dr. Hugh A. Ellis and the beginning of the ministry of Rev. Albert S. Hale, Reverend Mr. Patrick was supply pastor of the church. He served quite acceptably in this capacity. He is at present pastor of the Baptist Church of Shelburne Falls, Mass.

Rev. Albert S. Hale. Began his ministry with the church July 1, 1934.

**First Baptism.**

The first person to be baptized in the second building was J. Hill Parham.

The second building was used for worship services for the first time early in December, 1885.

The church has available records for less than one-half its history. We are now in our eightieth year. We have not found any records from the date of its organization to 1882. We have one book containing records from 1882 to 1884. Then another period follows from 1884 to 1908 without any records. We have practically complete records from 1908 to date.

**Furnishes Three Ministers.**

The ministers of the gospel who have gone out from our church seem to be three in number: Dr. Archibald Cree, and Dr. Archibald Cunningham Cree, Dr. Raymond Nelson.

**Formally Named.**

The church was not formally and officially designated "The First Baptist Church of Henderson" until March 7, 1917, when the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, that this church shall hereafter be known and designated as the First Baptist Church of Henderson, and that the deacons be and are hereby declared ex-officio trustees of the church, and as such, vested with the title of all property of the church."

Those baptized at the first baptismal service in the present church, June 19, 1921: S. L. Morgan, Jr., Ferrell Joyner, Roma Hines, J. Randolph Teague, G. Durwood Royster, Iola Faulkner.

The present membership of the church 875.

Date of entering Sunday school auditorium January 16, 1921.

**Four Early Ministers.**

As far as we know there are only

## Roster of Former Baptist Preachers

So far as records can be found, pastors who have served the congregation of the First Baptist church of Henderson since its organization 80 years ago are as follows, with the dates of their pastorate:

Dr. W. T. Brooks, 1856-1877.  
 Dr. R. H. Marsh, 1877-1881.  
 Dr. M. V. McDuffie, 1881-1887.  
 Dr. R. Van Deventer, 1887-1895.  
 Dr. J. W. Millard, 1895-1896.  
 Dr. J. D. Huffham, 1896-1903.  
 Rev. J. D. Larkins, 1904-1906.  
 Rev. J. R. Doan, 1907-1910.  
 Rev. J. W. Morgan, 1910-1912.  
 Rev. S. L. Morgan, 1912-1922.  
 Dr. Hugh A. Ellis, 1923-1933.  
 Rev. A. S. Hale, 1934.

four still holding membership in the church who were members in the first building. It is hoped to have three of the four in the dedication services tomorrow. One of these, Mrs. J. H. Missillier, will be brought to the church from the Maria Parham hospital, where she has been a semi-invalid for the past two years. From her wheelchair she will participate in the ceremony of burning the mortgage on the building. Another member Mr. W. D. Horner has been unable because of poor health to attend the services for a number of years. The remaining two, Miss Eugenia Throver and Mrs. Kate Watkins are regular attendants upon the services of worship.

**Third House of Worship.**

The building to be dedicated tomorrow is the third house of worship. The first and second buildings were located on the property now occupied by the new Henderson High School on William Street. These two buildings stood until torn away to make ready for the building of the high school building. The first of the buildings was a frame building. The next one was brick and the third one is of Mt. Airy granite.

**Selecting Site.**

There were three sites suggested when the possibility of a new building was presented. There were those who favored building on the old property where the first and second buildings stood. Another site was the property now occupied by the Asa Parham home and the Henderson Vulcanizing station, corner of Garnett and Spring Streets. The third site was the Garnett Street site extending from the Post Office Building to the present site of the Busy Bee Cafe. This site was purchased in 1910 for the sum of \$9,000.00.

The first mention made in the records concerning the movement which resulted in the present building, seems to be under date of February 9, 1910, when the deacons made the following suggestion: "That we begin active operations looking toward the erection of a new building."

This suggestion, together with several others made at the same time, were unanimously adopted. The committee on Design was instructed "to secure plans or design for a church building to cost not less than \$20,000 nor over \$30,000."

At this meeting the following committees were named:

Location: A. T. Barnes, W. W. Parker, J. I. Miller, J. T. Elmore, Mrs. C. M. Cooper, Mrs. W. B. Waddill, Mrs. W. H. Wester.

