

Church Directory

WITH A

Historical Sketch

OF THE

First Baptist Church

Martinsville, Indiana

1886 - 1946

Rev. George W. Adams, Pastor

A MEMOIR OF THE EARLIEST BAPTIST CHURCH

The Baptists organized at Martinsville as early as 1850. The brick church (on the corner of Pike and Wayne streets) was built in 1857, but for some reason was not finished. Families by the name of A. B. Alsop, the Frinks, and others were members. The leading Baptists removed from the town, and the building was transformed into a schoolhouse, being thus used until after the Civil War, when it was purchased by the Catholics for \$700.00 and used by them until their present church was built in 1888.

In the early 80's a group of interested Baptists held meetings at times in the old Opera House, which was over what is now Penney's store. (The old building was torn down and was replaced by Mr. Ed Toner, and was occupied by O. C. Toner, then later by Penney's.) They were served by circuit riders, and later a Rev. Clevenger held a series of meetings and a few people joined at that time.

In about 1886, the Old Presbyterian Church on the corner of Jefferson and Jackson streets was purchased from the Presbyterians. It was a one story, brick structure with a long colonial porch across the entire front. Four large pillars on this porch added to the dignity of this structure. The building was heated by two stoves. The organ and pulpit were situated at the west end of the building. This building was torn down in 1888, and the present Baptist Church was built on its site. The church was not finished until 1907.

Some of the first members were:

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Russell
Dora Stewart (now Mrs. Helton)
Robert Dalton
John Walls and wife
Josiah Pollard
Robinson Dalton
Jonathon Johns
Sis Christy
Mr. and Mrs. Storms
Nancy Griffin
The McGowns (Nora McGown was the organist)
The Sprags
The Squires
Jack Watson and wife
Mr. and Mrs. John Walls
Mrs. Utter
Mr. and Mrs. William M. Woodward

John Jones from Mahalasville used to hold singing classes in the old church. He used a tuning fork.

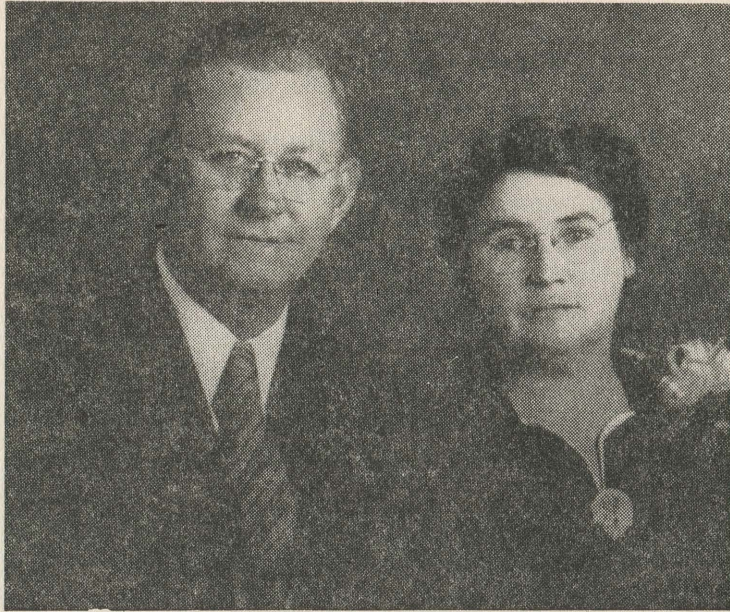
While the church was in the process of building, meetings were held in the Court House.

Mr. Milton Russell often preached when the church was without a minister.

The church was built by Mr. Storms and his sons.



The Presbyterian Church which was later purchased by the Baptists and became their first place of meeting



Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Adams
Minister since 1940



Pastoral Message to Friends and Church Members

We have come to this day in the history of our church deeply conscious of our responsibility: First, to those whose Christian sacrifice through the sixty years back of us, whether "living or dead", has helped to bring us to this day. As we study our past years as a church we can plainly see written on its pages sacrifice from both lay members and those who have served it as ministers. Second, to this age. These are days when the church must lead in bringing the world from chaos and destruction to Christ and righteousness. Third, to the future generation. Our mistakes and carelessness will be their problems. These three thoughts should challenge every member of the First Baptist Church of Martinsville, Indiana, to a consecrated task. As we, this sixtieth anni-

versary of our church, commemorate the memory of the service rendered, money given, sacrifices made, let us remember these people have done this in the name of the Lord Whom they loved and served. Can we do less in this our day?

