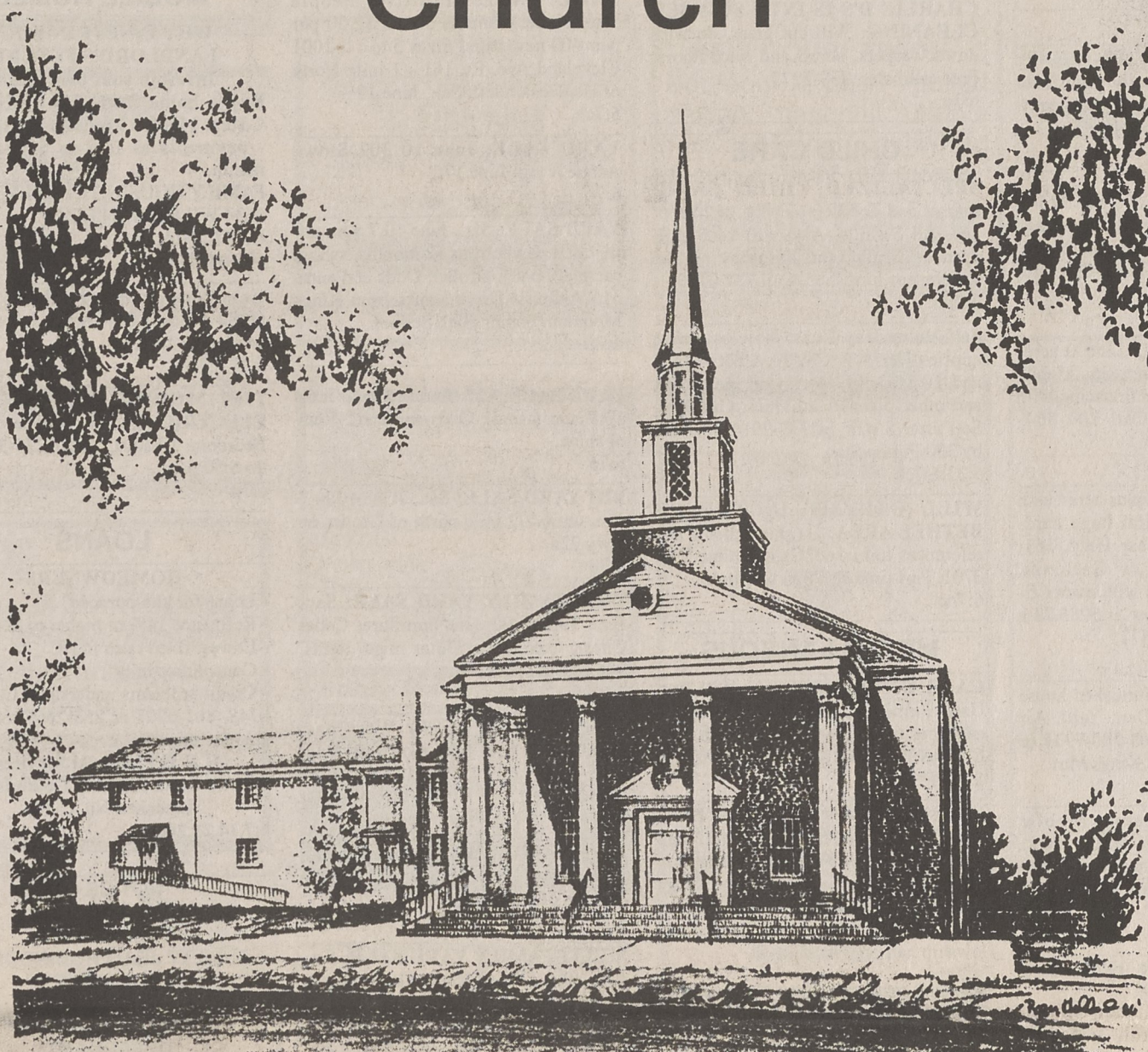


I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me, "Let Us Go Into The House Of The Lord!"



CHURCH OF THE WEEK

First Baptist Church



Grover, North Carolina

In The Beginning 1878

When Grover's First Baptist Church was organized Nov. 23, 1878, it served the little town then known as Whitaker, S.C., straddling the North and South Carolina state line.

The town post office was in South Carolina and the church with 62 charter members, was in North Carolina. Its first name was State Line Baptist Church. In 1886 the post office was moved into North Carolina, too and the town was incorporated as Grover. The church changed its name, also, to Grover Baptist Church. In 1948, it assumed its present name, First Baptist.

In 1907 John A. Ellis gave the land on the corner of Cleveland Ave. and Linden Street to build a new sanctuary. Mr. Ellis also gave the bricks that were made in the clay pits just back of the church plot (now the Harold Herndon home). His sons and other boys carried the bricks and hauled barrels of water on a two horse wagon from a creek near by-Jake's branch. Woffard Hambright furnished the horses and wagon.