Design: T. M. Pittman, J. S. Royster, J. L. H. Missillier, T. G. Horner, J. C. Kittrell, Mrs. J. T. Alderman, Mrs. R. L. Wester, Mrs. W. D. Horner, Mrs. J. R. Doan.

Finance: J. T. Elmore, J. H. Parham, W. W. Parker, J. A. Kelly, A. T. Barnes.

The personnel of these committees may have changed as well as other committees named during the course of the building history. But these constitute the committees and members as named, when it was decided to launch out on a building enterprise. The following is taken from the record of May 13, 1914:

"The church lot committee through J. C. Kittrell reported that Mrs. W. H. Tucker had made a price of \$18,000 on 180 feet frontage on Wyche Street and approximately 125 feet on Winder Street of her home site."

In July, 1914, a recommendation was adopted that the Tucker residence property, consisting of the whole Wyche alley front from Winder to Orange streets, running back 150 feet and as much farther as might be necessary to embrace the large oaks at the price of \$21,000. This was ac-

## ORDER OF SERVICES FOR TWO PROGRAMS

**Sermons and Music Have Prominent Place in Baptist Ceremony**

Order of services for the dedicatory programs at the First Baptist church tomorrow follows:

**11 A. M.**

Organ Prelude, Meditation, by LeMore.

Doxology and Invocation.

Responses by choir, "Just for Today," Bowles.

Hymn, "The Church's One Foundation."

Scripture Lesson.

Prayer.

Recognition of Guests and Former Members.

Hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers."

Offertory Anthem, "The Lord Is Exalted," West.

Burning of Cancelled Mortgage.

Sermon of Dedication, Dr. Hugh A. Ellis, pastor of First Baptist church, Wilson.

Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation."

Benediction.

Organ Postlude.

**7:30 P. M.**

Organ Prelude.

Hymn, "Day is Dying in the West."

Scripture Lesson.

Prayer.

Brief Resume of History of First Baptist Church, by the pastor, Rev. Albert S. Hale.

Hymn, "Savior, Blessed Savior."

Offertory Anthem, "The Lamps in the West," Speaks.

Sermon, Rev. Samuel L. Morgan, pastor Creedmoor Baptist church, Creedmoor.

Hymn, "The Lord Be With Us."

Benediction.

Organ Postlude.

## U. S. Can't Settle Southern Regions

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phones and radios. They are removed by days, from mail communications. The settler must build his own house from bricks of his own manufacture. He must dig his own well. Sanitary plumbing?—ha, ha! Lighting, of an evening?—can't! Doctors?—I survived an attack of anthrax, which kills 95 per cent of its victims, without one.

**PIONEERS NEEDED**

It takes genuine pioneers, such as we haven't had since covered wagon days, to brave such experiences. We, of today, are far too soft for such experiences.

Europe, and especially southern Europe, which we are in the habit of speaking of quite scoffingly, produces some of the human raw material equal to defying these hardships. But heavens!—we can't do it. Italians, Spaniards and Turks are building up the Southern American back-country. In my time in early post-war South America three ambitious attempts were made at North American colonization. All fizzled.

**IN HOSPITALABLE REGIONS**

Their promoters might have expected it from a similar attempt made just after the Boer war, by the beaten South African Dutchmen.

Those boys were pretty hard boiled. They should have been able to stand the gaff if any one could. However, they were dumped into an exceptionally inhospitable region—Patagonia. Maybe they should not be blamed for having petered out as they did. They all went back to South Africa, anyway.

But North America colonization was tried out in a favorable region—the Chaco, scene of the recent clash between Paraguay and Bolivia.

Now, the Chaco has been described as a "green hell." It isn't. It is a friendly country—fine, virgin soil, well watered, not unreasonably hot, not much pestered by hostile Indians. I have traversed it and know it. It is at least as kindly as our own west was in the pioneer period.

We, however, have not the crust that our own pioneers had.

## Married Women On Payroll May Lose

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various State departments here, especially since the meeting of the legislature is now only about three weeks distant. The married women employees always hate to see a legislative session approach, since a movement is usually started in every legislature to bar married women, whose husbands are employed, from the State's payroll. Legislative efforts in this direction have always failed because any law passed barring the employment of married women by the State would be class legislation and hence just as invalid as a law prohibiting the employment of red-haired women or those who wear glasses, is agreed.

