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ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON, MISSOURI

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT: That we, the undersigned for the purpose of forming a corporation under the laws of Missouri, relating to benevolent associations under Chapter 352, Missouri Revised Statutes for 1969, in connection with others, have entered into the following agreement:

First: The name of the association shall be First Baptist Church of Farmington, Missouri.

Second: Its location shall be in Farmington, St. Francois County, Missouri

Third: Its duration shall be perpetual.

Fourth: This association is not formed for pecuniary profit in any form, but the purpose is to be a dynamic spiritual organism empowered by the Holy Spirit to share Christ with as many people as possible in our church, community and throughout the world.

To be a worshipping fellowship, experiencing an awareness of God, recognizing his person, and responding in obedience to His Leadership.

To experience an increasingly meaningful fellowship with God and fellow believers.

To help people experience a growing knowledge of God and man.

To be a church that ministers unselfishly to persons in the community and world in Jesus name.

To be a church whose purpose is to be Christ like in our daily living by emphasizing total commitment of life, personality, and possessions to the Lordship of Christ.

Fifth: Membership in this corporation shall be those persons whose names are presently affixed on the rolls of the church, and such persons as may be from time to time elected to the membership in such manner as may be provided for in the By-Laws of the association.

Sixth: The officers of the corporation shall be a president, vice-president, Secretary, and treasurer who shall be elected and hold office in a manner prescribed in the By-Laws of the corporation.

Seventh: The business of the corporation shall be controlled and managed by a Board of Directors, the number, qualifications, and manner of election of whom shall be as prescribed in the By-Laws of the corporation.



## CONSTITUTION

### PREAMBLE

We declare and establish this constitution to preserve and secure the principles of our faith, and to govern the body in an orderly manner. This constitution will preserve the liberties of each individual church member and the freedom of action of this body in its relation to other churches.

### I. NAME

This body shall be known as the FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON, located at 210 North "A" Street, Farmington, Missouri 63640.

### II. OBJECTIVES

To be a dynamic organism empowered by the Holy Spirit to share Christ with as many people as possible in our church, community, and throughout the world.

To be a worshiping fellowship, experiencing an awareness of God, recognizing his person, and responding in obedience to his leadership.

To experience an increasingly meaningful fellowship with God and fellow believers.

To help people experience a growing knowledge of God and man.

To be a church that ministers unselfishly to persons in the community and world in Jesus' name.

To be a church whose purpose is to be Christlike in our daily living by emphasizing total commitment of life, personality, and possessions to the Lordship of Christ.

### III. STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Holy Bible is the inspired word of God and is the basis for any statement of faith. The church subscribes to the doctrinal statement of "The Baptist Faith and Message" as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963. We band ourselves together as a body of baptized believers in Jesus Christ personally committed to sharing the good news of salvation to lost mankind. The ordinances of the church are baptism and the Lord's Supper.

### IV. RELATIONSHIPS

The government of this church is vested in the body of believers who compose it. It is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body, but it recognizes and sustains the obligations of mutual counsel and cooperation which are common among Baptist churches. Insofar as is practical, this church will cooperate with and support the association and state convention affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.



## V. CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, and the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale of and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offence, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.



## BYLAWS

### I. MEMBERSHIP

#### Section 1. General

This is a sovereign and democratic Baptist church under the leadership of Jesus Christ. The membership retains unto itself the exclusive right of self-government in all phases of the spiritual and temporal life of this church.

The membership reserves the exclusive right to determine who shall be members of this church and the conditions of such membership.

#### Section 2. Candidacy

Any person may offer himself or herself as a candidate for membership in this church. All such candidates shall be presented to the church at any regular church service for membership in any of the following ways:

(1) By profession of faith and for baptism according to the policies of this church.

(2) By promise of a letter of recommendation from another Baptist church of like faith and order, being received under the watchful care of the church pending receipt of the letter of recommendation.

(3) By restoration upon a statement of prior conversion experience and baptism in a Baptist church of like faith and order when no letter is obtainable.

Should there be any dissent as to any candidate, such dissent shall be referred to the pastor and the deacons for investigation and the making of a recommendation to the church within thirty (30) days. A simple majority vote of those church members present and voting shall be required to elect such candidates to membership.

#### Section 3. New Member Orientation

New church members will be expected to participate in the church's new member orientation plan.

#### Section 4. Voting Rights of Members

Every member of the church is entitled to vote at all elections and on all questions submitted to the church during business meeting, provided the member is present.

#### Section 5. Termination of Membership

Membership shall be terminated in the following ways:

(1) death, (2) dismission to another Baptist church, (3) exclusion by action of this church, (4) personal request or by affiliation with another faith.



## Section 6. Discipline

(1) It shall be the basic purpose of the First Baptist Church to emphasize to its members that every reasonable measure will be taken to assist any troubled member. The pastor, other members of the church staff, and deacons are available for counsel and guidance. Redemption rather than punishment should be the guideline which governs the attitude of one member toward another.

(2) Should some serious condition exist which would cause a member to become a liability to the general welfare of the church, every reasonable measure will be taken by the pastor and by the deacons to resolve the problem. All such proceedings shall be pervaded by a spirit of Christian kindness and forbearance. But, finding that the welfare of the church will best be served by the exclusion of the member, the church may take this action by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a special meeting called for this purpose; and the church may proceed to declare the offender to be no longer in the membership of the church.

(3) Persons whose membership has been terminated for any condition which has made it necessary for the church to exclude them may upon their request be restored to membership by a vote of the church upon evidence of their repentance and reformation.

## II. CHURCH OFFICERS

All church officers must be members of the church. The officers of this church shall be as follows:

### Section 1. Pastor

The pastor is responsible for leading the church to function as a New Testament church. The pastor will lead the congregation, the organizations, and the church staff to perform their tasks.

The pastor is leader of pastoral ministries in a church. As such he works with the deacons and church staff to: (1) lead the church in performing its tasks, (2) lead the church to engage in a fellowship of worship, witness, education, ministry, and application, (3) proclaim the gospel to believers and unbelievers, and (4) care for the church's members and other persons in the community.

A pastor shall be chosen and called by the church whenever a vacancy occurs. His election shall take place at a meeting called for that purpose of which at least one week's public notice has been given.

A Pastor's Selection Committee shall be authorized to seek out a suitable pastor, and its recommendation will constitute a nomination. Any member has the privilege of making other nominations according to the policy established by the church. The committee shall bring to the consideration of the church only one man at a time. Election shall be by ballot, an affirmative vote of three-fourths of those present being necessary for a choice. The pastor, thus elected, shall serve until the relationship is terminated by



his request or the church's request. He shall preside at meetings of the church and, if so designated, may serve as moderator in all business meetings. (See Section 4). The pastor shall give at least two weeks notice at the time of resignation before terminating his responsibilities as pastor.

## Section 2. Church Staff

This church shall call or employ such staff members as the church shall need. A job description shall be written by the Personnel Committee and approved by the church when the need for staff members is determined. Vocational staff members other than the pastor shall be recommended to the church by the Personnel Committee and employed by church action. At least two weeks notice at the time of resignation should be given.

The secretaries shall likewise be recommended to the church by the Personnel Committee and employed by church action. Custodians shall be employed on recommendation of the (church property and space committee) trustees.

## Section 3. Deacons

(1) There shall be one deacon for approximately every fifteen church families.

### (a) Deacon Selection Committee

This committee shall consist of 5 members who shall be appointed by the moderator at the regular business meeting in June. The committee shall provide an opportunity for each member of the church to suggest in writing the name equal in number to the deacons to be elected that year. The committee shall then tabulate this information and use it to assist them in making nomination. One man shall be nominated for each vacancy to be filled. The committee shall interview and ascertain the qualifications of all nominees and shall make its report at the regular business meeting in July. At the next regular business meeting in August the church shall act on the Deacon Nominating Committee report. The deacons elected shall take office on October 1st.

(b) The deacons shall serve on a rotation basis. Each year the term of office of one-third of the number of deacons shall expire, and election shall be held to fill the vacancies. In case of death or removal or incapacity to serve, the church may elect a deacon to fill the unexpired term. After serving a term of three years, a deacon shall be eligible for re-election only after a lapse of at least one year. There is no obligation to constitute as an active deacon a person who comes to the church from another church where he has served as a deacon.

(2)(a) In accordance with the meaning of the work and practice of the New Testament, deacons are to be servants of the church. The pastoral ministries tasks; proclaim the gospel to believers and unbelievers; care for church members and other persons in the community; lead the church to engage in a fellowship of worship, witness, education, ministry, and application; and lead the church in performing its tasks; and will be encouraged to participate in special training opportunities provided by the church.

(b) Immediately after deacons have been elected by the church, they will meet to organize, selecting their officers and committees. The chairman and assistant chairman must be approved by the church at the September business meeting as they will serve as President and Vice-president respectively of the Corporation.

## Section 4. Moderator

The pastor shall serve as moderator. In the absence of the moderator, the chairman of deacons shall preside, or in the absence of both, assistant chairman of deacons shall preside. In the absence of all three, the clerk shall call the church to order and an acting moderator shall be elected.



#### Section 5. Clerk

The church-elected clerk of the church shall keep in a suitable book a record of all the actions of the church, except as otherwise herein provided. The clerk is responsible for keeping a register of the names of members, with dates of admission, dismission, or death, together with a record of baptism. The clerk shall issue letters of dismission voted by the church, preserve on file all communications and written official reports, and give legal notice of all meetings where such notice is necessary, as indicated in these bylaws. The church may delegate some of the clerical responsibilities to a church secretary. All church records are church property and should be filed in the church office.

The clerk shall also keep the Corporate Seal and attest the signatures of officers of the corporation.

#### Section 6. Treasurer

The church shall elect annually a church treasurer, and an assistant treasurer. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive, preserve, and pay out all money or things of value paid or given to the church for any and all purposes, keeping at all times an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements. All bills will be paid by check in accordance with instructions contained in operational manual. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to render to the church at each regular business meeting an itemized report of the receipts and disbursements for the proceeding month. The treasurer's report shall be audited annually by an auditing committee.

Upon rendering the annual account at the end of the fiscal year, and its acceptance and approval by the church, the records shall be delivered by the treasurer to the church clerk, who shall keep and preserve the account as a part of the permanent records of the church.

#### Section 7. Corporate Officers and Board

The corporate officers shall be the Chairman of Deacons as President; Assistant Chairman of Deacons as Vice-President; Church Clerk as Secretary of Corporation; and Church Treasurer as Treasurer of Corporation. Two (2) additional board members shall be nominated from the active deacons by the church nominating committee, to be elected annually at the September Business Meeting. All shall serve from October 1st through September 30th.

The Board of the Corporation shall have no power to buy, sell, mortgage, lease, or transfer any property without a specific vote of the church authorizing each action. It shall be the function of the officers to affix their signatures to legal documents involving the sale, mortgage, purchasing, or rental of property, or other legal documents when the signatures of the corporate officers are required, and to maintain an adequate insurance coverage on all church property.



### III. COMMITTEES AND COORDINATING GROUPS

#### Section 1. General

The church year begins on October 1 and ends on September 30.

All church committee members shall be recommended by the nominating committee and elected by the church unless otherwise indicated in the description below. The committee members shall serve on a three-year rotation system with one third to be elected each year except otherwise indicated. Committees that show members as non-rotating are to be elected annually and may succeed themselves. All committees and groups shall use as guide lines literature available from Church Literature Department, Baptist Sunday School Board unless directed otherwise by the church.

#### Section 2. Church Council

(1) The primary functions of the council shall be to recommend to the congregation suggested objectives and church goals; to review and coordinate program plans recommended by church officers, organizations, and committees; to recommend to the congregation the use of leadership, calendar time, and other resources according to the program priorities; and to evaluate program achievements in terms of church goals and objectives.

(2) The council, unless otherwise determined by vote of the church, shall have as regular members, the pastor, minister of education, minister of music, Sunday School director, Church Training director, Woman's Missionary Union director, Baptist Men's director, director of Recreation, and chairman of deacons. Committee chairman and church elected officers shall serve as ex-officio members.

(3) All matters agreed upon by the council, calling for action not already authorized, shall be referred to the church for approval or disapproval.

#### Section 3. Nominating Committee

The nominating committee consisting of 6 members shall coordinate the staffing of all church leadership positions that are filled by volunteers. The nominating committee recommends persons for all volunteer positions whenever a vacancy occurs, to be elected by the church.

#### Section 4. Personnel Committee

The personnel committee of 6 members assists the church in matters related to employed personnel administration. Its work includes such areas as determining staff needs, employment, salaries, benefits, and personnel services.

#### Section 5. Trustees (Properties Committee)

The trustees, consisting of 6 members, assists the church in matters related to properties administration. Its work includes such areas as maintaining all church properties for ready use, recommending policies regarding use of properties, recommending employment of maintenance personnel, and assigning responsibility to appropriate personnel for supervision. No property to be removed from premises without consent of trustees.



## Section 6. Finance Committee

The finance committee, in connection with the church council, shall prepare and submit to the church for approval an inclusive budget, indicating by items the amount needed and sought for all local and worldwide expenses. The finance committee shall administer the budget, and shall develop and recommend an overall stewardship program. The treasurer, assistant treasurer, and at least one active deacon shall serve on this committee. The committee shall consist of five members and be non-rotating.

## Section 7. Mission Committee

The missions committee of 3 members seeks to discover possibilities for local missions projects, shares findings with church program organizations, and serves the church in establishing and conducting such missions projects as may be assigned to it.

## Section 8. Kitchen Committee

The kitchen committee of 3 members is responsible for formulating and recommending to the church policies for the kitchen and for communicating these policies to church members.

## Section 9. Church Ushers

Every regular church usher shall be selected by the nominating committee and elected by the church. The usher shall be led by an usher chairman, also selected by the nominating committee and elected by the church. The ushers are to greet people as they enter and leave the church, seat people at the proper time, provide bulletins and/or other materials at the time of seating. The ushers will be attentive to the needs of the congregation and the pastor.

## Section 10. History Committee

The history committee of three members (non-rotating) is to preserve and use the historical records of the church. The committee is especially concerned with gathering and preserving available church records, recording full and accurate records, and using the records to help members understand and appreciate their heritage and mission.

## Section 11. Flower Committee

The flower committee consisting of 3 members (non-rotating) of which one shall be the Church Secretary, is responsible for securing, arranging, and disposing of floral arrangements for church services, and funerals.

