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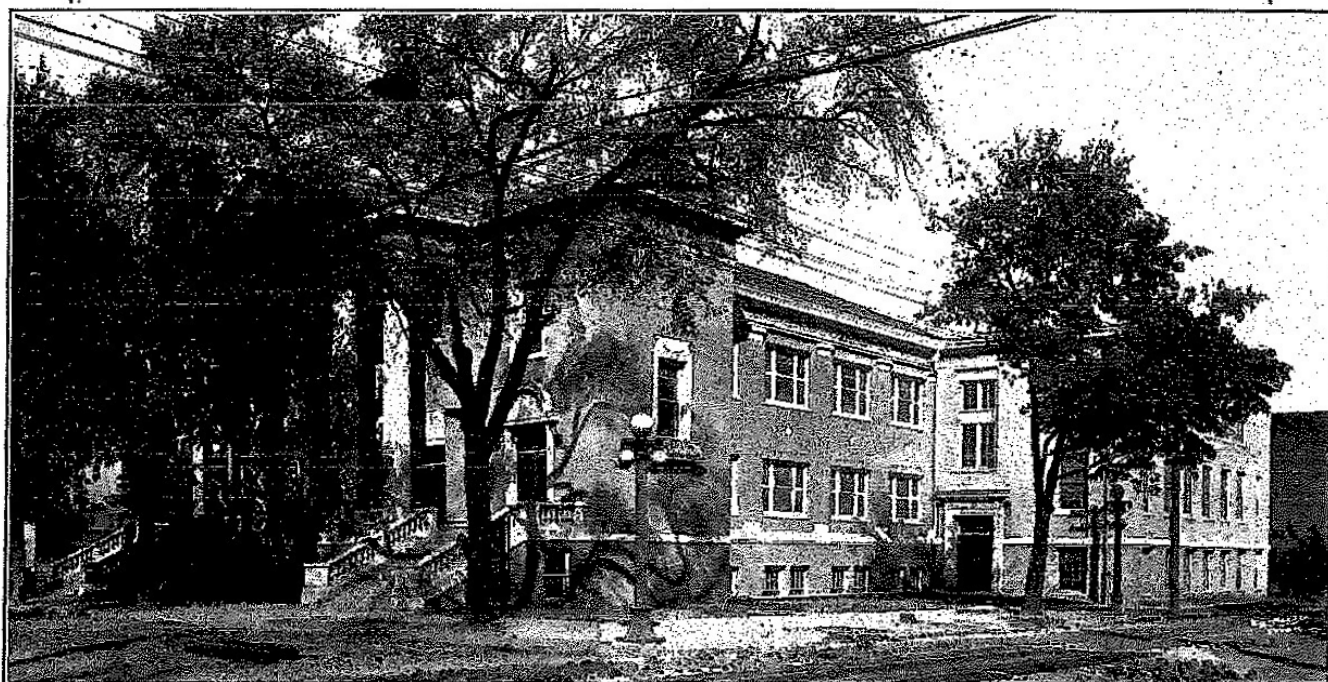
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*"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the House of the Lord."
Psalm 122:1.*

The Opening Services of the New First Baptist Church

Owensboro, Kentucky

October 19-26, 1924



William Cooke Boone, Pastor

Building Committee

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For more than sixty-four years the congregation of the First Baptist Church has worshipped at the corner of Third and Lewis Sts. This new building on the same site is built for the purpose of glorifying our Heavenly Father, and of better enabling us to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. Our constant prayer is that the Holy Spirit may lead us into the doing of the whole will of our God.

