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Dr. A. V. Washburn, director of the Sunday School Department (a seven million member organization) of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention will be featured and honored Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. at Elizabeth Baptist Church, Shelby.

He will be the featured speaker for a series of one-night Sunday School revivals in the Shelby - Gastonia - Lincolnton area. He is a native of the Double Springs community near Shelby where his mother and other relatives continue to reside.

The recognition award will be made by the Baptist State Convention with Rev. Burrell F. Lucas presiding and Dr. Nathan C. Brooks Jr., making the presentation.

Washburn is a graduate of Wake Forest College, and holds a master of arts degree from George Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn. He also studied at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has done graduate work at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. He holds the honorary doctor of letters degree from Georgetown College.

Washburn was a summer field worker for North Carolina Baptists before going to the Sunday School Board in 1933 as associate to direct young people's Sunday School work. He took a leave of absence in 1943 to serve a three-year period in the United States Naval Reserve during World War II. Returning to the board in 1946, he became secretary of teaching and training in the Sunday School department. He was named secretary of the Sunday School department and editor of "The Sunday School Builder" in 1958.

Author of two church study course books, "Young People in the Sunday School" and "Outreach for the Unreached" and compiler of "Reaching All Prospects for the Church," "The Sunday School Program of a Church" and "The Sunday School at Work," Washburn has also written numerous tracts. He is a member of the Coordinating Committee of the Inter-Agency Council, the Church Study Course Committee and the Curriculum Committee of the Board.

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'Disaster pastors' prepared for worst-case scenarios

Steve L. Grimes
Star Staff Writer

SHELBY — When Beau LoveLace, Cleveland County Emergency Management Director, prepares for a major disaster, he calls out people specially trained to help. Firefighters and rescue workers, hazardous materials teams, emergency medical personnel and pastors.

Pastors?

In Cleveland County, they'll be on the scene.

If an airliner should ever crash or a

DISASTER PASTORS RECENTLY PREPARED FOR A CHURCH ARSON. ALSO, THE SALVATION ARMY IS COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR TORNADO VICTIMS, 6A

nuclear power plant spew radiation into Cleveland County, Charles Reed will be one of the first people LoveLace calls. Reed is director of church and community ministries for the Kings Mountain Baptist Association.

He'll activate the "disaster pastors."

"I have maintained a data base of

ministers we can call in time of disaster," said Reed.

He's done it informally for about eight years. For the past year, LoveLace, Reed and Cleveland County Sheriff's Department Chaplain Jim Brackett have met with a group of 25 or so ministers who've signed on to help with an emergency.

The Rev. Jeff Brindle, senior pastor at Elizabeth Baptist Church in Shelby, signed on about three months ago.

"Beau has told us this is an area where we need help," he says. "That's a

time when people are vulnerable. People are confronted with the most abnormal and unusual circumstances."

His church members believe in the concept as well. They donated the bright orange vests pastors will wear during a disaster.

"We were just saying that we were not going to be prepared if we didn't put something in place," Brackett said. He's also pastor of Westview Baptist

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Area pastors trained to assist in disasters

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Church in Shelby.

So far the group of ministers has met three times, and two of them have been trained by state emergency management personnel. Brackett is trained as a public information officer, and Eric Davis, pastor of Double Shoals Baptist Church in Shelby, has been trained in management of mass casualty situations.

"They're available for anything," LoveLace said. "But they're the pastors who'd be coming out in the event of a major emergency."

So how will the program

work?

As emergency management director, LoveLace will activate a disaster plan, part of which is to notify Reed. Reed will then call out the pastors, who will be on the scene, decked out in bright orange vests.

"They would be crossing (police) lines and going in places to comfort people," LoveLace says. "They're for the emotional needs of the victims and the responders."

Pastors won't actually help with the job of patching up wounds or evacuating victims.

"We're supposed to be watching the people who do it to determine their needs,"

Brackett said.

The pastors are there to help with the stress disasters put on victims and emergency workers, LoveLace said.

"The intensity of emotions on the part of the victims and those who have to go and minister to them is on such a high level there's a great need for people who are not faced with the crisis, but with the people involved in the crisis," Brackett said.

He says the county should be prepared and ask itself some tough questions.

"When is it going to happen and have we been faithful in the sense that we're moving in

that direction?" he asks.

All three men say Cleveland County, though rural, isn't immune from major catastrophes.

"We're in every traffic pattern," says LoveLace, noting that planes flying over the area are getting ready to land at Charlotte, Asheville and Spartanburg airports.

"We're in the drift, if the wind is right, of three nuclear plants," Brackett notes.

"You have to plan for Armageddon almost," says LoveLace. "The disaster pastors may not be called out for 10 years as a group, or they could be called out tonight."

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Shelby couple honored

By Craig Allen
Star Staff Writer

Last month, David and Janet Brown of Shelby attended the annual Southern Baptist Convention in Indianapolis.

They weren't delegates to the convention. And they weren't spectators. They were invited.

The Browns won an international award — the International Legion of Royal Ambassadors Leaders Award of Merit — for their work with Elizabeth Baptist Church's Royal Ambassadors program.

They received the award during the traditional Brotherhood Commission breakfast June 10 at the Southern Baptist Convention.

Only 12 merit awards are given by the Southern Baptist Convention each year. No married couple before the Browns ever won the award.

A month later, they still are humbled by the award.

Both call their success as leaders of Elizabeth Baptist's RA program a team effort. Without a cadre of volunteers working with them, the Browns would never have been honored by the convention, they said.

But don't be fooled. Though they are helped by several volunteers, the Browns work more than their share of long hours and sacrifice many spring and summer weekends to ensure the success of Royal Ambassadors at Elizabeth Baptist.

David Brown has been involved in Royal Ambassadors at Elizabeth Baptist for about seven years. Four years ago, Janet Brown joined her husband as an adult volunteer.

Today, Mrs. Brown is a Lads program leader, while Brown is the church's RA director. He also sits on a statewide RA committee, and both travel across the state, advising other volunteers how to improve their churches' RA programs.

Royal Ambassadors is a development program for boys sponsored by many Baptist churches. Boys in grades one to nine are eligible for membership. Boys in first, second and third grades make up the Lads chapter; fourth through sixth make up the Crusaders; and seventh through ninth make up the Pioneers.

Royal Ambassadors meet each week at Elizabeth Baptist. They



Gina Cox/The Shelby Star

David and Janet Brown of Shelby attended the annual Southern Baptist Convention after winning an

international award for their work with Elizabeth Baptist Church's Royal Ambassadors program.

work on a variety of personal and church projects.

The program is similar in some ways to the Boy Scouts, Brown said. Royal Ambassadors routinely camp out and practice camping skills, as do Boy Scouts. Some activities are similar to Scouting's service projects. And both organizations stress learning through advancement.

"It's really geared to the total development of each boy, development as a well-rounded Christian adult," Brown said.

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The Browns have helped turn Elizabeth Baptist's RA program into a model program, one that other churches have studied for ideas to improve their programs. For three years running, Elizabeth Baptist's youngest RA chapter has been named N.C. Lad Chapter of the Year.

"The key to our program and the success we've had is having a committee of leaders that meet and plan on a regular basis and make themselves available for training," Brown said.

"One of the problems with Royal Ambassadors all over the state and the convention is leadership turnover. But we've had very little of that. Most of our leaders have committed to coming

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back next year," he said.

For the Browns, Royal Ambassadors is special and important work. They have two children, Emily and Patrick. They enjoy working with children.

"We have opportunities to minister to the boys, opportunities that you can't find in a traditional Sunday school setting," Brown said.

"We just spend so much time with them outside of the church. It's a lot fun to see the boys getting something out of it."

Mrs. Brown agreed.

"You get a lot of hugs," she said.



