

## Preaching Brings Dream True, Says Pastor Wall

(By ZENO WALL, D. D., Pastor)

When President Hoover took the oath of office on March 4 he did so with his lips resting on Proverbs 29:18—"Where there is no vision, the people perish; but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." The literal translation being that "the people break loose without a guiding hand." God, therefore, has had men of vision to be eyes for his people, to see for them, to go before them, to think for them, to defend them. Hence the shepherd idea in the word of God.

### Material Progress.

When we returned to this section of our great country (after an absence of fifteen years) the one thing that amazed us was the wonderful progress which had been made along material lines: Marvellous roads had been constructed. High school buildings erected, new mills built, factories, banks, stores, manufacturing plants and beautiful homes erected, but the soul life of our people had noticeably, yeas sadly neglected. We, therefore, resolved that to be one of the young men of this section who would dedicate whatever talent and training and experience the Lord had given us to the upbuilding of His Kingdom in this part of his vineyard. **Prayer And Passionate Preaching.**

From the time we heard and responded to the call of God to be the undershepherd of the the First Baptist church (three and one half years ago) a vision of three things has been constantly before us; that of an adequate church plant at this strategic place, that of a standard junior college at Bolling Springs, and that of a great section wide revival. One that "breaks out," one which comes down from above in answer to believing, united continuous prayer, and one which follows the plain, passionate preaching of the Gospel. And it seems now that God is going to permit us to live long enough to see our visions realized—all of our dreams and prayers come true—as Bolling Springs is being established, our adequate church plant completed and signs of "a gracious refreshing from His presence" seen each day.

### A Sadly People Here.

The church plant speaks its own message saying to the people of this favored section that we believe in magnifying the soul life—in seeking first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness," knowing that our Father will add the food and clothing—the material things—as they are needed if we will so do.

### One Of Best Plants In South.

As pastor and people we have not tried to erect a beautiful building but one which will be adequate and at the least possible cost, for we have economized at every place possible and feel that we can truthfully say that we have one of the best church plants in the South, and at a minimum cost.

We have prayed much, worked much, and we expect much—from the Lord, and much from His children. We are united as a people, and enter this building with due humility in our hearts, and with thanksgiving upon our lips, saying, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

### Men Who Helped.

And before closing this article I must make special mention of our architect, Mr. Hugh White, our contractor, Mr. J. A. Gardner, our foreman Mr. O. D. Boger, the chairman of our building committee, Mr. C. C. Blanton, chairman of our finance committee, Gov. O. Max Gardner and his team captains: Geo. Blanton, B. T. Falls, A. V. Hamrick, Forrest Eskridge, J. P. Ledford, S. A. McMurry, M. A. Spangler, J. T. Suttle, Paul Webb, and H. P. Young; the chairman of the construction committee, O. M. Mull, R. E. Campbell, Rush Hamrick, Mrs. Robt. Doggett, Mrs. Nelson Lattimore and Mrs. Carl Thompson; chairman of committee on teaching, A. W. McMurry, Fred Morgan and A. P. Weathers; chairman of committee on decorations, Forrest Eskridge, Mrs. Geo. Blanton, Mrs. Paul Webb, Mrs. Fred Morgan; equipment, B. T. Falls, M. A. Spangler, Miss Bertha Bostick, Mrs. W. H. Hudson, Mrs. Carl Thompson, Mrs. B. T. Falls, Mrs. Robt. Doggett, J. J. Lattimore, and Horace Easom. But the ones who have been permitted to work, "from the first day until now" are: Chas. C. Blanton, Forrest Eskridge, A. P. Weathers, Rush Hamrick, B. T. Falls and Horace Easom. How nobly each and every one has done his part only the Lord Knows? In the name of the Lord I thank each and every one of you who has labored, and prayed and given (whether your name is enrolled or not) and I ask our Heavenly Father to reward each of you.

### One Thinking Woman.

Winnicks, Ill.—Mrs. Oscar C. Helm; is quite a drive. She found herself in her car on a grade crossing as an express was approaching on one track and a local train on another. She just stepped on the gas and bumped along the ties for 100 yards ahead of the local, then nonchalantly parked and boarded the train.

Top-dressing small grain with quick-acting nitrogen is a sure way to increase yields of grain and hay, say agronomists.



**Horace Easom**  
Educational And Musical Director.

## DIRECTOR EASOM HERE EIGHT MONTHS

Musical And Educational Director Expects Over 1,000 At Sunday School. 35 Choir Voices.

Mr. Horace Easom, educational and musical director, came to the church to be associated with the pastor, Dr. Zeno Wall, on August 5, 1928, having served this church just eight months. He came from the First Baptist church, Asheville, where he was educational director nearly six years.

