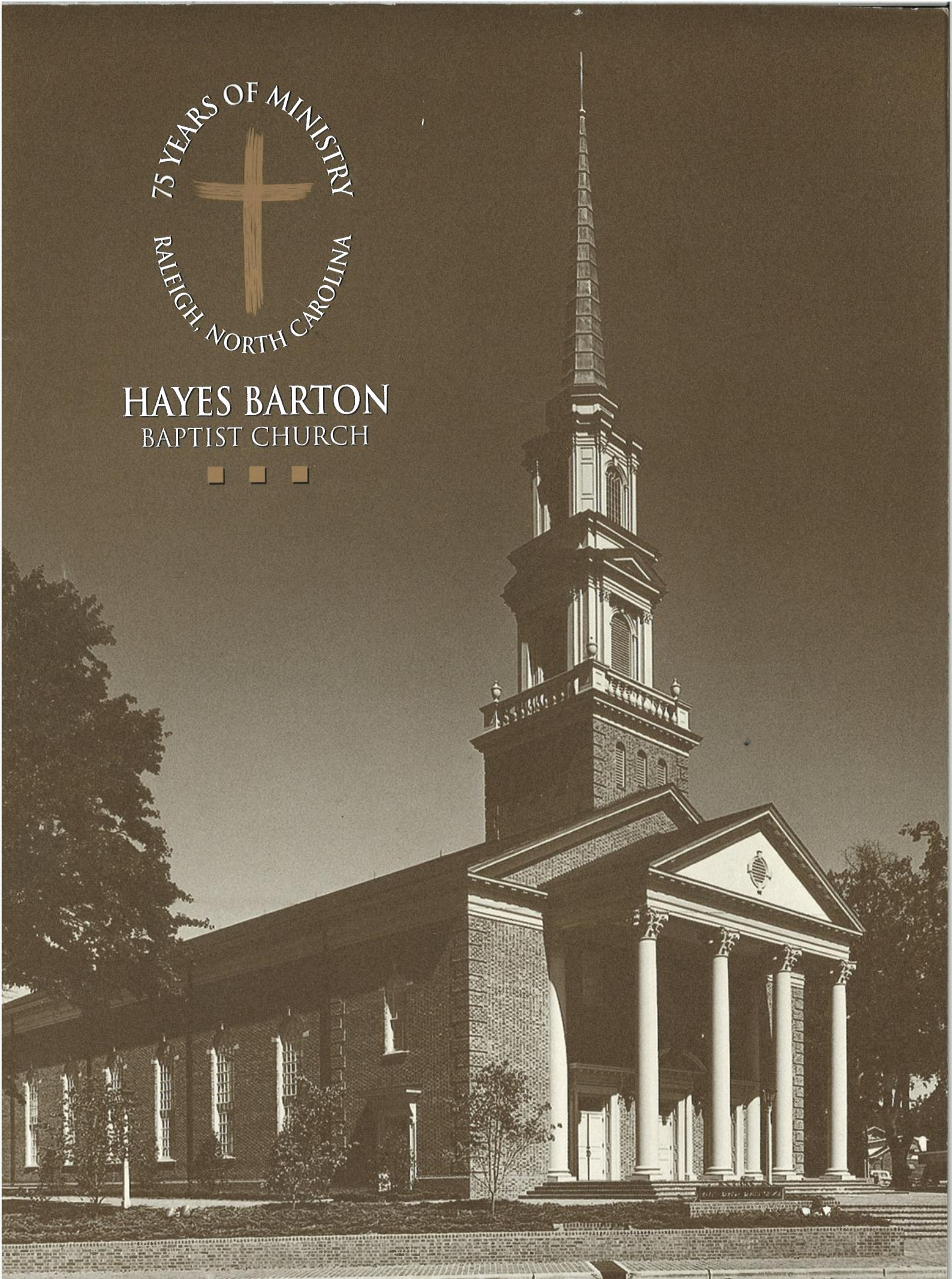


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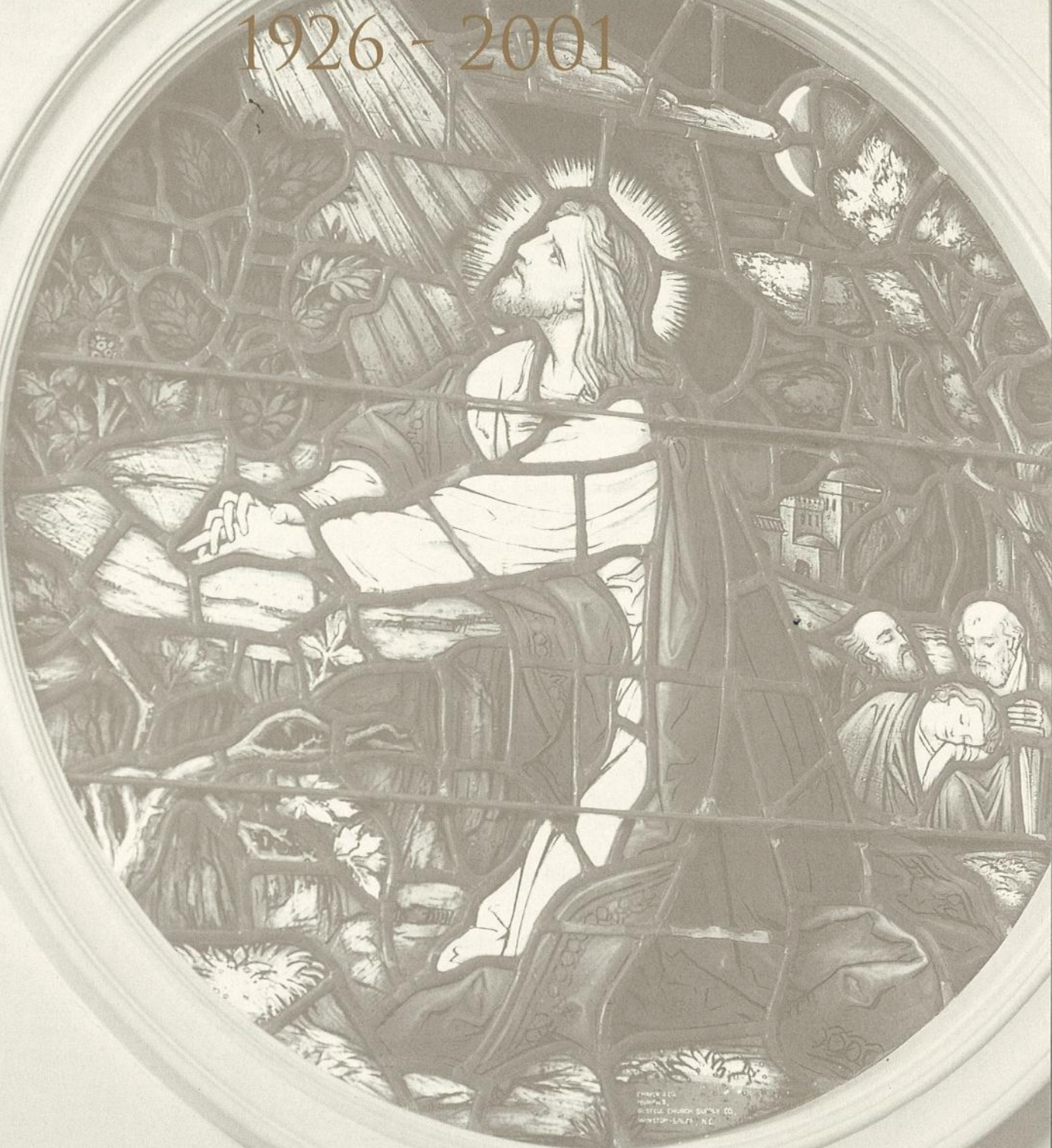


Dedicated to the memory of those who laid the foundation,
to the honor of those who labor and worship together
today, and to the hope for future generations who will
continue to serve Christ through the ministries of
Hayes Barton Baptist Church. *To God alone be the glory.*

Seventy-Five Years of Ministry:

HAYES BARTON BAPTIST CHURCH

1926 - 2001



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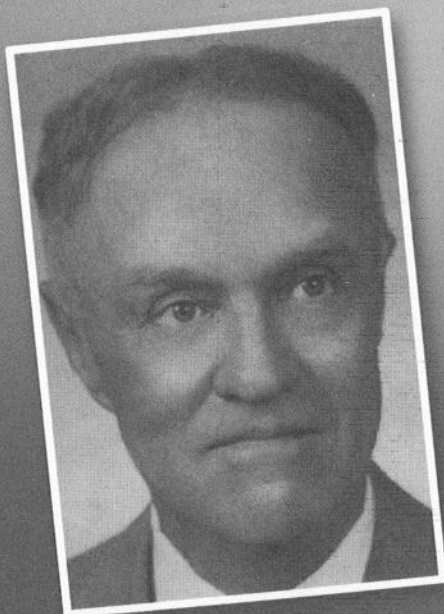
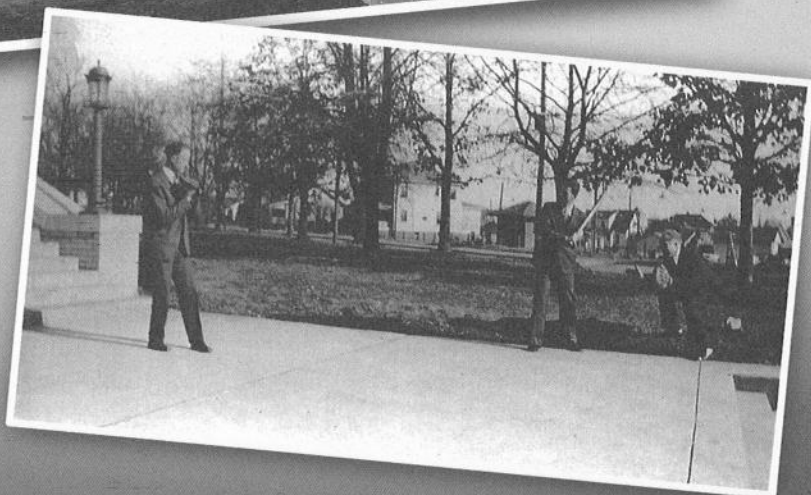


Foreword

The history of a Church of the Living God is a matter, not merely of the events of days and months and years, but a record of personal service, of spiritual growth, of brotherly love, of faith and trust and hope. To look more closely at the way we have come, to measure again the value of beautiful fellowship, to consider anew the unspeakable joys of an experience as 'Co-laborers with God,'—these things are always helpful, whether the period of time involved be five years or fifty. Thus a Chronicle of 'The Beginnings of Hayes-Barton Baptist Church' will not only fill us with the spirit of thanksgiving as we review our past, but may well stir us to fresh loyalty and enthusiasm as we face the long tomorrow.

Year Book and History of Hayes Barton Baptist Church, 1932

Words written in 1932, as the young Hayes Barton Baptist Church reviewed the triumphs and struggles of its beginnings, are no less poignant in 2001 as we celebrate seventy-five years of ministry and embrace our heritage and claim our hope—together.



Dr. J.B. Turner

1920's

Seventy-Five Years of Ministry

Hayes Barton Baptist Church

1926-2001

In anticipation of the city's growth in a northerly direction, the Baptist City Council of Raleigh, forerunner of the Raleigh Baptist Association, purchased in 1922 a site for a new Baptist church. The site was situated between White Oak Road and Whitaker Mill Road and faced a long stretch of Glenwood Avenue. The \$7,000 paid for the property was donated by Tabernacle Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, the State Mission Board as well as other Baptist churches and individuals of Raleigh. C. R. Boone, W. N. Jones, and W. A. Yost served on the committee to select the site.

As early as October 1925, there was a real desire on the part of those families who were Baptist and had moved to and around the new section of Raleigh known as Hayes Barton, named for the English home of Sir Walter Raleigh, to have a Baptist church in their growing community. During that month, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Boone, who lived at 903 Vance Street, gave a dinner at their home and invited leaders from all the Baptist churches in the city. The idea of a new church was discussed in detail, but no further action took place until September and October 1926, when several meetings were held in different Baptist homes in the neighborhood.

No records of those earlier meetings survive, but at one of them a General Steering Committee was named; and N. H. McLeod, Sr., who lived at 918 Vance Street, was named chairman. Other members of the General Steering Committee were Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Boone, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Fort, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Ben J. Lawrence, D. R. Jackson, A. J. Fletcher, L. Polk Denmark, and Mrs. N. H. McLeod, Sr. The first meeting at which an actual

record was kept was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boone on October 15, 1926. At that meeting Dr. Ben J. Lawrence made a motion to organize a Baptist church; the motion was unanimously adopted. There were fifteen in attendance at that meeting: Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Boone, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilbur Bunn who lived at 1501 Iredell Drive; Mr. and Mrs. N. H. McLeod, Sr., 918 Vance Street; Dr. and Mrs. Ben J. Lawrence, 1021 Cowper Drive; Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Fort Jr., 1412 Glenwood Avenue; H. Clarence Howell, 908 Vance Street; Allen P. Upchurch, Jr., 105 Whitaker Mill Road; D. R. Jackson, 1800 Sunset Drive; Mrs. Charles L. Jenkins, 1705 Fairview Road; and Mrs. Martha Holloway, 903 Vance Street.