As we think of the church as a body of baptized believers organized as a church for service, we should seek the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit of God. No church can assert itself in the greatest power without first co-operating as a body working for a purpose as one mighty army. Then, after our willingness to work together, we must be filled by the Holy Spirit until our love reaches beyond ourselves. There comes a call today in no uncertain language, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." Then can we hear the Master say, "As often as ye do it to the least of mine, ye do it unto me." No one will reach beyond himself until he has his life crucified to Christ. Christ says, "All power is given unto me, both in heaven and in earth." He promises if we will but carry through His will, "So, I am with you, even unto the end of the world."

Due to World War II a desperate situation has been created in the world. Millions have been made homeless, crops destroyed, manufacturing building ruined and the steel hand of the very satanic power grips the major power of the world. This has, and still is, and will continue for some time to bring death, disease, hunger, sorrow, and discouragement to many millions of human individuals. Our great Northern Baptist Convention, being missionary minded, has set in motion organized groups for the purpose of doing its share in relieving some of this suffering. The amount set is far too small to reach all our responsibilities, but will start toward the goal. Our church with some seven thousand other Baptist Churches of our Convention is asked to do our share in raising \$15,000,000.00. Our church must have its share in this program, as well as to meet our own needs.

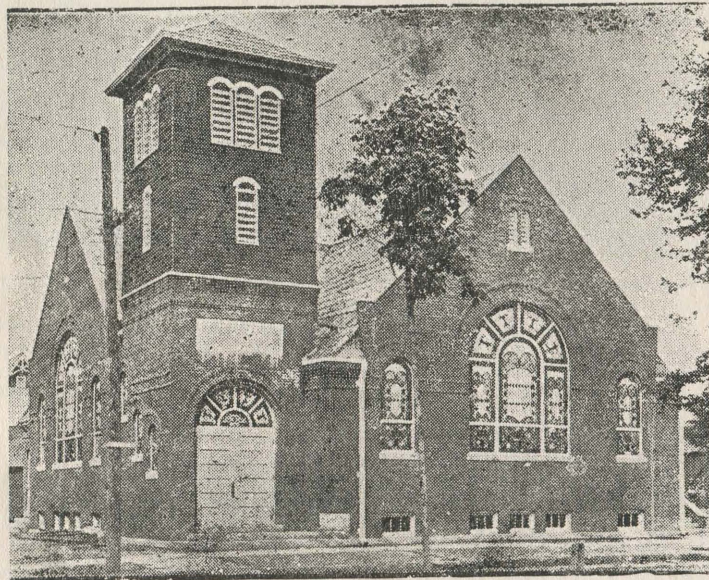
This very day we are badly in need of more and better facilities for the training program of our church. Homes are going on the rocks. Children are delinquent, and parents are very unaware of their responsibility to home training. This becomes our problem. With hundreds of children and youth in our city having no connection with the church, we must reach our part. This will mean more room and better equipment. Therefore, the call goes out for a \$10,000.00 building fund by Easter, 1948. Let us remember, Jesus said, "One soul is worth a thousand worlds." We find life by losing our life; we lose life by trying to keep it. No one knows what forty years will bring. We only know our church at its hundredth anniversary will be largely determined by our efforts in the next ten years. Again, may I urge upon the part of every member his best to this task in his church.

The story has been told of the father, who, before his passing from this life, called his seven sons around him, giving each of them a stick. Gathering them in one bundle and securely binding them together, he gave each a try at breaking the bundle. They failed. Then, after he divided them again, each took a stick and easily broke it. This very plainly illustrates our united strength in the Lord cannot be broken.

This day not only is the sixtieth anniversary of our church, but also the sixth anniversary of our ministry here. We have been able to accomplish a few things in this time by your co-operation. We have made our blunders and mistakes, often times been impatient, but our one desire has been to serve the church, community and individual needs. Through our united efforts and untiring labors as people and minister we stand as a church this sixtieth anniversary, stronger than at any time in its history. Let each of us accept the challenge, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

May God bless each one of you is our prayer.