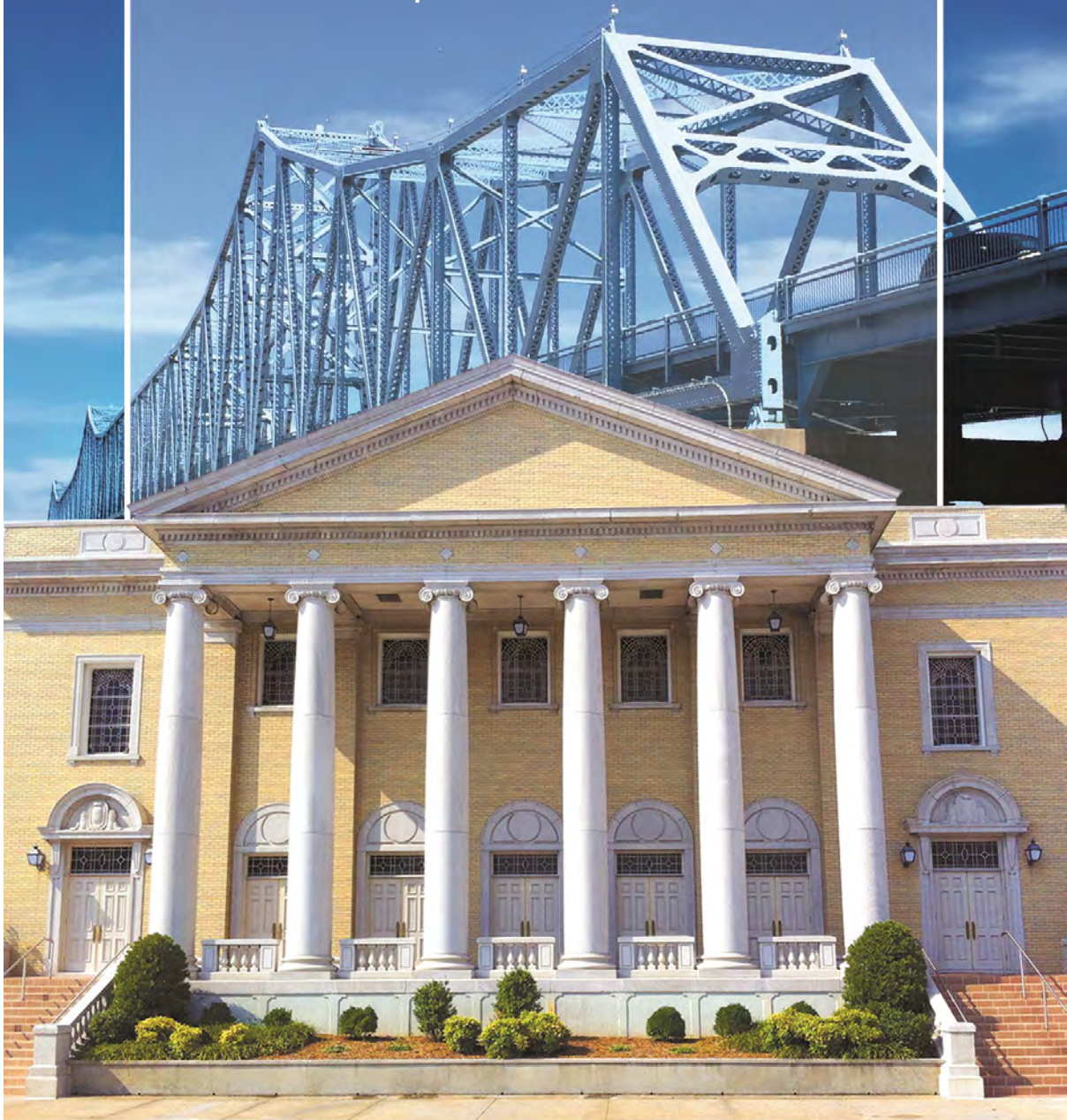
To all visitors and strangers, to all who need a Savior, to whosoever will come, this Church opens its doors and its heart, and in the name of the Lord Jesus says,
WELCOME.



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Program for the Week

Sunday, October 19

9:45 A. M.—Sunday School, Meeting by Departments.

11:00 A. M.—MORNING WORSHIP.

Organ Prelude—"Fantasie" - - - - - Ashford
Doxology.
Invocation.
Anthem—"There Were Ninety and Nine" - - - - - Schenecker
Hymn—"Come, Thou Fount"—No. 109.
Scripture Reading.
Prayer.
Hymn—"More Love to Thee"—No. 103.
Announcements.
Organ Offertory - - - - - E. Batist
Quartette—"The Spirit, in Our Hearts" - - - - - Shelly
Sermon by the Pastor—"The House of the Lord."
Hymn—"I Am Thine, O Lord"—No. 402.
Benediction.
"Seven-fold Amen" - - - - - Stainer
Organ Postlude - - - - - Stern

6:30 P. M.—B. Y. P. U. Meetings.