## Section 12. Bus Committee

The bus committee of 6 members shall administer the bus policies as approved by the church. The committee will be attentive to the needs of the Church Recreation Staff.

## Section 13. Youth Committee

The youth committee to be composed of Minister of Youth, Department Directors in youth division of Sunday School, Church Training, and one young person from each department to be recommended by Departmental Leaders to the nominating committee for church approval, shall assist in budgeting and planning,



and implementing comprehensive youth program in the church spanning all church program areas involving youth. The committee shall elect their chairman, who will also serve as Youth Group representative to the Recreation Director.

#### Section 14. Lord's Supper Committee

The Lord's Supper committee shall prepare the elements and the equipment for the observance of the Lord's Supper. This committee is responsible for the preparation and maintenance work needed to observe the memorial service. The Lord's Supper will be observed on a schedule approved by the church. The committee shall consist of 4 deacons and wives (non-rotating).

#### Section 15. Baptism Committee

The baptism committee shall consist of three deacons and three wives of deacons. It shall be the duty of this committee to make all necessary arrangements for the Ordinance of Baptism and to render such assistance to the pastor and to the candidates as may be necessary.

#### Section 16. Evangelism Committee

This committee shall assist in keeping an accurate list of lost and unhurched prospects living in our community. It shall seek to win and enlist these people to Christ and His church through promotion of an active visitation program. This committee with the advice of the Pastor shall have the responsibility of recommending to the church the need, date, and the leadership for all church revivals. Committee will consist of three active deacons.

#### Section 17. Nursery Committee

This committee shall be responsible for determining the needs, developing policies for church approval, and communicating these to church members. It shall make recommendations regarding cleanliness and care of the rooms and equipment. Committee to consist of three members including Director of Pre-School Division, and be non-rotating.

### IV. PROGRAM SERVICES

#### Section 1. General

The elected staff of program services shall be recommended by the church nominating committee for election by the church. The staff shall consist of Director of Church Recreation Service, and Director of Church Library Service. They shall coordinate their services under the guidance of the Pastor and/or Staff Member assigned by the church.

#### Section 2. Church Recreation Service

The recreation staff shall consist of age-group representatives, consultants of committees as required and will serve the church in seeking to meet the recreational needs of members and groups. They will provide recreation activities and provide consultation, leadership assistance, and resources.

#### Section 3. Church Library Services

The church library will serve as the resource center for the church. The church library staff will consist of director and audio visual consultant and library assistants, and will seek to provide and promote the use of printed and audiovisual resources. The staff will also provide consultation to church leaders and members in the use of printed and audiovisual resources.



## V. PROGRAM ORGANIZATIONS

## Section 1. General

All organizations of the church shall be under church control, all officers being elected by the church and reporting regularly to the church.

## Section 2. Sunday School

There shall be a Sunday School, divided into departments and classes for all ages and conducted under the direction of the Sunday School director for the study of God's Word. The task of the Sunday School shall be to teach the biblical revelation; reach persons for Christ and church membership; perform the functions of the church within its constituency; provide and interpret information regarding the work of the church and denomination.

## Section 3. Church Training

There shall be a Church Training organization divided into departments for all ages and conducted under the direction of a general director. The Church Training shall serve as the training organization of the church. The tasks of the Church Training shall be to orient new church members; train church leaders; teach Christian theology, Christian ethics, Christian history, and church polity and organizations; provide and interpret information regarding the work of the church and denomination.

## Section 4. Woman's Missionary Union

There shall be a Woman's Missionary Union with such officers and organizations as needed. The task of the Woman's Missionary Union shall be to teach missions; engage in mission action; support world missions through praying and giving; provide and interpret information regarding the work of the church and denomination.

## Section 5. Baptist Men

There shall be a Baptist Men's Group with such organizations as needed. This program shall be directed by a director. The tasks are to teach missions; engage in mission action; support world missions through praying and giving; provide and interpret information regarding the work of the church and the denomination.

## Section 6. Church Music Program

There shall be a church music program under the direction of the music director. Such officers and/or organizations shall be included as needed, and elected by the church. The music tasks shall be to provide music for worship, train persons to lead, sing, and play music; provide music in the church and the community; provide and interpret information regarding the work of the church and the denomination.

## VI. ORDINANCES

## Section 1. Baptism

A person who receives Jesus Christ as Savior by personal faith; who professes him publicly at any worship service; and who indicates a commitment to follow Christ as Lord, shall be received for baptism.

1. Baptism shall be by immersion in water.
2. Baptism shall be administered by the pastor or whomever the church shall authorize. The deacons shall assist in the preparation for, and observance of, baptism.
3. Baptism shall be administered as an act of worship during any worship service.
4. A person professing Christ and failing to be baptized after a reasonable length of time shall be counseled by the pastor and/or staff and deacons. If negative interest is ascertained, he shall be deleted from those awaiting baptism.



## Section 2. The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, commemorate the death of Jesus Christ and anticipate his second coming.

1. The Lord's Supper shall be observed monthly, preferably the second Sunday of the month, or as otherwise scheduled.

2. The Lord's Supper shall be observed in the morning or evening worship services, rotating between the two.

3. The pastor and deacons shall be responsible for the administration of the Lord's Supper.

4. The deacons shall be responsible for the physical preparation of the Lord's Supper.

## VII. CHURCH MEETINGS

### Section 1. Worship Services

The church shall meet regularly each Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday evening for preaching, instruction, evangelism, and for the worship of Almighty God. These meetings will be open for the entire membership of the church and for all people and shall be conducted under the direction of the pastor.

### Section 2. Special Services

Revival services and any other church meetings which will be essential in the promotion of the objectives of the church shall be placed on the church calendar.

### Section 3. Regular Business Meetings

Regular business meetings shall be held Wednesday night after the first Sunday of each month.

### Section 4. Special Business Meetings

A specially called business meeting may be held to consider special matters of significant nature. A one-week notice of the subject, date, time, and location must be published for the specially called business meeting unless extreme urgency renders such notice impracticable.

### Section 5. Quorum

The quorum shall consist of 25 members.

### Section 6. Parliamentary Rules

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, is the authority for parliamentary rules of procedure for all business meetings of the church.

## VIII. CHURCH FINANCES

### Section 1. Finance Committee

The finance committee, in consultation with the church council, shall prepare and submit to the church for approval an inclusive budget, indicating by items the amount needed and sought for all local and southwide expenses. Offering envelopes will be provided for members' use.

It is understood that membership in this church involves financial obligation to support the church and its causes with regular, proportionate gifts. This church shall teach the Christian stewardship of one's total life, and, at least annually, stress the stewardship of possessions.



## Section 2. Accounting Procedures

All funds for any and all purposes shall pass through the hands of the church treasurer, or assistant treasurer, and be properly recorded on the books of the church. The officer (s) shall be bonded. A system of accounting that will adequately provide for the handling of all funds shall be the responsibility of the finance committee.

## Section 3. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the church shall run from January 1 and ends on December 31.

# IX. CHURCH OPERATIONS MANUAL

## Section 1. Organizational Chart

An organizational chart shall be prepared which will depict lines of responsibility in the administration of the church. This chart shall be reviewed periodically and shall be revised as needed. A copy shall be included in the church operations manual.

## Section 2. Policies and Procedures

Church policies and procedures shall be described in the church operations manual. The manual shall be kept in the church office and made available to any member of the church. The manual shall be maintained by the church secretary. Changes in policies and procedures may be initiated by any church member or organization. Addition, revision, or deletion of church policies requires: (1) the recommendation of the church officer or organization (including committees) to whose areas of assignment the policy relates, (2) discussion by the church council, and (3) approval by the church. Procedures may be added, revised, or deleted by: (1) recommendation of the appropriate officer or group, (2) approval by the church council, and (3) approval of the church if deemed necessary by the church council.

# X. AMENDMENTS

Changes in this constitution and bylaws may be made at any regular business meeting of the church, provided each amendment shall have been presented in writing at a previous meeting, and copies of the proposed amendment be furnished to each member present. Amendments to the constitution shall be by two thirds vote of all members of the church present entitled to vote; amendments to the bylaws shall have a concurrence of a majority of the members present and voting.



## The 1960's

Paul Thompson came as Religious Education Director in 1961.

In 1962, another education building was dedicated. The new structure is primarily an elementary building, although it provides a few other departments. A total of 18 assembly rooms is provided. One wing has 5 nursery rooms. Also included is the office suite containing the pastor's study, offices for Minister of Education and Minister of Music/Youth, as well as an office for the church secretaries.

In 1965, the pastor's salary was \$7000. We had 1175 enrolled in Sunday School with an average attendance of 532.

Paul Thompson resigned to go to Calvary Church in Memphis, Tennessee.

We finished paying on the Knob Lick building in 1965. (\$1200)

In 1967, our pastor went to Ohio for a revival before the Southern Baptist Convention began in Detroit.

The church purchased the Harter/Swink property for \$15,000 in 1967.

Mel Lantz came as Associate Pastor in 1968. He left in February, 1970 to go to the Boonville Church as pastor.

The 1968 Annual Church Letter recorded 1,002 as total membership; 1,201 Sunday School enrollment with an average attendance of 529. Two morning services had been held for several years and plans are underway to build a new and adequate Sanctuary to replace the building which has been in use for the past 57 years.

Property value has reached \$435,000.00.



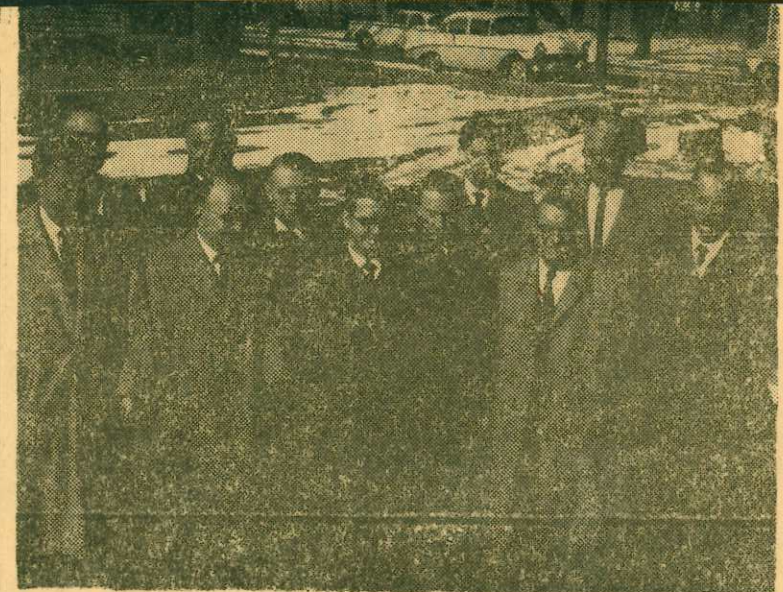


<sup>1961</sup>  
**Baptists Broke Ground Sunday for New Educational Building Here**

**GROUND-BREAKING** ceremonies for the new educational building of the First Baptist Church following the second morning worship service here Sunday. The Rev. J. Loren

Jolly, pastor, is shown here turning one of the first shovels of dirt for the new \$200,000 structure. Also taking part in the ceremonies were, from the left: The Rev. E. W. Towler, Frank-

lin Association missionary; Albert M. Foreman, chairman of the Board of Deacons and Leo Dugal, chairman of the Building Committee.  
 (Staff Photo)



**First Baptist Church Building Committee**

**MEMBERS** of the Building Committee and the contractor for the Baptist Church's new educational building are shown here as they appeared at the official ground-breaking ceremony Sunday. They are from left to right: A. M. Foreman, Gentry

Eaves, Elmer Brown, A. E. Powers, Earl Scott, P. J. Newell, Leo Dugal, Rev. Jolly, Walter Brockmiller (the contractor), Rev. Towler and Robert Dugal. One member of the committee, Dr. L. M. Stanfield, was not present for the picture. (staff photo)



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
FARMINGTON, MISSOURI  
J. LOREN JOILY, PASTOR  
GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONIES FOR NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING  
January 29, 1961

PASTOR: How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!

PEOPLE: My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. Psalm 84:1

PASTOR: We rejoice together, our Father, in the prospect of breaking ground for a building to be erected to thy glory.

PEOPLE: Grant that this spot may be holy ground where all may find a burning bush of thy revelation and thy benediction.

PASTOR: Help us, O Lord, to break up the fallow ground of our hearts, knowing it is time to seek the Lord.

PEOPLE: May we prepare to sow to ourselves in righteousness and reap in mercy till the Lord come and rain righteousness upon us.

PASTOR: Grant that this act may symbolize for us the planting of the good seed of the Kingdom in good soil, looking toward a bountiful harvest.

PEOPLE: Yea, Lord, teach us anew that "except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

PASTOR: As we plan to build, may we be reminded that we are laborers together with God; that we are God's building.

PEOPLE: Help us, thy children, to take heed how we build, knowing that other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Christ Jesus.

PASTOR: We remind ourselves, Father, that we are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in us.

PEOPLE: Strengthen us and enable us to refrain from defiling the temple of God, knowing that the temple of God is holy, which temple we are.

UNISON: May thy blessings attend our progress in the completion of this building, and thus bring us all with the finished structure to the day of dedication of it, together with ourselves, to thy honor and glory of thy name. Amen.

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BUDGET OFFERING

**First Baptist Church**  
FARMINGTON, MISSOURI

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If used in Sunday School fill in spaces below

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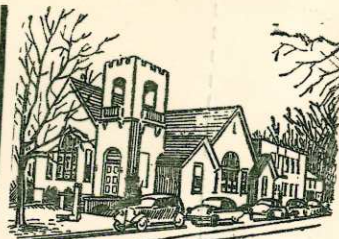
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Present 20%	On Time 10%	Bible 10%	Offering 10%	Lesson 30%	Preaching 20%	TOTAL GRADE

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BE IT RESOLVED that the First Baptist Church of Farmington, Missouri, accept the proposal of Walter Brockmiller, Inc., General Contractor, Farmington, Missouri, having submitted the lowest bid in competitive bidding, to build a new sanctuary at a cost of \$416,186.50, in accordance with plans and specifications furnished by McCall-Watson, Architects, Kansas City, Mo., and approved by the Building Committee.