George W. Adams, Minister



IT ISN'T THE CHURCH—IT'S YOU

If you want to have the kind of a church
 Like the kind of a church you like,
 You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
 And start on a long, long hike.
 You'll only find what you left behind,
 For there's nothing really new.
 It's a knock at yourself when you knock your
 church;

It isn't the church—it's you.
 When everything seems to be going wrong,
 And trouble seems everywhere brewing;
 When prayer meeting, Young People's meet-
 ing, and all,

Seem simmering slowly—stewing,
 Just take a look at yourself and say,
 "What's the use of being blue?"
 Are you doing your "bit" to make things "hit"?
 It isn't the church—it's you.

It's really strange sometimes, don't you know,
 That things go as well as they do,
 When we think of the little—the very small
 mite—

We add to the work of the few.
 We sit, and stand 'round, and complain of
 what's done,

And do very little but fuss.
 Are we bearing our share of the burdens to
 bear?

It isn't the church, it's us.
 So, if you want to have the kind of a church
 Like the kind of a church you like,
 Put off your guile, and put on your best smile,
 And hike, my Brother, just hike
 to the work in hand that has to be done—
 The work of saving a few.

It isn't the church that is wrong, my Boy;
 It isn't the church—it's you.

—Anon.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

PART I

In the Franklin College Library, where the oldest church records are on file, there is an interesting page entitled "Rules of Decorum". By comparing them with modern practices, we find them to be very exacting. In the minutes of a business meeting held July 13, 1889, we find that "the hand of fellowship was withdrawn from two brothers for disorderly conduct". A letter was not granted because the member requesting it had not paid his pledge. Business meetings were held on Saturday evening, so that the minister who came to preach one or two Sundays each month could be present and act as moderator.

The church was without a pastor for several months, the pulpit being filled by circuit riders until the Rev. J. Goodman became the first pastor in 1887. On April 7, 1890, we find one pastor who refused to come because the call was not unanimous. In September the state board agreed to give \$250.00 toward the minister's yearly salary providing the members would raise \$365.00 and pay the rent for a pastor's house. Rev. J. D. Frye agreed to come in October and to devote his entire time to a pastor's duties if the board would grant him \$62.50 per quarter. The church must have had difficulty in paying the amount, for the treasurer resigned, and a new one was elected. In 1891 the church was again pastorless.

In 1891 a new finance committee was appointed and was asked to visit "each member" to get him to subscribe a certain amount each week.

In 1892, several names were taken from the church roll because those members had not attended church services for a year.

In January, 1894, a "Prudential Committee" was appointed to "investigate the Christian experience of candidates for baptism and to instruct them in doctrine". In February the business meeting time was changed to Friday night, and the "meeting closed with peace and harmony prevailing".

In August, 1895, at roll call 41 answered present and 78 were absent. Brother E. Sanford accepted the call to become pastor for the second time, having served for a year six years before.

In 1897, a new constitution was written and adopted. A whole page is devoted to "procedure against disorderly conduct". It seems the church took on new life and prospered spiritually and financially for a few years. If there was a church record kept from 1899 to 1907 it seems to have been lost. W. J. Delaney served as pastor two years of this seven-year period. Wilson Whitney, with beautiful penmanship in a carefully worded letter, resigned because of the lack of spiritual life among the members "with no prospect of hearty co-operation in carrying on the work of the Lord".

On December 3, 1911, E. E. Pryor as chairman of the pulpit committee stated that the church had extended a call to Rev. Dilts to become pastor for the first and third Sundays each month, and was to receive \$17.00 each trip for three months, with the hope that he would become full time pastor. On January 28, 1912, on vote of the church, a unanimous call was extended to Brother Dilts to become the full time pastor for one year beginning March 1, and he was to receive \$900.00. By December 4, there was a deficit of \$35.70 on the pastor's salary. He resigned in February, and again another pulpit committee undertook to find a person who could afford to become their pastor.

On March 5, 1913, "the situation of the church in general was discussed, but nothing definite was done except that trustees were notified that the seats were being badly used and scarred and were asked to investigate and to seek a remedy".