8-1229-1 THE SANCTUARY Choir of
Elizabeth Baptist Church,
Shelby, will present the Easter
Musical Drama "Joy Comes in
the Morning", by David Danner
on Sunday, March 24, and Mon-
day, March 25, both at 7 p.m., in
the church sanctuary.

The public is cordially invited
to attend. *Shelby Star*

ELIZABETH BAPTIST Church
will honor Herbert Borders on his
100th birthday Sunday from 2 til
4 p.m., in the church fellowship
hall. All of his relatives and
friends are cordially invited. The
family requests no gifts.

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Elizabeth Baptist Church Celebrates 100th Anniversary

By Patsy Pritchard

Elizabeth Baptist Church in Shelby will begin celebrating its centennial anniversary this Sunday with a variety of activities and programs to last through next Wednesday.

Sunday morning's 10:30 a. m. worship service will feature guest speaker Dr. Duke McCall, president of the Baptist World Alliance. That evening at 7:30 church members will present "With God Guiding," an historical drama of the

church. On Monday evening at 7:30 a special service dedicated to the history of the church will take place. Tuesday evening's 7:30 p. m. service will feature a message by Dr. William Tanner, president of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The church will conclude its celebration with a supper at 5:45 p. m. Wednesday, followed by an "Old-Fashioned Service" at 7:30. This service will be

conducted as it might have been in 1883 with all participants, including congregation in the dress of the day. Highlights will include arrival of pastor Fred A. Mauney in a horse-drawn buggy, arrival of children depicting the "wagon ministry", good "old-timey" music, and special speaker Rev. Glen

Flemet, the grandson of the first pastor.

Elizabeth Baptist Church had its beginning when a man by the name of C. F. Felmet held a brush arbor revival for people in the community. This took place approximately one mile north of the present building on highway 180

See Anniversary



Elizabeth Baptist Church-Present facility

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Cont. From Front

North, where Burns-Spangler Construction Company is now located. Felmet became the first pastor of Elizabeth and the brush arbor remained the meeting site. Soon after that in 1884, a one-room church was built on donated land. The site of this white wooded frame building was slightly north of the present auditorium.

A yellow brick church was constructed beside the first building in 1910. For 30 years, this church served its members well. During this time, the Baptists felt the need to expand and with much discussion and hard work, a new building was constructed in 1940. However, this church was to serve its members for only 14 short years, at which time a tragic fire completely destroyed the building and its contents, including some important church minutes. County officials at the time offered Elizabeth School as a temporary meeting place. During this time, plans for a new building were underway and one year later in December of 1955, church members proudly broke ground for their new dwelling. They held their first service upon completion in February of 1957 in the same building they occupy today.

Several years ago an educational building became a new addition to the church. And in October

of last year, church members celebrated the most recent addition, this building being called a "Life Enrichment Center."

Only 19 pastors have served Elizabeth Baptist Church over the past 100 years. Such a record speaks well of both shepherds and saints. The relationship between pastor and church members has been strong and lasting, from C.F. Felmet's shortest tenure of one year to the present pastor, Fred A. Mauney, whose length of services is the longest.

The history of Elizabeth Baptist is truly one marked by both hardships and triumphs, along with much dedication and loyalty on the part of church members. In a recently completed written history of the church the question arises, "What lies ahead?" Even though no one can predict what the future holds in store for Elizabeth Baptist, its members are more than prepared to deal with it. Proof of this lies at the end of the historical account with a quote from a beloved hymn, "Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow not with fears."

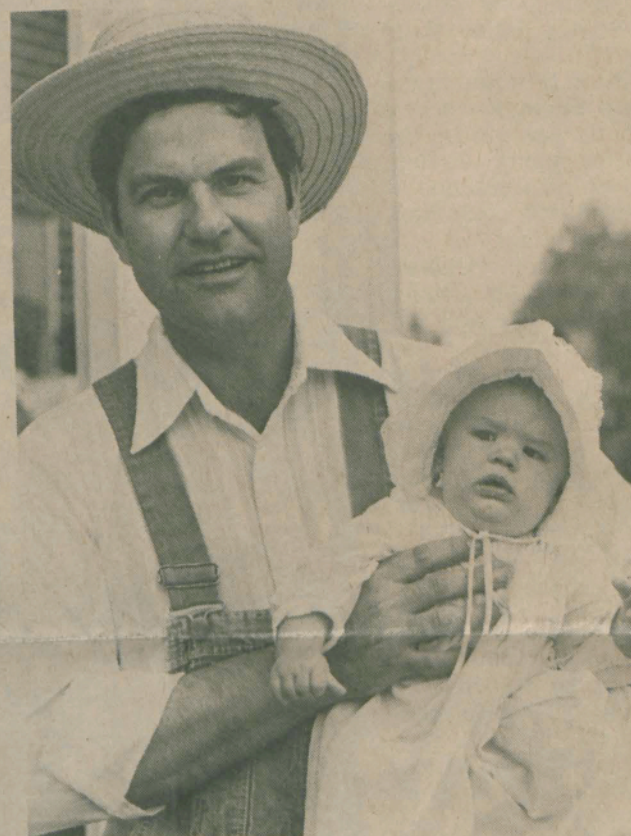
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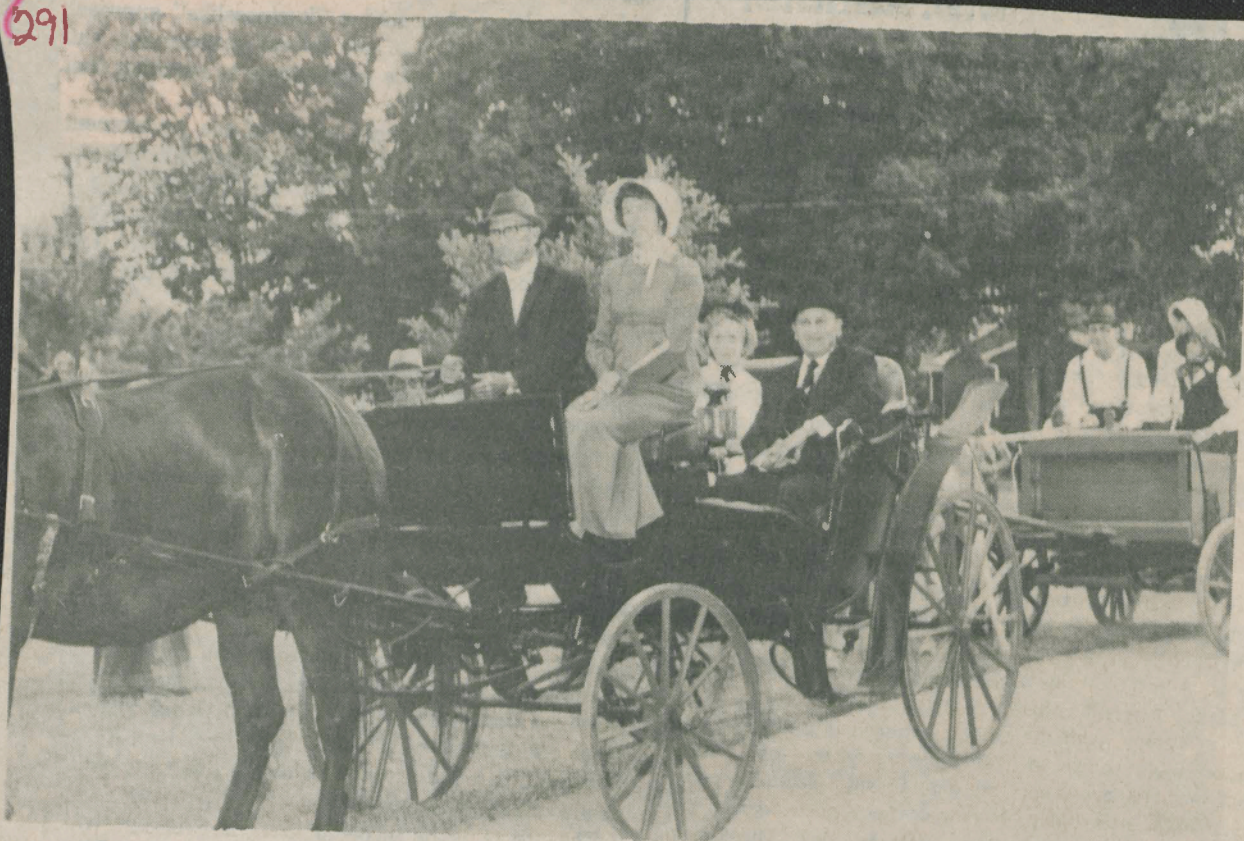
Members of Elizabeth Baptist Church arrived for prayer meeting (top photo) in horse-drawn wagons and dressed in garments befitting the late 1800s as their four-day centennial celebration concluded Wednesday. In the photo to the left, choir members sing about old-time religion while (right photo) Roy Lee Dedmon shows off his six-month-old daughter Lizzie Grace and her 70-year-old dress.