At the next meeting held on October 24, also at the Boone's home, Dr. Charles E. Maddry, secretary of the State Baptist Mission Board, outlined the method of perfecting a Baptist church organization. C. R. Boone accepted the general chairmanship of the Canvassing Committee. Subsequently, two other meetings were held, one on Thursday night, October 28, in the home of H. Clarence Howell, and the other on November 4 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilbur Bunn. The purpose of these two meetings was to further the plans for the church and, in typical Baptist fashion, to appoint temporary officers and committees. At these meetings D. F. Fort, Jr., was named temporary church clerk and several committees were formed.

Hayes Barton Baptist Church organized

Hayes Barton Baptist Church was organized on Sunday, November 7, 1926, at 2:30 P.M. in the North Vanguard Presbyterian Church (now Westminster Presbyterian Church) on East

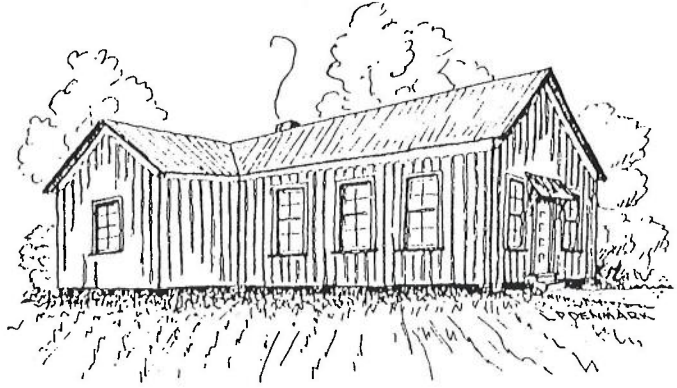
Whitaker Mill Road. The Baptist Council of Raleigh, with Dr. Charles E. Maddry acting as chairman, had charge of the meeting. In addition to Dr. Maddry, other members of the council attending were Dr. Livingston Johnson, Dr. John A. Ellis, Dr. Charles L. Greaves, Dr. J. L. Peacock, Rev. J. S. Farmer, and W. N. Jones.

The motion was made...

After brief preliminaries, the names of those with their letters were read, and a motion to organize a Baptist church was made. The motion carried unanimously. A second motion, made by J. Wilbur Bunn, to name the new organization the Hayes Barton Baptist Church also carried unanimously. The right hand of Christian fellowship was given by the council to the members of the new church, and the church covenant was read. At that first service and through the decades, the invitation to profession of faith and uniting with the church by baptism has been an integral part of the service. In response to that first invitation, Jack Jessup, who lived at 401 Aycock Street; Miss Lucy Davis, 111 West South Street; Miss Josephine Davis; and M. L. Shore, 1405 Wake Forest Road were received for baptism. D. F. Fort, Jr., was elected church clerk, and W. Reid Martin became treasurer. The first collection of record was taken at the conclusion of the organizational meeting. It also was agreed that all members received into the church by January 1, 1927, would be considered charter members. When that day came, 173 charter members had been enrolled. In 1947, by vote of the church, Dr. and Mrs. James B. Turner were added as charter members, raising the number to 175.

The second meeting of Hayes Barton Baptist Church was held Sunday afternoon, November 14, at 3:00 P.M. in the North Vanguard Presbyterian Church. Dr. Charles E. Maddry preached the first sermon to the new church. Also at this service the church elected N. H. McLeod, Sr., J. Wilbur Bunn, and Mr. and Mrs.

C. R. Boone as messengers to the Baptist State Convention meeting later in Wilmington. In addition, they took an offering for missions for the messengers to take to the convention. From its very beginnings, Hayes Barton Baptist Church has supported missions and been an active participant in the affairs of the Baptist State Convention.



Building Committee moves forward to build the "Little Tabernacle"

Upon organization, the Building Committee moved ahead to build a temporary structure on the property donated by the Baptist Council of Raleigh. They called it "The Tabernacle." The first service was held there on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25, 1926, at 11:00 A.M. The building was not completed, but work was suspended and the workmen joined in the worship service. According to charter member Glenn Humphrey, "And what a Thanksgiving it was! No mere formal type of worship, but an outpouring of loving gratitude from the hearts of the more than 300 eager listeners who heard Dr. Maddry's powerful sermon titled "The Greatest Gift to God." Two offerings were taken at the service — one for the Thomasville Orphanage, a missions offering; the second, to help defray the cost of the new temporary building.

The little "Tabernacle," that would seat about 300 people, was constructed in approximately 80 working hours by men of the church and friends under the supervision of church member W. E. Critcher. The seats and pulpit were made on the lot; and green curtains, hung on a wire, would

separate the Sunday School classes. The total cost of the little "Tabernacle" was \$3,386.11. On Sunday, November 28, 1926, Hayes Barton Baptist Church held its first Sunday School and "preaching service" in its new home. At that night's service the first Deacons, J. W. Bunn, C. R. Boone, John F. Danielson, A. J. Fletcher, D. F. Fort, Jr., H. G. Harrington, H. Clarence Howell, Dr. Ben J. Lawrence, W. Reid Martin, and N. H. McLeod, Sr., were elected. C. R. Boone was chosen as the first chairman of the Deacons and H. G. Harrington as the first secretary.

Sunday School organized

Other church activities organized quickly. Paul S. Daniel, who lived at 2222 Circle Drive, was the Sunday School's first superintendent; however, prior to his selection, the Sunday School was under the direction of the Sunday School Committee. G. Akers Moore, Sr., who lived at 2107 Woodland Avenue, served as first treasurer of the Sunday School. A. P. Upchurch, Jr., was the first general secretary; but he served only a few months and was succeeded by J. G. Vann, Sr., who lived at 1606 Scales Street. Until December 1, 1931, when the church adopted a unified budget system, the Sunday School collected and disbursed its own funds.

Baptist Young People's Union organized

BYPU, Baptist Young People's Union, was organized with Dr. Henry B. Day, Sr., as director and Margaret Harrington, who lived at 1615 Glenwood Avenue, as the first general secretary. Training for its young people was a high priority from the church's beginnings; for it was in BYPU that they learned about Baptists beliefs and heritage, the authority of the Bible, and how to use it. There were Bible sword drills at each meeting. The Woman's Missionary Society was founded with Mrs. J. Wilbur Bunn as its first president. Other officers included Dr. Ben J. Lawrence, the first chairman of the Finance Committee, and Mrs. L. T. Penny, Hayes Barton's first financial secretary, a

position that primarily was responsible for keeping the record of each member's offering.

Church choir formed

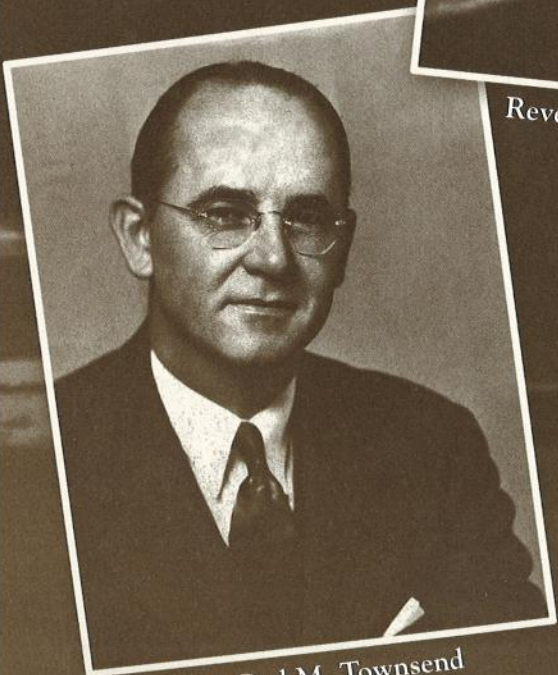
Among other firsts was the church's first prayer meeting, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Evans, 506 W. Whitaker Mill Road. On Friday evening, December 3, the Church Choir under the leadership of A. J. Fletcher, chairman of the Music Committee, was formed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Boone. Mrs. Joseph S. Correll became the first choir director; when she resigned a few months later, C. Talmadge Davis succeeded her. After his death, Mrs. Errol Marshburn directed the choir and was followed by J. C. Baskerville. Mrs. Hugh Guerrant was Hayes Barton's first organist; Jack Adams and Mrs. A. J. Fletcher also served as organists in the church's early years.

Hayes Barton welcomes Dr. J.B. Turner

The Pulpit Committee, under the leadership of J. W. Bunn, had been hard at work; and in early February 1927 Hayes Barton welcomed its new pastor, Dr. James B. Turner, who came to Hayes Barton from the First Baptist Church of Albany, Georgia. Dr. Turner, a graduate of Wake Forest College and of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, preached his first sermon entitled "Beginnings—God" on Sunday, February 6, 1927. Under Dr. Turner's able leadership, the church grew rapidly. Almost every Sunday, additions were made to the church roll. When a report was made to the Central Association (now the Raleigh Baptist Association) in September 1927, less than a year since the church's formation, the membership had grown from 173 to 319 members. The Sunday School enrollment was 346, and the Training Union roll listed 79. No financial records for that year are available; but according to the September report to the association, total disbursements were \$9,381.97.



Reverend Louis S. Gaines



Dr. Carl M. Townsend

1930's

Work begins on a new yellow brick building

Late in 1927, the temporary wooden tabernacle was torn down, and work began on a new yellow brick building. Construction of the new church building continued through the winter and spring of 1928. During this time, Sunday School and church services were being conducted in the classrooms and auditorium of the 1927 elementary school building on Glenwood Avenue, then called Hayes Barton School. Today it is known as Myrtle Underwood School, Miss Myrtle Underwood having been its long-time principal. On Sunday morning, June 3, 1928, the first service was held in the new building. The subject of Dr. Turner's message that day was "The Transfigured Church." This service was followed by a series of services the following week in which the pastors of the other Baptist churches in Raleigh brought messages to the congregation of the young church. One program included a music recital by Dr. Hubert Poteat of Wake Forest College.

The new church building was constructed and equipped at a cost of \$93,371.51. Additional land to better locate the church had been purchased for \$3,250, making the total cost \$96,621.51, exclusive of the property donated by the Baptist City Council. The contractor was church member John F. Danielson who lived at 812 Vance Street. The Building Committee was composed of N. H. McLeod, Sr., chairman, H. Clarence Howell, Mrs. J. W. Bunn, Mrs. Ben J. Lawrence, and R. B. Nichols. The project was financed by contributions of \$35,900 and a \$50,000 five-year loan from Occidental Life Insurance Company. Of the balance of approximately \$10,176.75, the church owed Pilcher Brothers \$6,926.75 for the organ and \$3,250 to Paul Allen for the additional land. Friends of the church donated approximately 9% of the cash raised for the building.

Reverend Louis S. Gaines comes during hard times

In late January 1931, after serving Hayes Barton for four very active years, Dr. Turner resigned to accept a pastorate in Griffin, Georgia. He was followed on March 1 by the Reverend Louis S. Gaines who came from the First Baptist Church of Williamsburg, Kentucky, to be Hayes Barton's second pastor. Gaines was a graduate of Denison University in Granville, Ohio, and of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Several years of depressed economic conditions following the stock market crash of 1929 magnified the financial burden the new young church had assumed. To address this situation, the church adopted the Unified Budget system, the first step toward putting the church's finances on a sound basis. No longer would the Sunday School collect and disburse its own funds. But the debt on the building, on the additional land, and on the organ was still outstanding. The loan on the building was due in April of 1933; but because of the Depression, no provision had been made to retire or curtail the loan. In fact, the church was having difficulty paying the interest. The church still owed \$49,500 on the loan, \$5,486.75 on the organ, and the full \$3,250 on the additional land, for a total debt of \$58,236.75. In the five years since 1928, the church had been able to curtail the debt of over \$60,000 by less than \$2,000. Only five hundred dollars had been paid on the building mortgage, and the balance, on the organ. Obviously, the needed extension on the loan was given.

Dr. Carl M. Townsend arrives

Then, in August of 1933, two years and five months after he came to Hayes Barton Baptist Church, the Reverend Gaines accepted a call to a larger church, First Baptist Church in Lexington. It was during this interim period between pastors that Hayes Barton adopted the rotation system of electing Deacons, a system still in use today. Three months after the Reverend Gaines left, on

November 5, 1933, Dr. Carl M. Townsend, began his ministry at Hayes Barton Baptist Church. Dr. Townsend was a native of Fair Bluff and a graduate of Wake Forest College and also the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. At the time he was called to Hayes Barton, he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Campbellsburg, Kentucky. Dr. Townsend was a bachelor; however, he did not remain a bachelor very long, for in July of 1936 he married Miss Sibyl Brame of Yazoo City, Mississippi. They had three children, Carl Webb, Timothy, and Grace.