In 1919, we find that the church had been without a pastor for almost two years and "as a result the church became both discouraged and scattered. After much prayer we felt God was heading us and after

advising with our state supervisors and receiving encouragement, not only by way of sympathetic words, but in a substantial way, by the State Board and W. H. Patton, we decided to call a pastor and again 'labor more earnestly in the Master's vineyard' ". Rev. D. C. Blunt answered the call in April, and we find that in five months' time the average Sunday School attendance increased from thirty to one hundred four. A B. Y. P. U. was organized, and midweek prayer meetings were well attended. The church building was "transformed", and the lots on both sides of the church were purchased in order to clear away undesirable and unsanitary buildings. But the church went into debt, which by March, 1921, amounted to \$3860.00. From 1924 to 1932 some payments had been made, but other notes were made, so that when the banks failed in 1932 the indebtedness was \$4506.85. From time to time efforts were made to free the church of this debt.

During the summer of 1923 a very successful church vacation school was held for four weeks under the leadership of Rev. Roy E. Barnett. One hundred twenty children from all churches attended this school. In the associational letter of 1924 we find, "Supplying efficient teachers is one of the greatest problems which confront the Sunday School today."

The Men's Brotherhood is one of the newer organizations of this church. It has added new activities among the men which have been very helpful. Several young people attended the Franklin Baptist Assembly and were given credit for work done there. Again in the summer of 1926 Rev. Roy E. Barnett conducted a very successful four weeks vacation school with an enrollment of one hundred fifty. Rev. C. S. Morse back in 1922 conducted a vacation Bible school, but his was not on such a large scale.

Rev. Barnett was a good singer, and being quite interested in good church music, he personally conducted choir rehearsals and arranged the musical programs for the church worship service. It was during his ministry that volunteer singers became interested as a choir in music for the church.

During the ministry of Rev. Barnett, our church was proud of a "Model Primary Department" under the direction of Miss Alma Smith and her corps of teachers. Seventy-five children were enrolled, and the attendance was almost a hundred per cent average. The basement was made into a cheerful, bright classroom with the best of working materials to conduct the school.

Rev. Barnett was a conscientious worker, a good organizer, and a fine pastor, but he was called to a larger field at Hastings, Nebraska, and left us in July 1926.

Then Rev. Carl Winters, who was still a student at Franklin College, came to us in November 1926. He was an excellent teacher and was very popular with our young people. Mrs. Winters was a great help to him, and introduced the "Junior Church", which she conducted in the church basement. While Rev. Winters was our pastor, Mr. W. H. Patton, who always took a keen interest in our Baptist Church, paid the salary of Mrs. Sherman Davis of Indianapolis, who organized and conducted the "Baptist Choir" of some twenty eight voices. This choir was the first vested church choir in town, and they added much to the interest of music in Martinsville through their many concerts. Mrs. M. H. Cohn and Mr. Frank Goss are the only two left of the original group who are still singing in the choir at the present time. However, this fine influence has come down through the years, and we see it expressed through the next generation—their children. Nelda Cohn Vandenbark is now directing the choir, and Helen Tackett is the pianist. In September 1928 Rev. Winters resigned so that he might continue his studying at Rochester, New York.

Once more we were without a pastor. We were so deeply in debt that we were greatly discouraged, and our attendance dwindled, and

many of our young people became interested in other churches. The pulpit committee met from time to time and secured supply ministers, and the state board gave us sympathy and advice. Finally, Mrs. M. H. Cohn persuaded a pastor of her former church in Kentucky, Rev. W. E. Hunter, a Godly man with a fine record of service, to come to us to hold a series of meetings to create a keener interest on the part of the church membership. We are most grateful to the Rev. Hunter for his efforts and spiritual advice at this critical time. Many of the members became discouraged, and the church was on the verge of discontinuing and selling out to another denomination. Rev. Hunter was so helpful that we wanted him to become our pastor, but he wisely refused and recommended a young man who was just finishing his work at the Louisville Seminary. Rev. W. F. Badgett accepted our call April 1, 1929. He was to receive \$30.00 a week for the first six months and \$35.00 a week for the second six months. During the fall, he was married and brought Mrs. Badgett as a wonderful help to our church school, especially the primary department, where she did a great work.

PART II



Rev. Frank Badgett

We feel that the coming of Rev. Frank Badgett marked a great turning point in our Baptist Church history. The work begun by thirty-one gallant souls willing to adventure in the service of their Master and King many years ago was now to be carried on.