*OK*  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the architects, Mc-Call-Watson be notified to prepare a contract in the amount of \$416,186.50 to be executed by the president and secretary of the First Baptist Church of Farmington, Missouri. This contract to be examined by Gary Wagner, Attorney-at-law, before it is executed.

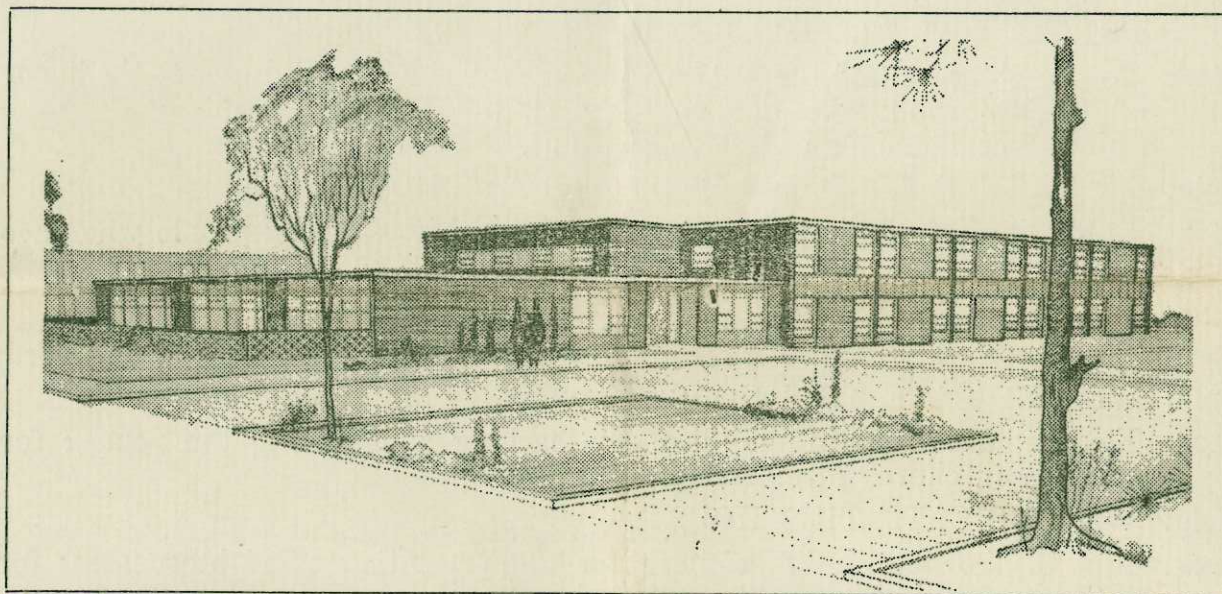
*Be Chairman I move that this resolution be approved*  
BE IT RESOLVED that the First Baptist Church of Farmington, Missouri, shall borrow from Ozark Federal Savings and Loan Association, First State Bank of Farmington, United Bank of Farmington, and St. Francois County Savings and Loan Association the sum of \$400,000.00, with interest thereon at the rate of 7 1/2 % per annum, said loan to be evidenced by a note to be executed by the proper officers of the Church providing that said loan and interest should be paid by regular monthly payments until said note is fully paid, reserving to the maker the right, at any time, without penalty, to make additional or greater payments than is provided herein; also, that the proper officers of the Church shall, for and on behalf of the Church, execute a deed of trust upon all the following described real estate owned by the Church, to secure payment of said note, said real estate being *all of lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7*

*W. J. Davis, additional Farmington Mo.*



*The Educational Building*  
*of*  
*The First Baptist Church*

*Farmington, Missouri*



Behold we build a house to the Name  
of the Lord our God and  
dedicated it to Him

Dedication Services, April 1, 1962 A.D. 2:30 p.m.

J. Loren Jolly, Pastor



# About the Building . . .

Facing College Street, the new educational building occupies the area immediately west of the other existing educational facilities. Taking advantage of its position, the architect has connected the two buildings at two different levels.

Built of a pink-tinted brick, and trimmed with mosaic tile, the building is contemporary in design. Large windows take up a great deal of the wall space on both floors so that the rooms are light and can be well ventilated.

Construction details for this educational unit include drilled pile foundations, masonry exterior walls, structural steel framing, steel bar joists, concrete floor slabs, accoustical plaster ceilings, vinyl and asphalt tile flooring, painted concrete block wall surface, aluminum sash and twenty-year tar and gravel roof over a poured gypsum deck. Hallways are covered with ceramic tile to a height of five feet. Storage units, coat racks, chalk and bulletin boards are built-in for various departments. A hot water heating system is centrally installed for both the new building and other existing facilities.

The new structure is primarily an elementary building, although it provides for Married Young People and one Adult department. A total of 18 departments or assemblies are provided. These are: Five Nurseries, three Beginners, four Primaries, four Junior, Married Young People, and one Adult. Also included in the building is the office suite containing pastor's study, offices of the minister of education, church secretary, educational secretary, and the church parlor.

Individual class rooms are provided in the Junior, Married Young People and Adult departments. A total of four rest rooms are located in the building. In addition, the nurseries are equipped with a kitchenette and one large reception room which has entrances to all five nursery departments. The nursery section opens to an outside play court which is trimmed with a clay tile solar screen wall.

The entire nursery section as well as the office suite is completely air-conditioned.

# Committees and Personalities . . .

## THE BUILDING COMMITTEE: CHURCH STAFF:

Leo Dugal, chairman  
A. E. Powers  
Robert Dugal  
L. M. Stanfield  
A. M. Foreman  
Earl Scott  
Gentry Eaves  
P. J. Newell  
Elmer Brown

## BUILDING DEDICATION COMMITTEE & CHURCH COUNCIL:

P. J. Newell  
Leonard Baughn  
June Smith  
Nora Merseal  
Elmer Brown  
L. M. Stanfield  
Robert Dugal  
Pastor  
Minister of Education

J. Loren Jolly, Pastor  
Paul W. Thompson, Minister  
of Education  
W. A. Huie, Assistant Pastor  
Robert Dugal, Director of  
Church Music Program  
Nora Merseal, Church Secretary  
Sue Thompson, Educational  
Secretary  
John Johnson, Custodian

## ARCHITECT:

R. Paul Buchmueller

## ENGINEER:

Lennie O. Whitworth, Jr.

## CONTRACTOR:

Walter Brockmiller

## SUBCONTRACTORS:

A. E. Birk & Son, Plumbing  
& Heating, Inc.  
Mechanical Work  
Rhodes Electric Co.  
Electrical Work  
H & B. Masonry Co.  
Masonry Work  
F. L. Thomsen Insulation &  
Roofing Co.  
Roofing  
Henry C. Sens, Painting Contractor  
Painting  
Drury Tile & Plastering Co.  
Ceramic Tile, Plastering,  
& roof deck



## The Dedication Vows

**Pastor:** How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King, and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house, they will be still praising thee. For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in tents of wickedness. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it. Believing that thou art above all the builder of this house through thy servants we offer unto thee our humble and grateful praise.

**People:** BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL: AND ALL THAT IS WITHIN ME, BLESS HIS HOLY NAME. BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL, AND FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS.

**Pastor:** To the glory of God the Father, who has called us by His grace to the honor of His Son, who loved us and gave himself for us, to the praise of the Holy Spirit, who illumines and strengthens us.

**People:** TO THEE, O LORD, WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

**Pastor:** In gratitude for the faith and vision and sacrifice of thy people who have through the years wanted to erect this building.

**People:** WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

**Pastor:** For the worship of God in prayer and praise; for the teaching of thy word,

**People:** WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

**Pastor:** For the hallowing of family life; for teaching and guiding the young; for training in church membership.

**People:** WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

**Pastor:** For the conversion of sinners, for the promotion of righteousness; for the extension of the kingdom of God,

**People:** WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

**Pastor:** In the unity of the faith; In the bond of Christian brotherhood; In charity and good will to all;

**People:** WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

**Pastor:** In gratitude for the labor of all who love and serve this church; In loving remembrance of all those who have finished their course; In hope of a blessed immortality through Jesus Christ our Lord;

**People:** WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

**Pastor and**

**People Together:** WE NOW, THE PEOPLE OF THIS CHURCH, COMPASSED ABOUT WITH A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES, GRATEFUL FOR OUR HERITAGE, SENSIBLE OF THE SACRIFICE OF OUR FATHERS IN THE FAITH, CONFESSING THAT APART FROM US THEIR WORK CANNOT BE MADE PERFECT, DO DEDICATE OURSELVES ANEW TO THE WORSHIP AND SERVICE OF ALMIGHTY GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.



# The Dedication Service

Sunday, April 1, 1962 at 2:30 p.m.

PASTOR PRESIDING

Organ Prelude ..... "Thou Art Our Father" ..... Briggs  
Mrs. H. M. Shelton, Organist

Call to Worship ..... Chancel Choir

Invocation ..... Ernest W. Towler, Superintendent of Missions,  
Franklin Baptist Association

Interlude of Silent Meditation

Hymn No. 382 ..... "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Scripture Reading ..... Donald Stanley, President  
Franklin Baptist Association Ministerial Alliance

Recognitions ..... J. Loren Jolly, Pastor

Hymn No. 263 ..... "How Firm a Foundation"

Presentation of Building

Mr. Walter Brockmiller, Contractor

Mr. R. Paul Buchmueller, Architect

Mr. Leo Dugal, Chairman of Building Committee

Mr. Elmer Brown, Chairman of Deacons

The Vows of Dedication

Solo ..... "Bless This House" ..... Mrs. B. J. Young

Dedication Message ..... Dr. Earl Harding, Executive Secretary,  
Missouri Baptist Convention

Prayer of Dedication ..... J. Loren Jolly, Pastor

Anthem ..... "King All Glorious" ..... Vail  
Chancel Choir

Benediction ..... Paul W. Thompson  
Minister of Education

Organ Postlude

Open House in the New Building



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

FARMINGTON, MISSOURI

The following items are to be purchased by the First Baptist Church, Inc., of Farmington, Missouri. Bids are to be completed and returned to the church offices at 211 N. Franklin Street, Farmington, Missouri, not later than 4:00 P.M. Monday, November 20, 1961. Orders will be placed no later than November 25, 1961. The First Baptist Church, Inc., Farmington, Missouri, reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids and waive all formalities.

BID LIST

<u>Item</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Quotation</u>
1.	2	Executive type, walnut finish, conference desks (over-hanging top), wood construction. Approx. size 75" x 40". Formica or its equal top. Price range approx. \$160. Send picture and description.	#7539I @ \$159 ----- \$318.00 #W21/6475-58 @ \$299 ----- \$598.00 \$ <u>f.o.b. Farmington</u>
2.	2	Executive chairs to match above conference desks (metal or wood) upholstered fabric. Price range approx. \$50.00. Send picture and description.	#18STA @ \$45 ----- \$90.00 #28SA @ \$52.95 --- \$105.90 <u>f.o.b. Farmington</u>
3.	8	Arm guest chairs, fabric upholstered to match above conference desks and executive chairs. Price range approx. \$40. Send picture and description.	#20LA @ \$25.45 --- \$203.60 #27LA @ \$33.95 -- \$271.60 <u>f.o.b. Farmington</u>
4.	2	Executive pedestal conference tables, walnut, with formica or its equal top. Approx. 36 x 66 x 30" high to match above conference desks. Send picture and description.	#7200I @ \$95 ----- \$190.00 #W21/6769 @ \$199 ----- \$398.00 \$ <u>f.o.b. Farmington</u>



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.  
FARMINGTON, MISSOURI

BID LIST (page 2)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Quotation</u>
5.	3	Steel, walnut finish, filing cabinets with lock, full suspension, approx. size 15" x 30" x 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep. 2 drawer letter size. Color to match or blend with above conference desk. Price range \$40. Send picture and description.	#1402L @ \$58.95 - \$176.85 \$ f.o.b. Farmington
6.	1	Sliding door cabinet to match conference desks. Approx. size 50 x 16 x 29" high. Send picture and description.	#21/6850-D \$174.00 \$ f.o.b. Farmington
7.	5	Metal office waste baskets to match office furniture described above (walnut finish). Send picture and description.	#K6-2900-WT @ \$4.65 --- \$23.25 \$ f.o.b. Farmington
8.	1	Typewriter stand, portable and of good construction. Locked wheels. Approx. size of top 18" x 18" with single leaf approx. 15" x 18". Send picture and description. (dk. brown finish)	#E7-2000C-DSE \$28.00 #E7-1695L \$25.45 \$ f.o.b. Farmington
9.	120	Solid wood construction chairs. Boxed seat construction. Seat height 17" (School chairs). Send picture and description.	#8/617 Oak @ \$8.60 ea... \$1032.00 Birch @ \$8.95 ea... \$1074.00 \$ f.o.b. Farmington
10.	60	Same as above, only seat height to be 16". Send picture and description.	#18/616 Oak @ \$7.95 ea... \$477.00 Birch @ \$8.60 ea... \$516.00 \$ f.o.b. Farmington

*Paul W. Thompson*  
Paul W. Thompson  
Educational Director  
First Baptist Church  
Farmington, Missouri



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November 20, 1961

Mr. Paul W. Thompson  
Educational Director  
First Baptist Church  
Farmington, Missouri

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Attached you will find our quotation on your valued inquiry for office and class room furniture.

In line with your telephone call to our Mr. C. W. Horn, we give below our prices for the additional tables:

44 Ea. #390A-1, 24" x 35" x 48" - - - \$24.50 ea. - \$1,078.00  
Trapezoidal Tables - - - F.O.B. Farmington

(See page 6 of attached Beckley-Cardy catalog)

Alternate:

22 Ea. #390A-2, 30" x 30" x 60" - - - \$34.48 ea. 758.56  
Trapezoidal Tables

(See page 6 of attached Beckley-Cardy catalog)

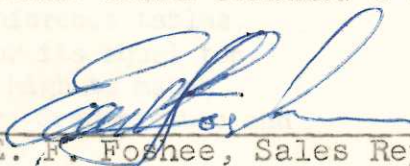
Terms: 1% 10 days

Delivery: Shipment 2 to 3 weeks after receipt of order

We appreciate this opportunity to quote on your requirements and hope we may have the pleasure of receiving your order.

Yours very truly,

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**7539 I** . . . . a modern island base overhanging top executive desk in Rich Walnut or Luxurious Mahogany finish to match every office decor. Special Golden Oak, Limed Oak and Softone Oak Finishes available. Size: ~~73~~' x 39". Height adjustable from 28" to 30½".