Woman's Missionary Society raises funds

The church debt was burdensome during those first years of Dr. Townsend's pastorate; however, during this time the Woman's Missionary Society contributed substantially to payments on the organ. Even today [August 2001], Eloise Harrington Stephens, a charter member, remembers vividly her mother, Mrs. H. G. Harrington and other ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society making Brunswick stew in the kitchen at Hayes Barton School and selling it for fifty cents a quart to the people in the neighborhood. Eloise delivered the Brunswick stew on her bicycle, carrying the containers in the brand new basket her parents had purchased for her for just that purpose. Margaret Harrington Fletcher, Eloise's sister and also a charter member, remembers their father, H. G. Harrington who was one of Hayes Barton's first Deacons, making the unleavened bread for the communion services at the church, a service he rendered until his death. [Eloise and Margaret are two of the four surviving charter members of Hayes Barton Baptist Church at the time of the compilation of this history. Mrs. S. D. (Flora) Bryan and John Bland, Sr., are the other two.]

The "Forum" and Vacation Bible School established

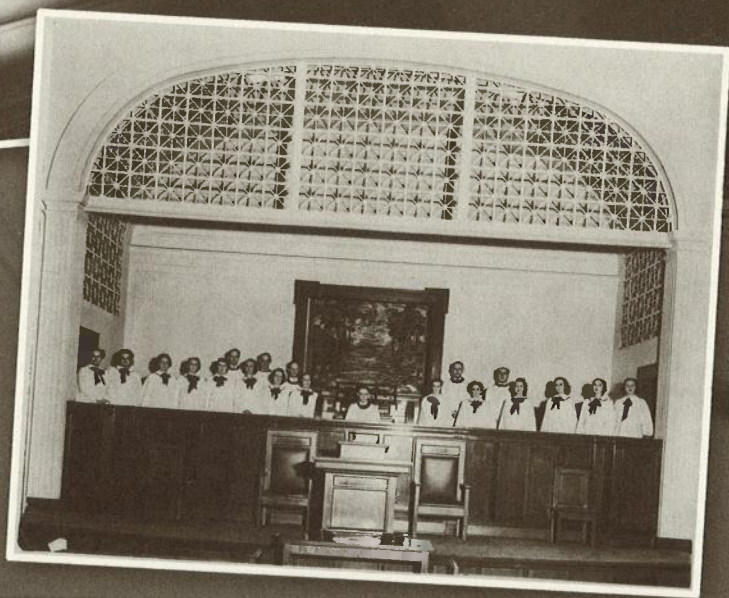
In 1936 new groups were organized, including the Brotherhood and The Forum. Glenn and Mamie Humphrey were concerned that there was no

place in the church program where young couples could gather for Christian study and fellowship as Sunday School classes were either all men or all women. According to Glenn Humphrey, "For more nights than I have toes and fingers, she (Mamie) took me visiting couples we knew and couples we did not know to talk about her ideas. The result was a dinner at the Church with 75 present. As the Church did not have a kitchen crew, Mamie cooked the dinner. I set up the tables. That evening the 'Young Peoples' Forum' was organized." In that year, too, the first full Vacation Bible School was held. Bible School, which began in 1935, had been cut short because of the threat of polio.

Debt reduction undertaken

On November 1, 1936, Hayes Barton Baptist Church celebrated its tenth anniversary. The day was designated as "Homecoming Day" and an offering of \$3,150 was taken; with the \$100 given by the mortgage holder, the debt on the additional land finally was paid in full. As economic conditions began to improve in the late 1930s, the church utilized various plans to reduce the debt. The first organized effort was the 1937 "Loyalty Bond Plan." Coupon bonds were issued in amounts of \$5, \$10, \$40, and \$100. The coupons were clipped and sent in with regular weekly payments. During fiscal year 1937-1938, \$10,490 was paid on the building debt. The next organized effort to reduce the building debt was during the 1939-1940 fiscal year (the church year at the time was December 1 through November 30). This debt reduction effort was known as the "Buy a Brick Plan." Imaginary bricks in the building were sold for \$5 each with a total of \$9,385 paid on the building debt during this period. The debt was finally paid in full in December 1943. By November 1 of that year, sufficient offerings had been received for the year's budget, and the church voted to apply the balance of donations received during the fiscal

1940's



Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr.

year to retirement of the debt. The response was so generous that an almost spontaneous movement arose to pay the debt in full. W. Reid Martin, who had been the mainspring in the other principal debt reduction campaigns, was called once more to lead. By year's end, \$13,300 had been raised, and the church was free of debt.

On Sunday morning, January 9, 1944, the congregation dedicated the church building. Dr. Townsend led the program; Dr. James B. Turner, Hayes Barton's first pastor, brought greetings as did M. A. Huggins, secretary of the Baptist State Convention. Hayes Barton's second pastor, Louis Gaines, also had a place on the program; but ice and snow precluded his attendance. Dr. Charles E. Maddy, who now was secretary of the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Virginia, preached the dedicatory sermon. Mortgage burning ceremonies were conducted by N. H. McLeod, chairman of the Building Committee, and by John F. Danielson, contractor for the building and who for many years served as church treasurer and chairman of the trustees. The remnants of that burned mortgage are today encased in a glass paperweight, keeping church members ever mindful of the love, dedication, and hard work of those pioneer church members.

"A Look to the Future" — means growth for Hayes Barton

The 1940s were a period of growth for Hayes Barton, in both church staff and in church programs. In November 1942 the Church Library, donated by the Sunday School, opened. Also that year the church employed its first full-time church secretary, Mrs. R. B. Wilmer (Sallie Sue). The next year on Sunday night, October 31, a special service commemorated the tenth anniversary of Dr. Townsend's pastorate. Justice Emery B. Denny was in charge of the program. T. Lacy Williams spoke on "A Decade of Growth in Service," and J. W. Bunn spoke on "Ten Years

of Financial Progress." The subject of Dr. Townsend's message was "A Look to the Future." During the service, Dr. and Mrs. Townsend were presented United States War Bonds in the amount of \$700 as a gift from the church members. In January 1945 the Men's Fellowship Club was organized with Dr. Townsend and Mr. C. I. Godwin, who lived at 803 Holt Drive, taking leadership roles in its founding and Charles H. Warren serving as the group's first president. In May of 1946 Mrs. C. I. Godwin became Hayes Barton's first "hostess." In September of that year, Hayes Barton employed its first educational director, Celeste Porter, a graduate of Baylor University and daughter of Southern Baptist Missionaries to Brazil. Hayes Barton Baptist Church's first sponsored missionaries were the Reverend and Mrs. Oz J. Quick who were appointed in May of 1946 by the Foreign Mission Board to serve in Formosa. One was supported by church donations, and the other, through the church by Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Boone.

During this time Hayes Barton Baptist Church also was expanding physically. In 1944 the church acquired for \$9,500 Annex #1, a house to the rear of the church property on White Oak Road. The house was used as the Young People's Annex. In April 1946 the church bought its first parsonage, located at 2004 Glenwood Avenue, at a cost of \$10,500. Until that time Hayes Barton's pastors had lived in various rented houses — the Turners at 1610 Iredell Drive, the Gaineses at 2260 The Circle, and the Townsends, originally, at 725 Nash Drive.

Tragedy strikes Dr. Townsend

Dr. Townsend's pastorate came to an abrupt and tragic end in 1947 when on August 25 he fell from a pear tree in the back yard of the parsonage and suffered injuries that resulted in his death two days later. According to Hayes Barton Charter Member Glenn Humphrey, "On the day of his funeral, for the first and only time in

history, every store and every business in the Five Points area closed during the Funeral Service.” As Hollis Fuller remembers,

No one who attended Dr. Townsend's funeral at the church will ever forget Mrs. Townsend with her three small children walking down the sanctuary aisle behind the casket as the choir sang "Lead On, O King Eternal" at the end of the service. There was hardly a dry eye in the congregation, but there was a radiant saintly look on Mrs. Townsend's face that was almost beyond belief. The grief was there, but her look of victory was truly an inspiration. Some years later, Mrs. Townsend wrote an article entitled "The Miracle for Me" for one of our Baptist publications. In the article, she stated that she was able to cope with the loss of her husband because her life with him had prepared her for his death.

Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., arrives

The next year, on June 13, Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., was called from the First Baptist Church of Norfolk, Virginia, to be Hayes Barton's fourth pastor. A graduate of Richmond University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Kincheloe was married to the former Barbara Farmer of Hiawassee, Georgia; and they had two children, Jane and Paul. John III and a daughter, Anne, would be born during their ministry in Raleigh.

In August 1948 Celeste Porter, the church's first full-time educational director, resigned to marry Hayes Barton church member, Frank O. Goodwin. She was succeeded in February 1949, by the Reverend William H. Vinson, Jr., as minister of education. "Bill," as he was affectionately called, remained at Hayes Barton for only about two and a half years, leaving in August 1951 for similar work with the Tacoma Park Baptist Church, Washington, DC. He was followed by Jack Hasty, Jr., in October 1951. Hayes Barton's first full time

minister of music, G. Norman Acker, began work in August 1949. Prior to his employment, the church's music directors and organists had been engaged on a part-time basis.

Thoughts turn to expansion

After paying off the building debt late in 1943, church members turned their thoughts to expansion of the church's educational facilities; and Hayes Barton began setting aside a part of the budget for a building fund. This fund was enlarged through birthday gift campaigns on the church's anniversary in November 1948 and 1949. No building was done during World War II; but after the war, a Building Committee was appointed with LeRoy Martin as chairman. Dr. Townsend's passing had delayed the building project; but after Dr. Kincheloe's arrival, the committee resumed its work. The church approved floor plans for the proposed new building in January 1950. Owen Smith, the architect and a member of the church, was instructed to complete the plans and secure bids. After several delays, the church voted in May to postpone the matter until January 1, 1951. Bids finally were secured in February 1951, but the church voted to reject all the bids since construction costs had risen prohibitively. The low bid for erecting the new Education Building and renovating the kitchen, Sunday School, and office areas in the 1928 building was \$331,302.10. Because of the Korean War and the national defense program, building costs had increased substantially between the time the floor plans were approved and the bids secured.

Sunday service broadcast over WPTF radio

From September 1949 through June 1950, Hayes Barton Baptist Church broadcast its Sunday morning services over radio station WPTF. Also in June of 1950, the church bought Annex #2, the Kendall property at 506 W. Whitaker Mill Road for \$20,000. Because of the need for more

educational space, the house was used as the Junior Department Annex.

First Living Nativity Scene

In December 1950 Hayes Barton sponsored its first Living Nativity Scene. According to the writings of Glenn Humphrey, "The Forum brought to Eastern Carolina and Raleigh the first showing of the Outdoor Living Nativity Scene. It was a real job to design and make all the costumes as well as to design and erect the building. We had the cow, the donkey, the goats, the sheep, the geese, everything was alive. Characters changed every 45 minutes. A showing of three hours each night for nine nights. The newspapers and radio gave us wide publicity. The crowds were so great, the police had several men on duty at Five Points to keep the cars moving and find parking space. It was estimated, by the police, that 100,000 persons viewed our efforts that first year. C. B. Dailey was General Chairman of the Project. Miss Lillian Allen was in charge of the costumes." Imagine, having 432 slots to fill — 144 angels, 108 shepherds, 108 Wise men, 36 Josephs, and 36 Marys! The scene ran for 9 nights with 4 shifts each night and 12 characters each shift. That adds up to 432 slots to fill without counting all the behind the scene workers. Although nine nights now are only three, and the animals are limited to a donkey and a few sheep, much remains the same. The Biblical narrative, recorded many years ago by church member Bill Jackson, has been digitally reformatted and along with the original music still provides thirty minutes of the Christmas story to those that stop to watch and to listen. Through the decades the Living Nativity has served as an important witness and outreach for Hayes Barton; thousands have viewed the scene, and many return each year. Some who were brought as small children to see the Living Nativity come with their own children to acknowledge Christ's birth and its meaning to their lives.

25 year celebration

Hayes Barton Baptist Church celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary in November 1951. A special brochure containing a history of the church by Luther Hughes was printed, and many of those instrumental in the church's formation were asked to participate in special services. Over sixty-five charter members were present for the anniversary celebration. The church report to the Raleigh Baptist Association for that year indicated total gifts for the year for all purposes to be \$72,250.23. Of that amount, \$23,750.09 was contributed for missions and benevolences. The total value of the church property, including the parsonage, was estimated to be \$187,000. The church Building Fund amounted to \$72,926.24 at the last report. Church membership, resident and non-resident, on October 1 totaled 1,415. Other enrollments were as follows: Sunday School, 1,331; Training Union, 289; W. M. U., 372.

Luther Hughes beautifully described those first twenty-five years and the feelings of Hayes Barton Baptist Church members when he wrote: "As we continue to 'lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes,' we humbly thank God for the growth and progress of our church since November 7, 1926. Relying on His power, we look ahead with optimism and assurance."

Years of outreach

And look ahead the members of Hayes Barton Baptist Church surely did. The decade of the 1950s reached out into many directions. The Deacons set up a visitation program whereby the Deacons would visit the sick and the new members of the church. Each quarter one-fourth of the Deacons would serve on the Visitations Committee with half visiting the sick and the other half visiting the new members. No member would serve more than three months on the committee. The church, with its growing membership, had long been wanting to expand its facilities; and in early 1952 the church membership voted to



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proceed immediately with the construction of a one-wing addition to the church building for additional educational facilities. The addition would be based upon plans submitted by architect Owen Smith; John F. Danielson would be the builder.