In September 1929, a committee was appointed to form a new church constitution. It was finally completed and adopted in December 1930.

Soon, our enthusiasm was dampened and our spirits sorely tried. With the years of the depression coming to make doubly hard our finan-

cial condition, things looked quite discouraging again. But sincere faith and much prayer can change things over a period of time. In 1930, because of our poor financial condition, different members volunteered to do the janitor's work a month at a time. M. H. Cohn became our first volunteer janitor in April, and other men followed his lead for many months.

In 1930, we joined a union Vacation Bible School and union Sunday evening services during July and August. In August 1930 it was voted to give the pastor notice that unless financial conditions improved we could no longer "use the pastor's service". In October 1930 the finance committee reported that \$55.00 per week would be necessary to maintain the church and pay the pastor \$35.00 per week. After much discussion, it was voted to reduce the pastor's salary to \$25.00 per week. The Badgetts accepted the cut and went on working as hard as ever. Many of the members living in the country helped to stretch their too small income by bringing them vegetables and farm produce. Mrs. Badgett took employment at the First National Bank.

During the winter of 1930, we discussed the need of feeding the needy in our church dining room with financial help of W. H. Patton. Members worked together as one great group of serving Christians, and daily during the winter the hungry were fed good, wholesome food cooked by the ladies of the church. The Martinsville Welfare Society was organized as a result in 1931, and took care of this need in our city.

During the early part of Rev. Badgett's ministry, Miss Alma Smith became teacher of a group of young boys, and as a result of her work with them, the Boy Scout Troop of the Baptist Church was organized with D. L. Sluder as Scout leader. Mr. Sluder and the boys cleaned the church yard for some time to earn money to pay for their Scout charter.

✱ This organization, as well as the baseball team organized under the direction of Rev. Badgett, was instrumental in young men becoming interested in the church.

Rev. Carter H. Wallace conducted a very inspiring and helpful revival during the first two weeks in February, and 73 new members were added to the church. Mr. David Cohn, age 75, and Mr. James Teague, age 68, were converted in this meeting.

From November 29 to December 11, 1931, Rev. L. B. Moseley of Emerson Avenue Baptist Church, Indianapolis, conducted another fine revival for us. Forty-eight members were added to our church at this time.

In March 1932, a union teacher training school was held. Ninety-five persons from all churches attended. Ten Baptists received credit, and several others attended and were benefited by the course of instruction. On September 25, all churches of Martinsville united in a service during which time Dr. Holly read many passages from the Bible from memory.

On October 5, we voted to hold prayer meetings in our homes in order to save coal. Many helpful meetings were held during the winter.

November 19, 1932—Officers of the church and church school teachers met in the pastor's home to attempt to make plans for paying off the church notes.

In January 1934 a new communion set was purchased.

Regret and sorrow was felt in our church when our pastor, Rev. Badgett, resigned to accept a call at Vevay, Indiana, to take effect January 31, 1934. When he left, he canceled a debt of \$112.50 that the church owed him in back salary. Rev. Badgett recommended J. V. Carlisle. Upon the recommendation, we extended the call to Rev. Carlisle for \$1,000 per year. The Carlises moved to Martinsville on February 9, 1934.

On July 20, 1934, there was a special call meeting to propose to sell church and lots for \$18,000.00 to the U. S. Government for a post office site. We asked to reserve windows, seats, and furnishings to be used in another building to be begun after indebtedness was paid. This did not materialize.

* Rev. L. K. Dilts ministry (1912-13) There were boys meetings held every two weeks by noted lawyers and judges from Indianapolis. Also a baseball team organized.

The church decided in 1935 to sell the church lots to settle the debts. The Trustees reported that the lots had been surveyed, and that they would offer the two vacant lots and \$200.00 to the bank as full payment for our debt.

In February 1936 the church was informed that the finance corporation had rejected the proposition for settlement of the church debt. Later, the lots to be sold to the late W. H. Patton.

Two women and two men were selected at a business meeting to sell advertising for the church bulletin, the money to be used on church repairs.