ITEM NO. 1 . . . . . 2 ea. Executive Conference Desks

Doro #7539I - Top size 72"x39", high pressure plastic. Walnut finish - Choice of wood Island legs (illustrated) or round tapered leg style.

\$159 each, F.O.B. Farmington



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ITEM NO. 1 ..... 2 ea. Exec. Conference Desks

Imperial No. W21/6475-58 (Genuine Walnut) - high  
pressure plastic top, 75"x40".

\$299.00 each, F.O.B. Farmington

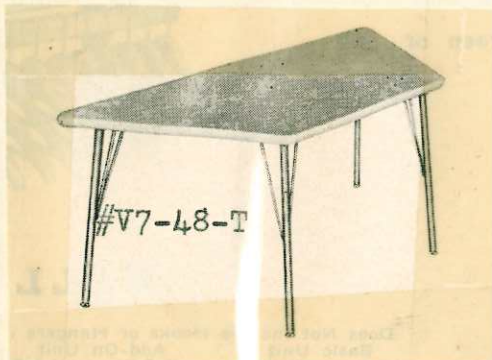


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IN ACCORDANCE WITH VERBAL REQUEST BY MR. THOMPSON.

44 each - #V7-48-T Trapezoidal Tables, 48"x24"x24" top. Made with durable Resilyte high pressure laminate and swaged metal legs. Non-glare satin finish is accomplished by using Resilyte Melamine Plastic. Choice of two patterns- No. 233 Clear Maple Resilyte and No. 232 Tan Birch Resilyte. Choice of three baked enamel finish colors - Colonial Blue, Sage Grey and Cherokee Tan and chrome. Legs available to provide maximum table heights of 21", 23", 25", 27", 29" and 30".

\$35.00 each, F.O.B. Farmington

18 each - #18/8-2448 Wood tables, 24"x48" top. Furnished any height from 20" to 30". Legs are 1 3/4" Oak with pencil rounded corners. Choice of Natural Oak or Harvest Wheat finish.

\$26.75 each, F.O.B. Farmington

4 each - #18/8-3060 Wood tables, 30"x60" top. Same as above except for larger top size.

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ITEM NO. 9 ..... 120 Solid wood School Chairs, Seat height 17"  
Boxed seat construction.

#8/617 - Seat size  $16\frac{1}{4}" \times 15\frac{1}{4}"$ . Steam bent back posts and back slats.  
Tapered front posts. Continuous rear leg construction combined with  
the curved top rail adds strength and allows freedom of hips & shoulders.

Oak -- \$8.60 each, F.O.B. Farmington  
Birch -- \$8.95 each, F.O.B. Farmington

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ITEM NO. 10 ..... 60 Solid wood School Chairs, Seat height 16"

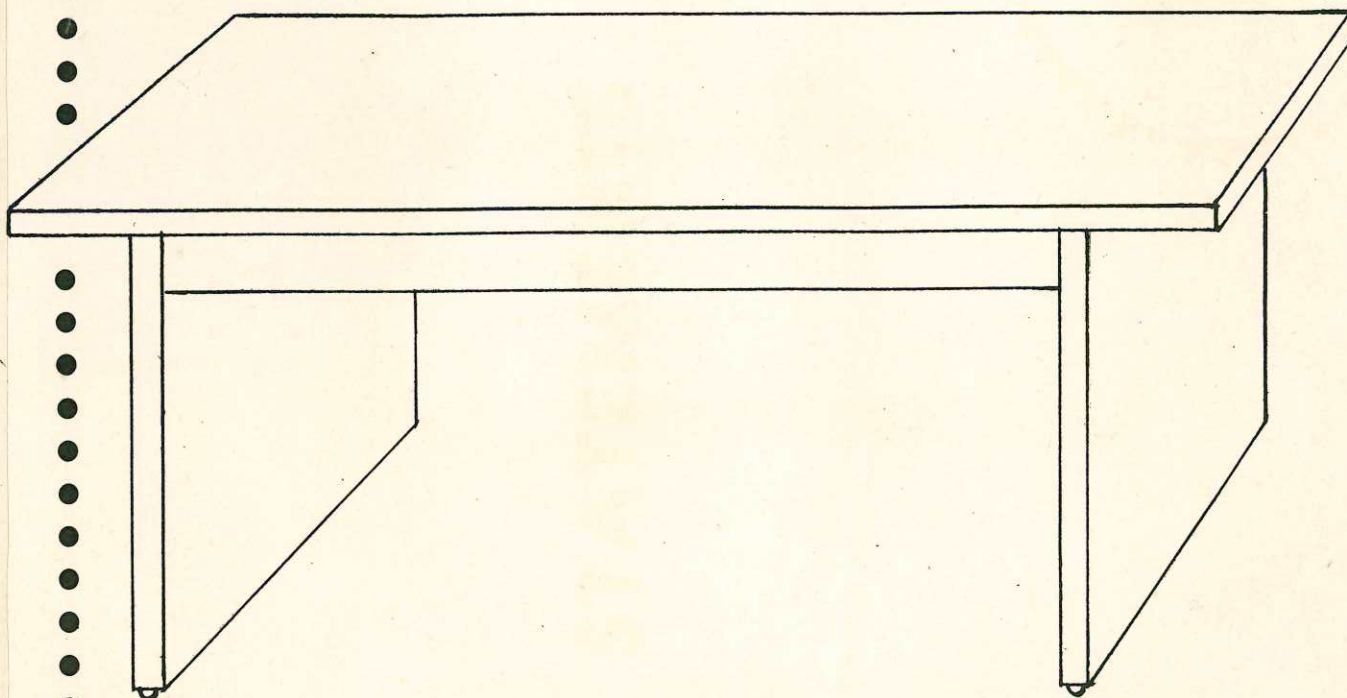
#18/616 - Same construction as Item No. 9 above, only Seat size  
 $13\frac{1}{2}" \times 11\frac{1}{4}"$  and seat height is 16".

Oak -- \$7.95 each, F.O.B. Farmington  
Birch -- \$8.60 each, F.O.B. Farmington



# DORO

manufacturing company



## 7200 I

	Shipping Weight
7200 I - Table - size 72 x 30 - adjustable height	120
6000 I - Table - size 60 x 32 - adjustable height	100
4800 I - Table - size 48 x 30 - adjustable height	75
4200 I - Table - size 42 x 30 - adjustable height	65
3600 I - Table - size 36 x 24 - adjustable height	50

**Top - all 1 1/4" thick banded all around.**

Aprons - 4" wide. Front and back islands,  
All 2 1/4" thick - 26" wide - adjustable height  
from 29" - 30 1/2."

Finishes - Walnut, Mahogany, Oak, Softone

ITEM NO. 4..... 2 ea. Executive pedestal conference  
tables to match conference desks.

Doro #7200I - High pressure plastic top 72"x30", (matches  
Doro # 7539I desks). walnut finish.

\$ 95.00 each, F.O.B. Farmington



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ITEM NO. 4 ..... 2 ea. Executive Pedestal  
Conference Tables

Imperial #W21/6769 (Genuine Walnut) to match  
Exec. desk #W21/6475-58. High pressure plastic  
top, size 69"x36".

\$199 each, F.O.B. Farmington



CERTIFICATE OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DEACONS (BOARD OF DIRECTORS) FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON, MISSOURI

This is to certify that on the 15th day of January, 1964, a special (or regular) meeting of the Board of Deacons (Board of Directors) of the First Baptist Church of Farmington, Missouri, was held at the First Baptist Church of Farmington, Missouri. I do further certify that said meeting was in accordance with a proper notice issued by the Secretary and that the following Board of Deacons (Board of Directors) were present at said meeting, to-wit:

at the Board of Deacons may act upon this resolution and may authorize, direct and order the proper officers of the Church to negotiate a loan from Ozarks Federal Savings and Loan Association, United Bank of Farmington and St. Francois County Savings and Loan Association in the amount of \$132,000.00, with interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum, and also authorizing, directing and instructing the proper officers of the Church to execute a deed of trust, to be a first and prior lien upon all the aforementioned real estate owned by the Church to secure payment of

I do further certify that the following is a true excerpt from the minutes of said meeting, to-wit:

After due discussion of said resolution, A. M. Foreman made the following motion: Mr. Elmer Brown, President of the Board of Deacons (Board of Directors) informed the meeting that the following resolution had been unanimously adopted at a business meeting of the Church held on the 15th day of January, 1964, being as follows, to-wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the First Baptist Church of Farmington, Missouri, shall borrow from Ozarks Federal Savings and Loan Association, United Bank of Farmington and St. Francois County Savings & Loan Association, the sum of \$132,000.00, with interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum, said loan to be evidenced by a note to be executed by the proper officers of the Church providing that said loan and interest should be paid by regular monthly payments until said note is fully paid, reserving to the maker the right, at any time, without penalty, to make additional or greater payments than are provided herein; also, that the proper officers of the Church shall, for and on behalf of the Church, execute a deed of trust upon the following described real estate owned by the Church to secure payment of said note: said, the maker of the note to reserve the right, at any time, without penalty, to make payments greater than those provided. All of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of W. P. Doss Addition to Farmington, County of St. Francois, Missouri, recorded in Plat Book 2 at page 13 of the Land Records of St. Francois County, Missouri.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That to secure payment of said loan the proper officers of the Church, being the President and Secretary, on behalf of the First Baptist Church of Farmington, Missouri, shall make, execute and deliver to Ozarks Federal Savings and Loan Association, United Bank of Farmington and St. Francois County Savings and Loan Association, or their appointee, a deed of trust constituting a first and prior lien upon all the following described real estate and the improvements thereon, owned by the First Baptist Church of Farmington, Missouri, to-wit:

All of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of W. P. Doss Addition to Farmington, County of St. Francois, Missouri, recorded in Plat Book 2 at page 13 of the Land Records of St. Francois County, Missouri.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Deacons (Board of Directors), do confirm and ratify all of the said actions of the President and Secretary as the official act of the First Baptist Church of Farmington, Missouri, and that the Church shall be bound thereby.

*Edna H. Brown*

President, Board of Deacons  
First Baptist Church of Farmington

Attest:

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Secretary

*Ozarks Federal Savings*

AND LOAN ASSOCIATION  
FARMINGTON, MISSOURI

Mrs. Merseal:

Please have the original and one copy each of the attached minutes executed and return to me. One copy of each set of minutes may be retained for your files. Thanks.

Taylor Smith, Jr.



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FARMINGTON, MISSOURI

J. Loren Jolly, Pastor Paul Thompson, Min. Ed.  
December 20, 1964

## Morning

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## Evening

CANTATA  
NIGHT OF MIRACLES

by

John W. Peterson

Director	Robert W. Dugal
Organist	Mrs. H. M. Shelton
Pianist	Mrs. H. B. Smith

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Today, December 20

8:30 A.M.	Morning Worship
9:40 A.M.	Sunday School
10:50 A.M.	Morning Worship
6:00 P.M.	Training Union
7:00 P.M.	Christmas Cantata - "Night of Miracles"

Monday

3:00 P.M.	Beginner & Primary Sunbeams
6:30 P.M.	G.A.'s and R.A.'s (Crusader)
	Brotherhood Covered Dish Supper -
	All men and women of the church are invited. Frances Crawford - Guest Speaker.

Wednesday

7:30 P.M.	All church Christmas Party - Carols - Film, presentations by Beginner, Primary, and Junior Departments. Fellowship hour in basement.
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Boxes for food for Christmas Baskets are at the doors. You may bring items of non-perishable foods and place them in the boxes tonight to help fill baskets for the needy in our community.

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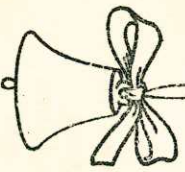
KREI will carry a tape Monday, Dec. 21, 10 A.M., of the Christmas Story - "Yes, I Remember Bethlehem" written by Rev. Defreese.

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Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions has reached a total of \$1273.73. Our goal is \$2,000.00. We have lighted 35 of the 56 Lights on our Foreign Mission Map. Lets light them all as we give to reach all people.



Christmas 1964



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150<sup>th</sup> Church Library Report  
From April 8<sup>th</sup> to May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1964.

Number of books in Library at beginning of month	3316
Number added during month	10
Number in accession book to date	3326
Number borrowed during month	170
Renewals	10
Total	180
Number hours Library open	18

Cash on hand April 8, 1964	\$16.38
Fines collected during month	2.99
Collected for Memorial Books	13.60
Total	\$32.97
Deposited in Bank, April 29	21.65
Cash on hand, May 13 <sup>th</sup> , 1964	\$11.32

Balance in bank April 8, 1964	\$78.81
Check to Baptist Book Store, Apr. 30 <sup>th</sup> , 1964	41.66
Balance	37.15
Deposited from cash on hand Apr. 29 <sup>th</sup>	21.65
Balance in bank May 13 <sup>th</sup> , 1964	\$58.80



173<sup>rd</sup> Church Library Report  
 From March 9, 1966 to April 6, 1966.

Number books in Accession Book at beginning of month	3637
Number added during month	13
Number in accession book to date	3650
Number borrowed during month	197
Renewals	
Number hours library open - 20 hrs.	
Total	210

Cash on hand at beginning of month	\$ 15.58
Fines collected during month	5
Collected for Memorials	\$43.30
Total	\$59.33
Expenses from cash on hand	5.25
Deposited in bank during month	\$ 31.65
Cash on hand April 6, 1966	\$ 22.43

Balance in bank March 9, 1966	\$ 97.14
Check to Baptist Book Store, 3-17-'66	32.22
Deposited in bank, from cash on hand	31.65
check charge	.15
Balance in bank April 6, 1966	\$ 96.42



The meeting opened with prayer by Mr. Newell Scott who acted as temporary chairman. Al Foreman was elected Chairman of Deacons; Leo Dugal as Vice- Chairman; Floyd Hager as Secretary. Bro. Jolly gave the treasurer's report in the absence of Dr. Stanfield. The

treasurer's report for the Farmington church and the Knob Lick Mission were discussed.

it was moved by Roark and seconded by Martin to set the November 29 - December 6 as time for the revival, to be recommended to the church. Also, to recommend Bro. Shirley as the Evangelist. Motion carried. Bro. Jolly said the song leader was yet to be obtained.