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CELEBRATION-Elizabeth Baptist Church recently celebrated its 100th Anniversary with a number of activities. Concluding the four-day festivities was an "Old-Fashioned Service on Wednesday night conducted as it might have been in 1883 with all participants, including the congregation in the dress of the day. Members of the congregation arrived in horse-drawn buggies for the

service. Pictured above in front buggy is driver Wesley Spake with Martha Madden and the church's Pastor Fred A. Mauney and his wife as passengers. In second buggy is driver Bill Spake and Miss Minnie Norman, oldest church member; standing is Jane Coldiron and her husband, Steve, who is minister of music. (Photo by Jerry Dycus)

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Church close-up: Elizabeth Baptist



The Rev. Jeff Brendle, below, is minister at Elizabeth Baptist Church.

Minister: Rev. Jeff Brendle

Church history: Elizabeth

Baptist Church began as the dream of Elizabeth Love Wilson as she brought her cow to graze on the land where the church now stands. Often she was joined by Mary Jane Borders Mauney, and these two women prayer for the church to combat the evil influence of a nearby liquor still and to provide a local place of worship. Early in 1883, C.F. Felmet conducted a local brush arbor revival. As a result, a church and Sunday School were organized. In September, Elizabeth Baptist Church was accepted into the Kings Mountain Baptist Association.



The next year a little wood church was built on land provided by Elizabeth Love Wilson. The white frame building was heated by a potbellied stove, lighted by kerosene lamps, and divided into Sunday School rooms by curtains. A yellow brick church replaced the wooden structure in 1910. This 40-by-60 foot building had three separate Sunday School rooms. Like the wooden church it replaced, it had a large stove in the middle and curtains to separate classes. During its use, the kerosene lamps were replaced by electric lights. In 1940, the yellow brick church was replaced by a third building which had a sanctuary capacity of 500 people, an inside baptistry, and facilities for six separate Sunday School departments. On Dec. 13, 1954, flames completely engulfed this red brick church and left Elizabeth Baptist Church without a building. The church, using Elizabeth School as its meeting place, continued to minister, pray and plan as it rebuilt on the same site on which Elizabeth Love Wilson had prayed so long before.

On Feb. 24, 1957, services were held by the church in its fourth and present building. An adjoining building containing additional Sunday School rooms, a kitchen and a fellowship hall was entered in 1970, and a separate recreational facility was completed in 1982.

Ministry: The church's commitment to Bible study is demonstrated by the strong emphasis on Sunday School where enrollment has increased by more than

20 percent in recent years and 31 percent of those who attend report reading their Bibles every day. Worship is Bible-based and the preaching is basically an exposition of Scripture. Baptists have traditionally been called "people of the Book" and at Elizabeth, we are trying to give the Bible the attention it deserves.

A recent prayer conference and some other significant events have helped to reemphasize the importance of prayer in the church. Numerous lives have been profoundly changed by the power of prayer. A prayer room ministry has been established where a special place is set aside for prayer around the clock. This provides for members to have a place to come and pray at any hour of the day or night. This ministry provides for someone to at Elizabeth Baptist Church interceding for our community and world 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Missions have always been a high priority at Elizabeth. The able leadership of many great pastors and lay leaders over the years has instilled a powerful commitment to missions giving. At the present time over 30 percent of the total dollar receipts of the church go to missions. These mission dollars go to support work both in this country and abroad. By participating in the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention, we are able to participate in the support of missionaries in over 120 foreign countries.

The church mission also reaches those at home who have never made a response to the Gospel. Because Elizabeth is committed to reaching the unchurched in our own community, the total membership is over 1,000. Anyone with a sincere desire to find a closer relationship with God is welcome to come and worship and study God's Word with the people of Elizabeth.

Pastor: Jeff Brendle. He graduated from N.C. State University in 1964 with a B.S. degree in agriculture. After working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and in agribusiness, he formed his own construction business in 1969. In 1979 he entered Southeastern Theological Seminary where in 1983 he received a Master of Divinity with Religious Education. He and his wife, Jane, have two daughters, Quinne and Paige. Mrs. Brendle is assistant director of church and commun-

ity ministries at Kings Mountain Baptist Association.

Services: Sunday services begin at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday School and worship at 11 a.m. Sunday evening services are at 7 p.m. Wednesday evening services consist of a family night supper at 5:30 p.m. with prayer services and mission organization meetings at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Elizabeth Baptist Church is at 301 N. Post Road in Shelby.

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Church volunteers show community spirit is alive

The good folks at New Bethel Missionary Methodist Church and Elizabeth Baptist Church gave a good example of what Christian charity is all about last week and showed that community spirit is alive and well in these parts.

Volunteers from the church put in a lot of time and sweat to lay a water line so that Elizabeth Mathis would no longer have to make the trek to a neighbor's house whenever she needed water.

The well at Mrs. Mathis' house has run dry. She, like a lot of other county residents, had become a victim of the long, hot, dry summer. Although she lives just a stone's throw from city water lines, the expense of tapping on put the water out of her reach.

Enter the volunteers from New Bethel and Elizabeth. Working in the stifling 90-degree heat, they dug a trench and laid the line from Mrs. Mathis' house to the city main and by late Friday afternoon the water was flowing.

Those volunteers deserve a big pat on the back. They saw someone in need and decided to do something about it. It's that type of community

spirit that makes out county so special.

It also points out the great need in our area for a county-wide water and sewer system. Mrs. Mathis is but one of many folks who are being forced to rely on neighbors for water. And that's a shame.

We agree with Shelby city councilman Bill Weaver who said last week: "...it seems to me this late in the 20th Century everybody ought to have access to clean water."

Just about everybody has pointed to a county-wide water system as our greatest need and officials are meeting to discuss the issue. We urge them to move rapidly. Scientists tell us these dry summers will be getting worse and that is bad news for anyone who must rely on a well for drinking water.

We hope our elected leaders will be as community-minded about the current water situation as the church volunteers were about Mrs. Mathis' need for city water.

After all, the volunteers showed that a little cooperation can produce big results.

Workshop Set

The Kings Mountain Association Woman's Missionary Union will hold a workshop at Elizabeth Baptist Church Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p. m.

Groups and leaders will be as follows: Mission Action — Dr. Fred McGehee, the Rev. Cline Borders and Mrs. Hubert C. Dixon; Mission Study — Dr. Robert Lamb and Mrs. Robert Sweezy; Mission Support — Mrs. Bruce Hord and Mrs. Bonnie Price; Acteens Leaders — Mrs. Gene Glenn and Miss Jeanne Jones.