Because of the type of carnivals and shows that had been visiting Martinsville, a group composed of the pastor, Rev. J. V. Carlisle, the church officers, and deacons sent a petition to the mayor as follows: "Having observed the degenerating and demoralizing influence of carnivals upon our community, we earnestly request that such enterprises be prohibited from operating within our city and nearby vicinity from this date henceforth. We respectfully request that, in the future, when questions relative to the moral and spiritual well being of the community are to be considered by the aforementioned city council, notice be given to the churches of our city in order that their representatives might be present to state their convictions with reference to same."

In December 1936, V. E. Plummer, one of our laymen, contracted to decorate the church at a cost of \$430.00.

January 10, 1937, was our "Re-Dedication Day". It was a great day in the church with special services both morning and evening. The redecorated church looked beautiful with red velvet curtains, green carpeted aisles, and redecorated walls. The choir brought special music. A history of the church was read. The morning sermon was given by the Rev. G. C. Mitchell, whose topic was "The Church's Message for Today". The evening program consisted of the Re-Dedication Service with the burning of the notes. The sermon was by Dr. T. J. Parson, executive secretary of the State Convention, and he talked on "The Church in the Community".

In 1937, the Franklin College Choir gave a concert, which was enjoyed very much, in the church auditorium. Our own choir gave a concert in the First Baptist Church in Franklin.

The minutes show that plans were made in 1937 to do our part in helping to purchase a community house to be supported by the citizens and churches. This organization is still doing much good in our town.

On December 19, 1937, a special meeting was called at which time our pastor, Rev. J. V. Carlisle, resigned to accept the pulpit of the Calvary Baptist Church, Hannibal, Missouri, effective January 9, 1938. Mrs. Carlisle was an earnest worker and was beloved by the church and community.

February 2, 1938, the church unanimously extended a call to Rev. J. D. Tolleson. He was to receive a salary of \$25.00 a week until he moved on the field, when his salary would be \$27.50. The church began to tithe its entire income for missions during the ministry of Rev. Tolleson, and it is still carrying on this practice.

The basement walls were tiled with glazed tiling, which added to the attractiveness of the basement rooms during the ministry of Rev. Tolleson.

Both Rev. and Mrs. Tolleson were ardent workers in the E. Y. P. U. group, and they gave many parties at the parsonage for the young people.

Mrs. Tolleson was superintendent of the Primary Department of the Sunday School and was devoted to its interests. She was pianist for prayer meetings, missionary groups, and the Primary Department.

Rev. Tolleson left his influence in the church and city through his untiring efforts in visiting the sick and underprivileged of the community as well as of the church.

The Philathea Class and the Loyal Daughter Class bought new sil-

verware for the church in 1939. These two Sunday School classes have contributed many useful articles in our kitchen besides many dollars to church treasury. The Loyal Daughter Class is now changed to the True Blue Class taught by the Rev. Adams, while the Philathea Class is now taught by Mrs. Frank Goss. The Philathea Class has retained the same faithful group of workers who have been thought of as the "back bone" of the church in those years when the going was so hard. These ladies are always ready to step into homes where sorrow and death have entered and serve meals that are needed; they are always ready to spread cheer with flowers and cards to those who are ill, and in many ways of service they take their places along with the younger women in other Sunday School classes in the activities of the church. For many years Philathea prepared and delivered many baskets of food to the needy of the church at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

In the business meeting of April 1940 an amendment was made to our constitution, as follows: "After a member has served three years, he automatically is retired from that office for one year."

On June 12, 1940, Rev. J. D. Tolleson resigned as pastor, accepting a call to the 85th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

Rev. George W. Adams came to be our pastor November 27, 1940.

In December of that year the church voted to purchase a parsonage at the price of \$3250.00. We are now proud of the parsonage, which is bought and paid for. It has a new gas furnace recently installed.

Many fine gifts have been presented to the church over a period of years.

Fifty new book racks were made and presented to the church by Mr. When Hochstetler. In addition, we received a fine electric clock from Wilhite and Son, a gas stove from the gas and light company, offering plates from the Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Tolleson, communion table from the Naugle family, chairs, lights, and many other gifts too numerous to mention.

In April 1942 the church appointed six Deaconesses to assist the Deacons of the church.