Mr. Easom was educated at Campbell college, Wake Forest college and musical schools in New York city. Before engaging in religious work as a layman he was in business for several years. For five years he was chorus director in evangelistic campaigns over the country. He was educational and musical director with the South-side Baptist church, Wilmington, before going to Asheville. His work in both churches was characterized by marked progress in the churches. The B. Y. P. U.'s showed gains along all lines and the Sunday school increased from 500 to over 1,500 during his stay in Asheville. He spent much of his time in Asheville with finances. He organized four city-wide census and evangelistic campaigns while there which resulted in great gain to Christ's Kingdom.

### Here Eight Months.

Since coming to Shelby eight months ago the B. Y. P. U.'s have increased rapidly in efficiency and attendance. Mr. Easom says that he is expecting an attendance next Sunday evening of over 300 and intends organizing three more Unions, making a total of 14 in the church. He has been right in the midst of the work of organizing the Sunday school with 193 officers, teachers, doorkeepers, secretaries, pianists, orchestra members, welcoming committees, choristers, etc. He says that the attendance ought to reach 1,000 on the opening day.

His work with the church choir has been successful. The choral organization now numbers 35 voices, the number which will be required to fill the enlarged choir stand. An elaborate program has been arranged with two rehearsals each week for the opening day. Mr. Easom's work includes activities with the Sunday school, B. Y. P. U.'s, Daily Vacation Bible school, direction of choir, helping finance committee, assists the pastor in funerals, visitation, etc. leads the congregational singing, sometimes speaks—an all-round church worker, filling a layman's place.

He is much in demand for evangelistic meetings, assemblies, conventions and training programs fostered by the Baptist Sunday school board, giving his vacation each year to work of this kind.

### BLOW OUT YOUR LIGHT

DIogeneSE HERE'S HONEST

Rock Hill.—DiogeneSE can surely blow out his lantern now, for at last an honest man has been found. J. G. Sassi, monument manufacturer, called at police headquarters and asked what bond was necessary for violating the traffic laws of the city by "cutting a corner." He explained that he had unintentionally violated this ordinance and wished to pay the customary fine.

Police thanked him for his honesty and told him that the infraction would not require a fine this time as it was unintentional and the city had no witnesses to appear against him anyway. But after he insisted to pay the fine one dollar was accepted and his name duly entered on the records.

If none of the numerous Wichita planes in Mexico is in trouble it is because they are used to several thousand revolutions a minute—Wichita Eagle.

## High Lights Of Information On First Baptist Church

Organized on Saturday, June 19, 1846. Elder J. M. Webb of Rutherford county began to preach once a month in the church in 1847.

The first house of worship was a wooden structure painted white and seating 200 people.

The new plant which will be used Sunday for the first time is valued at \$300,000.

The church auditorium is 65x120 feet, and seats 1200 people. This is said to be the largest church auditorium on a single floor among the Baptist churches of North Carolina.

Rev. Zeno Wall, the present pastor, is the 27th pastor the church has had.

Church membership is now approximately 1,300. Over 400 have been added during Dr. Wall's pastorate of three and a half years.

The Sunday school enrollment is approximately 1,300.

Three times has the Baptist State Convention met in this church—in 1857, 1890 and 1913. It comes for the fourth time in November this year.

In the Sunday school organization there are 193 men and women enlisted as teachers, officers and workers.

The church building which has been remodelled and to which the educational plant has been added, was erected in 1911 at a cost of \$40,000.



**Paul Webb**  
Chairman Of Church Finance Committee.



**Chas. C. Blanton**  
Chairman Of The General Building Committee.



**Forrest Eskridge**  
Treasurer Of Building Fund.



**O. M. Mull**  
Chairman Of Construction Committee.

## THOSE WHO HAD A PART IN BUILDING

When a magnificent building goes up, one that will stand the ages of time, it is interesting to know those men and firms who had a part in its planning, construction and equipment.

Hugh E. White, of Gastonia, was the architect for the Baptist educational plant. He made a careful study of the needs and drew the plans and specifications. Convenience, comfort and adequacy were foremost in his mind and the planning is in accordance with the wishes of the men and women who studied the building for a year or more.

J. A. Gardner of Charlotte was the contractor. His superintendent was L. P. Bogel who was constantly on the job to supervise the labor and inspect all material and workmanship. The great structure was erected without a single hitch or personal injury and the church feels that it has well received dollar for dollar in cost.

The plumbing was done by Isler and Vickery, a local firm and the architect was kind enough to speak highly of the splendid workmanship. Mr. W. E. Vickery is now

the manager of this enterprising firm.

Belk Brothers of Charlotte furnished the handsome carpet for the large auditorium, 65x120 feet. It is carefully placed down and is one of the largest floor coverings in this part of the state.