Church chairman and group leaders of these categories will receive special help.

A nursery will be provided. The Rev. Fred Mauney is pastor of the church.

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Church News

Mrs. Leath Will Teach Bible Study

The young people and adults of Elizabeth Baptist Church will study the Old Testament book of Isaiah, Jan. 19-22. Mrs. Roland Leath, guidance counselor at Shelby High School, will guide and co-ordinate the study. Mrs. Leath has taught an annual Bible study at Elizabeth for 18 years.

Children, ages 9-12, will be engaged in memory work classes directed by Mrs. Vetas Blanton.

On Sunday night, classes will begin at 7:30. Monday through Wednesday, classes will be at 7 o'clock.

Dedication

Dedication services for a new religious education building will be held at Elizabeth Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a. m.

Participating in the service will be Marse Grant, editor of the "Biblical Recorder;" Rev. Charles Summey, former pastor; Buford Self, chairman of the building committee; Dr. Ted Westmoreland, chairman of the building-finance committee and Rev. James Stamey, pastor.

Open house will be held from 3-5 p. m. Sunday. Mrs. Neil Wilson is general chairman of the event.

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Rally Set April 1²⁹¹ At Elizabeth Baptist Church

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina is celebrating its 150th anniversary in 1980 with rallies in various associations throughout the state. The Kings Mountain Baptist Association rally will be April 1 at the Elizabeth Baptist Church. The day meeting is for pastors, church staff, and key church leaders. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. A night meeting involving general church leadership will begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude at 9:00 p.m.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Porter Routh, retired Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Others on the program are: Talmage Williams, Baptist State Convention, and Tony Brewington, Director of Missions for the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association.

Dr. Routh served as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention for 28 years. He received his formal education at Oklahoma University and honorary degrees from Wake Forest University and Georgetown College. Mr. Routh did graduate work at the University of Missouri, Peabody College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The rally will include a study of the book "Baptists Working Together" by Susan Ray and Frances Riley.

ELIZABETH BAPTIST Church welcomes their own Pastor's brother as revival speaker, the Rev. Timothy T. Brendle. Rev. Brendle and his wife, Ava, are natives of Drexel. Currently Rev. Brendle is Associate Vice President for Mission Personnel at Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., He administers the Foreign Mission Board channels of mission personnel through which all qualified South Baptist, including blacks and ethnics, may be nurtured, enlisted and selected for service as career missionaries, missionary associates, tentmakers or International Service corps personnel in over 100 countries.

Elizabeth Baptist Church invites you to join in revival March 17-20. It will start Sunday morning at 11 a.m. and each night at 7 p.m. through Wednesday. Nursery will be provided.

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THE SANCTURARY Choir and Instrumental Ensemble of Elizabeth Baptist Church in Shelby will present the Christmas Musical/Drama "Jesus is Worthy of Praise!" by Steve Adams and Jerry Nelson, on Monday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m.

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**■ Elizabeth Baptist Church,
Poplar Springs Baptist Church,
and Westview Baptist Church**
will be presenting Christine
Anderson, handbell soloist, clinician, and composer, on Sunday,
Oct. 20, 1991. Westview will host
Mrs. Anderson for its morning
worship service at 11 a.m. Elizabeth Baptist and Poplar Springs will present Mrs. Anderson at a 2:30 p.m. handbell clinic and then at the evening worship service at 7 p.m., both to be held at Elizabeth Baptist Church.

The public is invited to both worship services and to the afternoon workshop.

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Up from the ashes

Elizabeth Baptist rebounded from fire nearly 50 years ago, to remain steadfast to God

Jeremy Shields
Star Staff Writer

SHELBY — Like the mythological Phoenix, Elizabeth Baptist Church has risen from the ashes.



Elizabeth Wilson's grave

The church burned to the ground on Monday, Dec. 13, 1954.

George Hamrick, a long-time member of the church, remembers the incident well.

"I was working and you could see the church from where I worked," he recalled. "Word got out that the church was on fire and I walked out

to see it. It was a great loss."

Hamrick added that while it was hard on the church family, it brought the congregation closer together in the long run.

The congregation was forced to meet at Elizabeth School for two and a half years

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HISTORY OF FAITH



A prayer room is set up at Elizabeth Baptist Church, where churchgoers can leave prayer requests or results from prayers answered. The church was rebuilt after a fire destroyed it in 1954.

Joe Young / The Star

Church rebounded after 1954 blaze

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before a new building could be completed.

Billy Roberts, a church member for 60 years, said, "We didn't lose any members during that time — it really strengthened us."

On Feb. 24, 1957, the church moved into a brand new building where it remains today.

The destruction of one of Elizabeth Baptist's four homes is certainly not the only part of its 118-year history.

The church began when Elizabeth Love Wilson donated some of her land for the construction of a building.

The closest churches were New Prospect to the north and Pleasant Hill to

the south — round trip was 15 to 30 miles on rough roads.

It also seems that Mrs. Wilson was deeply troubled by the presence of a nearby moonshine still and liquor store in the community.

Elizabeth Baptist Church was founded on June 8, 1883, and named after the lady who donated the land on which the church sits today.

The Rev. Terry Jordan, pastor of the church said, "Mrs. Wilson's middle name describes what the church has been all about."

Mrs. Wilson's grave, which lies beside the church, says simply, "She hath done what she could."

Jordan said that the

church has done a great deal to continue Mrs. Wilson's legacy.

"When the eastern part of the state was struck by the flood last year, we sent \$20,000 in addition to several mission trips," Jordan said.

He added that the congregation had also given \$20,000 to a seminary in South Africa.

While missions in other locations have been key in Elizabeth's history, they have always kept the people of Cleveland County in mind when sharing the word of God.

According to Jordan, the church motto is "Sharing the heart of Jesus in the heart of Cleveland County."

"We've got to come back home — they've always had that focus. We'll not rest until the gospel is shared with everyone."

The church began a recreational ministry that reached many children in the community last year. The ministry involves a basketball clinic at the newly built recreation center.

Elizabeth also sponsored a health fair for members of the community where free blood pressure checks and glucose screening were provided.

Jordan said it was key for the congregation to continue to grow.

"The church of today, if it's not growing, can't be the church of tomorrow."

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The No. 3 High School Class of 1936. Front row, from left, Mary Love Bettis Page, Annie Lee Gibson Rice, Frank Cornwell, Ruth Wright, Buck Biggers, Eddie Smith, G.C. McClure and Robert Spangler; second row, C.Q. Lavender, Anne Poston Wylie, Corine McSwain Turner, Gladys Whisnant Putnam, Mary Bell Humphries Cornwell, Lala Weathers, Jessie Lois Hulsey Thompson, Rena McSwain McGinnis and Helen Borders Burgess; third row, Max Mayhew, Billy Turner, Wray Barrett, Irene Barrett, Nell Sansing Daves, Oneida Camp and Lucy Turner Mayo; fourth row, Teacher Lida Poston, Teacher Mrs. Winchester, Addie Rae Lemmons Harrill, Sara Thrift Hamrick, Pansy Blanton Hamrick, Lucille Hendrick Gardner, Carl Dover and Clyde Glover; fifth row, Teachers Mr. Winchester, Karl Jordan, Clive Harrill and John A. Hallman, and Edwin Patterson; Foy Putnam and Ezra Lee Putnam.



Special to The Star

The 67th reunion of the No. 3 Class of 1936 was held at Elizabeth Baptist Church May 3. Classmates get together every year. Entertainment at this year's reunion was provided by Joy Long, who did a Minnie Pearl impersonation. Special guests were Mrs. Long's husband, Max, and children of the class members. Those in attendance were, front row, from left, Lucille Hendrick Gardner, Pansy Blanton Hamrick, Mary Love Bettis Page, Helen McSwain Lattimore, Wray Barrett, Irene Barrett and Mascot Dan Poston; second row, Helen Borders Burgess, Rena McSwain McGinnis, Jessie Lois Hulsey Thompson and Nell Sansing Daves; and third row, Foy Putnam, Robert Spanger, Gladys Whisnant Putnam, Carl Dover and Lala Weathers.