Bro. Jolly reported on action of writing a letter concerning the purchase of the house. The bid given by the church was rejected.

Bro. Jolly discussed a plan for paying the expenses of Evangelist and song leader during a revival. No action was taken.

Bro. Jolly welcomed new deacons into the Board of Deacons. He also discussed how deacons could help the service to be more worshipful. Martin mentioned the need of a curtain or something in the old office because of disturbances. This was turned over to the Trustees. Bro. Scott mentioned the importance of deacons to get behind the whole church program, with emphasis on Brotherhood.

Bro. Holland closed the meeting with prayer.

Floyd Hager, Secretary



## HISTORY OF THE KNOB LICK BAPTIST MISSION

A Baptist Church is a divine institution and is therefore worthy of a proper beginning. Is there a more proper beginning than to look to God's Holy Scriptures? In Deuteronomy we are admonished to: "Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy Father and He will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee." Also in Isaiah we find: "Look unto the rock whence you are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged." In clear terms God bids His people to study and transmit the story of bygone events, to learn and preserve their history. Thus as we carry out these commands it is hoped that the knowledge of the past may lead to glorious triumphs in the future.

The first Baptist work in Knob Lick which was affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention took roots with the organizing of the Knob Lick Baptist Church on January 15, 1928. The church was organized with five charter members: Miss Hazel Jennings, Miss Hazel Wilkerson, Miss Bessie Kinney, Mrs. R. A. Murphy, and Mr. Elbert Menge. The first pastor of the church was Rev. Orville Steiner. He was called to pastor half-time on February 12, 1928. Other pastors of the church from 1928 to 1951 included C. W. Miller, Elbert Menge, and Earl Winters.

This new Baptist Church held their services and worshipped in the church building owned and formerly used by the United Baptist Church of Knob Lick. Trustees were elected by the church to negotiate the transferal of the property from the trustees of the Old United Baptist Church to the Knob Lick Baptist Church. This was done in May of 1929 and on May 26, 1929, Mrs. Sarah Clemons, trustee of the United Baptist Church, reported transferal of deed had been made. The trustees of the Knob Lick Baptist Church were Elbert Menge, Bert Williams, and James Plummer.



The members of the Knob Lick Baptist Church on October 21, 1951, unanimously voted to ask The First Baptist Church of Farmington to sponsor the Knob Lick Baptist work as a mission. The First Baptist Church of Farmington in business session on November 21, 1951, heard a report from the deacons concerning the Knob Lick Baptist request. The Farmington Church at that time, on recommendation from the deacons, voted to allow \$10.00 a week to aid the expenses of M. C. Menge, Pastor of the Knob Lick Baptist Church. Then on the following December 5, 1951, the deacons of the Farmington Church brought a recommendation to the church that the First Baptist Church of Farmington accept the Knob Lick Church as a mission. This recommendation was accepted by the Farmington Church, thus making the Knob Lick Baptist Church a part of First Baptist Church of Farmington. M. C. Menge, Pastor of the Knob Lick Baptist Church, then became the Pastor of Knob Lick Baptist Mission. Earl Winters became the second Pastor of the mission in January, 1952. Also in 1952 the Farmington Church sent Brother J. W. Stevens to serve as the Sunday School Superintendent. On March 5, 1952, just three months after the First Baptist Church assumed sponsorship of the mission, there was a Sunday School report given for the month of February which stated the average Sunday School attendance was 22. Mr. Stevens reported to the church in April of 1953 an average attendance of 41 with collections for the month of 196.37.

In December of 1953 Rev. John Wilkinson was called by the Farmington Church to be pastor of the Knob Lick Mission to succeed Brother Winters. Brother Stevens continued to serve as Sunday School Superintendent until November of 1954 when he was succeeded by Brother Russell Burch from the Farmington Church. Mr. Burch's first report to the church concerning the Sunday School was 53 enrolled with 36 as an average attendance.



The Knob Lick Baptist Mission building was 71 years old in 1955 and it was in need of repairs. In January of 1955 the sponsoring church voted to borrow money from the Missouri Baptist Convention and use that money for an extensive remodeling of the mission building. The Knob Lick Building Committee was composed of Mrs. Grace Byington, Mr. Jim Easley, Mr. Ode Clemons, all of Knob Lick, and Lewis Monie and Russell Burch of the sponsoring church. The pastor, Rev. Wilkinson, was also on the committee. The remodeling was completed in three different stages, making the building larger and more useful. The foundation and roof was about all that remained of the old building. Brother A. M. Foreman of the Farmington Church became Sunday School Superintendent in early 1955 and served in that capacity until December 1960. Mr. Foreman was the last of three Sunday School Superintendents to serve the Knob Lick Mission from the sponsoring church. Others, not heretofore mentioned, who served the mission from First Baptist Church are Mrs. Helen Engle, Mrs. Mae Blaylock, and Mrs. Mayne Raglin.

Rev. Norman Jameson was called on August 14, 1955, to become Assistant Pastor of the Farmington First Baptist Church and to be Pastor of the Mission.

On September 12, 1956, Rev. Jameson resigned to accept a pastorate in Caruthersville, Missouri, and Rev. Herman Shumake was called by the Farmington Church to be Pastor of the Knob Lick Baptist Mission. Bro. Shumake came as Pastor in October 1956, and has served as pastor till the present time.

The mission building in need of more educational space was added to in the latter part of 1957. This came as the result of a vote by the Farmington Church on September 11, 1957. The Building Committee was composed of Mr. A. M. Foreman, Mr. Lewis Monie, Mr. Jim Easley, and Mr. Ode Clemons.



The mission under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Shumake has steadily grown and looked forward to the time that it could be a self-supporting autonomous church. Rev. Shumake came to the mission when the yearly enrolment in Sunday School was 55 with an average attendance of 22. It rose to a peak in June of 1961 with an enrolment of 190 and an average attendance of 85. Last year the associational letter reported an enrolment of 142 with an average attendance of 62.

In November of 1964 the people of the Knob Lick Mission petitioned the sponsoring church, First Baptist Church of Farmington, to allow the mission to be organized into a church during the Spring of 1965. The First Baptist Church in business session on December 2, 1964, accepted a recommendation from the deacons that the church look with favor on the prospects of Knob Lick Mission becoming a Church. At the business meeting of the Farmington Church on May 5, 1965, the deacons recommended that ~~the~~ Knob Lick be constituted into a church on May 16, 1965, at 2:00 P.M. The motion was made, seconded, and carried.

The First Baptist Church of Farmington then began to plan for the organizational services to be held on May 16, 1965, at Knob Lick Baptist Mission.



The preceding history, although factual and accurate, is not complete in detail and was not intended to be a critical paper or a scholastic work. It was intended to show how God has blessed the people and work of the Knob Lick Baptist Mission - to show how He has blessed the labor of love in this community; and

WHEREAS this history shows a definite growth, and;

WHEREAS many can testify to the good works of the Knob Lick Baptist Mission, and;

WHEREAS this mission is already self-supporting in many areas of work, and;

WHEREAS the people of Knob Lick Baptist Mission have stated their desire and demonstrated their willingness to be self-governing, and;

WHEREAS The Baptist Witness of a self-governing, self-supporting autonomous Baptist Church will be a blessing unto God and His Kingdom, the First Baptist Church of Farmington recommends that the Knob Lick Baptist Mission be constituted into the First Baptist Church of Knob Lick, Missouri.



# KNOB LICK BAPTIST CHURCH BUDGET FOR YEAR 1962

	ANNUAL
Utilities @ 9.19 weekly (Telephone \$3.50, Electricity \$8.25; heat 28.08 monthly)	\$478.00
Missions @9.00 (or 10%)	468.00
Pastor's Salary @23.07 weekly, \$100.00 monthly	1200.00
Nursery @96¢ weekly	50.00
Custodian @ 5.76	300.00
Car Expenses for Pastor @ 7.69 weekly	400.00
Pastor's Rent @ 5.77 weekly	300.00
Equipment for church maintenance @ 2.40 weekly	125.00
Library	25.00
Retirement for Pastor @1.15 weekly	60.00
Bus @ 5.57 weekly	290.00
Literature @5.34 weekly	278.00
Building Fund @ 8.49 weekly (to be used to pay on debt, interest, & insurance)	441.60
Revival @ 2.88 weekly	150.00
Contingent Fund @ 1.80 weekly	93.60
Pastor's Supply @ .57 weekly	<u>30.00</u>
	\$4,689. 20

Weekly Budget -- \$90.11



Knob Lick Baptist Mission  
Herman Shumake, Pastor  
May 16, 1965

ORGANIZATION SERVICE

Call to Order      Chairman of the Organizational Council

Hymn - "The Church's One Foundation"      380

Scripture - Chairman of the Organizational Council

Prayer

Reading of the History of Knob Lick Mission

Recommendations of Sponsoring Church

Call for vote of the Organizational Council to proceed

Presentation of the Resolution - Knob Lick Baptist Mission

Call for motion to adopt resolution

Signing of document by Charter Members

Election of Officers for the New Church

Transfer of Deed

A.M. Foreman

Offering

Solo - "So Send I You"

Julie Smith

Message - E. W. Towler, Supt. of Missions,  
Franklin Association

Benediction

Hymn - "To God Be The Glory", and the right hand of  
Christian fellowship to new church members.

HOW TO BE A GOOD CHURCH MEMBER

Being a good church member demands the attention of every person who has accepted Christ and united with His church. To become a good church member we would:

1. Learn the elementary principles of our doctrine. What we believe has much to do with the way we live.
2. Attend the services of the church - worship, prayer, Bible study, training and mission emphasis.
3. Accept places of responsibility. Our faith is declared by our works and our loyalty is demonstrated by the service which we render.
4. Share in the financial plan of the church by faithfully bringing God's tithe into the storehouse each week.
5. Cooperate with fellow members in every worthy endeavor of my church.
6. Walk uprightly in the world, to be righteous in every transaction, faithful in responsibilities, and above reproach in deportment.

The constant and abiding challenge is always to be found in "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith".

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MY CHURCH

"This is my Church--it is composed of people just like me. We make it what it is. I want it to be a Church that is a light on the path of pilgrims, leading them to Goodness, Truth, and Beauty. It will be, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help to fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them. It will be a Church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, if I, who make it what it is am filled with these purposes. Therefore I dedicate myself to the task of being what I want my Church to be."

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## "Don't Call on Me to Pray"

"I'll do anything I can to serve," a young deacon said to his pastor, "but please don't call on me to pray. It isn't that I don't want to. Just the thought of it almost scares me to death."

Because the deacon seemed to want to overcome his fear, the pastor asked if he had family worship in his home. When the deacon apologetically answered no, he was urged to begin.

"It won't be easy at first," the pastor warned him, "but don't give up. I promise that you will find it worth whatever it takes."

Just before the children were ready for bed that night, the man and his family paused for a brief devotion. The mother read a few verses from the Sermon on the Mount. Then the father tried to pray.

He found that the words did not come easily. Praying aloud in the presence of his family was more difficult than he had anticipated. He muttered a few words and hurriedly ended the prayer in embarrassment.

He was ready to forget the whole idea, but he remembered the plea of his pastor that he not become discouraged. The next time his prayer came a bit easier. Soon he was praying with confidence. Several months later, when his pastor called on him to pray, the deacon responded with scarcely a tremor.

This is the usual result when church members pray daily by families—both church and home benefit. In those homes where there is daily worship, family living is enriched. And members of those families are trained for more effective service in their church.

When church members worship daily by families, they learn the meaning and worth of participation in worship. In the intimate circle of the family, they cannot stand apart and observe. They are caught up in the spirit of praise and thanksgiving. Parents and children alike share in the responsibility of making their worship acceptable to God.

Worship is at the heart of the church. Other functions are related to this one. Worship involves Bible study, prayer, meditation, self-examination, dedication, commitment, and other aspects of the Christian life.

Just as the child cannot receive adequate spiritual training during an hour or two at the church on Sunday, neither can the mature Christian worship adequately if this experience is confined to the church. A church needs the experience of worshipping daily by families. This is vital to the Christian.

—*Ruben Herring*



by *Families*

## The Church Worships Daily



Dear Friends,

We the Congregation of the First Baptist Church of Knob Lick Mo; on this the twenty third day of May, nineteen hundred and sixty five wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the loving kindness you have shown toward us. For the patience and understanding you have had with us, all the helping hands you sent us; the financial help you gave us and all the prayers offered in our behalf.

May Gods rich blessing be upon you.

Buts Herman Shumake

Sec. Mrs Virgie Ingracia

Vincent J. Ingracia

James H. Easley Sr.

Ode Lemons

H. E. McLinnis

Fred B McLinnis

Jesse O. Crump

Brada Mullins



# Certificate of Recognition

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

THE KNOBLICK BAPTIST CHURCH

WAS CONSTITUTED AS A NEW CHURCH ON MAY 16, 19 65

HAVING BEEN SPONSORED BY THE FARMINGTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

IN FULFILLMENT OF CHRIST'S MANDATE TO HIS CHURCH

"YE SHALL BE WITNESSES UNTO ME BOTH IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDEA, AND IN SAMARIA, AND UNTO THE UTTERMOST PART OF THE EARTH", ACTS 1:8

AND AS A PART OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION  
PROGRAM OF CHURCH EXTENSION

*W. Wendell Belser*

CHURCH EXTENSION PROGRAM LEADER  
HOME MISSION BOARD, SBC

*Ernest W. Fowler*

STATE SUPT. OF MISSIONS



*J. Loren Jolly*

PASTOR SPONSORING CHURCH

*Ernest W. Fowler*

ASSOCIATIONAL SUPT. OF MISSIONS

*Arthur B. Rutledge*

ARTHUR B. RUTLEDGE, EXEC. SEC. TREAS.  
HOME MISSION BOARD, SBC



Minutes of the Organization service of the First Baptist Church Delassus.

A council met at Delassus composed of pastors and deacons of the Franklin Baptist Association for the purpose of organizing the Delassus mission into a baptist church.

Motion and second was made that J. Loren Jolly serve as moderator, E.W. Towler as examiner of candidates of possible church; and V.E. Defreese to preach the sermon. Motion carried.

Motion was made and second that C.H. McLure voice the prayer, and J.B. Huffmaster serve as clerk. Motion carried.

No further business the council proceed to the auditorium for the organization service.

Services were opened by choir singing "Bless This House".