The Women's Missionary Society prepared the Honor Roll of our boys in service containing 85 blue stars, and placed it on the wall of the sanctuary. At the close of the war, there was one gold star placed on the banner representing William Mize, who lost his life in the service. Our hearts were made sad because of the loss of this fine young man, yet we rejoiced because God so graciously protected so many of the young men who were in service from our church.

An improvised altar was placed in the back of the church sanctuary during the war and was accessible for prayer at all times. We feel that God heard and answered many prayers offered up before the solemn candle-lit worship center throughout the years.

The B. & G. Sunday School Class, taught by Mrs. M. H. Cohn, published and mailed a monthly newspaper from the church to each young man in the service for over two and one half years. The young wives and friends of many of these boys met at their teacher's home and worked hard getting out a hundred "B. & G. Tattlers" . . . a paper full of news, fun, and encouragement.

In the spring of 1944 the church was again beautifully redecorated throughout the sanctuary, choir room, and upstairs Sunday School rooms. A year later Mr. Clarence Walton and Mr. E. D. Canatsey beautifully redecorated the basement and kitchen.

Our fellowship covered dish suppers started back in the early years of the church's history, and still are "happy affairs" in our cheerful basement dining rooms.

For many years the Women's Missionary Societies have been sponsoring a banquet for the high school graduates and their parents from our church.

This year rounds out six years of the ministry of our pastor, Rev. George W. Adams, in our church. He has had the longest ministry in the church's history. They have been very happy years of co-operative work together as pastor and church members in the common interest of carrying on the service of our Lord and Master. In these six years Rev. and Mrs. Adams have firmly established themselves in the hearts of the church members and in the community outside our own congregation. About one hundred fifty members have been added to our church roll during his ministry. Prayer meetings are held each Wednesday evening, and Rev. Adams is in the pulpit for both morning and evening services each Lord's Day. Mrs. Adams is an able worker in all organizations of the church. She is president of the Women's Missionary Society, teacher in Sunday School, conducts the Junior Church, and is an active worker in Philathea and other organizations of the church.

The Sunday School, which was organized early in the history of the church, has never failed to carry on from Sunday to Sunday. In fact, there has been Sunday School when the church had no pastor. It has a long list of faithful and capable superintendents, officers, and teachers. It is not possible to report on each class separately at this time.

Almost every year since Rev. Adams's ministry began, we have held a series of evangelistic services. Among some of the visiting ministers have been Rev. Bush from Vincennes, Rev. Ben F. Mitchell of Smith's Grove, Kentucky, Rev. Crawl of Spencer, Rev. C. D. Strother of New Albany, and Rev. Frank Badgett of Hazard, Kentucky. This fall, Rev. Adams will conduct the revival services himself.

The finances of the church have been conducted in a businesslike way. Over \$40,000.00 has been raised for all purposes since Rev. Adams has been our pastor. On May 2, 1945, we re-purchased from the Patton estate the north and west lots around the church which were sold in 1936. A building fund for the purpose of enlarging and remodeling our building when material can be secured was started several years ago. In 1944, we started our Memorial Organ fund, and before another chapter is added to our Baptist Church history, we hope these projects will have materialized. A new gas furnace was installed in 1946.

The Twentieth Day of October, Nineteen Hundred Forty Six, is a special day in our church history. It marks the sixth year of our pastor, Rev. George W. Adams, as our minister, and we will celebrate with a church home-coming, as we have been doing these last few years.

We sincerely trust that he will be our pastor many more years, as we have come to love Rev. and Mrs. Adams and their family.

Special music and special services with a basket dinner at noon in the church dining rooms, with a program to follow, has been planned for this day which marks the sixth anniversary of our pastor's ministry and the sixtieth anniversary in the history of our church.

And, now, we have come to the close of this history. We regret that so little has been told of the good things that have been done and that so few of the long list of faithful workers could be mentioned.

Our hearts go back in loving remembrance to all the faithful souls who have passed the torch of Christian love from hand to hand down to our generation. The responsibility of our generation is great. Today as never before in all the world the very life of the church is threatened. There is need to stand firm and be loyal if we are to hand down to future generations our heritage of liberty and the right to worship.

And I say also unto thee, That thou
art Peter, and upon this rock I will
build my church; and the gates of hell
shall not prevail against it.

New Testament
Matthew 16:18.