ELIZABETH BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLES B. SUMMEY, PASTOR
TEL. HU 2-1915, P. O. BOX 1164
SHELBY, NORTH CAROLINA

February 16, 1964

Dr. W. Perry Crouch
Baptist Building
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Dr. Crouch,

If there is a lapse of formality in this or an air of being written as thoughts project- please know that it is so intended. I have debated the contents of this letter for sometime. It is in relation to your message of next Sunday and which I am quite sure is well prepared by now. However, what I have to say can give you some background and indicate something of the emphasis of the day.

Before I go further allow me to say that the entire church is looking forward to your being with us and also Mrs. Crouch. As I have told you, we are expecting you and Mrs. Crouch to be dinner guests following the morning service. A number of us will go to the Hotel Charles where reservations have been made for that meal. It is the desire of the deacons that you and Mrs. Crouch be invited to come on Saturday if you so desire and spend the night at the hotel as guests of the church. We have a very fine hotel and I am sure you both would be most comfortable. You would have no obligations that evening- in fact no one would know you were here unless you visited friends. We simply wish to make you as welcome and as comfortable as possible. Should you desire to come up on Saturday afternoon or early that night I will be happy to make the proper reservations for you. Your secretary can drop us a line or simply call the church office. We are looking for both of you to share with us in this very wonderful day.

Elizabeth church was founded in 1883 after a revival in a nearby brush arbor. It came about as the result of prayer on the part of a number of fine people in this section of the county. Whiskey was being sold at "grocery" stores and other "sin" was quite open. One woman in a very special way prayed for something to be done- and for a church to come into being. This point being between Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and New Prospect Baptist Church- a distance of some ten miles with the Elizabeth community being just about in the middle. This woman, Elizabeth Love Wilson not only prayed but she also acted. She gave three acres of land for a church to be erected on after the aforementioned brush arbor revival. In 1884 a simple one room ~~wooden~~ white frame church was built. It was typical to that day- stove in the center and lamps on the walls if needed. Some ten families contributed the majority of the members. These even now ~~are~~ are considered some of the finest in Cleveland county. And their descendants continue to attend and to lead in many ways. This group worshiped here in this first building until 1910- some 26 years in this first building.

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In 1910 under the leadership of their pastor- John Suttle they entered what they recall as the "yellow brick church". Again it was a one room affair and to which they later added three Sunday school rooms but not without a great deal of "stormy" protest. In all of these years- from its inception there can be found in the brief records- a great background of progressive people despite the referred to protest. This church was one of the first to practice the art of training or of "study courses". This was done in the homes and in the community. The first training certificate awarded in this association was to a member of this church. This record of interest in training is seen today in the fact that Elizabeth is generally in the top ten in the state in training awards. John Mauney was for more than 30 years General Supt. of the S. S. and in most of these years it was standard. He continues to be most active in affairs of the church.

In 1940 this "yellow brick" church was torn away and replaced by a very up to date auditorium and educational building. In this plant they were able to have a complete and up to date educational program. Out of this background there has come John Roberts of Charity and Children, Lawrence Roberts- retired pastor of this section, Herman Mauney- Missionary in Wilmington, Carl Mauney, Pastor near Mooresville, Cline Borders, Pastor near here and with SBC in Seminary Extension, Adrian Littlejohn, Minister of Music- First Church of Gastonia, Ed McGinnis, Pastor in Tenn. and a great "cloud of witnesses" throughout our state.

In November of 1952 Dr. Wall was called as supply pastor and in June of 1953 he accepted the call as full time pastor. He returned to retirement January 31, 1958 and I assumed the work on February 1, 1958. On Monday Night, December 13, 1954 this church was completely destroyed by fire. Many suggested that the letters simply be handed out and the members go to other churches. But Dr. Wall's great spirit took hold and "out of the ~~ashes~~ ashes they rose up and built".

I will not attempt to describe this church. Joe Stroud and Jimmy Morgan have been here a number of times- should you see them they can tell you something of its physical appearance and of its records in their areas of work. We have a fine group of leaders and they have made great contributions to our Baptist work. There are many outstanding things that they have lead out in and also have accomplished. The church cost \$264,000.00. In February of 1955 they met on a Sunday morning to consider how they would pay for a building. In February of 1964 they plan to dedicate it debt free. God has greatly blessed the work and the people have allowed themselves to be used of Him.

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And now today--

Until 1952 the church had never had any type of music program other than "volunteer" work by one who is still in our number. In 1952 Jean McClain, now Mrs Fred Mauney-- our organist was called to direct music and education. In 1958 my wife was called as Minister of Music and the congregation voted to establish a graded choir program. In my call I was asked to organize the work-- care for the education-- and pay off over \$100,000.00: \$92,000,000 being indebtedness on the building. The fire had destroyed everything. The church had no roll-- there were no records-- envelopes on an individual basis were not used-- a budget was on a piece of paper-- They had a glorious spirit and the Love of God. Dr. Wall had built a great and beautiful church building. They came into this building on February 24, 1957 and that nite in the evening service Dr. C. C. Warren in the message of the evening told them that the next pastor would have to build the church-- that has been our task.

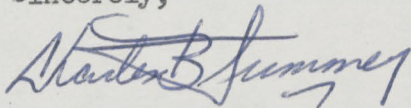
Mrs. Summey resigned effective March 1. Sunday before last they called Mr. Robert Decker of the First church of Jesup, Georgia as a Combination worker. He holds the B. M. degree from Miami U. and the M. R. E. from Louisville. This is a giant step that they have taken-- We believe it to be in the Will of God.

Also there is now at work a Planning committee for another building to care for our Nursery, Beginner, Primary and Junior work. And to give to our Youth a place of recreation. This will be another giant step for them to take.

In these giant steps encouragement in their abilities as seen by what they have done in the past is a constant need. Vision by faith must continue to come as another "big salary" is added. From the brush arbor to now they have come through-- not without opposition-- but always in victory.

To some degree this is Elizabeth. We feel you will do us good and we trust we will make you most welcome and cause you both to feel that it was good to have been with us.

Sincerely,



Charles B. Summey

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Elizabeth Baptist Church

Organized 1883

CHARLES B. SUMMEY, Pastor

301 North Post Road

Shelby, N. C.

Dedication Day - - - February 23, 1964



Dedication Day Services

9:45 A. M.....	Sunday School
11:00 A. M.....	Morning Worship
3:00 P. M.....	Organ and Voice Concert
6:30 P. M.....	Training Union
7:30 P. M.....	Evening Worship

The Service Of Dedication

MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 A. M. February 23, 1964

MEMORIAL CHIMES Familiar Hymns

PRELUDE "In Festive Mood" Scarmolin

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP...."Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"....Beethoven
(Combined Choirs)

INVOCATION Rev. C. O. Greene, Associational Missionary

CHORAL RESPONSE "Bless This House" Brahe

Bless this house, O Lord, we pray,
Make it safe by night and day;
Bless these walls, so firm and stout,
Keeping want and trouble out.
Bless the roof and steeple tall;
Let Thy peace lie over all;
Bless the doors that they may prove
Ever open to joy and love.

Bless these windows shining bright,
Letting in God's heav'nly light;
Bless our hearts with loving care,
And hear us in our humble prayer.
Bless the people now within,
Keep them pure and free from sin.
Bless us all that we may be
F'it, O Lord, to dwell with Thee,
Bless us all that one day
We may dwell, O Lord, with Thee. Amen.

HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Holden

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.

3. Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.
4. O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.

PERIOD OF RECOGNITION Rev. Charles B. Summey, Pastor

Sunday School Report Tom Curry, Jr., General Superintendent

Welcome to Visitors and Recognition of Special Guests.....Pastor

Note Ceremony Mr. Buford Self, Chairman of Diaconate

Words of Love Dr. Zeno Wall, Pastor during Building Program

THE ACT OF DEDICATION Pastor and Congregation

We are thankful that God put it into the hearts of His people to provide such a building, that He prospered its undertaking, and that by His good favor, we were permitted to complete this fine building for better teaching in this congregation, for nobler fellowship among His people and for service in His name. With gratitude we receive it for its intended use, and shall proceed to dedicate it with prayers and commitments . . . (Let us stand) . . . Give unto the Lord the glory due His Name; Worship the Lord in the Beauty of His Holiness.

WE DEDICATE THIS BUILDING TO THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS.

Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world.

WE DEDICATE THIS BUILDING TO THE UNFINISHED WORLD TASK OF OUR LORD AND MASTER.

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman who needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

WE DEDICATE THIS BUILDING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHRISTIAN CHARACTER, AND TO THE ATTAINMENT OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD.

And thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

WE DEDICATE THIS BUILDING TO THE TRAINING OF CHILDREN IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS CHRIST, AND TO THEIR NURTURE IN HIS WAY OF LIFE.

Remember now thy Creator, in the days of thy youth, that you mayest all attain the unity of the faith, and to the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a full grown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

WE DEDICATE THIS BUILDING TO THE GUIDANCE OF YOUTH.

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye like men, be strong.

WE DEDICATE THIS BUILDING TO THE INSPIRATION OF STRONG MANHOOD AND WOMANHOOD.

Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

WE DEDICATE THIS BUILDING TO THE OUTREACH OF THE GOSPEL THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, RECOGNIZING THAT THE LIGHT WHICH SHINES FARTHEST, SHINES BRIGHTEST AT HOME.

Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

WE DEDICATE THIS BUILDING TO THE UNFINISHED TASK WHICH A HOST OF NOBLE SOULS WHO, LABORING BEFORE US, HAVE NOW PASSED INTO OUR HANDS.

Beloved in the Lord, we rejoice that God hath put it into the hearts of His people to build this house to the glory of His Name, let us therefore, as we are assembled, dedicate this place to its proper and sacred uses: to the glory of the Father, to the honor of His Son, to the teaching of His message, and to the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

WE ARE ALL LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD. THEY HAVE LAID THE FOUNDATION, AND WE ARE BUILDERS THEREON. NOW WE, THE PEOPLE OF THIS CHURCH AND CONGREGATION, DO HERE DEDICATE OURSELVES ANEW TO THE WORSHIP OF GOD, TO THE TEACHING OF HIS WORD, TO THE UNBROKEN FELLOWSHIP THAT IS OURS IN CHRIST, AND TO THE SALVATION OF THE WORLD IN HIS NAME.

DEDICATION HYMN....."O Thou, Whose Hand Hath Brought Us".....Webb

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| 1. O Thou, whose hand hath brought us
Unto this joyful day,
Accept our glad thanksgiving,
And listen as we pray;
And may our preparation
For this day's service be
With one accord to offer
Ourselves, O Lord, to Thee. | 2. For this, Thy house, we praise Thee,
Reared at Thine own command,
For every generous spirit,
And every willing hand.
And now within Thy temple
Thy glory let us see,
For all its strength and beauty
Are nothing without Thee. |
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DEDICATION PRAYER Dr. Zeno Wall

OFFERTORY "The Lord is My Shepherd" Koschat

ANTHEM "God of Grace and God of Glory" Langston
(Church Choir)

God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy power; Crown Thine ancient church's story, Bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the facing of this hour.	Lo! the hosts of evil round us Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us, Free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the living of these days.
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Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces
In the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
That we fall not man nor Thee! Amen

MESSAGE OF DEDICATION Dr. W. Perry Crouch
General Secretary-Treasurer, North Carolina Baptist State Convention

HYMN "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Bradbury

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| 1. Saviour, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are. | 2. We are Thine; do Thou befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock from sin, defend us,
Seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray. |
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BENEDICTION "The Doxology" Ken

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below:
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

POSTLUDE "Old Hundredth" arr. by Thompson

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Congregational Singing under Direction of Mr. Joseph O. Stroud, Church Music
Secretary, North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

Choirs under direction of Mrs. Charles B. Summey, Minister of Music.
Church Organist, Mrs. Fred R. Mauney.

Pastor Summey's Message

"This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes"—no other explanation befits the progress of Elizabeth church in the past 81 years. Only through Divine guidance and un-numbered blessings has the small group in the brush arbor of 1883 grown into the host of people worshipping God in the beauty of this outstanding building. No man or group of men has wrought this change. Noble men and women have sacrificed through these years to erect four different church buildings on this site but always it has been God working through them. Ever must we remember that over nineteen hundred years ago Jesus said, "I will build my church." The church has witnessed centuries of adversity and persecution and through it all has survived. The Governments of men have risen and fallen, but the church remains as a Divine institution dedicated to the extension of the Kingdom of God.

Elizabeth Baptist Church stands as a culmination of the past and the present. She stands because of the faithfulness of those who have gone on before and now lie in heavenly rest under the shadow of her great steeple; she stands because of the faithfulness of many who witness her dedication this day and of many who are even now ministering with their own lives. It is with deep love and growing gratitude that we remember those who have labored before us and too with us to bring this church to this day in her history.

As wonderful as has been the past, the future holds even brighter promises. As we face this future our danger could be an inclination toward ease and comfort, but deep in our hearts we know that God is expecting more of us than at any other time in the history of Elizabeth church. The increasing number of homes about us, the increasing number of lost souls from our church door and continuing throughout the world, and the increasing demands for the Gospel to match our age are our responsibility. God's plan is to work through His church and the church through her leaders. The need of more space and of more men and women who will rise to the challenge of the hour and lay their all on the altar of God is upon us. God's hand is not shortened. He waits for those who place their hand in His to move forward. His command is ever "Go Forward!"

If Elizabeth church is to continue to grow and to fill her rightful place in the community and the world, each member must rededicate himself to the task of "Building the Church of Christ."

Therefore, let us make this a time of renewing our vows before the Lord. Let us seek more perfectly to do His will. Let us walk in His steps. Let us dedicate this beautiful church, every inch of ground on which she stands and which surrounds her, and every ounce of our energies unto Him whose is the glory and the praise forever.

May we place Christ and His cause first in our lives, yield ourselves unto the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and allow Him to work in us and through us, that the people of our community and of our world might come to know our Christ as personal Saviour and Lord.

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass." Psalm 37:5

Pastor Charles B. Summey

February 23, 1964

Elizabeth Baptist Church In Retrospect

The establishing of the Elizabeth Baptist Church in 1883 was an answer to prayers by a number of individuals, including Elizabeth Love Wilson and Mary Jane Borders Mauney. They felt a great need for a church in the community to make it a better place in which to live, and to be more convenient to attend since traveling conditions made it quite a hardship for people to get to a house of worship. Evangelist C. F. Felmet came to the community and held a revival under a brush arbor in 1883, and it was out of this meeting that the church was organized.