J.L. Jolly gave a welcome address to both council and visitors. Following this message the Delassus choir sang "Follow I Will Follow Thee". The Delassus then sang "Breathe On Me", after which C.H. McLure led the congregation to the throne of grace in prayer.

The moderator presented the Delassus mission to council for examination. E.W. Towler then directed the question to the clerk of the mission. Questions such as: (have you adopted a declaration of faith), (have you adopted a church covenant), (What are your plans for affiliation with other baptist church or baptist bodies), (Have you selected a name)? were asked. After satisfactory answers were given from minutes of previous meetings of the mission, a motion was made and second that the Delassus Mission become a duly organized baptist church. Motion carried.

Quartet from Flat River sang, "Somewhere" and "My God Is Real to Me"

The moderator introduced V.E. Defreese who brought a message from Matthew 16:13-19 intitled "My Church and its Growth".

An Invitation was given while singing "Ready".

The council was then adjourned by order of moderator.

The hand of fellowship was extended to the newly organized church.

Moderator

Clerk

*J. B. Huffmaster*





## Warm Tribute to a Pastor

PART OF THE LARGE CHOIR, under the direction of Mr. Bob Dugal, which had a part in the special tribute to Rev. J. Loren Jolly, pastor of the First Baptist Church here for the past 10 years. This picture was taken as members of the congregation prepared

to file by individually to express appreciation to Rev. Jolly and his family. A children's choir, directed by Miss Julie Smith, also took part in the program which followed the regular worship service Sunday evening.

### Baptists Honor Rev. Jolly for 10 Years of Service

Letters from an appreciative congregation were read in a special program honoring Rev. J. Loren Jolly following the worship service at the First Baptist Church here Sunday evening. The program marked the completion of 10 years of ministry for Rev. Jolly in Farmington and spokesmen representing various organizations of the church expressed appreciation for the high calibre of his service during this period.

#### Many Tributes

These tributes were expressed in the reading of "living letters" from various individuals and groups who have shared with Rev. Jolly the many accomplishments of the church during the past



A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION in the form of a check was presented to Rev. Jolly in a special program Sunday evening. Elmer Brown, right, made the presentation on behalf of the congregation. Shown

Dugal and Mrs. R. L. Merseal. Although Rev. Jolly is an ex-officio member of the Council, he was not aware that a special "appreciation" program was being planned.



director of education at the church, served as the announcer for the program and with the assistance of Earl Scott staged a make-believe pastor's office with Rev. Jolly opening the day's mail. The first of the "living letters" was read by Leo B. Dugal, chairman of the building committee, who expressed thanks for Rev. Jolly's cooperation during the construction of the new educational building which has been in use since February 1962. John Johnson, spokesman for the members of the congregation who have been ill and in hospitals, expressed grateful thanks to Rev. Jolly for his countless visits and ministry to the ailing and shut-ins. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Short represented a typical young couple married by the pastor and thanked him for his help and wise counsel to many young people establishing homes for the first time. Willard Smith and Mrs. James Ingracia, representing the DeLassus Mission and the Knob Lick Mission, respectively, thanked Rev. Jolly for his help and cooperation in many ways, including the completion of their building programs.

### From Rev. Towler

A letter of thanks from Rev. Ernest W. Towler, Association of the Franklin Association, was read by Mrs. Towler. The local pastor was praised for his work and leadership in the association which he served as moderator. Don Mason Jr. read a typical son-in-college letter from Jim Jolly, a student at William Jewell College. Rev. Jolly's "mail" also included a package of golf balls from Elmer Brown, a fellow duffer by his own admission.

Mrs. R. L. Merseal, church secretary during Rev. Jolly's 10-year tenure, summed up the latter's accomplishments with facts and figures from the office files. During the period 1,091 additions to the membership were reported, 482 by baptism and 609 by transfer of letters. Elmer Brown presented a check to the Jolly family at the close of the program.

In response Rev. Jolly modestly declared, "I'm glad I was here when all these things happened." He added that he was grateful for the privilege of serving the church these past 10 years.

Two of the church choral groups, the adult choirs under

the direction of Bob Dugal and a children's choir directed by Miss Julie Smith, sang appropriate numbers.

### Many Gains Made

Church membership increased by 403 during the past 10 years, 1,326 in 1963 as compared with 923 in 1954. The Sunday School figures for the same period; 1005 enrolled with an average attendance of 472 in 1954 increased to 1308 enrolled in 1963, average attendance 612.

Financial support likewise showed a big increase during this period. In 1954 the total gifts were 442,997 for the year; in 1963 this had increased to \$86,125. Total giving for the 10-year period was \$725,146, and of this amount \$201,196 was given to missions, according to the figures compiled by Mrs. Merseal.

In her "letter" to Rev. Jolly, Mrs. Merseal also listed the following accomplishments:

A cabin was built at Bates Creek; a building was built at DeLassus Mission and one at Knob Lick Mission; a lot was bought for the associational missionary's home, four pieces of property were bought; a new educational building was built; a parking lot was provided; the sanctuary was redecorated; pew cushions were bought and all the buildings are being air-conditioned at this time.

John Wilkinson was recommended by this church to the Southern Seminary at Louisville

Two ministerial students were recommended to Bolivar, Richard Scott and Don McGuire

One ministerial student was recommended to William Jewell, Larry Matthews

An assistant pastor, Rev. N. L. Jameson, came to be with the church from August 14, 1955 to September 12, 1956

Paul Thompson came as educational director August 1, 1961 and was ordained a Minister of Education on May 16, 1962.

Don McGuire was licensed to preach on December 12, 1962.

The church is paying part of the salaries of two foreign missionaries - Frances Crawford and Virginia Nell Smith.

The church secretary concluded her tribute with references to Rev. Jolly's service to the Southwest Baptist College at Bolivar as a member of the board of directors for a number of years. Rev. Jolly also gave "faithful and

valuable service during many years" as a member of the board of trustees of Southern Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

The Sunday evening tribute to Rev. Jolly was planned by the Church Council, composed of the church staff and heads of the various groups in the local church. The plans were executed by a committee of women including Mrs. Ernest Towler, Mrs. Paul Thompson, Mrs. Bob



JIM JOLLY  
Student at William-Jewell



## Reception Line

CONGRATULATIONS and personal messages of appreciation extended to Rev. Jolly, Baptist pastor here the past 10 years, at the conclusion of a special program Sunday night. Shown here are Mrs. C. E. Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Upchurch and Willard Dalton as they joined hundreds of others personally extending thanks to the pastor and his family.



## FARMINGTON PASTOR HONORED

### FOR 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

J. Loren Jolly, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Farmington, Mo., was honored by the church family recently in a special service of recognition for his ten years of service in the ministry of that church. The combined Acult Choirs and the Junior Choir presented special music as an introduction and conclusion to the program. Paul W. Thompson, Minister of Education, served as emcee.

The program, following the regular Sunday evening service, was presented in the form of "Living Letters" from various individuals and groups who have shared with Rev. Jolly some of the many accomplishments of the church during the past decade. These spokesmen expressed appreciation for the high caliber of service and leadership rendered by their pastor during this period.

Typical of these "living letters" was one from the Chairman of the Building Committee, who expressed thanks for Rev. Jolly's leadership in the construction of a new educational building which has been in use since February of 1962. Other letters included one representing the many young couples that the pastor has joined together in matrimony during the past ten years; another from the multitude of ill and bereaved to whom he has ministered; from the Delassus Baptist Church (former mission of the Farmington Church and from Knob Lick Mission, both expressing gratitude for the help and guidance given them by the church under the leadership of J. Loren Jolly....even to the completion of their present building programs. A letter of thanks from Rev. Ernest W. Towler, Associational Missionary of the Franklin Association, was read praising Jolly for his work in the Association where he served as Superintendent of Sunday School and as Moderator for two terms. He is now Chairman of the Missions Committee.

Adding a light touch to the program was a typical "son-in-college" letter supposedly from Jim Jolly, student at William Jewell College. Jim is majoring in Business Administration.



Mrs. R. L. Merseal, church secretary during Rev. Jolly's 10-year tenure, gave a report on the latter's accomplishments with facts and figures from the office files. The many gains made include the following:

Church membership increased by 403 during the past 10 years, 1,326 at present as compared with 923 in 1954. The report shows 1,091 total additions - 482 by baptism and 609 by letter. Sunday School figures show 1005 enrolled with average attendance of 472 in 1954, has increased to 1308 enrolled at present with average attendance of 612. Financial support reveals a big increase. In 1954 the total gifts for the year were \$42,997.00. This has increased to \$86,125.00. Total giving for the 10-year period was \$725,146.00 and of this amount \$201,196.00 was given to missions.

These following milestones which highlight Rev. Jolly's ministry at the Farmington Church must also be mentioned.

New church cabin built at Bates Creek Associational Camp; buildings constructed at Delassus and Knob Lick Missions; a lot purchased for Associational Missionary's home; four pieces of church property bought; new educational building was built; parking provided; sanctuary redecorated including purchase of pew cushions; all buildings are in the process of being air-conditioned at this time. Ministerial students have been recommended to Bolivar, William Jewell, and Southern Seminary. An assistant pastor served along with Rev. Jolly from August 1955 to September 1956. Paul W. Thompson, Minister of Education, was added to the staff in August of 1961. The church pays a portion of the salaries of two foreign missionaries from Farmington - Frances Crawford, Nigeria, and Virginia Nell Smith, Jordan.

Rev. Jolly has previously served as member of the board of directors at Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar. He is also a past member of the board of trustees of Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

Following the program of "Living Letters", a token of appreciation in the form of a check was presented to Rev. & Mrs. Jolly and their 16 year old daughter, Paula. A reception in their honor concluded the evening's celebration.



April 5, 1964

Dear Bro. Jolly,

Thought you would like to have some statistics of the last ten years. The Lord has really blessed this church under your wonderful ministry.

During the ten years we have had 482 come into the church by baptism and 609 by letter, or a total of 1091 additions to the church. Our total membership was 923 in 1954, and now in 1964 it is 1326, or a gain of 403.

In 1954 we had an enrollment of 1005 in Sunday School with an average attendance of 472. In 1963 we had an enrollment of 1308 with an average attendance of 612.

Our total gifts have been \$725,146.00 for the ten years - of this amount we gave \$201,196.00 to missions. Our total receipts for 1954 was \$42,997.00. In 1963, it was \$36,125.00.

During the ten years -

A cabin was built at Bates Creek

A building was built for Delassus Mission and Knob Lick Mission

A lot was purchased for the associational missionaries home.

4 pieces of property were bought

A new educational building was built

A parking lot was provided

The sanctuary was redecorated (cushions \$172.00) - chilton paint \$900.00

Pew cushions were bought

All the buildings are being air-conditioned at this time (\$8,000 loan)

John Wilkinson was recommended by this church to the Southern Seminary at Louisville.

Two ministerial students were recommended to Bolivar - Richard Scott and Don McGuire

A ministerial student recommended to Wm. Jewell - Larry Matthews

An assistant pastor, Rev. N. L. Jameson, was with us from Aug. 14, 1955 to Sept. 12, 1956

Paul Thompson came as our Educational Director on August 1, 1961, and was ordained a Minister of Education on May 16, 1962

Don McGuire was licensed to preach on Dec. 12, 1962

We pay a part of the salaries of our two Foreign Missionaries - Frances Crawford and Virginia Nell Smith

April-May 1964. Sent pastor to Australia - Mo. Australia Mission

In closing please let me express my deep appreciation for the privilege of working with you as your secretary. Serving with you on the Church Staff during these past ten years has brought many rich blessings.

Sincerely,

Nora  
Nora

P.S. Bro Jolly two other important items should be included in this ten year report -

1. The service you gave to our Southwest Baptist College at Bolivar the years you served on the Board of Trustees.
2. The recognition given you by our Southern Seminary at Louisville for your faithful and valuable service during the many years you were a member of the Board of Trustees. It was an honor to you and our church.







# NEWS & VIEWS

## FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY

A book is a garden, an orchard, a storehouse, a party, a company by the way, a counselor, a multitude of counselors.

-by H. W. Beecher

## - LIBRARY MEMORIALS -

In memory of Mr. Kennett Byington: "Testament of Trust", a remarkable book by one of America's most beloved authors, Faith Baldwin, placed by the Myres Circle.

In memory of Mrs. Rena Osman "Markings", an unusual devotional book, by Dag Hammarskjold, placed by Dr. & Mrs. F. R. Crouch.

## NURSERY WORKERS FOR SUNDAY, Oct. 17

8:30 A.M.	10:50 A.M.
Wilma Bray	Vida Foreman
Pauline Monie	Werna Young
Virginia Bray	Vera McNutt
	Jennie Vaughn

7:30 P.M.

Mr. & Mrs. Gentry Eaves

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CONGRATULATIONS to Den. & Beverly McGuire on the arrival of a baby girl on Oct. 12.

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Y.W.A.'s will Meet Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 3:30 P.M., at the church.

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QUARTERLY W.M.U. MEETING - TUESDAY,

OCTOBER 19

10:00 A.M. Day Meeting at Home for Aged at Ironton. Picnic Lunch.  
7:30 P.M. Night W.M.S. at Bonne Terre.

## First Baptist Church

J. LOREN JOLLY  
PASTOR

210 WEST COLLEGE  
FARMINGTON, MISSOURI

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October 13, 1965

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# MY CHURCH AND I

I am a part of the church; one among many, but I am one.

I need the church for the development of the buried life within me; the church in turn needs me.

The church may be human in its organization, but it is divine in its purpose. That purpose is to point me toward God.

Participating in the privileges of the church, I shall also share in its responsibilities, taking it upon myself to carry my fair share of the load, not grudgingly but joyfully.

To the extent that I fail in my responsibility, the church fails; to the extent that I succeed, the church succeeds.

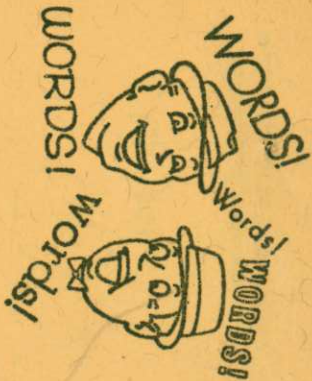
I shall not wait to be drafted for service to my church; I shall volunteer, saying, "Here am I, send me!"

I shall be loyal in my attendance, generous in my gifts, kind in my criticisms, creative in my suggestions, loving in my attitudes.