The Sunday School facilities in the 1928 building had 13,515 square feet where the new proposed building would add 12,180 square feet to the educational department of the church. The new addition also would include an office for the pastor as well as a chapel that would seat 140 people. The Building Committee to oversee the project was composed of LeRoy Martin, chairman; S. D. Bryan, Mrs. J. Wilbur Bunn, Emery B. Denny, Dr. Robert P. Noble, Clarence H. Pritchard, Mrs. Walter H. Schulken, and T. Lacy Williams. In May of 1952 the Young People's Annex on White Oak Road, which had been home to the Young People's Department, was sold for \$125 and moved to make way for the new wing.

E. N. Pope and Dan Stewart were co-chairmen of a campaign to raise \$25,000 for the project. To do this, they used the building bonds method previously used in paying off the debt of the 1928 building. Bonds were offered for sale in denominations of \$10, \$40, \$100, and multiples of \$100. Within a month it was reported that \$27,000 had been raised even though all cards had not been returned. The final figure in the "bond drive" was \$29,530.

Capital projects expand the facility

The new Education Building was dedicated June 28, 1953, during the Sunday morning worship service. Dr. Kincheloe's sermon title was "Do Dreams Come True?" An open house was held in the new facilities that afternoon. Dr. Kincheloe expressed the feelings of so very many members when he wrote for the Sunday morning bulletin these words:

Out of the longings for adequate space and equipment, needful in the varied organizational life of our church, has come the Educational Building we enter today. It is the realization of a dream, the culmination of hope, the answer to the prayers and work of many people. It was a project urged by the former pastor, Dr. Carl M. Townsend, during the latter years of his ministry at Hayes Barton. As a church, we express our gratitude to God and to all whose vision, efforts, and gifts have aided in the successful completion of this challenging enterprise. The Dedication of this lovely new building calls all of us to a renewed dedication of our lives in service to our Lord who has so signally blessed us.

Other capital projects continued to expand the church's facilities, and, by extension, its programming and ministries. The kitchen in the 1928 building was renovated and a dishwasher, donated by Johnnie Lineberry and the S & W Cafeteria, was installed, a great relief to those who prepared meals in the kitchen. Also, railings were installed on the front steps of the church through the generosity of W. C. Fitzgerald. With the White Oak Road Annex having been sold and moved, the Whitaker Mill Annex (the Kendall House) had been renovated for use by the church's young people. The two-car garage was remodeled for a Scout Hut. The garage was enlarged by erecting a brick veneer extension onto the end next to the house, and a stone fireplace and chimney were constructed at a cost of \$2,329.01. R. Wade Brady supervised the project.

Scouts at Hayes Barton

Hayes Barton Church has had a Scout troop since September 1931. Clifton Churn, who lived in the neighborhood, was the troop's first Eagle Scout. In January 1952, when this renovation was done, the troop numbered 32 Scouts; at the writing of this history, Troop 325, the longest continually

meeting Scout troop in Raleigh, had produced over forty Eagle Scouts. Church members Malcolm Holmes, scoutmaster from 1962-1980, and Ike Ragland (1981-1986) served the troop faithfully for many years. Youth training has always been a hallmark of scouting, and Graham Spencer notes that he joined Troop 25 (now 325) in 1937 at the age of 12. To receive his Eagle rank he had to earn twenty merit badges, including the signaling merit badge. During World War II that signaling training would help him graduate number one in his class at Navy signaling school and would be important in his assignment on the destroyer escort, the *U.S.S. Bull*. Today boys and girls participate in the scouting activities sponsored by Hayes Barton.

Minister of education brings programs for youth

The year 1953 brought other changes. The position of education director, held by Jack Hasty, Jr., was changed to minister of education, and the education program grew to include a Junior Church program. In August of that year 52 children and young people from Hayes Barton went to Fort Caswell, the Baptist Training Union Assembly, for a week. Under Training Union Director Bennett Straughn, the organization had become the largest in the Raleigh Association with 320 members. The program was fully graded, having all departments from nursery through adult.

Other events of the fifties included the election of a church librarian, Mrs. J. W. "Kittie" Sullivan, being elected in 1953; the ordination to the ministry of church member W. Curtis Fitzgerald, Jr., on September 19, 1954; and the public schools use of three Sunday School classrooms as public school classrooms during the 1954-1955 school year. It was in 1955 that the church staff was brought under Social Security, and the church constitution was amended to read: "An offering for relief fund may be taken at each observance of this ordinance" [communion], a practice the

church continues today with the offering for world hunger. Just the year before, the Constitution had been amended to spell out the procedure that must be followed if the church wished to alter its loyal affiliation with the Raleigh Baptist Association, the Baptist State Convention, and/or the Southern Baptist Convention.

Renovations to sanctuary

Facility updates and improvements, perennial topics for Hayes Barton, occupied much attention in the mid-1950s. In 1955 the church appointed a committee to look into the advisability of a complete renovation of the 1928 church sanctuary. On Sunday morning, February 6, 1956, during a business session marked with lively discussion, followed by a prayer, the church voted to accept the recommendations of the Sanctuary Renovation Committee, which had been approved by the Deacons, for renovation of the church sanctuary, including new lighting, new carpeting, air-conditioning, painting, and other beautifications. Henry Bridges was chairman of the committee; Owen Smith served as architect. The total costs for the project were not to exceed \$60,000. During the renovation, the church would have its Sunday morning worship service in the Colony Theater, now the Rialto; Sunday evening services would be held in the chapel. At the July 1956 business meeting, church members voted to withdraw "\$450 from the Organ Repair Fund in the Budget and use it to purchase new choir robes so the Music Committee could take advantage of a summer sale on robes in effect at present."

Hayes Barton looks inward and outward

During the 1950s the church also had plans to upgrade its parsonage; and in November 1956, it voted to purchase the Ashley T. McCarter property at the corner of Beechridge and Breeze roads for a price not to exceed \$28,500. The old parsonage was then sold and the income from it was applied in liquidation of the temporary loan. But Hayes

Barton Church was not just looking inward during the 1950s, for during this time the church made a gift of \$4,000 to the Baptist Hospital and \$1,000 to the new Ridge Road Baptist Church scheduled to be organized November 7, 1954, exactly twenty-eight years since the organizational meeting of Hayes Barton Baptist Church. Also \$1,000 was given to the Raleigh Baptist Association to be earmarked for the building fund for the proposed Baptist church to be organized on Six Forks Road (Trinity); a \$1,000 contribution was made for renovating the State College Student Headquarters on Hillsborough Street; a \$1,000 contribution was sent for the New Fellowship Baptist Church, and \$500 was given to Bible Press in Brazil to print Bibles in Portuguese. Also gifts were made to Carolina Pines Baptist Church to help with its expansion and to the Boylan Heights Baptist Church to help secure land for a church site. Mission efforts continued to be central to church endeavors.

The church was expanding in other ways as well. In March 1959 the membership voted to acquire the H. M. Robertson property at 504 W. Whitaker Mill Road for \$36,000. The membership also voted to increase the number of elected Deacons from 30 to 36 by electing 6 additional Deacons. Hereafter 12 Deacons would be elected annually for a three-year term — a practice still in existence forty-two years later.

The dawn of a new decade brought new horizons. At last, the property at 508 Whitaker Mill Road, the property closest to the church, was for sale, and the church was able to acquire it for \$30,000. Jackie Norris, who had come on staff as education secretary and assistant financial secretary, was elevated to education director in 1960. The church's minister of music, Carolyn Byers, had married Fred Downey, Jr., October 22, 1960, and submitted her resignation to be effective May 1, 1961. Prior to her leaving, the Deacons authorized that "a letter of commendation be sent to

Carolyn Downey for the beautiful Choir Recognition Service as well as for the effective job she has done as Minister of Music." In 1976 Carolyn would return to serve again in that capacity.

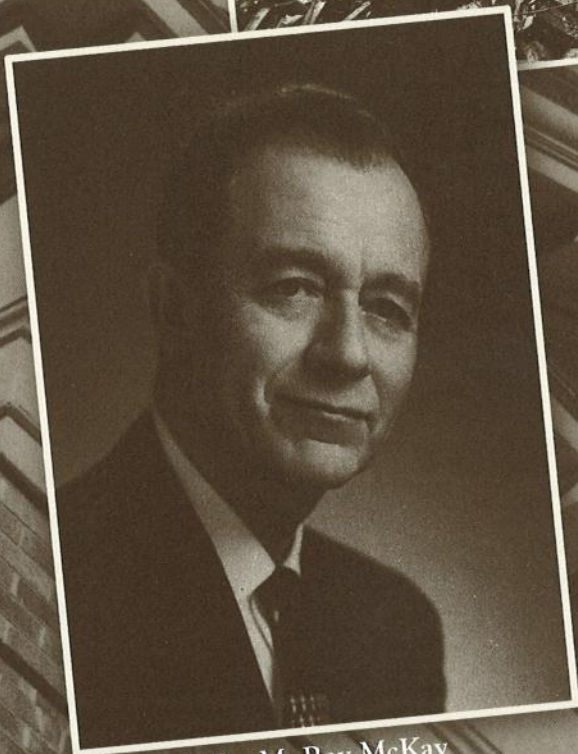
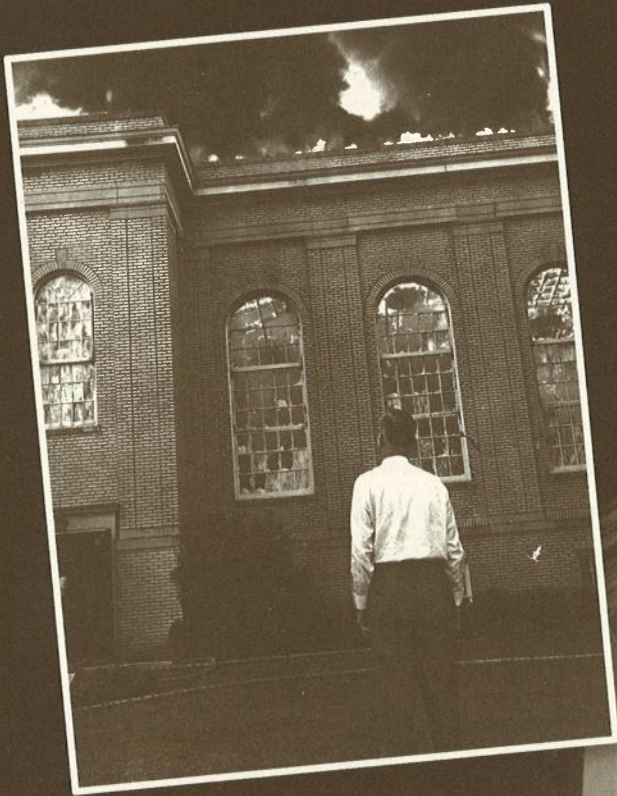
A more reverent attitude

The August 1961 minutes of the Deacons recorded this interesting tidbit—"Al Partin reported on a recent accident on the church steps in which some young boys who were engaged in horse-play knocked a woman down some steps. The consensus of the Board was that Dr. Kincheloe might mention the need for a more reverent attitude on the part of church members — young and old — when they are on church premises."

Reaching out through ministries

Hayes Barton Church was truly "reaching out" through its ministries. The fall of 1961 welcomed two new staff members, Margaret Slate as minister of music and John H. Ashley, Jr., as minister of education. Miss Slate would serve as church organist and direct the seven graded choirs. Alfred J. Stuart, Jr., who had grown up in Hayes Barton Baptist Church and was with the Visual Aids Department of the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Virginia, requested ordination to the ministry by the church and that request was granted. The church also voted to give Lyman Ferrell, son of Bernard and Becky Ferrell, a letter of recommendation as a student for the ministry to Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mrs. Ernest Glass, a missionary supported by the Forum, was invited to speak to the church during the time she would be in Raleigh on furlough. Church member M. N. Gurley was supporting Charles L. Martin, missionary to Japan. A special gift of \$3,535 had been contributed by Hayes Barton members during September 1961 in behalf of a building program at Campbell College. Since the celebration of the church's twenty-fifth anniversary 10 years before, Hayes Barton had contributed a total of \$1,108,764 for all purposes.

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Dr. M. Ray McKay



Total mission gifts were \$305,274. The total membership was 1,629, of which 1,474 were resident members. Through special gifts and services, Hayes Barton had shared through the Raleigh Baptist Association in the establishment of twelve new churches in the area during the past twelve years.

Hayes Barton renews its covenant of love and loyalty

Hayes Barton celebrated thirty-five years of ministry and service in November 1961 and recommitted itself to the understanding that "A church begins in the heart of God. But that church must take form in the hearts of men and women dedicated to His Will. We express our gratitude to the Heavenly Father for His mercies and blessings. Without His help, no worthy achievements are possible. As 'Christ loved the church and gave himself for it' (Ephesians 5:25), may the members of Hayes Barton renew their covenant of love and loyalty, and continue to respond with faith and courage to every leading of the will of God."

