

## Opening Of The New Church Program

### DR. M.C. SOUTHERLAND

*Guest Speaker Pastor*

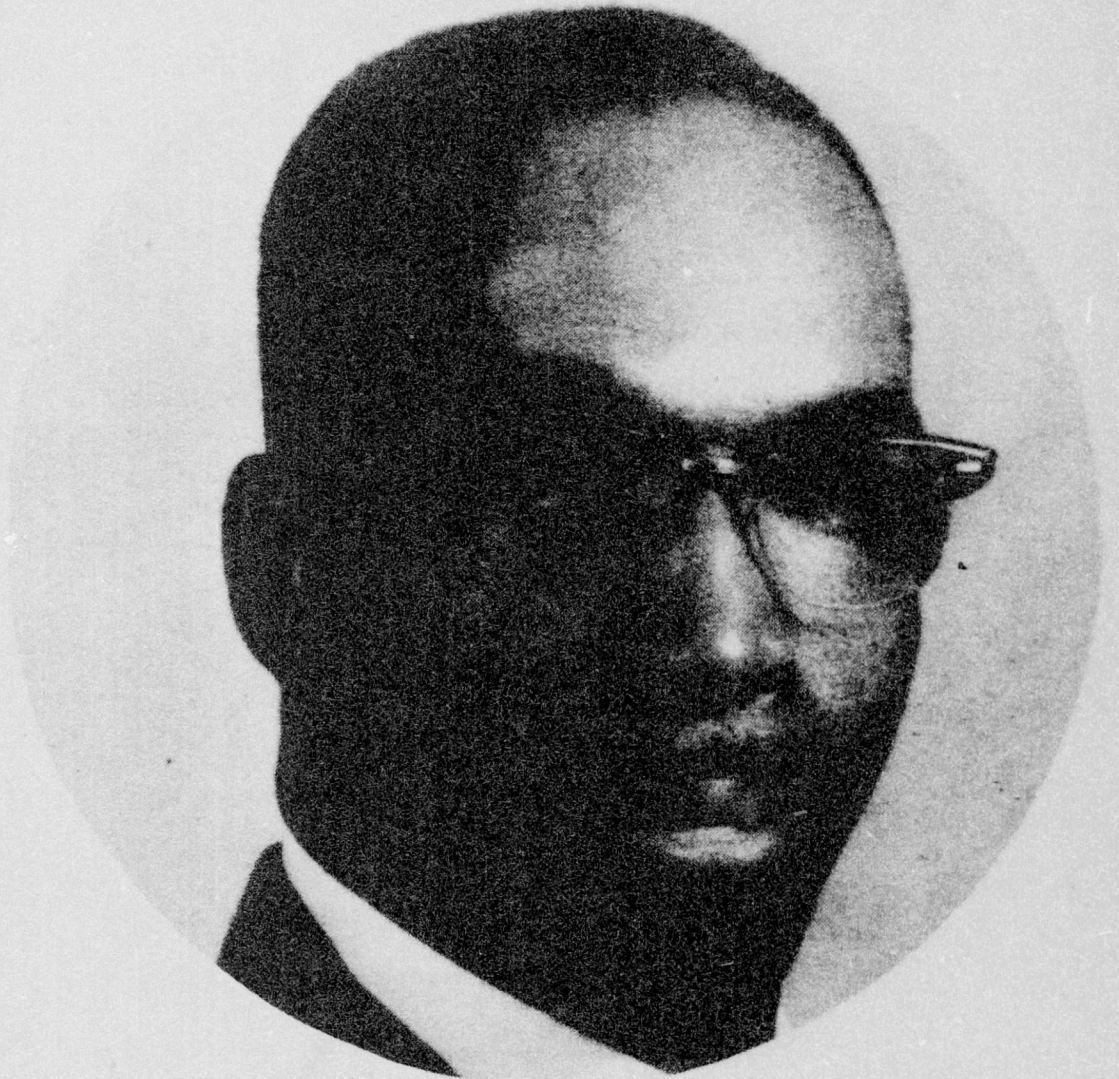
The grand opening of the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church formerly known as the Fayetteville Street Baptist Church, Raleigh, will be held Sunday, July 12, at 11:00 A. M.

The old church building on Fayetteville Street is about 90 years old.

The Rev. W. B. Lewis, pastor of the church, said:

"Seven years ago, the old church purchased four lots behind the church, running down Hunter Street for expansion purposes. The city came through three years later and extended Salisbury Street which took practically all of the land that the church had purchased.

"We were advised by the Redevelopment Commission that our church was in the Redevelopment Program in Southside, and that we should seek a new location.



PASTOR W. B. LEWIS

"The members purchased a lot on South Blount Street for the new church site, and discovered later that the thoroughfare would eventually cross this piece of land. We were then advised not to build there. So, on Cross Link Road, near Hadley Road, the church purchased six acres of land for The First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church.

"The cost of the new development is about \$450,000. The parking lots will accommodate 600 cars. The Sanctuary will seat about 900 and the Fellowship Hall will seat about 500. Also included are 32 classrooms, and a chapel, seating 130.

"Future developments will include swimming pool, tennis courts and gymnasium. The church is fully air conditioned.

"The church will hold its initial service Sunday, July 12. Morning worship service will be held at 11:00 A. M. The united worship service will be held at 3:00 P.M., featuring as our guest speaker, Dr. M. C. Southerland, president of Virginia College and Seminary, Lynchburg, Virginia.

"The public is cordially invited to attend these services," Rev. Lewis concluded.