I shall give to my church my interest, my enthusiasm, my devotion - - most of all, myself.

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# BROTTERMOOD!

Monday - October 18

6:30 P.M.

Covered Dish Supper

Guest Speaker - Rev. E.W. Towler

All men of the church are urged to come and bring some man with you.

## OUR KNOWN SICK

Vernon Babb in Mineral Area Hospital.

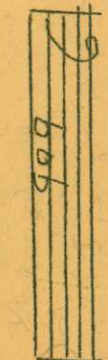
John Hawn in Barnes Hospital.

Mrs. Dolly Franklin in Bonne Terre Hospital.

Mrs. Wm. Woods & Mr. Gillespie in Thomas Dell; Mrs. Mary Stanfield in Sunset Home; Miss Mattie Murphy & Miss Laura Brown in Easter Home; Miss Lottie Thurman in Marler Home.

Ill at home - Mrs. Jim Hawn, Mrs. Ruth Ketchum, Mrs. A.L. Powell, Mr. Geo. Brand, Mr. C.E. Stephens, Mr. Densel Weston, Mr. Jack Swink, Mr. Kocher, Mrs. Nellie Harter.

## CHOIR NOTES



This is the time of the year to start many things throughout church life. Not the least is the music for our services and especially for the Christmas season. What better way to proclaim Christ's Birth but through the signing of beautiful songs.

We hope to start a Christmas Cantata Thursday at rehearsal. The books are ordered and should be here for us to use. May I ask all Adult members to be here and start the season in a wonderful way. Adults include all those 15 and above who love to sing. Be here at 7:00 P.M. Thursday for an hour of singing for the Lord.

## INTERMEDIATE G.A.'s PIZZA PARTY

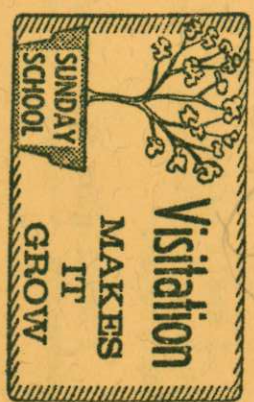
Monday, Oct. 18 - 3:00 P.M.

here at the church.

All Intermediate Girls are invited.

## ADULT I DEPARTMENT will have a Pot-luck Supper at the church Tuesday, October 19. Nursery will be open.

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First Baptist Church Farmington, Mo.

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Mrs. Helen Barton

R. #2

Farmington, Mo.



THE *junior musician*

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Front row, left to right: Ruth Ann Huff, Jill Vaughn, Judy House.  
Second row: Connie Brooks, Kathy Penberthy, Donna Moore, Pamela Ketcherside.

Third row: Lillith Vandergriff, (queen), Peggy Goggins, Cathy Hartrup, Karla Joggerst, Jill Parker, Donna Evans, Vicki Dugal, Sue Goggins, (queen).

## Baptist Queens and Court

"Following the Star" was the theme of the Girls Auxiliary coronation at the First Baptist Church in Farmington, Sunday evening, May 15. Following an organ prelude and solo "Follow The Gleam" by Mrs. Julie Fitch, Mrs. Ted Chapman, G.A. Director, made introductory remarks.

Questions for the Maidens were given by Mrs. James Stewart; emblems presented by Mrs. Chapman, and the charge by Mrs. J. Loren Jolly.

For the ladies-in-waiting, Counselor Mrs. Louis Cochran gave the questions; Mrs. Chapman presented the emblems, and Mrs. Jolly gave the charge.

When the princess, Vicki Dugal, came to the platform the questions were asked by Mrs.

Juanita McClure and the charge given by Mrs. Jolly.

The ceremony culminated in the crowning of two queens, Sue Goggins and Lillith Vandergriff. Their questions were asked by Mrs. Betty Lollar and the charge given by Mrs. Jolly. Roses from the W.M.U. were presented by Mrs. Viola Wade, and a Bible from the church by Robert Dugal.

Members of the W.M.U. entertained at a reception and tea in the church basement for the girls who passed a step. Maidens were: Connie Brooks, Judy House, Pamela Ketcherside, Donna Moore, Ruth Ann Moore, Cheryl Murphy, Connie Murphy, Paula Murphy, Cathy Penberthy and Jill Vaughn. Ladies-in-waiting were:

Donna Evans, Peggy Goggins, Cathy Hartrup, Karla Joggerst and Jill Parker.

The coronation ceremony was a climax to G.W. Focus Week. On Thursday evening, May 12, a coronation feast was held at the church, where table decorations included a centerpiece of a golden cake, the queen's golden crown and yellow tapers.

Following group singing, Mrs. Ernest Towler read a poem; a game was enjoyed, Mrs. Julie Fitch sang a solo and Rev. J. Loren Jolly spoke on "Power and Progress."

Counselors are Mrs. Mary Stewart, Mrs. Leota Cochran, Mrs. Betty Lollar, Mrs. Juanita McClure, Mrs. Mae Williams and Mrs. Betty Towler.











# PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1967

## I. WORLD MISSIONS

Cooperative Program	\$21,160.00
Associational Missions	2,760.00
Foreign Mission Board (Crawford & Smith)	2,000.00
Christian Civic Foundation	200.00
Braille Bible	25.00
American Bible	25.00
POAU	200.00
Christian Education	600.00
Special Mission Project	520.00

## II. LOCAL MISSIONS

Local Benevolence	380.00
Local Missions	650.00

## III. SALARIES

Pastor	7,800.00
Minister of Education	4,800.00
Church Secretary	4,000.00
Extra Secretarial Help	100.00
Janitor	3,600.00
Janitor Supply	100.00
Nursery	300.00
Assistant to Pastor	1,500.00

## IV. OTHER PERSONNEL EXPENSES

Convention Expense	500.00
Denominational Retirement Plan	1,200.00
Housing Allowance for Min. Ed.	1,200.00
Social Security Taxes	300.00
Car Expense for Pastor	1,200.00
Car Expense for Min. Ed.	300.00

## V. ORGANIZATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Sunday School	
Literature and Supplies	2,200.00
Study Course & Enlargement Campaigns	100.00
Summer Assemblies & Conventions	200.00
Promotion & Recreation	150.00
Vacation Bible School	150.00
Training Union	
Literature and Supplies	300.00
Study Course & Enlargement Campaigns	100.00
Summer Assemblies & Conventions	100.00
Promotion and Recreation	100.00
Brotherhood	
Literature and Supplies	150.00
Summer Assemblies and Conventions	100.00
Promotion and Recreation	100.00
Woman's Missionary Union	
Literature and Supplies	600.00
Summer Assemblies and Conventions	100.00



## V. ORGANIZATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY (continued)

Church Music Ministry	
Literature and Supplies	400.00
Summer Assemblies and Conventions	100.00
Promotion and Recreation	100.00
Church Library	100.00
Audio-Visual Aids	100.00
Nursery Supplies	50.00

## VI. SERVICE MINISTRIES

Radio	1,200.00
Publicity	80.00
Subscription to State Paper	400.00
Postage, Printing, and Office Supplies	1,500.00
Annual Budget Promotion & Church Envelopes	500.00
Revival and Pulpit Supply Honoraria & Expense	400.00
Flowers and Memorials	300.00
Contingent and Miscellaneous	350.00

## VII. BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

Utilities	2,600.00
Insurance	1,800.00
Janitors' Supplies, Laundry, & Dry Cleaning	450.00
Repair and Maintenance of Existing Buildings	2,000.00
Repair & Maintenance of Existing Equipment	700.00
Purchase of New Equipment	1,000.00

## VIII. DEBT RETIREMENT

18,000.00

## TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET

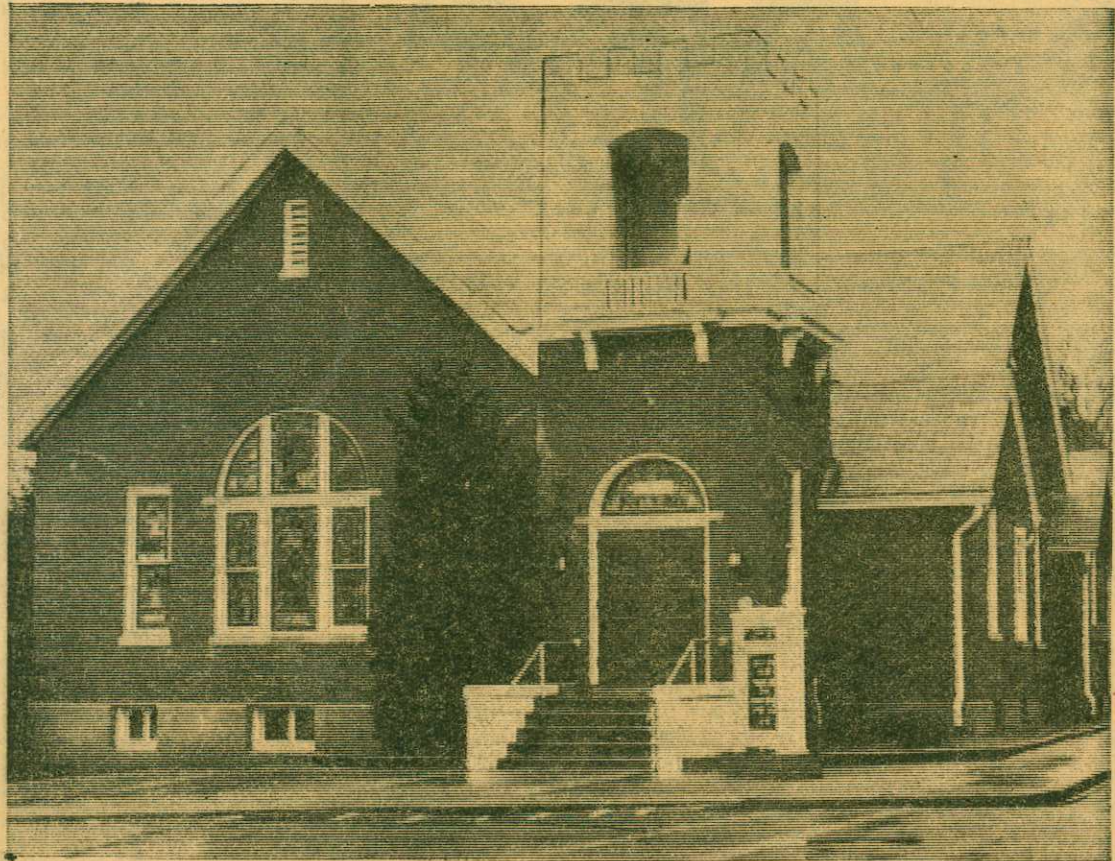
\$92,000.00

## BUDGET PLANNING COMMITTEE

Byron Upchurch, Chairman  
 Leo Dugal  
 J. L. McNutt  
 Viola Wade  
 John Martin  
 Floyd Hager  
 Robert Dugal  
 Dr. L. M. Stanfield



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## First Baptist Church Featured In Associational Publication

The First Baptist Church of Farmington is recognized as the Church of the Month in the most recent issue of Observer and Helper, Franklin Baptist Association publication.

The church was organized March 18, 1882. Articles of Faith and rules of decorum were adopted in accordance with those of the Union Baptist Church, now known as Three Rivers. The Union Church, then the strongest Baptist Church in the Franklin Association had been receiving members at Farmington since 1838. Instrumental in the organization were: Elders James G. Hardy and James F. Baker. Charter members, in addition to Elders Hardy and Baker were: Theoclia Hardy, Ambia W. Hardy, Elize Lloyd, Lizzie Loyd, Martha Turley, Mattie Baker, Dora Easley and Elizabeth Resinger.

James G. Hardy was elected as pastor and James F. Baker as clerk. Meetings were Saturday before the second Sunday. First meetings were in the Christian Church, then in the Methodist churches and later in the old Farmington Baptist College

January 1906. A number of changes and progressive moves were made during Mr. Brite's pastorate. A Mission Society, in addition to the Ladies Aid Society, was organized in 1905. In February 1907 a building committee was formed to investigate the advisability of re-modeling or rebuilding.

The panic of 1907 hindered finances, but the building fund grew. The property south of the church was purchased for a parsonage and on April 2, 1911, a new brick building was realized at a cost of approximately \$10,000. It was dedicated September 30, 1917 and this building serves as the sanctuary of the church today.

The Rev. V. E. Patterson was elected pastor March 16, 1913. A marked growth in membership was in evidence in 1914 with 247 members. In November of 1913 there had been a revival, which resulted in 54 additions, 31 by baptism.

July 22, 1914, the Rev. O. H. L. Cunningham became pastor. Two names reappear as clerk through many years of service Miss Anne Menge and Oscar

remained until 1943 when Rev. R. Ray Stone became pastor.

In 1946 the church voted unanimously to start a new building. This same year they accepted Brightstone as a mission. This mission became incorporated in 1947. An educational building, attached to the rear of the church, was dedicated June 5, 1949, with Dr. T. W. Medearis, Executive Secretary of Missouri Baptist, bringing the message.

In 1951, Dale Brubaker, who is now Director of Music Dept. for Missouri Baptist, was employed as Minister of Music. The Rev. Stone completed a very successful ten year pastorate in December 1953. The membership had grown to 905 with a Sunday School of 919. The church was also sponsoring two missions, one at Knob Lick and another at DeLassus.

The present pastor, the Rev. J. Loren Jolly, accepted the call of the church in 1954. The past 14 years have been marked by continued progress. As the Sunday School grew, it was necessary to use the public school building and four houses near the church were purchased and



ganized in 1883.

James G. Hardy was pastor until 1887. The Rev. J. B. Hep-ler, of Mexico, Mo., was called January 1888, on a fourth-time basis. Minutes indicate that many were received into the membership and baptismal services were regularly. According to records, the membership was 57 in 1887 with 20 members received during that year. First deacons elected in 1888 were: Brethren W. H. Morris and V. C. Clay.

The Rev. I.R.M. Beeson became pastor in 1889. Lack of finances plagued the church for many years and early records tell of taking subscriptions to pay the pastors.

J. W. Campbell, who was associated with the Farmington Baptist College, became pastor in December 1890. In August 1892 F. W. Shoush came as pastor. During this year a building committee was appointed and their first church home, a frame structure was built on the present site. The building was dedicated in 1893 and the Franklin Association met, in their annual meeting, with Farmington for the first time.