Dr. J. P. Freeman, general superintendent of the Sunday School, reported on January 17, 1962, that attendance since the first of the year averaged 800 and that Minister of Education John Ashley, Jr., hoped to increase attendance and enrollment by 6% by Easter Sunday, April 22. The pastor reported that "25 additions and one life commitment were recorded during the revival" in April. In July the pastor observed that some members are physically handicapped and unable to get into the church and that some churches have installed elevators. He then "inquired as to the possibility of placing an elevator somewhere in the church."

Church building destroyed by fire!

Church activities, membership, and programs were going well. But then, tragedy struck. On September 5, 1962, while driving past the church shortly before 6:00 a.m., Lester O'Neal saw fire!

The sanctuary and the entire part of the church built in 1928 were destroyed. The Educational Building was damaged by water and smoke. *The News and Observer*, on Thursday, September 6, reported that "Three firemen were injured when plaster and burning timbers fell from the ceiling of the portico at the front of the 34-year old yellow brick building. . . . The blaze was brought under control about 8:45 a. m. By that time the sanctuary and an original Sunday School building lay in ruins. Firemen managed to keep the flames away from a newer educational building, but it too sustained heat, water and smoke damage. . . . Witnesses said the church seemed to explode into flames when firemen opened the front doors. . . . More than 100 fireman fought the blaze. Many were on the scene all day."

We will rebuild

That night, in a special called session, the Deacons voted to rebuild, as did the church congregation on Sunday morning, September 9, as it worshiped again in the Colony Theater. Dr. Kincheloe encouraged and uplifted church members that morning with these words: "The building is destroyed, but the church remains. The disastrous fire of last Wednesday has taken from us our beautiful meeting-place, but out of the ashes will rise a new edifice to meet the needs of the church for the future. The real church is in the hearts of the people. Under the leadership of God's Spirit, and with hearts banded together in Christian love and strength of purpose, Hayes Barton Baptist Church will meet with courage the disciplines that have come upon us. All things can work together for good to those who love the Lord. In strong covenant together and with God, let's move forward to new heights of Christian achievement. God will be our help. Faith and prayer will give inspiration for our endeavors."

Difficult years

The years between the fire and the completion of the new facilities were difficult ones for the

church. On October 21, 1962, Dr. Kincheloe submitted his resignation, writing that “this decision has been a difficult and agonizing one to reach, as Raleigh and Hayes Barton are a deeply integral part of our lives. Then, too, it had been my firm intention and eager anticipation to work with you in planning and rebuilding the church edifice and educational buildings. However, after a careful study of the situation here and the church’s needs for the future, I have concluded that my resignation will serve the best interests of all concerned. As my family and I leave Raleigh to work for the Lord elsewhere, we express our gratitude to God for letting us have these years of wonderful fellowship with you. We shall cherish the memory of your loyal friendship during these years. God bless you, every one!”

During Dr. Kincheloe’s fourteen-year tenure, not only had there been growth in membership and an increase in financial giving, but an educational wing had been constructed, the sanctuary renovated, and three houses and a pastor’s home acquired, all representing a total capital outlay in excess of \$350,000, which through the normal operation of the budget would have been fully paid for in about one more year. He had also truly ministered to the spiritual needs of the members of Hayes Barton Baptist Church. The Deacons asked him to reconsider — but to no avail. When Dr. Kincheloe preached his first sermon in Richmond, Virginia, December 2, 1962, the Deacons of Hayes Barton Baptist Church placed the pulpit flowers in his new church, Branch Baptist, that Sunday morning in “token of our highest esteem for our former pastor.”

On Sunday morning, November 11, 1962, during the annual business meeting of Hayes Barton Baptist Church, Dr. M. Ray McKay, Professor of Preaching at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, was elected to serve as interim pastor. The church membership also was asked to elect the Building Committee, and the months following

were filled with items resulting from the fire. The Trustees settled with the insurance companies for \$477,455.04. The Building Committee selected church member Owen Smith, who had been the architect for the 1953 Education Building, as architect for the new sanctuary and educational facilities. W. C. Fitzgerald reported that demolition of the church ruins would begin January 14, 1963, and require sixty days to complete, the cost to be \$7,600. A goal of \$300,000 was set to be raised for the building fund with pledges to be payable over a three-year period. Throughout the planning process, the Pulpit Search Committee was hard at work seeking Hayes Barton’s next minister. All the while Dr. McKay was leading and feeding church members spiritually with his teaching and preaching as Sunday School and morning worship services were again held in Myrtle Underwood School; the Colony Theater, with its air conditioning, would serve as the location of worship services during the summer months.

Majority votes — traditional Georgian Colonial style

When the preliminary plans for the new church building came from the Building Committee to the Deacons later that year, there were strongly differing opinions on the style of architecture for the new church building. So, in Baptist tradition, the ultimate decision was up to the church membership. The school auditorium was packed to overflowing that Sunday morning, November 3, 1963. The Building Committee recommended a plan utilizing a modern style of architecture; the majority of the Deacons wanted the traditional style of architecture with a steeple on the building. Eloquent presentations were made on both sides. Voting was by secret ballot. The results — the majority of church members voted for the “traditional Georgian Colonial” style. This was Baptist and its democratic process at work; as a result of the vote, several members of the Building Committee felt the need to resign; and Henry

Wright, Mrs. Shearon Harris, and Roland Danielson were added to the Building Committee; Glenn Humphrey became chairman.

Dr. T.L. Cashwell, Jr., steps in to help in time of need

On Sunday morning, December 29, 1963, the Pastor's Search Committee made its report, and the members of Hayes Barton Baptist Church voted unanimously to call Dr. T. L. Cashwell, Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church in Albemarle to be their fifth minister. Dr. Cashwell was born in Cornelius, received his early education in the city schools of Gastonia, attended Mars Hill Junior College, and graduated from Wake Forest College in 1942. He received his Doctor of Theology from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1954. Since his seminary days, he also had held pastorates at First Baptist Church in King's Mountain and College Avenue Baptist Church in Lenoir. Dr. Cashwell was married to the former Helen Moon, and they had two children, Thomas III and Eleanor Susan. Dr. Cashwell preached his first sermon as pastor of Hayes Barton Baptist Church on Sunday morning, January 26, 1964 — the title, "Needed: Men for Mighty Days." (If he were preaching that sermon thirty-seven years later, it is certain that the title would have been "Needed: Men and Women for Mighty Days.") Dr. Cashwell's sermon title for the evening worship service was "The Old and the New."

Construction moves ahead for a new sanctuary and educational building

The church budget for the year 1964 was over-subscribed, and the church voted that the excess money go into the building fund. In September of that same year the Deacons recommended that the Trustees be authorized to negotiate with Dr. R. Y. Winters to purchase the property at 404 W. Whitaker Mill Road at a price not to exceed \$29,500. With new construction on the way, the church had a contract to raze their three other houses and the Scout Hut. At a Special

Business Meeting of the Church on Sunday morning, September 20, 1964, the congregation unanimously accepted the proposed plans for the construction of Hayes Barton's new sanctuary and educational facilities. With church approval, the plans would be put out for bids on or before October 5, to be opened November 4, 1964. The sanctuary would seat 1,000 people, including the choir and the balcony. The Educational Building would accommodate 1,291. The steeple would be 149 feet high including a cross on top. The columns would be 27 feet high. Antique brick of regular size and varying color would be used. Construction was estimated to take eighteen months to two years to complete.

Finally, on December 14, 1964, two years and three months after the devastating fire that destroyed the 1928 church building, the Deacons voted unanimously to recommend to the church that the trustees be authorized to enter into contract for construction of the church building and that they be authorized to borrow monies up to \$750,000. According to the January 6, 1965, newsletter, "Under clear skies and in cool brisk air, members of Hayes Barton Baptist Church assembled on the church lawn last Sunday morning for the purpose of breaking ground for the beginning of construction on our new building. Workman were on the ground Monday morning; necessary excavation scheduled to begin this week." It was estimated that over 700 people were present for the service. What a joyous and blessed day that was!

1960s growth

Despite its importance, all thoughts and activities at Hayes Barton during the 1960s were not centered on building construction and procedures. In 1964, the Sunday School saw an average attendance of 697 in the first quarter of the year; and the Training Union averaged 156. The church ordained Lyman Ferrell, and Margaret Slate, who had resigned as minister of music in

December 1964 because of her forthcoming marriage, was replaced in July by Walter Ross. Our pastor, Dr. Cashwell, was in his new home and had invited all to come visit. Dr. McKay, who had served Hayes Barton so very well as interim pastor, and who then served as a deacon in the church, left to accept a teaching position at Mission Seminary in Nassau. J. A. Thompson, director of Training Union, was recognized for his group's winning the Outstanding Achievement Award of 1965 in the Raleigh Association.

The year 1966 brought new growth and new programs. The Sunday School reported 62 new members in January. In an important action, the church adopted a resolution whereby it would reserve the house (then being used by the youth) at 404 Whitaker Mill Road "as a home for use of any Baptist missionary while on furlough, rent free, and that priority for the use of said home be given to the families who are actively supported by Hayes Barton Baptist Church." The WMU, Sunday School classes, and other church organizations were requested to assist in furnishing the home. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Glass, missionaries who received support from the church through The Forum, would be the first to use the home while they were on furlough from the mission field. Luther Hughes commented that, according to an April 1966 issue of the *Biblical Recorder*, Hayes Barton Baptist Church was first in the Raleigh Association in giving to the Cooperative Program and Missions — the total being \$32,000; that figure placed the church among the top ten in North Carolina.

Educational building complete

On Sunday morning August 28, 1966, Sunday School activities moved into the newly-completed Education Building with a Sunday School high attendance record of 850. The morning worship service was conducted in the new Fellowship Hall. The church newsletter the following week reported that attendance at the eleven o'clock

service had taken on "new proportions;" even though the Fellowship Hall has a seating capacity of 400, two rows of chairs were added at the front of the room and people were seated in the entrance hall and even out in the main hall. Dr. Cashwell went on to say that it would be tragic if we found it impossible to seat our guests within the Fellowship Hall; therefore, he asked if it were possible for some members with older children or no children to come to the 8:45 a.m. service.

40th anniversary celebrated in newly-completed sanctuary

The September 26, 1966, newsletter reported that the previous Wednesday the pastor had the happy privilege to speak to 300 during the worship period after the evening meal; and that as of today (Tuesday), "we have 342 reservations and a waiting list [for the next week.]" But the capstone for 1966 was the celebration of Hayes Barton Baptist Church's fortieth anniversary in the newly-completed sanctuary on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25. The church bulletin expressed the feelings of all present that day with these words:

Today we worship for the first time in this the new sanctuary of Hayes Barton Baptist Church. It is appropriate for us that we should know this joy on Thanksgiving Day. The first formal service of worship was held by the newly organized Hayes Barton Baptist Church on Thanksgiving Day, 1926, in a one room frame building erected on this site. We invite our many friends who share this happy day with us to join in the prayer that life will begin anew for us as we celebrate our 40th anniversary.

The formal dedication of the sanctuary and educational facilities of Hayes Barton Baptist Church took place during the eleven o'clock worship service on Sunday, September 24, 1967, during the first of a series of services known as

"Days of Rejoicing." The title of Dr. Cashwell's message that day was "Where the Faithful Follow." The evening service featured the Möeller organ, the bells of the Schulmerich Carillon, the church choir, and congregational singing.

Late 60s bring acquisitions and changes

The latter part of the sixties brought other happenings in the life of the church. The budget originally authorized for the construction of the new church facilities was \$1,556,429. The cost exceeded that figure by approximately only one half of one per cent. The church sold the former church parsonage on Beechridge Road for \$24,000. In August 1967 the Worth property at 500 W. Whitaker Mill Road, and adjoining church property on both sides, had been for sale; and the church, by an overwhelming majority, voted to purchase it for \$62,250. Mrs. Worth, however, would have the right to live there her lifetime. In 1968, the church voted to endorse Diane Eubanks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Eubanks, for entrance into the Religious Education School of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

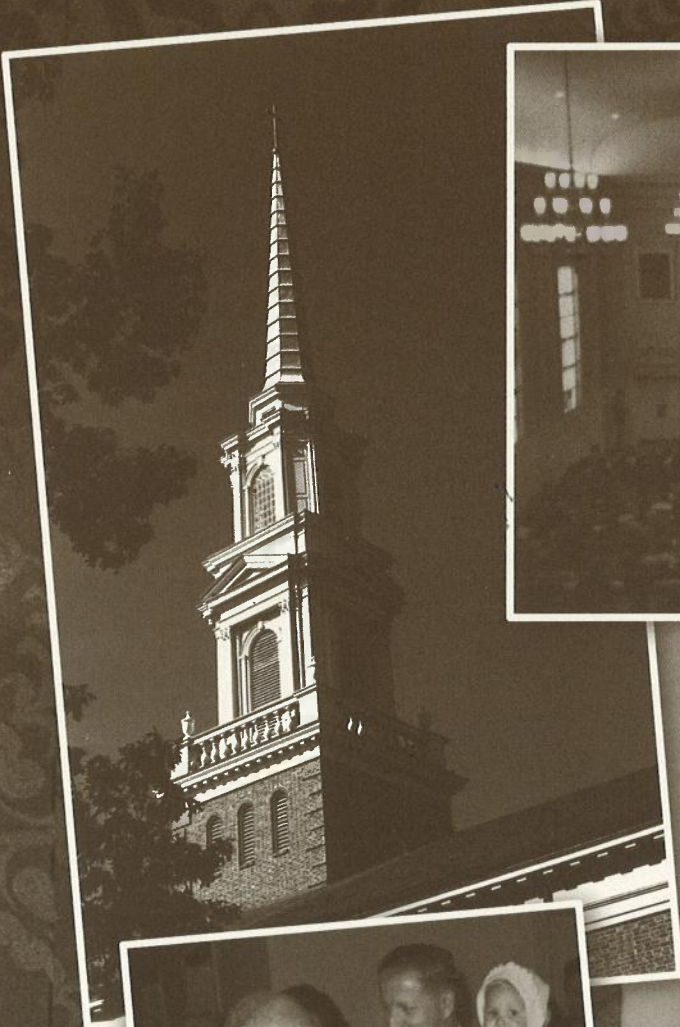
Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Cusick purchased an electric organ for use in the Fellowship Hall, and in a reflection of the turbulent times of the late sixties, the deacons voted to employ a trained watchman to patrol the church property four nights while a meeting was being held at Shaw University in downtown Raleigh. Wayne James came on board as youth director in October 1968, and Grace Green as organist, serving first for interim choir director Charles Gatewood of the Baptist State Convention and later for Don Mason who came in May 1969 to be the church's minister of music. Wallace Parham joined the staff as minister of education on December 1, 1968. But it was in August 1969 that the church's long-time employee, Mrs. R. B. (Sallie Sue) Wilmer announced her retirement. She had

served Hayes Barton Baptist Church for twenty-seven years, seventeen of which she was the sole support staff for the pastor and the entire church. Truly an era had ended.