C. K. Heckman and H. L. Newcomer, experts at organ building, remodelling the mammoth pipe organ. At a cost of \$3,500 it was electrified, a console was added, a vox humana and chimes. Heckman and Newcomer are located at 836 Berkley avenue, Charlotte, and repair and install all kinds of pipe organs.

The wiring for the educational plant was done by F. E. Robinson, of Charlotte. All electric wires are in rigid conduit as a safety against fire. Mr. Robinson is an electrical contractor and is located in the Builders building.

Jones Electric Co., of Gastonia, supplied the light fixtures and the radiator covers. This well known firm has supplied many of the best jobs in Shelby and the fixtures in the new church are in keeping with the beautiful plant.

All hauling was done and sand furnished by Howell Transfer Co. The Howell transfer has all men and trucks insured and makes a specialty of "handling with care." The Howell sand was the only sand offered that measured up to the test of quality that was applied for the building.

## One Of The Fathers, Baptist Brotherhood

Rev. Thomas Dixon, Senior. Elder Thomas Dixon was born December 24, 1820, in York county, South Carolina; was baptized by Elder James Thomas in 1838; and was ordained in 1844, Elders Wade Hill, T. K. Pursley and Spencer Morgan forming the presbytery. His mother was the daughter of Colonel Hambricht who fought with the Colonial forces in the Battle of Kings Mountain during the Revolution. It was about the year 1848 that he married Miss Amanda Elizabeth McAfee, the daughter of a wealthy South Carolina planter. Brother Dixon was a Southern gentleman of the highest type, a preacher of righteousness to multitudes, a baptizer of six thousand converts, the organizer of twenty or more churches, and the father of famous sons and daughters. He died May 1, 1909, while on a visit to his daughter, Dr. Della Dixon-Carroll, of Raleigh. His body reposes in the graveyard of New Prospect church, Cleveland county, to which he ministered as pastor for fifty-seven years.

## Mr. Blanton Pays For Overhauling Organ

Chimes And Vox Humana Added To Mammoth Organ In First Baptist Church.

In remodelling the church edifice to modernize it and make it harmonize in size and convenience to the educational building, the handsome organ was not overlooked. It, too, was overhauled and modernized at a cost of approximately \$4,000, this expense being met by Mr. Chas. C. Blanton, a staunch member who gave half the original cost of the organ when it was installed about 18 years ago.

The organist, Mrs. H. S. Plaster, will preside over the console located down in front of the choir loft. The choir loft has been enlarged to accommodate about 40 voices. For a number of weeks C. K. Heckman and H. L. Newcomer, expert organ builders of Charlotte have been engaged in overhauling the organ. Vox humana stop which gives music like the human voice and the organ chimes were added to greatly improve the range and capacity of the organ.

## ALL DRAYING And HAULING

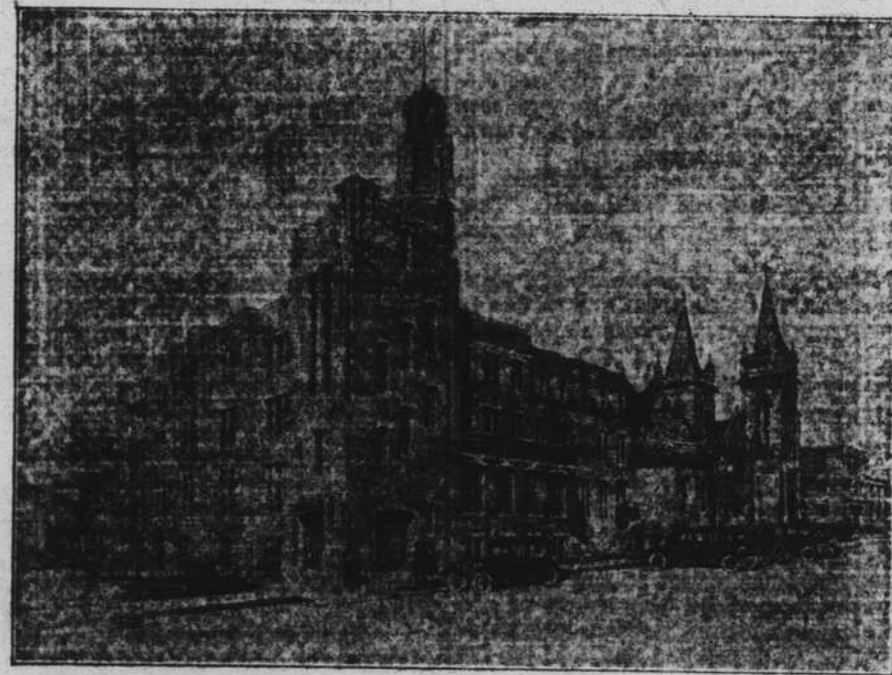
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