Records are not complete as to the charter members. There were perhaps some 45 or 50 charter members, and of this number the following are known:

Mrs. Catherine Allen	Mrs. Jessie Hord	Miss Dovie Poston
Mr. I. B. Allen	Mrs. Elizabeth Houser	Mr. D. P. Poston
Miss Jeams Anna Allen	Mr. C. M. Kendrick	Mr. J. T. Poston
Mrs. Matilda Allen	Mrs. C. M. Kendrick	Mr. J. O. Poston
Mr. W. T. Allen	Mr. Hill Kendrick	Mrs. Sallie Poston
Mrs. W. T. Allen	Mr. Joe Kendrick	Mr. Eli Ritch
Mr. Joshua Beasley	Mr. John Lewis Kendrick	Mr. William Roberts
Mrs. Joshua Beasley	Mr. Thomas Lawson Kendrick	Mrs. William Roberts
Mr. Davis Blanton	Mr. Daniel Mauney	Mrs. Alice White
Mrs. Davis Blanton	Mrs. Daniel Mauney	Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson
Mr. E. C. Borders	Mr. Thomas McSwain	Mr. S. A. Wilson
Mrs. E. C. Borders	Mrs. Thomas McSwain	Mrs. S. A. Wilson
Mr. Jessie Hord	Miss Frances McSwain	

Some of these members came by letter from the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, which is called the mother church of Elizabeth, and others were converted at the revival or were admitted by statement.

In a short time, a land grant of three acres was given for a church building by Elizabeth Love Wilson. Because of this generous gift, and the tremendous interest Mrs. Wilson had in the church it was named Elizabeth Baptist Church in her honor.

The first building erected in 1884, was a simple one-room frame structure, common to the architecture of that day. A stove was located in the middle of the building and kerosene lamps hung about the walls to furnish light when needed. Very little money was necessary to construct the building, since all the timber and labor was given.

Preaching was held once a month on Saturday and Sunday. Most of the business was transacted at Saturday meetings. From the beginning, Sunday School was held each Sunday, in spite of bad weather which forced neighboring churches to cancel services. Even today this tradition is followed.

One of the functions of the church was the immediate care of the needy in the community. An offering was not taken in the church as far back as 1900, but a committee was appointed to see the men of the church to make a contribution. Five dollars a year was considered a liberal offering. The first pastor was paid approximately \$100 a year salary.

In 1889 the Kings Mountain Baptist Association met at the Elizabeth Church for the first time. The meeting was in progress for 4 days and the messengers to the meeting were given room and board in homes of the community. Most of the messengers traveled by horse and buggy to the associational meeting.

The growth and progress of the church increased over the years, and in 1909 a building program was started to replace the frame church with a yellow brick structure. This building was 40' by 60' in size, and had three Sunday School rooms added at the back of the building. This building was completed and dedicated in 1910. Rev. J. W. Suttle was pastor at this time, and there were two preaching services held a month.

The church continued to make tremendous strides of growth in organizations, in membership and in full-time services. A third building which would be larger was now needed. On March 19, 1939, the church voted to build and one year later, March 24, 1940, the first service was held in the new church building with Rev. B. P. Parks as pastor.

This building was of red brick, and was equipped with facilities to suit the needs of the day: the auditorium seated approximately 550 people, a baptistry had provisions for heated water, 6 department assembly rooms, and a small kitchen unit in the basement for the social activities of the church.

The Sunday School membership had grown to approximately 400 with Mr. John Mauney as General Superintendent; the Training Union had 7 departments, and a membership of 138; there was also an active Womans Missionary Society; and a Brotherhood had been organized by this time. Rev. D. Boyd Cannon was pastor at this time. As the work grew, Miss Jean McClain was called June 8, 1952 as Director of Music and Education. She resigned May 30, 1953 to be married to Mr. Fred R. Mauney. Miss Mary Ruth Dedmon served in an interim capacity until August 9, 1953 when Mrs. Mauney returned to the work. She resigned from this work on November 28, 1954. Mrs. Grady Walker was called effective January 1, 1955; however, following the fire in December 1954 this call was canceled. Mrs. Mauney returned to serve as pianist and choir director in the period of building.

On November 23, 1952 Dr. Zeno Wall was called as supply pastor, and on June 28, 1953, he accepted a call to be full-time pastor. For 13 years the church had continued its growth in every area, and under the mature leadership of Dr. Wall, the red brick building began to be crowded and space was always in demand.

December 13, 1954—a cold rainy Monday—as this day moved into darkness of night the dread word "fire" spread through the community. The church was completely engulfed in flames and nothing was saved. Tears were in the eyes of all, and desolation was felt and expressed. As the pastor, Dr. Wall, stood before the smoking ruins there came forth the great challenge "Out of the ashes we will rise and build"; and it was so.

Mr. Coleman Self was appointed as Chairman of the Building Committee and Mr. E. C. McClain as Chairman of Furnishing and Finance and on February 24, 1957 the new building was entered; the fourth building to stand on the original land-grant by Elizabeth Love Wilson. The present building is one of aesthetic quality recognized with pride by anyone in any section of our state; the auditorium with a seating capacity of 700; an educational building with 11 department assembly rooms and 43 individual class rooms. Also, in this building, an up to date kitchen, an office suite, and appointments in all parts of the building of the highest quality of taste.

Two months from the day that fire destroyed the church, February 13, 1955, the first "March by the Chest" took place, as the people of the congregation filed by a chest and deposited therein a love offering for the building fund.

This "March to Victory" has become a part of Elizabeth Church, and in this spirit the church has continued its growth.

On January 31, 1958, Dr. Zeno Wall, who was pastor during the building program and during the first year of occupancy of the church retired from the active ministry, having offered his resignation October 13, 1957. Rev. Charles B. Summey assumed the patorate on February 1, 1958. The church continued its pattern of growth that had characterized its beginning; and again there is that need for space and the growing challenge of a growing community.

On February 2, 1958, Mrs. Charles B. Summey was extended a call to become Minister of Music, and on March 2, the church voted to establish a full-time music ministry including a graded choir program. Mrs. Summey resigned November 24, 1963 to be effective March 1, 1964 in order that a full-time combination worker could be called. Mr. Robert L. Decker accepted the call to become Minister of Music and Education effective that same date.

In keeping with an accelerated program and an enlarging ministry, the church called its first full-time secretary, Mrs. Billy H. Roberts, on September 1, 1958. Other personnel employed by the church at present include Mrs. Fred R. Mauney, organist, Mr. Robert L. Fitch, custodian, and Anderson Webber, janitor.

Elizabeth Baptist Church from its inception has been a growing organism and it shall ever continue in the establishment and fulfillment of the work of the Kingdom of God.

Thou, Whose Unmeasured Temple Stands

Thou, whose unmeasured temple stands,
Built over earth and sea,
Accept the walls that human hands
Have raised, O God, to Thee.

And let the Comforter and Friend,
Thy Holy Spirit, meet
With those who here in worship bend
Before Thy mercy seat.

May they who err be guided here
To find the better way;
And they who mourn and they who fear,
Be strengthened as they pray.

May faith grow firm, and love grow warm,
And pure devotion rise,
While round these hallowed walls the storm
Of earth-born passion dies.

William Cullen Bryant.

Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today have been placed here in memory of our loved ones whom the Lord has called home since we entered this place of worship on February 24, 1957.

The flowers in the Foyer have been placed there as a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Max Wilson by their children. Mr. Wilson was the grandson of Elizabeth Love Wilson for whom this church was named and who gave the original site.



Dedication

To those who have gone before us in praying, and planning, and building that we might stand today in a position to go forward in a greater program for Christ, we lovingly dedicate this brochure.