Also in May 1969 the Deacons initiated a Deacon Family Care Plan, whereby each deacon would be assigned a proportionate number of church families for whom he would be responsible for ministering to during the church year. The deacon should be alert to any crises and make sure that the pastor was aware when one of the church members was facing trying circumstances. The church newsletter highlighted each deacon and listed names of the families assigned to him. The chairman of the Deacon Family Care Committee reported that with 80% of the Deacons reporting, over 1,000 contacts had been made with church families.

Vision for a new decade

The members of Hayes Barton Baptist Church entered the 1970s looking toward a new decade of opportunity. But in order to discover the best and most immediate ways of implementing the dreams and visions of the congregation, an open meeting was scheduled for four o'clock, Sunday afternoon, February 8, 1970. Deacon Chairman Al Partin chaired the meeting attended by 325 people. Some of the prevalent themes and specific suggestions included: 1) Eliminate duplications in committee assignments, 2) Establish a method of identifying membership talent, 3) Offer more in-depth training for teachers and church leadership, 4) Make visitation among membership and to newcomers more effective, 5) Open the facilities to greater use, letting them be available for community projects and for community groups, 6) Review the existing constitution, 7) Consider having a Junior Board of Deacons or equivalent, 8) Consider women deacons, 9) Evaluate the benefit of two Sunday morning services, 10) Review the Sunday night schedule, 11) Consider having a kindergarten, day nursery care, and day care for elderly, 12) Give young people greater



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recognition, more opportunities for involvement, and active participation in the programs, decisions, and government of the church, 13) Extend and increase the outreach ministry, 14) Involve members in community needs outside the walls of the church, 15) Extend ministry and service of the church through new mission efforts in suburban areas including apartment complexes, and 16) Study the prerequisites for membership. Many of these issues and suggestions resurfaced in the 1999 ReVision initiative.

Taking charge

The members of Hayes Barton Baptist Church "took their charge seriously." Hayes Barton voted to act as sponsor for the newly-formed group now called Crabtree Valley Baptist Church. Colonel and Mrs. Thomas Longest began financial support for missionary William McElrath. The 1971 budget challenge for Hayes Barton's outreach ministry through missions was reflected in the proposed \$5,000 increase through the Cooperative Program. A Play-Care School operated from nine to twelve Monday, Thursday, and Friday.

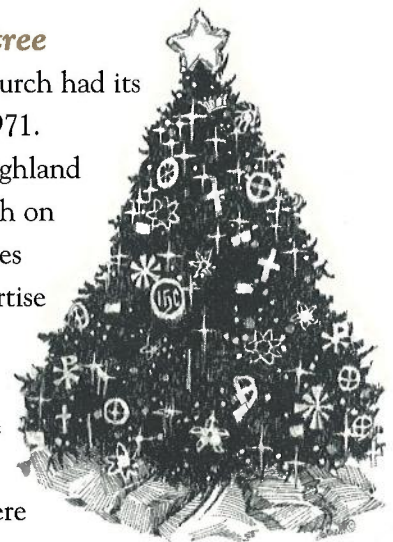
The church opted to have two morning worship Services, 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. during the summer months with no evening service. Bill Bradshaw asked the church to buy two cassette tape recorders so the Sunday morning worship service could be recorded and then carried to the sick and shut-ins. The next month he reported that sixteen different people had benefited from the recordings. The church's history records were microfilmed; and in August 1973, it was reported that enough money had been collected from the insurance company to repair the damage to the front of the church and the columns. Yes, an automobile had traveled up the steps to the church and hit the columns. Ironically, that would happen again in 2001.

Jolly Elders formed

On recommendation of the Youth Minister Search Committee and the Personnel Committee, the Deacons extended a call to the Reverend Jack Lemons. Hayes Barton Church purchased its first small bus for church use; the newest organization in the church, the Jolly Elders, was community-based and was formed as part of a city-wide program under the direction of the city's Parks and Recreation Department for retired people. The city provided the director, Mrs. Shirley Hamme, and the church provided the meeting place. The initial meeting attracted approximately forty people, and the group met each Thursday from ten to noon. By March there were sixty-one members; and with Mamie Humphrey participating, trips were planned to Chinqua-Penn Plantation House and Gardens in Reidsville, to Atlanta, and even to New Orleans. An added blessing to come out of the organization was that there were four weddings among the members within the first four years.

The first Chrismon tree

Hayes Barton Baptist Church had its first Chrismon Tree in 1971. Frances Whitley from Highland United Methodist Church on Ridge Road came to Hayes Barton to share her expertise on creating Chrismon ornaments. One year later, during the time the Nativity Scene was in progress, 2,596 people were counted entering the sanctuary to see the beautiful Chrismon Tree, the unique ornaments having been crafted by church members. Jack Allers for some years served as general chairman for the Nativity Scene; and, as had been customary for several years, there was a New Year's Eve worship service at eleven o'clock p.m. on December 31 with a pancake meal following.



Women serve as deacons

In 1972, the church voted to continue the Deacon Family Care Program and to accept the opportunity to broadcast the eleven o'clock worship service in 1973 over radio station WPTF, but the church members voted "no" to having a kindergarten. However, the church did vote to change the eligibility requirements for Deacons. The word "male" was removed from the eligibility requirements and the September 4, 1973, Deacons minutes read: "For the first time in the history of our church, all resident members 18 or older will be eligible for nomination (for the office of deacon)." That year, 1973, Mrs. Sherwood Jones (Lillian) was elected as the first woman to serve as a deacon (or "deaconess," as termed at the time) in Hayes Barton Baptist Church. Since that year, many women have served on the Diaconate, and two, Sarah D. Williamson and Helen Harris, served as chairman of the Diaconate. Also during the 1970s the church established a scholarship fund. In 1974 Loomis Manuel, who had served the church faithfully as janitor for eighteen years retired, though he would continue to help out on Sundays and Wednesdays when he was able. There were other staff changes including the replacement of Jack Lemons as minister to youth by Elizabeth Nash.

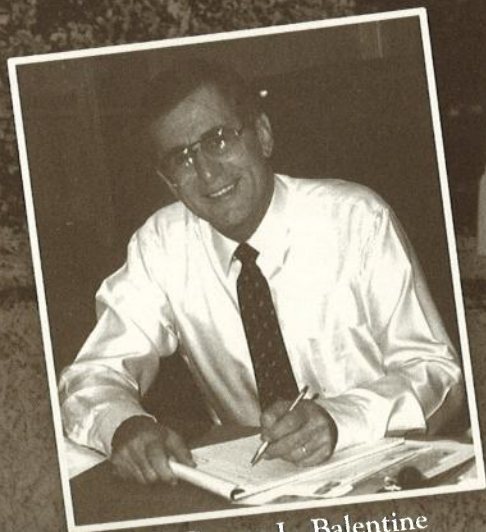
Frankie Lemmon Preschool for Developmentally Disabled Children

As an extension of its ministry to the community, in September 1974, the church granted Frankie Lemmon Preschool for Developmentally Disabled Children the use of certain areas of the church. The school had been housed in the Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, but larger facilities at Hayes Barton Church would enable the school to expand its program. Although the Frankie Lemmon Preschool had hoped to eventually have its own building, it still uses Hayes Barton's facilities, and two members of the congregation sit on the school's governing board.

1976, a time to look back and remember

Hayes Barton's fiftieth anniversary, celebrated in November 1976, was a time to look back and remember; and the congregation did just that, hearing Glenn Humphey, a charter member, share his recollections of those early days. And memories flooded back hearing again former minister Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., former interim pastor Dr. M. Ray McKay, and Sybil Townsend, wife of former minister Dr. Carl M. Townsend. It was good to relive the past, but it also was inspiring to look to the future as the young adults led the congregation in a prayer and praise service and when the Youth led the Sunday night service and we saw the future of Hayes Barton. But the high point of the celebration was the worship service on Thanksgiving Day when the congregation sought to recapture the spirit of that hour fifty years before. And all believed they did.

With this renewed spirit, the members of Hayes Barton Baptist Church moved into the Advent Season with deeper spiritual commitment. The Nativity Scene, which had been suspended for the previous two years because of difficulty in getting the number of necessary participants, was again presented, this time with the Danielson Class in charge. The Chrismon Tree also again adorned the Sanctuary, and a new tradition for Hayes Barton Church was added — "The Hanging of the Greens" service. Carolyn Byers Downey [now Brockwell], who had been minister of music at Hayes Barton in the late fifties and early sixties, and had moved to Tennessee when she married, returned to fill that position again. This time, though, she came as a widow with two sons, Fred, III, and Chris. While in Tennessee, Carolyn and the Reverend Joseph Bragg, with whom she served at the Woodmont Christian Church in Nashville, had collaborated on the creation of a Christmas musical and worship service, known today as "The Hanging of the Greens." Since that early December night in 1976, "The Hanging of the Greens" service has



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initiated the Christmas season at Hayes Barton Baptist Church for most of the past twenty-five years.

Early in 1977, the church completed a process begun back in 1922 when the Baptist City Council of Raleigh purchased a lot for a Baptist church fronting on Whitaker Mill Road. The last lot on the Whitaker Mill side of the block, the one on the corner of Whitaker Mill Road and Sunset Avenue, was for sale; and the church purchased it for \$50,000. It was hoped that this purchase would help alleviate some of the church's parking problems. It was that same year that the Bible Study Fellowship (BSF), under the direction of Mrs. Danny Lotz, requested that the church allow use of its facilities for the BSF for the fall semester; permission was granted by the Deacons.

Gerald Bruce Moore joined the ministerial staff of Hayes Barton in January 1978 as minister with youth, assuming direction of the activities for the junior high, the senior high, and the college age young people. Coming with Bruce were his wife Brenda and their two children, Jennifer who was four and Michael Robert who was nine months. After Wallace Parham submitted his resignation about eighteen months later to accept a similar position in Chattanooga, Tennessee, a committee evaluated the personnel needs of the church. As a result of this study, the position of associate pastor/church administrator was created to help extend the pastoral ministry, serve as church administrator, and coordinate and promote the religious education program of the church. David Langford was selected to fill this position as of December 3, 1979.

The 1980s bring an emphasis on our children and youth

The 1980s brought an emphasis on the programs for children and youth. Brenda Moore was called on to be coordinator for the preschool division.

Dr. Cashwell initiated a children's sermon, not only for school age children, but also for the four and five year olds who came into the Sanctuary for the five to seven minute sermon and then returned to their Extended Session rooms. The lessons taught the children were not lost on the adults, and unpredictable little children often amused the congregation with their honesty and spontaneity. The Mother's Day Out Program, that began as a one day program in 1976, would through the years evolve into a five-day preschool. The highlight of the Mother's Day Out Program, led for a number of years by Kate Hall, was the Christmas Pageant where the children recreated the Christmas story.

During the 1980s, a number of other programs showed promising growth. In 1980, the youth program was off to an excellent start with 56 young people participating in the January Bible Study and 52 singing in the Youth Choir. The youth had a Youth Advisory Council that involved not only youth, but parents, teachers, and staff all working together. The Jolly Elders were now the Hayes Barton Club, still meeting on Thursday mornings with Odessa Brady in charge. Chuck Huxter, Robert Ruegger, and Richard Ragland were all now Eagle Scouts, and Ike Ragland had been given the Silver Beaver Award. The College Ministry, led by Maurice Cooke, started small, but had grown to thirty-five students. Good work was being done in the singles ministry; a Children's Coordinating Council, under the chairmanship of Linda Giles, was formed to oversee children's programs for grades 1-6; church attendance on Easter Sunday was 730 — the largest in four years; and the ministry to the homebound saw the creation of a tape ministry. As Dr. Cashwell said in his Pastor's Paragraph in the newsletter: "There is a sense of feeling that the light has turned green; and where we have the sense of having been sitting for a while at an imaginary stop light, the caution light having flashed to help us be ready, we are now in forward motion."