7:30 P. M.—EVENING WORSHIP.

Organ Prelude—"Nearer, My God to Thee" (Chimes) - - - - - Ashford
Meditation Hymn by the Choir.
Hymn—"He Leadeth Me"—No. 196.
Anthem—"The Lord Is My Light" - - - - - Starks
Scripture Reading.
Prayer.
Hymn—"Amazing Grace"—No. 110.
Announcements.
Offertory—"Told at Twilight" (Violin) - - - - - Mrs. Nester Howard
Sermon - - - - - Dr. A. U. Boone, Pastor First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.
Hymn—"Pass Me Not"—No. 410.
Benediction.
Postlude—"Temple March" - - - - - Vincent

Monday, October 20

7:30 P. M.—"FIRST BAPTIST NIGHT"

Short Addresses by Several Members of the Church.
Anthem—"Sing Aloud Unto God" - - - - - Peace
Solo—"The Lord Is My Shepherd" - - - - - Laddell
Mrs. Charles G. Nalle
Informal Reception in Gymnasium to Members of the Church and Their Families. Light Refreshments.

Tuesday, October 21

7:30 P. M.—"LAYMEN'S NIGHT"

Addresses by Mr. J. H. Anderson, Knoxville, Tenn., and Dr. P. E. Burroughs, Nashville, Tenn.
Quartette—"Twilight and Dawn" - - - - - Speaks
Mesdames Allen and Blocher, Messrs. R. D. Head and C. B. Curry
(Everybody Invited, Especially MEN)

October 20, 2024

GREETING

Paul Strahan

“A Might Fortress Is Our God” - *Sanctuary Orchestra*

Psalm 66:1-4

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

I Am Thine O Lord

Recounting God's Provision - Ed Allen

“The Building” - Hadley Bacon

Blessing of Offering

Children (grades K-5) are dismissed to Kids Church

Testimony - Wade Crowley

MESSAGE BY PAUL STRAHAN

Song of Response - **I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**

Benediction

“Sevenfold Amen” - *Sanctuary Choir*



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First House of Worship

1840-1860



Second House of Worship

1860-1923



Third House of Worship

1924-Present

(print made in 1985)

Notes

The entire Building will be open every night this week, except Saturday, and everybody is invited to visit and inspect every part of it. Committees will greet guests in each department, and explain the arrangement and use of all parts of the building.

The First Baptist Church was organized the first Saturday in May, 1835, and is the oldest religious organization in Owensboro. The following have been the pastors of the church during its history of eighty-nine years: Reuben Cottrell, J. L. Burrows, John G. Howard, Alfred Taylor, D. E. Burns, V. E. Kirtley, S. L. Helm, A. B. Smith, R. C. Buckner, B. T. Taylor, A. B. Miller, J. C. Maple, C. C. Chaplin, T. C. Stackhouse, J. S. Coleman, R. D. Peay, J. B. Solomon, J. S. Felix, J. S. Boyet, Fred D. Hale, G. L. Morrill, E. Pendleton Jones, T. N. Compton, L. B. Warren, M. A. Jenkins, E. E. Bomar, W. C. Boone.

The church at present has 1100 members, of whom more than 900 are resident.

The building program was launched in the fall of 1919, when the church voted to build an educational building. Work on this was postponed until May, 1921, when the educational wing of the building was started. This was completed in April, 1922, at a cost of \$72,000.00.

The new Auditorium was started in May, 1923. The cornerstone was laid on August 12, with appropriate exercises, the sermon being by Rev. W. W. Landrum, D. D., of Russellville, Moderator of the General Association of Kentucky Baptists.

The building is now fully completed and furnished for use. The Auditorium and basement with furnishings cost approximately \$113,000.00. With the cost of the educational wing, and the lot, one-fourth of a down-town square, the property is valued at something more than \$200,000.00.

