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Central Baptist Church

## Central Baptist Offers Christ-Centered Program

On the twenty-third day of June, 1932, sixty-eight Christians organized the Central Baptist Church of Spruce Pine, North Carolina. For thirty-seven years this church has stood as a leavening influence in the community and has shed its light through mission concern to distant places of the earth. From its beginning, when

it met in the Christian Science Hall over the Spruce Pine Store Company, to its present, when a membership of 230 resident persons (44 non-resident members; total membership 274) meets in a beautiful rock building in the heart of Spruce Pine, the church has continued its mission ministry. The original building was erected during

the period of 1933-1937, and a sanctuary and classroom addition was erected about 1956. A pastorium was built in 1962. In the heart of the city, the church stands as a solid rock of Christian influence. Through the years, Central Baptist's pulpit has fearlessly proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The church has been served by a succession

of able pastors: J. T. Biddle (1932-1935), L. R. Vann (1935), Dr. James A. Hudson (1936-1939), W. T. Baucom (1939-1945), John A. Morgan (1945), Joe B. Foals (1946-ca. 1949), Victor Greene (ca. 1949-1952), Wayne Slaton (ca. 1952-1955), William L. Heath (1956-1960), Neils H. Larson (1960-1967) and Donald E. Bratton (1967 -

1971). Maurice Gilliam is the present pastor. Central's fellowship provides opportunities for the entire family in Bible Study, Christian Training, Church Music, and Missionary Education. It serves as a channel of service for concerned Christians offering a Christ-centered program which seeks to engender growth in Christian character and service.

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