

*“The Church’s One Foundation
Is Jesus Christ Her Lord.”*

Dedication Services

For

First Baptist Church

Harrisonburg, Virginia

September 6, 1964

3:00 P. M.

OFFICIATES

Rev. Thomas C. Allen, Pastor

Dr. M. F. Robinson

Rev. David H. Mefford

DEDICATION PROGRAM

Organ Prelude

Call To Worship

The Invocation Rev. Thomas C. Allen, Pastor

Hymn Of Praise (No. 244) The Church's One Foundation
Wesley

Welcome From Church Mrs. Gloria June Moore
Rev. Richard Bell, John Wesley Methodist Church

Greetings:

Churches of Harrisonburg Ministerial Association
Mayor of Harrisonburg, Mr. Frank C. Switzer
Berean Valley Baptist Association

Recognitions:

Local Committee George McGuire, Chm., Deacons Board
Architect and Builders Leon A. Awkard,
Chairman of Building Committee

Presentation of Keys, Mr. Charles E. Burgoyne, Contractor

Dedication Hymn (No. 247) I Love Thy Kingdom Lord
Handel

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

The Prayer

Song of Inspiration

Introduction of Speaker Rev. Thomas C. Allen

The Dedication Sermon Dr. M. F. Robinson
Pastor First Baptist Church, Covington, Va.

The Responsive Reading of Dedication .. Rev. David H. Mefford,
Minister, Harrisonburg Baptist Church

The Prayer of Dedication Rev. Calvin Chew,
Pastor New Hope Baptist Church, McGaheysville, Va.

Hymn (No. 343) Come, We That Love The Lord—Lowry

Remarks by the Pastor

Closing Hymn

Benediction

"HISTORICAL SKETCH"

1871 - 1964

In the year of 1871 the Baptist believers desired to build a house of worship in the town of Harrisonburg, Virginia.

The Rev. William Hill was called for this purpose, and was the church's first pastor. From his leadership and the aid of a few Baptist people a church was organized.

The first building was located on West Market Street. In 1873 a church was erected on the corner of Wolfe and Mason Streets at a cost of about \$850.

This Church soon became too small for the growing congregation. In 1878, under the leadership of Dr. G. B. Howard, the old church was set back 50 feet. A new church was erected at the cost of several thousand.

Having no basement to the new edifice, the congregation then decided to use the old church building as a Hall and Lecture room.

In later years a church house was built on the church property for its ministers.

In the year 1963 the church was purchased by the City of Harrisonburg for the Urban Renewal Program.

Ground breaking for the present church was held Sept. 17, 1963. Corner Stone was laid February 23, 1964. First Service was held July 12, 1964.

Former Pastors of the Church were:

Rev. W. Hill	Rev. St. Clair Drake
Rev. J. W. Howard	Rev. Jordan
Rev. Deskins	Rev. Arthurs.
Rev. J. W. Hasket	Rev. Walker.
Rev. G. Fox	Rev. Lee
Rev. T. White	Rev. J. O. Wright
Rev. S. O. Garland	Rev. J. Morgan
Rev. Taylor	Rev. O. Simms
Rev. S. Moses	Rev. T. C. Allen

Rev. Crump
Rev. Duncan
Rev. Chew
Rev. Williams
Rev. Minor
Rev. Baltimore

THE SERVICE OF DEDICATION

The people standing and all joining in the responses.

Pastor: To the glory of God, our Father, by whose favor we
have built this house;
To the honor of Jesus, the Christ, the son of the living
God, our Lord and Saviour;
To the praise of the Holy Spirit, source of light and
life;

People: We dedicate this house.

Pastor: For worship in prayer and song;
For the ministry of the Word;
For the celebration of the Holy Sacraments;

People: We dedicate this house.

Pastor: For Comfort to those who mourn;
For strength to those who are tempted;
For help in right living;

People: We dedicate this house.

Pastor: For the sanctification of the family;
For the guidance of childhood;
For the salvation of men;

People: We dedicate this house.

Pastor. For aggression against evil;
For fostering patriotism;
For promoting civic righteousness;

People: We dedicate this house.

Pastor: For sympathy and fellowship with the needy;
For brotherhood with all men;
For the essential unity of all believers in Jesus Christ;

People: We dedicate this house.

Pastor: For the building of character;
For the giving of hope and courage to human hearts;
For the teaching of morality, temperance and justice;

People: We dedicate this house.

Pastor: For missionary endeavor at home and abroad;
For world-wide evangelism and education, till all the
kingdoms of the world become the kingdom of our
Lord, and of his Christ;
For the reform of social wrongs, till all human society
is transformed into a kingdom of heaven;

People: We dedicate this house.

Pastor: In grateful remembrance of all who have loved and
served this church; with hearts tender for those
who have fared forth from the earthly habitations;

People: We dedicate this house.

Pastor and People:

We, now, the people of this church and congregation,
compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses,
grateful for our heritage, remembering the sacrifices
of the fathers, confessing that apart from them our
work could not be made perfect, do dedicate ourselves
anew to the worthy worship of God in this place and
to the constant service of God in the Christian service
of men.

Gifts Of Memorial Windows

Mr. George Terrell
Mr. Leon Awkard
Mrs. Hattie Washington and Mrs. Margaret Rowe
Mr. Hampton Sampson
Mrs. Maude Carter
Miss Mary F. Awkard
Miss Louise Winston
Mrs. Mary Yokley
Mr. Earl Harris
P.F.C. Gary Martin
Mr. Edward Black
Mrs. Marena Flemming

Board Of Deacons

George McGuire, Chairman
Albert Francis
Hampton Sampson
Ralph Sampson
Allan Howard
Charles Thomas
James Fairfax

Trustee Board

Robert Fields, Sr., Chairman
George Terrell
Leon Awkard
Percy Wells

Church Treasurer Mrs. Maude Carter
Church Secretary Mrs. Marena Flemming
Church Organist Miss Mary F. Awkard
President Ladies Auxiliary Mrs. Hattie Washington
Head Usher Mrs. Inez Williams
Sunday School Supt. Miss Elsie Martin

Building Committee

Mrs. Maude Carter
Mr. Leon Awkard
Mr. Charles Thomas
Mr. Allen Howard
Miss Mary Awkard
Mrs. Susie Bryant
Mrs. Hattie Washington
Mrs. Ruby Sampson
Mr. Lester McCall