The church bonds bear interest at six per cent, and have nine years yet to run before maturity. The interest and principal of such part as is still outstanding will be paid off from year to year out of the Church Budget, a definite percentage of all Budget contributions being set aside for that purpose.

The Church is built of light buff brick, with stone trimmings. Interior woodwork in the auditorium is of birch, with mahogany finish; in the rest of the building pine, stained light oak.

There are in the building seven separate and complete Sunday School departments, and some fifty-five classrooms which will accommodate 1265 people exclusive of the main auditorium and gymnasium. There is a business office, a study for the pastor, dining room and kitchen, gymnasium with locker room and showers, sewing room, parlor, and ten lavatories. Every facility is afforded for doing the most modern departmental Sunday School work, and for carrying out every other church activity.

The building is heated with a vapor system, giving quick and even heat with very low steam pressure.

The pews and pulpit furniture are of red gum, quarter-sawed and mahogany stained and hand-rubbed. The floor is covered with dark green battleship linoleum, except the platform, which has dark green carpet.

The art glass windows are of light ivory and amber tints, with special classical design. The lighting fixtures, which harmonize with the windows, were specially designed for this building.

The Organ is equipped with direct electric action. It has three manuals, and thirty speaking stops besides couplers and combinations. Among the features of the Organ is a Vox Humana and a set of tubular Chimes. The Organ is valued at more than \$11,000.00. There are no ornamental pipes, but the speaking pipes are concealed behind an ornamental plaster grille.

The Baptistery occupies the exact center of the Auditorium. A river scene in perspective at the rear gives a very beautiful effect to this essential feature of a Baptist Church.

The Capacity of the Church Auditorium is as follows: Lower floor proper 610, Balcony 460, Choir and Pulpit platform 30. To this can be added 150 in the Parlor, which is easily thrown into the Auditorium, making a total of 1250. With additional chairs, it will be possible to seat 1500 or more.

The Church is to have a revival meeting, beginning November 23, conducted by Rev. J. W. Ham, D. D., of Atlanta, Ga.

After the completion of the former church building there was a glorious revival, with scores of conversions and more than a hundred additions to the church. We are hoping and praying that this history may repeat itself.

The Memorials which were in the old church building will be preserved on a bronze tablet which will be erected in the Church Parlor. The tablet is expected soon.

Dear Guests and First Baptist Family,

Welcome to an exciting day in celebration of 100 years of worship and ministry in this building. It is in this place the body of believers have gathered week after week to sing, fellowship, pray, give, bear testimony, teach, and preach about Jesus Christ. Because of the faithfulness of those believers, lives have been changed for all eternity. Only when we enter Heaven will we know the full impact of what God has done through First Baptist Church. My prayer is that today you will experience the power and presence of the Holy Spirit as we proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. As you worship today, listen closely to the words of the song Hadley Bacon sings. One stanza says it best;

I know the stained glass never saved a soul
And these pews ain't on the roll that's called up yonder
I know the pulpit's just a wooden stand
But it's felt the power of God's hand
As His glory filled the place with awe and wonder
I know it's just a buildin', plain and simple white
But it's the buildin' where **Jesus changed my life**

For many of you, this is the building where Jesus changed your life. God has used this place for one hundred years to change the lives of many people. I pray He continues using this building to continue transforming lives.

The Great Commission ***“go into all the world and make disciples”*** has not changed! It is still our mandate and our mission at First Baptist Church. We seek to make, mature, and multiply disciples for Jesus!

As we begin the next 100 years may we (FBC) be faithful in lifting up the name of Jesus, the name above all names! May we be found as the Scripture says, ***“not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”***

I believe the best days of First Baptist Church Owensboro are ahead. God has used this Church to spread the Gospel, to send Missionaries, to support Church plants, to pray for people far from God, and to minister to hundreds of thousands of people since 1835. This building has been a mainstay in the heart of Owensboro and will continue to impact the community for the sake of the Gospel in the future.

I'm excited for First Baptist Church and the future is bright. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

In Christ alone,



Pastor Paul Strahan



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