February 1964
Our Month Of Dedication



Elizabeth Baptist Church

Shelby, North Carolina

A Cordial Welcome To All Who Worship Here

MORNING WORSHIP.....11:00 A. M.February 2, 1964

MEMORIAL CHIMES.....Familiar Hymns

PRELUDE....."Theme and Variation".....Mozart

HYMN OF PRAISE....."When Morning Gilds The Skies".....Barnby
(Flute Choir)

INVOCATION.....Pastor

MUSIC NOTES.....Minister of Music

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.....General Superintendent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Pastor

MORNING PRAYER.....Pastor

HYMN NO. 463....."Forward Through the Ages".....Sullivan

THE RETURN OF HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY....."The Third Hour".....Wilson

ANTHEM....."Let the Song Go Round the Earth".....Red

SERMON....."We Dedicate Ourselves to Missions"
Rev. Zeb Moss, Missionary to Africa

HYMN NO. 116....."Jesus Shall Reign".....Hatton

THE CHURCH IN BUSINESS SESSION

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Congratulations:

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Camp announce the birth of a daughter, Barbara Jean, on January 2nd. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Roberts announce the birth of a daughter, Angela Faye, on January 8th. Our congratulations and best wishes to these young parents.

We welcome to our pulpit, Rev. Zeb Moss. Mr. Moss, Missionary to Africa, is making his home herein Shelby while on annual furlough. We are grateful that he can be with us to lead in the opening service of our Month of Dedication.

The church extends sympathy to Mrs. H. H. McGinnis and family in the passing of her sister.

Received through the Chest, \$1,121.87.

Final payment made on Note, \$1,268.59.

We march again next Sunday in accord with your vote last fall. This will be used for the painting of our auditorium and other needs in our dedication program. Let each of us continue our personal March-to-Victory.

Calendar Of Opportunities:

Sunday.....4:30 Youth Choir

6:30 Training Union

7:30 Evening Worship

Monday.....2:30 All Afternoon Circles

Missionary Zeb Moss, Speaker

4:00 Primary Choir

Tuesday....4:00 Junior Boys Choir

7:00 Executive Brotherhood Meeting

7:30 All Nights Circles

Missionary Zeb Moss, Speaker

Wednesday..4:00 Flute Choir

7:15 GA's, RA's and YWA's

7:30 Prayer Meeting - Sunbeams

Thursday...4:00 Junior Girls Choir

7:30 Church Choir

Nursery Volunteers:

Today

Mrs. Carl Gragg

Mrs. R. T. Martin

Mrs. Boyce Mauney

Mrs. Leslie Owens

Mrs. W. H. Borders

Next Sunday

Mrs. W. T. Wright

Mrs. A. V. Dedmon

Mrs. William Dycus

Mrs. R. D. Hord

Mrs. B. F. Hord

IN TRAINING UNION THERE IS A UNION FOR EVERY AGE.

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MRS. FRED MAUNEY, ORGANIST

MRS. BILLY H. ROBERTS,

CHURCH SECRETARY

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February 1964 — Our Month Of Dedication

- February 2,** 11:00 A.M.—“We Dedicate Ourselves to Missions”
Rev. Zeb Moss, Missionary to Africa
7:30 P.M.—“We Dedicate ourselves to the Ordinance of Baptism” Pastor
- February 3,** 2:30 P.M.—Meeting of all Afternoon Circles
Rev. Zeb Moss
- February 4,** 7:30 P.M.—Meeting of all Night Circles
Rev. Zeb Moss
- February 9,** 11:00 A.M.—“We Dedicate Ourselves to Stewardship”
Rev. E. S. Elliott, Retired
7:30 P.M.—“We Dedicate Ourselves to the Ordinance of The Lord's Supper” Pastor and Deacons
- February 11,** 7:00 P.M.—The Brotherhood in Dedication
- February 16,** 11:00 A.M.—“We Dedicate Ourselves to Prayer”
Rev. Lawrence Roberts, Retired
7:30 P.M.—“We Dedicate Ourselves Through Music”
Junior, Youth and Church Choirs
- February 20,** Regional Choir Festival Sponsored by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention
5:00 P.M.—Junior Choirs
7:15 P.M.—Intermediate, Youth and Adult Choirs
- February 23,** 11:00 A.M.—“We Dedicate Our Building”
Dr. Zeno Wall, Retired
—Pastor in the erection of the church plant.
Dr. W. Perry Crouch, General Secretary-Treasurer, North Carolina Baptist State Convention
Mr. Joseph O. Stroud, State Music Secretary, North Carolina Baptist State Convention
3:00 P.M.—“We Dedicate Our Youth to Service”
Joint Organ and Voice Recital,
Mr. Sam Wilson, Charlotte, former member.
Mr. Adrian Littlejohn, Gastonia, former member
7:30 P.M.—“We Dedicate Ourselves For Revival”
Rev. Howard Ford, President, Baptist State Convention
Pastor, Winter Park Baptist Church, Wilmington
- February 24,** “We Dedicate Our All in Revival”
through
March 1, Dr. Carl A. Howell, Pastor, Murray Hill Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida

Research Materials in the
N. C. Baptist Historical Collection
Z. Smith Reynolds Library, Wake Forest University
Winston-Salem, N. C.

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HISTORY OUTLINE:

Elizabeth Baptist Church was admitted to Kings Mountain Baptist Association, September, 1883. Date of constitution not given.

CHURCH RECORDS:

Records, 1910-1954, 1950-1961; bulletins, 1953-1962, 1963. (CRmf 79)

CHURCH HISTORIES:

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ASSOCIATION RECORDS: Kings Mountain Baptist Association

Minutes, 1883-1977, 1979, 1981 (206.9756/M66ki)

The Baptist Beacon, March 30, 1967- (NCCF)

Ground-breaking service program, 21 Sept. 1980, and brochure on their new building, n.d. (NCCF)

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N. C. CHURCH FILES: Newspaper clippings, c1965-1974 (on microfilm)
 Newspaper clippings, c1975-present (on file)

BIOGRAPHY FILES:

This file may contain biographical information and/or a photograph source for ministers who have served your church.

BIBLICAL RECORDER INDEXES:

These indexes (still in progress) should be checked for information on pastors who have served your church and for church references.

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ELIZABETH - 1883

Cleveland

ALEXANDER

1887-

KINGS Mt

1851-

1875 -

1876 -

1877 -

1878 -

1879 -

1880 -

1881 -

1882 -

1883 - Admit. to assoc.

1884 - Church building erected

1885 - J M Bridges & John L. Kendrick (C)

1886 -

1887 -

1888 -

1889 - Assoc. met with

1890 -

1891 -

1892 -

1893 -

1894 -

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Elizabeth

Cleveland Co

KINGS MOUNTAIN
1851-

1900 -

1901 -

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1903 -

1904 -

1905 -

1906 -

1907 -

1908 -

1909 -

1910 - 2nd chunk building completed

1911 - assoc. with water

1912 -

1913 -

1914 -

1915 -

1916 -

1917 -

1918 -

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1920 -

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1923 -

1924 -

Elizabeth

KINGS MOUNTAIN
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1927 -

1928 -

1929 -

1930 -

1931 -

1932 -

1933 -

1934 -

1935 -

1936 -

1937 -

1938 -

1939 -

1940 - ^{3rd} Church building completed

✓ 1941 - Assoc met winter - Photo of church & pastor C. C. Brown

1942 -

1943 -

1944 -

1945 -

1946 -

1947 -

1948 -

1949 -

Elizabeth -

KINGS MOUNTAIN
1851-

- 1950 -
- 1951 -
- 1952 -
- 1953 -
- 1954 - Church building & contents destroyed by fire Dec 13 1954
- 1955 -
- 1956 -
- 1957 - New Church building (4th) in Feb
- ✓ 1958 - Assoc met with $\frac{1}{2}$ photo of Church bldg taken (3) & Chas. B. Sunny (3)
- 1959 -
- 1960 -
- 1961 -
- 1962 -
- 1963 -
- 1964 -
- 1965 -
- 1966 -
- 1967 -
- 1968 -
- 1969 - Three story Educational building dedicated
- 1970 - Assoc met with photo (2)
- 1971 -
- 1972 -
- 1973 -
- 1974 -