But the elected heads of departments are absolute in their authority to fire and hire, and may make any arbitrary rules and regulations they may desire to, it is agreed. So if Commissioner Scott wants to fire all the married women in the Department of Agriculture, or all the red-haired women, he has the authority to do so.

But this talk and agitation about the firing of married women is causing those employed in other departments to fear that the idea may spread to other departments heads or bring the question up in the general assembly again. The unmarried State employees are also finding considerable satisfaction over the present jitters among the married women employees.

## Present and Former Baptist Pastors



REV. ALBERT S. HALE, Present Pastor.



DR. HUGH A. ELLIS, Former Pastor.

## What's Doing in the Churches

**CONGREGATIONAL - CHRISTIAN.**

Rev. J. Everette Neese, pastor.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m. John H. Hall, superintendent.

Morning service at 11 a. m., sermon by the pastor, subject, "The Prodigal Church."

Evening service at 7:30 p. m. with the pastor bringing his message on the topic "Consecration."

**FIRST METHODIST PROTESTANT.**

Rev. T. J. Whitehead, pastor.

9:45 a. m. Sunday school. Alvin Nuckles, superintendent.

11 a. m. Morning worship. Sermon subject: "The Word of God in the Heart of Man."

5 p. m. Evening worship. Sermon subject: "The Mind of Christ."

Universal Bible Sunday is to be observed in the morning service.

Twenty-six cards giving samples of translations of the Scriptures will be on display at the church throughout the day.

**FIRST METHODIST**

Rev. R. E. Brown, pastor.

Sunday School 9:45. J. W. Sanders General Superintendent.

Sermon by pastor, 11 a. m. Observance of National Bible Sunday and Holy Communion.

Sermon by pastor at 7:30.

Monday afternoon at 3:30 the Lucy Cross Parker Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. T. B. Rose, Jr., on Garnett Street. This will be the closing program of the year and the leadership of the Society has announced an unusual program, a playlet will be presented, the general theme being "Harvest Day."

All members are urged to be present and pledges for the year brought up to date.

Wednesday night prayer meeting.

Thursday night young people meeting.

## 21, Faculty Member



Youth, beauty and knowledge are combined in Miss Isabella Jane Smiley (above), daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Edwin U. Smiley, of Allentown, Pa. Isabella, who is 21, has been appointed to teach history at her alma mater, Cedar Crest College, from where she was graduated at 19.

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**FIRST BAPTIST.**

Rev. Albert S. Hale, pastor.

Sunday school meets 9:45. J. C. Gardner, general superintendent.

Morning worship service, Dedication of Church at 11 o'clock. Sermon by Dr. Hugh A. Ellis, of Wilson, a former pastor.

B. T. U. meets at 6:30 o'clock, Miss Loyce Blaylock, general director.

Evening worship service, sermon by Rev. Samuel L. Morgan, of Creedmoor.

**HOLY INNOCENTS EPISCOPAL**

Rev. L. W. Hughes, rector.

Second Sunday in Advent.

9:45 a. m. Church School, Men's Bible Class, Young Women's Bible Class.

11 a. m. Holy Communion.

7:30 p. m. Sacred Cantata, "Penitence, Pardon and Peace."

St. John's Mission, North Henderson, 2 o'clock. Holy Communion and sermon.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.**

Rev. James A. Jones, pastor.

9:45 a. m. The church school, A. S. Watkins, general superintendent. Services of worship and classes for Bible study adapted to the needs of all age groups.

11 p. m. The morning worship. Subject: "A Gift To The Future," with the sermon by the pastor.

6:45 p. m. The Young People's Forum meets in the church. We shall conclude our discussion of the theme "The Understanding of the Holy Bible."

7:30 p. m. The evening worship. Subject: "Handling Our Hatreds," with the sermon by the pastor.

## CAROLINA ALUMNI ASSEMBLY BE DEC. 9

Chapel Hill, Dec. 5—Final arrangements were completed today for an annual General Alumni Assembly to be held here December 9. The occasion is the annual business meeting of the University Alumni Association.

The program gets underway next Wednesday with a luncheon meeting at the Carolina Inn of officers of University alumni classes scheduled to hold reunions at the 1937 commencement.

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