Missions flourish

Missions activities also flourished. The youth had been on a mission trip to New Mexico in 1980, and an adult group had gone to Bordeaux, France in the spring of 1982. During the 1980s, the youth had also participated in such activities as the musical "Celebrate Life," the RA Walkathon, and discipleship camp "Centrifuge" in Mobile, Alabama. The Friends of the Father Youth Choir traveled to Washington, DC, and Springfield, Virginia, to perform. The Men's Fellowship purchased and installed playground equipment at Woman's Prison to be used by children of the inmates during visits, and Edgar Arnett Harris was ordained on July 24, 1983.

Staff changes included the resignation in 1981 of David Langford who joined the staff of the Baptist State Convention to lead its men's work; and Bruce Moore, who had served as minister with youth for almost four years, was promoted to the position of associate pastor/church administrator. The Reverend David Wilson of Kenova, West Virginia, joined the church staff as minister with youth the following year. His wife, Jean, served as church organist until February 1985 when Marilyn Lynch assumed that position. As Hayes Barton Baptist Church celebrates its seventy-fifth anniversary in 2001, Marilyn is still filling the sanctuary with beautiful organ music.

Dr. Cashwell resigns

And then it happened! At the February 1985 Deacons meeting, Dr. Cashwell submitted his resignation as pastor effective March 24. With sincere regret, but also with genuine appreciation for the many years of effective service that he had rendered to the fellowship of Christians known as Hayes Barton Baptist Church, both the Deacons and the church body accepted his request. The church membership voted that "In recognition of the long and effective service that Dr. T. L. Cashwell, Jr., had rendered to Hayes Barton Baptist Church and to the Kingdom of God of which it is a

part," named Dr. Cashwell "Pastor Emeritus." On Sunday afternoon, March 24, members of the church family gathered in the Fellowship Hall to honor the Cashwell family who had served them, taught them, loved them, and led them so very faithfully for twenty-one years.

Dr. Tolbert guides Hayes Barton through days of soul searching

In the meantime, the church had approved a Pulpit Committee with Albert Morris as chairman. The first duty of the Pulpit Committee was to recommend an interim pastor. On April 21, 1985, Dr. Malcolm Tolbert, professor of New Testament at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, came to Hayes Barton for the first of what would become several periods of service to the church. During this first interim period, Dr. Tolbert would guide Hayes Barton through some soul-searching times. In June of 1985, the Bible Study Fellowship again requested the use of Hayes Barton's facilities as their meeting place. A committee was appointed to study the use of Hayes Barton's facilities by the Bible Study Fellowship as well as other outside groups. As a result of that study, the Diaconate, at its July meeting, voted to ask the group to find a new place for its meetings that would resume in the fall. The Deacons noted that for nine years the BSF had used Hayes Barton's facilities and that the program was taxing those facilities to the very limit and causing parking problems for the church and the surrounding neighborhood. In addition, with the search for a new pastor, the Deacons felt that the new pastor should have the freedom to initiate new programs utilizing the church's resources.

Other activities in the life of the church continued. There was ongoing renovation of the church office space; a committee was planning renovations to the parlor; and carpeting and refurbishing of the Missionary Home took place. The church voted to help underwrite Sam Harrell's mission work with African Inland Mission to teach industrial arts. In September of 1985, Bruce Moore resigned to

accept a position with the First Baptist Church in Richmond Virginia. David Wilson was named associate pastor/church administrator; and Becky Evans, who had been the summer youth intern, was chosen to oversee the youth program on a part-time basis.

The chairman of the Pulpit Committee reported that "the person they had wanted to come to HBBC had asked that no further consideration be given to that person by the Committee since the committee was not unanimous in its agreement to extend [a] call to that person." The Deacons at its January meeting voted to "recommend to the Church that the Pulpit Committee be reconstituted and that the Church instruct the Deacons to reconstitute the Pulpit Committee at the earliest possible time" and that "Al Morris be retained as Chairman of the reconstituted Pulpit Committee."

The church met in special session on Sunday morning, January 12, 1986. Recognizing that the committee had faced such difficulty in reaching a consensus, it joined the Deacons in voting to reconstitute the committee membership. Members of the new committee were Jesse Barber, James Dupree, Reese Edwards, Paul Gardner, Mary Fran Perkinson, Myra Prince, Sarah Williamson, with Albert Morris continuing to serve as chairman. Also at that meeting the church members went on record "confirming their determination to remain a strong traditional Missionary Baptist Church as it has been for its 60 year history, committed to the principles, practices and precepts of the Baptist faith." This was a difficult and traumatic time in the life of Hayes Barton Baptist Church. The earlier vote regarding the Baptist Study Fellowship, the failure of the Pulpit Committee to reach unanimity, and growing divisions over church polity and leadership ultimately resulted in the departure of a number of church families to other churches in the area, some of them to return later.

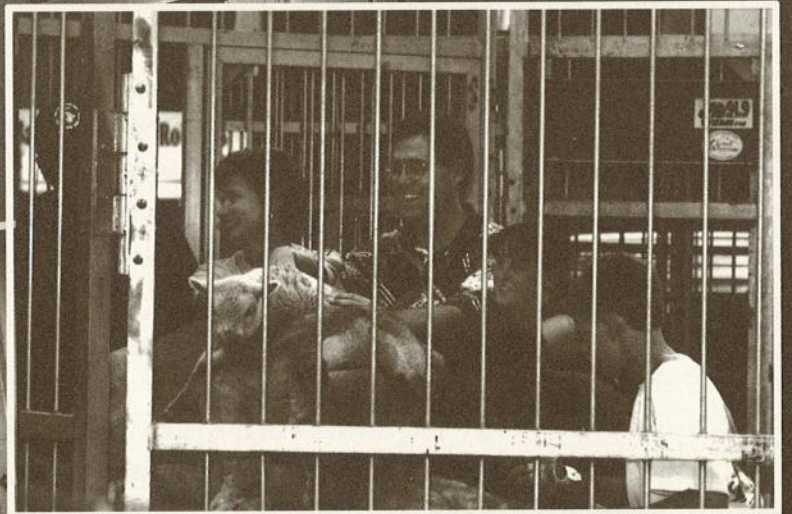
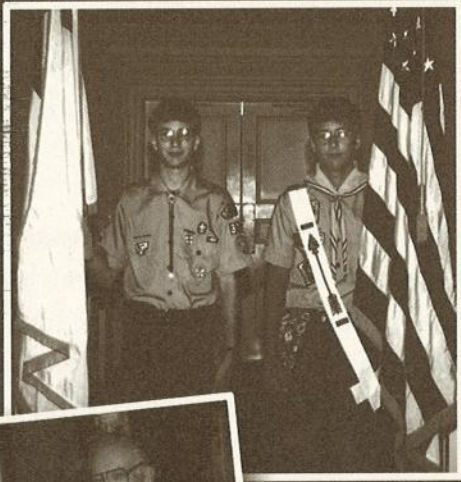
Yet even as the committee searched for a pastor, many important activities were happening at the church. The Men's Fellowship sponsored the Ark Shelter's overflow; the Youth Room was being renovated; a new children's program was in place for the summer with Karen Shaw serving as children's minister during that time; and Bill Boatright led the college/career group in a series of discussions on "Our Baptist Heritage." The Bereavement Committee was formed, and for the last fifteen years its members have provided loving support and comfort for families in times of grief and loss.

Dr. George L. Balentine

Finally, the Pulpit Committee successfully completed its work; and on Sunday, September 7, 1986, the members of Hayes Barton Baptist Church voted to call Dr. George L. Balentine to be its sixth pastor. Dr. Balentine was a native of Arkansas, receiving his undergraduate degree at Ouachita Baptist College. He earned his BD and PhD degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He pastored churches in Hope, Arkansas, and in West Palm Beach, Florida, as well as the historic First Baptist Church in Augusta, Georgia, where the Southern Baptist Convention had its beginnings. He came to Hayes Barton Church from Shorter College, Rome, Georgia, where he served as its president. Dr. Balentine and his wife Sue had one daughter, Beth; and before he left Raleigh, he would proudly boast and tell stories about his two grandsons, Ben and Luke.

During the latter part of the eighties there were many new activities and changes at the church. Stephen Jolly of Lakeside Baptist Church filled the vacant position of minister with youth, and a new staff position was added, building superintendent, a position still held by Wilton Lassiter, under the current title of director of maintenance. At Dr. Balentine's encouragement, a two-year assistant ministerial internship was

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established with John Martin serving as intern. Martin would start a new Sunday School class for the church's younger couples. Dr. Balentine also pointed out the need for a children's worker since "the trend of our membership make-up is becoming older and the need to shift our emphasis to a younger membership for perpetuation reasons." The church studied and then initiated the television broadcast of the Sunday morning worship service, an outreach that has become an integral part of the church's ministry. All through the years, the church has had an active WMU. In the late 1980s, Mrs. Irma Ragland Holland published a history of the Woman's Missionary Union of Hayes Barton Baptist Church for the years 1926-1986, the title of the publication being "Lead On . . ."

Concerns expressed

Various members expressed a variety of concerns facing the church—in the areas of its facilities as well as its doctrinal relationship with the Southern Baptist Convention. A Denominational Relations Committee was set up to study trends in Baptist life and to evaluate where Hayes Barton stood. Members had expressed concern about the Cooperative Program Funds and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. To address its doctrinal concerns, the members of the church, while reaffirming its historic Baptist commitment to missions and to Christian higher education, the purpose for which the Southern Baptist Convention was formed, determined that Hayes Barton Baptist Church would divide its 1989 contributions among North Carolina Baptist cooperative causes, SBC missions, Christian higher education, and Hayes Barton local and associational causes to help such mission activities as the television ministry and the Deaf Mission Church. As a result of this action, each year members may designate where their national and international missions contributions go.

To address the physical concerns of church members, the sanctuary was refurbished, an elevator was installed, and designated educational areas were renovated. Two new staff members came on board in 1989; Ben Vogler would be minister with youth, and Robbye Jarrell would serve as minister with children. Jean Gupton was in her first year as the pastor's secretary and part-time receptionist. Carolyn Brockwell retired as minister of music in February after thirteen years of service; and on Sunday, February 5, 1989, Hayes Barton Baptist Church ordained Carolyn to the Gospel Ministry. The church also voted to recommend Steve Cox, one the church's young people, for admission to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; and the Christian Studies Program, in its second year, had 223 enrolled along with 63 children from the cradle to sixth grade. Also, Hayes Barton was offering English as a second language to wives of internationals who had moved to this area. A Single Adult Ministry Council was established to nurture the church program that would minister to single adults ages eighteen to sixty-four, for it had been estimated "that 52% of the Wake County population falls within this category."

Current and future education needs addressed

The 1990s began with the church looking to examine its current and future educational needs, to update its constitution, to put in place a policies and procedures manual, to expand the church's ministry, and to address the conflict within the Southern Baptist Convention. A Search Committee was established to seek a singles minister; a Long Range Planning Committee was established to help determine goals for the future; and procedures for the nomination and election of Deacons were refined. Dr. Carl Bates, who had shared with Hayes Barton Church as it dedicated its new sanctuary in 1966, led a spring revival. Children's Minister Robbye Jarrell was ordained.

Singles ministry grows

On August 15, 1990, Paul Geldart would become the church's first minister with singles. Soon there were Bible studies, monthly fellowship meals, the sponsorship of an area-wide Singles Conference at the church, and a tract for singles in the Christian Studies Program. A year later he would report that three of the candidates for baptism in the March 31 service were a direct result of outreach of Hayes Barton's Singles Adult Class. Through the singles ministry, the church hosted the Raleigh Area Single Adult Conferences on such topics as "Taking a Stand for What You Believe" and "Stressed for Success." On several occasions, the church also hosted a separation/divorce support group as part of outreach and ministry to the church and the community.

Hayes Barton amends its constitution

Concerns related to the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention continued. Dr. Balentine and twelve other church members traveled to Atlanta to meet with over 3,000 Baptists; the outgrowth of that meeting was the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. In the fall of 1990 Hayes Barton and First Baptist Church of Raleigh held a forum on issues related to the Southern Baptist Convention and other denomination options. In 1993, Hayes Barton Baptist Church would amend Article I of its Constitution to include the words, "founded on the principles of Baptist faith and composed of persons who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, in the authority of the Holy Scriptures, in the priesthood of the believer, in the competency of the soul in matters of religion, in the autonomy of the local church and in the separation of church and state" and added a section that stated, "Words of the masculine gender, including but not limited to 'chairman' and 'deacon,' shall be deemed and construed to include correlative words of the feminine gender."