It was a beautiful building of creme brick. In the pretty steeple hung the vibrant bell that tolled the "Call to Worship." Soft colored stain glass windows in Gothic style reflected from three sides. In 1945 the church was remodeled, changing the choir and the baptistry and covered the entire outside with stucco because of the seepage.

In 1922 the parsonage across the street was erected to accommodate large families. In 1959 a new parsonage was built and the old one is now rented.

In 1955 a new educational building was constructed. It included 25 assembly and class-rooms, an office, pastor's study, restrooms, kitchen and large dining and recreational room. In 1987 the kitchen was completely renovated and partial renovation in the fellowship hall.

On May 18, 1969 the groundbreaking of our present sanctuary took place. Day of entrance was May 10, 1970 when we walked down the street from our old sanctuary and entered our new sanctuary.

Over these past 110 years our facilities have changed to meet the changing needs of the church. We have seen countless numbers of individuals whose lives have been changed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. With a resident membership of 307, we remain faithful to the task of ministering to the needs of our community. Whether their needs are physical, emotional, relational or spiritual, it is our desire to minister to individuals in a way that will glorify God in our community and around the world. Regular Bible study, Prayer meetings and Worship services are provided. Youth activities, Choirs for all ages, Children's mission organizations, along with Baptist Men's breakfasts and Women's Missionary organizations are a vital part of our ministry.

Our dream for the future is to continue to grow, to continue to meet the needs of the changing community in which we live and to remain faithful to the task of ministering to those for whom Christ Jesus died. Our facilities will change and our numbers will increase simply because our love for the Lord and His people will remain the same.

Pastors Who Have Served At First Baptist

Louis H. McSwain.....	1878-1880	W.A. Hoffman.....	1937-1943
G.P. Hamrick.....	1880-1885, 1892-1894	J.L. Rainey.....	1944
J.M. Bridges.....	1886-1889	T.W. Fogleman.....	1945-1946
Thomas Dixon.....	1889-1892	Smoot Baker.....	1946-1950
D.W. Thomason.....	1894-1897	S.M. Hughes.....	1951-1953
T.H. Mullinax.....	1897-1898	W.F. Monroe.....	1954-1956
J.D. Bailey.....	1898-1911	Don Cabiness.....	1956-1960
J.R. Miller.....	1911-1915	Fred Crisp.....	1960-1966
W.R. Beach.....	1915-1920	U.A. McManus, Jr.....	1968-1970
W.O. Johnson.....	1921-1924	Paul C. Millwood.....	1971-1975
Hoyle Love.....	1925-1928	Paul M. Sorrells.....	1976-1979
W.E. Furcrum.....	1928-1931	Bobby D. Gantt.....	1980-1985
Rush Padgett.....	1931-1937	Phillip H. Waugh.....	1985-

- Paul's Seafood
Paul and Joyce Hord
739-1631
- Home Federal
Savings and Loan Association
- Dr. James R. Mason
Optometrist
- Martin Marietta
Management and Employees
- Amity Finance of
Kings Mountain, Inc.
739-1311
- Grover Industries
Where Friendly People Work
- Harris Funeral Home, Inc.
Ollie Harris and Staff
- Love's Fish Box
1104 Shelby Road
- Parkdale Mills, Inc. #5
Management and Employees
- Butler Air Conditioning
and Heating
David Butler and Employees
- Kerns Trucking Inc.
"You Call — We Haul"
- Setzer's Discount Auto Parts
1301 Grover Road
734-0121
- BB&T
410 East Kings Street
- Jones Intercable
Management and Employees
- Depot Stop and Go, Inc.
Ken Roberts and Employees
- Neisler Brothers, Inc.
- Ben T. Goforth Plumbing
Management and Employees
- The Printin' Press, Inc.
Management and Employees

- Pizza Hut
739-4436
- Frank B. Glass
Post 9811
V.F.W.
- First Federal
Savings and Loan Association
- Harper's
Prescription Pharmacy, Inc.
739-3687
- Kentucky Fried Chicken
Management and Staff
- Mac's Grocery
739-3391
- Sadie Mills, Inc.
Management and Employees
- Amity Finance of
Kings Mountain, Inc.
739-1311
- Wade Ford
"You can count on Wade."
- Plonk Tire
Wray and David Plonk
- McGill Exxon Servicenter
100 E. Kings Street
- Harris Teeter Supermarket
and Employees
- Country Time Rest Home
Brevard Road
Kings Mountain, N.C.
739-2760
- Kings Mountain Hospital
739-3601
- Bridges Textiles
Management and Employees
- American Legion
Post 155
- Cloninger and Neisler
Attorneys at Law
- Bolin Day Care Center
Management and Employees
739-7715
- Warlick and Hamrick
Associates
Insurance - Real Estate
- Combustion Engineering, Inc.
Joe Andrews and Associates
- Peggy's Restaurant
Management and Employees

- Winn Dixie Stores
and Employees
- Allens Flower Shop, Inc.
Management and Staff
- First Union National Bank
of North Carolina
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