OFFICIAL REGISTER OF PASTORS

1886-1946

| Pastor | Year | Members | Baptisms | Mission Giving |
|----------------|---------|---------|----------|----------------|
| None | 1886 | 31 | None | \$ 5.62 |
| J. Goodman | 1887-8 | 46 | 5 | 5.35 |
| E. Sanford | 1888-9 | 71 | 13 | 13.53 |
| J. D. Frye | 1889-90 | 81 | 9 | 27.85 |
| None | 1891-2 | 124 | 38 | 13.26 |
| V. O. Fritts | 1892-3 | 102 | 1 | 64.51 |
| E. M. Ryan | 1893-4 | 102 | 1 | .50 |
| None | 1894-5 | None | None | None |
| E. Sanford | 1895-6 | 119 | 12 | 35.19 |
| N. Harper | 1896-7 | 95 | 8 | 20.93 |
| N. Harper | 1897-8 | 110 | 2 | 38.00 |
| N. Harper | 1898-9 | 123 | 9 | 33.31 |
| None | 1899-00 | 108 | 4 | 3.45 |
| None | 1900-1 | 108 | None | None |
| W. J. Delaney | 1901-2 | 108 | None | None |
| W. J. Delaney | 1902-3 | 108 | 1 | 13.02 |
| None | 1903-4 | 108 | None | .25 |
| None | 1904-5 | 108 | None | None |
| None | 1905-6 | 108 | None | None |
| None | 1906-7 | 108 | None | None |
| C. L. Merriman | 1907-8 | 109 | 3 | 1.75 |
| None | 1908-9 | 109 | None | None |
| Wilson Whitney | 1909-10 | 109 | None | 60.23 |
| None | 1910-11 | 109 | None | 54.52 |
| None | 1911-12 | 104 | 3 | 13.10 |
| L. K. Dilts | 1912-13 | 70 | None | 24.10 |
| None | 1913-14 | 138 | 1 | 48.70 |
| R. W. Thorne | 1914-15 | 135 | 3 | 116.31 |
| R. W. Thorne | 1915-16 | 135 | 14 | 406.00 |
| R. W. Thorne | 1916-17 | 151 | 2 | 157.48 |
| None | 1917-18 | 125 | None | 118.19 |
| None | 1919-20 | 125 | None | 41.40 |
| D. C. Blunt | 1920-21 | 129 | 4 | 192.96 |
| C. S. Morse | 1921-22 | 145 | 19 | 461.34 |
| None | 1922-23 | 189 | 24 | 519.39 |
| Roy E. Barnett | 1923-24 | 165 | 1 | 299.56 |
| Roy E. Barnett | 1924-25 | 160 | 5 | 331.42 |
| Roy E. Barnett | 1925-26 | 188 | 9 | 302.94 |
| Carl Winters | 1926-27 | 171 | None | 220.51 |
| Carl Winters | 1927-28 | 171 | None | 125.00 |
| Carl Winters | 1928-29 | 161 | 4 | 105.00 |
| W. F. Badgett | 1929-30 | 131 | 2 | 100.00 |
| W. F. Badgett | 1930-31 | 134 | 22 | 35.00 |
| W. F. Badgett | 1931-32 | 225 | 63 | None |
| W. F. Badgett | 1932-33 | 250 | 34 | 79.50 |
| W. F. Badgett | 1933-34 | 296 | 23 | 70.00 |
| J. V. Carlisle | 1934-35 | 225 | 19 | 60.00 |
| J. V. Carlisle | 1935-36 | 250 | 25 | 72.00 |
| J. V. Carlisle | 1936-37 | 349 | 9 | 100.00 |
| J. V. Carlisle | 1937-38 | 371 | 1 | 119.00 |
| J. D. Tolleson | 1938-39 | 380 | 4 | 136.09 |
| J. D. Tolleson | 1939-40 | 300 | 14 | 261.44 |
| G. W. Adams | 1940-41 | 270 | 14 | 189.19 |
| G. W. Adams | 1941-42 | 300 | 16 | 261.13 |
| G. W. Adams | 1942-43 | 310 | 11 | 270.84 |
| G. W. Adams | 1943-44 | 317 | 14 | 381.23 |
| G. W. Adams | 1944-45 | | 38 | 735.54 |
| G. W. Adams | 1945-46 | | 10 | |

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