In 1991 Dave Wilson resigned to accept a pastorate in Winston-Salem, and Ben Vogler

resigned to take a position at First Baptist in Greensboro. Gaylon King came on board as business manager. In the early 1990s, participation was up in church activities; the church purchased a second serving unit for the kitchen; and Clarice Bridges, who had served for over thirty years as church librarian, retired. Memorial funds purchased choir chimes and new tables for the handbell ringers. The stewardship campaign theme, "lifting our giving level through thanksgiving," for the 1993 budget was played out as the members underwrote, for the first time in its history, a budget over one million dollars. As of December 31, 1992, pledges and estimated giving totaled \$1,003,029.66, exceeding the proposed budget by \$520.66.

1990s bring growth for ministries, outreach, and facilities

The Home Visitation Ministry, under the leadership of Dr. Ruby Barnes, addressed the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of Hayes Barton's growing numbers of "homebound" members. The Prime Timers Ministry, led by Annie Holt, also was now a part of the organized structure of the church known as the Senior Adult Council. The Prime Timers met monthly for lunch, had programs, supported mission projects, and took day, overnight, and extended trips. The Prime Timers Group is alive and well in 2001 and participates in numerous ministry and fellowship activities. Jill Newsome joined the staff in August 1993, as minister of music, and other positions were realigned. Gaylon King added the duty of church administrator, and Paul Geldart took on additional duties related to church outreach. As a part of that emphasis, Hayes Barton began its "First Tuesday" program in 1994. Members of the Sunday School as well as Deacons would visit inactive church members and prospects. Church members met at the church the first Tuesday of each month to pick up visitation cards or write notes to prospects and absentees. Individual

members served in international ministry efforts; for example, Clay Eaton taught English in Romania; and Jim Turner, III did construction work on the International Baptist Seminary in Prague, The Czech Republic. By January 22, 1995, Hayes Barton's Sunday morning worship service was being broadcast live over station WKFT.

In the 1990s, not only was the church growing in its outreach and ministries, it was also growing physically. During that time the church acquired three properties along White Oak Road, 1814, 1816, and 1818. Just as church forefathers had seen the need to acquire additional properties along Whitaker Mill Road, these purchases enabled the church opportunity for future growth. Later, in 2000, the church would buy the 1810 White Oak Road property.

Dr. Balentine retired June 30, 1995, to spend more time with his grandsons and his daughter in Florida. He had led us, challenged us, and fed us spiritually with his teaching and preaching for almost nine years. The Pulpit Search Committee, consisting of Margie P. Davis, Sharon Holland, Carol Holland Horton, Mary Beth Johnston, James F. Lassiter, William T. Teague, Bruce Thompson, Stephen A. Whitfield, and Albert Morris, chairman, began work to seek a pastor and sought advice from church members through an open "town meeting," and again the church members reaffirmed their belief in Baptist principles. Hayes Barton was in capable hands as again the church had its beloved Dr. Malcolm Tolbert as its Pastor for the Interim.

During that interim period Henry Bridges retired as chairman of the Missionary Home Committee, a position he had held since the concept of the Missionary Home was initially discussed. In appreciation for his long and dedicated service in overseeing the Missionary Home and selecting its occupants, the church recognized Henry and Clarice Bridges by naming the home the "Henry

and Clarice Bridges Missionary Home." Also during this interim period, the Reverend Frank Newsome was employed as minister of youth and college, and Julia Ledford was called to be minister with children. Both came in August 1995.

Dr. David J. Hailey

Hayes Barton welcomed its seventh pastor, Dr. David J. Hailey on July 21, 1996. Dr. Hailey was born and reared near the heart of Illinois in the town of Chillicothe. He met his wife, the former Susan Johnson, while attending Union University, a Baptist school in Jackson, Tennessee, from which he graduated at the top of his class. Both he and Susan attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where she earned the M.A. Degree in Christian Education; and he, the Master of Divinity (1985) and Doctor of Ministry (1992) degrees. During his years at Union, he was youth minister at First Baptist Church in Waverly, Tennessee, and he was associate pastor of the Waverly church while attending the Seminary. Susan and David Hailey were married after one year at the seminary. Dr. Hailey held pastorates at the First Baptist Church in Pelham, Georgia, and at Highland Hills Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia. David and Susan and their three children Bethany, David John, and Susanna soon became an integral part of the Hayes Barton family. Under Dr. Hailey's leadership Hayes Barton Baptist Church reaches out in many directions for service and ministry.

Children's Ministry grows

Under the leadership of Children's Minister Julia Ledford, the children's ministry grew with its Children's Day program, VBS Camp Friendship, the mission fair/car race, and GA Mother-Daughter Tea. She also held a workshop on using puppetry as an educational tool. The Mother's Day Out program expanded to five days and became the Hayes Barton Preschool. Joining the list of those so recognized by Hayes Barton, Julia Ledford was ordained into the ministry on April 6, 1997.

The youth program expanded to include grades 6-12 and parents, youth, and youth leaders were involved in various activities including mission trips to Evarts, Kentucky; Bishopville, South Carolina; Savannah, Georgia; and a Navajo Indian reservation in Arizona. Work to raise money for these projects included dinner shows and a buy-a-mile campaign; and the youth involved in the mission trips returned to report on life-changing experiences as they gave of themselves in service to others.

Hayes Barton reaches out to the community

As a means of outreach to the Five Points and Hayes Barton community, the church began a Kindermusik program for very young children and their parents. The church also saw steady growth in its children's program, and the pulpit roses representing a new baby born into the church family continued to be a regular Sunday morning sight. Baby dedication services were held several times a year to accommodate the increasing numbers of little ones in the church family. Recognizing the need to look to the future, the church also placed renewed emphasis on ministries to young adults through the Genesis Class.

Diverse programs involve members

As a way of welcoming visitors and recording their presence as well as keeping track of church member attendance, the friendship register or pew pad became a routine part of Hayes Barton's Sunday morning service. To follow through with acknowledging their presence and to reach newcomers and visitors, the church began the Bread of Life Ministry, whereby fresh bread was baked each week by the church's food service director and delivered by church members after the service to first time visitors.

Programs such as the fall Christian growth seminars, various Bible studies, first Sunday fellowship for newcomers, fifth Sunday after-church

educational programs, musical programs of all kinds, and other events as well as local and foreign mission trips, diverse missions offerings, and collections of food and supplies for various community and worldwide needs involved church members in fellowship, education, worship, and missions. On Friendship Jubilee Sunday, held April 13, 1997, over nine hundred members, former members, and guests came together to worship and share box lunches; that Sunday fourteen individuals joined the church through transfer of letter and profession of faith. Other activities such as the Love Banquet, the 1998 May Day celebration, and the 1999 "Celebrate Life" musical and church-wide luncheon were highlights for the church. The Animal Fair, held on Sunday afternoon, July 13, 1997, welcomed church members and visitors from the community for a Biblical presentation using animals; and those who were there saw Dr. Hailey and Julia Ledford actually in the cage when the "lamb lay down with the lion."

Timeless values for a changing world: Faith, Hope and Love

During this time the church adopted a new logo and theme statement — "Timeless values for a changing world: Faith, Hope, Love." A standardized fresh new look for worship bulletins, newsletter, church stationery, signage, and program brochures was developed. With so many programs, outreach activities, regular and special services, as well as the individual needs of church members, it was impossible for the pastor, Dr. Hailey, to handle each activity and keep up with important work of the church such as daily visits to hospitals and nursing homes and ministering to others in need. To assist the pastor, Dr. Malcolm Tolbert returned again to Hayes Barton to serve as part-time associate pastor. Later, the position of associate pastor would become a full-time one with the Reverend Tom Bodkin, who came to Hayes Barton from the Rosemary Baptist Church in Roanoke Rapids, serving the church in that capacity.

Using technology for positive influences

The television ministry continues to grow each year and touch the lives of members who cannot worship in person. Televised services also reach thousands of others in Raleigh and surrounding communities; ministers and members alike frequently are reminded of the positive influence of the Sunday morning worship service broadcasts. Many viewers, although not officially members, look to Hayes Barton as their church and participate in its Sunday morning worship service on a weekly basis.

Understanding that Christian education is an intentional work of ministry, in and through the church, to undergird and equip persons to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the church voted to move Julia Ledford into the position of minister of education, and Melissa Nethery came on board as minister to children in February 1998, a position she would hold until August 2001. Jeff Allen was employed as minister with youth and college in 1999, and Dr. Diana Greene began work as minister of music the following year. In the summer of 2001 the youth choir would travel to New York City to perform in inner-city churches, and youth would participate in Crosspoint and Questcamp as well as serve in mission activities in Philadelphia.

Hayes Barton plans for tomorrow

In 1999 church members looked to assess where Hayes Barton Baptist Church was and where the congregation wanted the church to be. In other words, the members looked to "ReVision Hayes Barton Baptist Church." Through a survey instrument, church cluster meetings, and reflection meetings that gathered additional information, the church came together to define the vision for Hayes Barton Baptist Church: "To be a fellowship of believers . . . centered in Christ . . . grounded in God's Word . . . living by faith through the Spirit . . .

giving hope to the world. . . and loving as Christ loves."

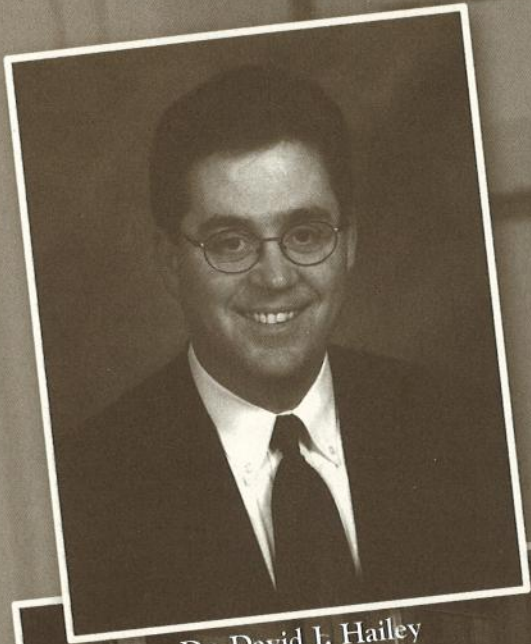
Keeping the vision alive

To keep this vision alive, Hayes Barton continues to reach out into the wider community. When Hurricane Floyd hit in the fall of 1999, members of Hayes Barton Baptist Church began the processing of reclaiming a church in Greenville that had been devastated by floodwaters. The reclamation was not just done with money but with many hours of just plain hard work lovingly and carefully given by members of the church. Later three trailers were also purchased and refurbished by members of the church and donated to families who had lost all they had, hoping to give them a new lease on life. As it turned out, though, it was Hayes Barton Baptist Church members who received the greater blessing.

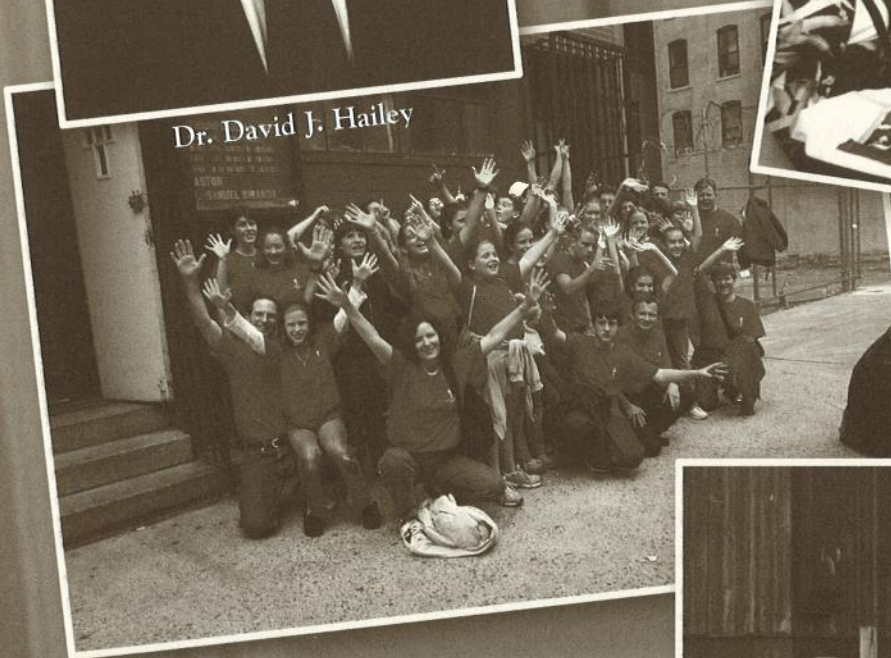
On April 22, 2001, as the church moved toward its seventy-fifth anniversary, Hayes Barton Baptist Church overwhelmingly "reaffirmed the Baptist principles on which it was founded, disavowed actions by the Southern Baptist Convention or any other Baptist entity which is contrary to those principles, and affirmed the privilege of each member of Hayes Barton Baptist Church to decide which Baptist organizations or causes merit his or her support and in what measure."

In November 2001, as Hayes Barton Baptist Church acknowledges its seventy-five years of ministry, it is good and important to look back and remember those men and women who worked diligently to lay the foundation for those who worship and serve together today. But it is even more important for us to look boldly to future Christian service, growth, and ministry as we seek to find God's will for Hayes Barton Baptist Church. As Luther Hughes said it fifty years ago, "Relying on His power, we look ahead with optimism and assurance."

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