Half-time services were started in 1893 & the first Treasurer, W. A. Cloud, was elected that year. E. A. Spring accepted the call of the church in May 1894 at a salary of \$200.00 annually with a like amount to be received from the State Board. Rev. Spring resigned in 1896 and, in April, J. W. Campbell returned as pastor. He served until September when M. M. Munger accepted the pastorate.

The first ordination service was January 16, 1896, ordaining E. L. Curle to the gospel ministry. Total membership was 100 in 1898 and value of church property was \$1000.

The Rev. Munger was recalled by the church on December 1898 for full-time service and remained with the church until 1900, when, in November, W. G. Reeves became pastor and the church went back to half-time services.

The first B.Y.P.U. (Baptist Young People's Union) was organized in 1901. The Rev. Reeves declined the call to pastorate for another year and Rev. J.D. Watson accepted the call. He remained until October 1902 and C. L. Bullard of Louisville, Ky. accepted the church pastorate in March 1903 at a salary of \$700.00. Membership was now 144 and Sunday School enrollment was 126.

The Rev. W. M. Rudolph was elected pastor November, 1904. He served one year, then the Rev. & P. Brite accepted the call in

his work as pastor in 1921, followed by Rev. G. C. Greenway the next year. Membership was 497 in 1923, making Farmington the second largest church in the Association, Flat River having 577.

The Rev. J. W. Jeffries became pastor in 1927. The first Vacation Bible School was held the following year. Named faithful during the 20's were: J. G. Newman, Chorister; Virginia Morris, Pianist; E. J. Hunt, clerk; W. L. Johns, Sunday School Supt. and Mrs. Russell Ryan, W.M.U. President.

The Rev. E. H. Zipprodt was elected pastor in 1930. The following year, Rev. F. Q. Crockett was called; also that year Elbert Menge was ordained to the ministry.

The church celebrated their 50th anniversary in September 1932. Dr. Edgar Godbold, then Supt. of Missouri Baptist General Association headquarters, in Kansas City, was the speaker.

Minutes of July 1934 list Dr. L. M. Stanfield as Financial Secretary and Robert Dugal as Chorister. These men serve in like capacity in the church today.

A Hammond Electric organ was purchased in 1938 and the church adopted the Minister's Retirement plan the same year.

The Rev. W. P. Young, of Texarkana, Texas, accepted the call of the church in May of 1939 and

the present educational building which was completed in 1962.

The church was able to finance and support building work at Knob Lick and DeLassus. These missions are now constituted churches. Norman Jameson became first educational director, Paul Thompson served several years as Minister of Education, and at present, Rev. Mel Lantz serves as Associate Pastor.

Mrs. Nora Merseal became church clerk in 1946 and has served in this capacity since, as well as church secretary.

Many familiar family names, recorded through the years from the early church are still much in evidence today in faithful and loyal service in the work at First Baptist Church, Farmington.



## Mrs. Webb Possesses Outlook Makes Long Life Enjoyable



Mrs. Webb is shown taking her first great-grandchild, "Ginny" Webb, for a stroll during a visit to California in May, 1960.

High on the list of interesting people in St. Francois County is Mrs. Alice Webb of Farmington—ex-school teacher and veteran newspaper woman. It is a common practice nowadays for mothers to go to work when their children reach school age but not too many homemakers of 50 years ago had the inclination or skills to supplement the family income. Mrs. Webb will be 82 on March 11, 1964, and has been retired from gainful employment for many years now. She is not, however, a dozing octogenarian with waning interest in the world about her. On the contrary, Mrs. Webb continues to improve her fine mind by reading, travel and absorbing hobbies.

Mrs. Webb has two preferred means of getting where she wants to go. If the distance is within a mile or so and she has time—she will walk; for greater distance she elects jet flight travel. This quality of energetic directness somehow typifies the charming Mrs. Webb, reporter for the Lead Belt News and then the Farmington News



Love, she was born by the headwaters of Black River in the community of Edge Hill, Mo. It was there that she attended school and, with no more formal training than her eighth grade education, served as teacher of the school for two years—beginning when she was 17 years old. With her characteristic determination, the teen aged instructor tackled the job of teaching pupils of grades one through eight in a single room. Some of her students stood head and shoulders above the young teacher. With several grades under her direction, she had to budget her time to 20 minutes per class.

Reversing the usual procedure, Alice went to high school after teaching for two years. When the Love family moved from Edge Hill to a farm near Ironton, Alice became a student again, taking advantage of the two years of high school work being offered at Ironton. She then returned to teach two more terms at the Edge Hill school.

James M. Webb, former school teacher and farmer, and Alice Love were married Dec. 28, 1904, at the home of the bride's parents. For the first years of their marriage the young couple lived on the Edge Hill farm which had been owned by the Love family for over 100 years. It was here that the first child, a daughter named Ruth, was born. The second child and only son, William R. Webb, was born after his parents left the farm and moved to St. Louis. During the family's 2½-year residence in St. Louis, Mr. Webb was employed as a street car motorman. In the spring of 1909, the family moved to Flat River and Mr. Webb went to work for the St. Joseph Lead Company, beginning a period of employment that continued for 39½ years. The third and last child, a daughter named Hilda, was born during the family's 31-year stay in Flat River.

The children were all in school when Mrs. Webb took on the assignment as reporter for the Lead Belt News. For the next 7½ years she was a newswriter as the paper changed hands from Cameron to Womack, Womack to Womack-Bouchard, and then to W. L. Bouchard, present editor and publisher. Shortly after resigning her duties at the Lead Belt News, Mrs. Webb started another 7½-year stint as reporter for the late Harry Denman on the Farmington News. Mr. and Mrs. Webb moved to Farmington in 1940 and lived out the remaining portion of almost 54 years of married life. Mr. Webb passed away Sept. 9, 1958. Now making her home with Mrs. Webb at 506 N. Jackson St., Farmington, is her sister, Miss Florence Love, retired dietitian and graduate of Columbia University, New York.

When asked about her newspaper work Mrs. Webb recalled that she first started writing short "locals" and later covered more lengthy stories of weddings, deaths and other events that made up the week's news. Trips on foot from Flat River to Desloge and Elvins were not unusual feats for Mrs. Webb when she needed to make contacts in outlying sections.

A notable difference of newswriting then and now was that the reporter visited homes on both sad and joyous occasions and obtained on-the-spot information. There was a great deal more leeway in descriptive techniques and conclusions that could be drawn by the writer without fear of libel suits. The "suspects" alluded to today were

(Cont. on Page Two)





REV. MEL LANTZ

## New Associate Pastor At First Baptist

Rev. Mel Lantz, a new associate pastor to Rev. J. Loren Jolly at the First Baptist Church, Farmington, comes from the Ridgecrest Baptist Chapel in Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he was pastor for three years.

He was born and reared at Birmingham, Mo., near Kansas City, and became a Christian at age 11, and answered the call to preach at age 19, at the Birmingham Baptist Church.

Rev. Lantz is a graduate of North Kansas City High School, Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., Wm. Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., where he received a B. A. degree, and a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., from which he received a B. D. degree.

Mr. Lantz was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Doe Run from 1957 to 1960, immediately following seminary training. From there he went to Herculaneum where he pastored the First Baptist Church from 1960 to 1964, and then was pastor of Ridgecrest Baptist Chapel at Council Bluffs, Iowa, from December 1964 through January 1968.

Rev. Lantz is married to the former Opal Rice whom he met at Southwest Baptist College. She is from Springfield, Mo., and is a graduate from Southwest Baptist College and has additional hours from Southwest Missouri State Teachers College, Springfield.

The Lantzes were married in 1953 and are the parents of two children, Suzanne, age 10, and Stuart, age 2. They moved into their home at 208 North "A" Street Saturday, February 3rd. Following the worship service Sunday evening, Feb. 4, an informal reception was held in the church dining room. A social hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served. 1968

## REV. MEL LANTZ RESIGNS HERE; WILL PASTOR CHURCH IN BOONVILLE

The Rev. Mel Lantz will assume the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Boonville after March 1st. He has been associate pastor at the Farmington Baptist Church for the past two years, working closely with the Rev. J. Loren Jolly and members of the congregation and the church staff.

The church will honor him with a reception Sunday after the worship services.

One of the Rev. Lantz' prior pastorates was the Doe Run Baptist Church.

Rev. and Mrs. Lantz will also be missed in the music program of the church. Both have been members of the adult choir and Mrs. Lantz has served as organist at the second morning worship service.



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# THE FARMINGTON PRESS

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## The Jolly's Mark Fifteenth Year Here



REV. AND MRS. J. LOREN JOLLY at fifteenth anniversary reception Sunday evening, April 6, at First Baptist Church.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Loren Jolly celebrated their 15th anniversary with the First Baptist Church of Farmington on Sunday, April 6. The people of the church honored the occasion with a reception for the Jollys following the Sunday evening service.

Rev. Jolly came before the church, in view of a call, on Sunday, Feb. 21, 1954. On Wednesday night, Feb. 24, the church voted to extend a call for him to become pastor, which he accepted. Rev. Jolly's first sermon as pastor of the church was April 4, 1954.

On Sunday morning Mrs. Jolly was wearing an orchid corsage, and Rev. Jolly a carnation boutonniere, which were sent to them by the church.

On Sunday evening it was revealed, as a surprise to them, that a reception had been planned in their honor. The honorees, and the congregation, moved to the church dining room where a lovely serving table had been set up by the ladies of the church. The focal point was a beautiful arrangement of pink carnations and deep rose heather. Al Foreman, chairman of the deacons, presented to the pastor and his wife a generous love offering in the form of a check. Punch, coffee and cookies were served.



**First, Farmington, Honors  
Jolly in Anniversary**

1969



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The WORD and WAY



## YOUTH EMPHASIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The First Baptist Church, Farmington, continues its Youth Week emphasis this Sunday, April 13, with the young people of the church leading in the morning services.

Four young men will be bringing the messages at the two morning worship services. Jan Parker and Mike Eaves will deliver the messages at the 8:30 a. m. service. Their subject is to be "Running Life's Race". Alan Martin and James Holland will deliver the message at the 10:50 a. m. service, and their subject will be "Growth in Grace."

The Farmington High School A capella Choir under the direction of Larry McSpadden will be the guest choir for the 8:30 a. m. service.

The Youth Choir of the church, under the direction of Mrs. Ron Willis, will sing at the 10:50 a. m. service.

Young men and women will have various responsibilities in Sunday School and the worship services that day. Dean Morris is the Sunday School General Superintendent for Youth Week. He and the youth committee have been busy enlisting 36 youths to serve as superintendents, associate superintendents, and pianists in the Junior, Inter-



Alan Martin, James Holland, Mike Eaves, Jan Parker

mediate, and Adult Departments. Their main responsibility will be to conduct the opening (or closing) assembly for their assigned department. Sunday School is at 9:40 a. m. Charles Harris is chairman of the usher committee. Mary Moore is the Training Union Director; and she, with others, will have the assembly program

for that organization.

Youth Sunday coincides with the beginning of a five-Sunday Sunday School attendance emphasis for which the goal is to have an average attendance of 675 for five Sundays.

The church cordially invites the public to attend these Bible study and worship services.





# OBSERVER and HELPER

BAPTISTS GO FORWARD WHEN THEY GO TOGETHER

"WE ARE LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD"—1 Cor. 3:9

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## Associational Evangelistic Clinic

Meeting With Esther Baptist Church  
January 30, 1969—7:00 p.m.

### FEATURED SPEAKER

Rev. Jim Hylton  
West Plains



#### THEME:

*"The Association Sharing Christ, our Only Hope"*

#### THE PROGRAM

- 7:00 Song and Praise  
Introductions announcements  
7:10 Joint Conferences:  
"The Crusade of the Americas Working Through:  
Leader  
The Sunday School ..... Rev. Ed Goodwin  
The Training Union ..... Rev. Mel Lantz  
The Woman's Missionary  
Union ..... Mrs. Lawrence Ray  
The Baptist Men ..... Mr. Donald Yount  
The Pastor ..... Rev. Jim Hylton  
Church Music ..... Mr. Ray Wampler  
The Layman ..... Mr. Arvalee Harris  
7:55 "My Place in the Crusade" ..... Supt. of Missions  
"What, Where, When,  
Why ? ? " ..... Chrm. of Evangelism  
8:10 Special Music  
8:15 Message—  
"Christ, The Only Hope" ..... Rev. Jim Hylton  
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### The Challenge of our Times

Born in prayer and adopted by the Convention, the Crusade of the Americas is the evangelistic challenge of our time.

It is my prayer as your Chairman of Evangelism, that every church in our Association will be in revival during the Crusade, March 16-30, 1969.

If your church cannot participate during the dates selected, choose a date near this time. We are praying for revival and Christian Renewal. Your Chairman of Evangelism and Supt. of Missions have the names and available dates of men who may lead your church. If you need them, please call us.

Let us pray as if the entire effort depends upon God,

## WMU Program, January 21st., Features Panel

Theme of the quarterly meeting of the Associational W.M.U. is "Christ Our Hope." First Baptist Church, Bismarck will host the day meeting beginning at 10:00 A.M. There will be a covered dish luncheon at noon. A feature of the morning session will be a Panel of Pastors, moderated by the Supt. of Missions, on the subject "Crusade of the Americas Progress Report." This same panel will be a part of the program at the Night Meeting at the Esther Baptist Church beginning at 7:30 p.m.

## BAPTIST MEN'S MEETING DATE CHANGED TO JANUARY 20—7:30 P.M. MEETING AT CANTWELL

MEN MUST MOVE OUT in doing good unto others! This every Christian man fully realizes. The next Associational Baptist Men's Meeting, changed from Jan. 13 to Jan. 20th, will deal with opportunities for MEN to do some real service. On the program for this meeting will be:

Mr. Elmer Brown of Farmington; Rev. Chris Scheihing, Public Relations Director for the Home for Aged Baptists, and Rev. Jerrell McNutt, Protestant Chaplain at State Hospital No. 4. Dr. Donald Yount of Leadwood is the Assoc. Baptist Men's Director.

This promises to be a 'different' meeting, with opportunities presented for MEN to experience a new type ministry. IF MEN OF OUR CHURCHES really want to be used for the Lord in service, it is extremely important that PASTORS, as well as laymen, be present for this meeting.

REMEMBER THE DATE: JANUARY 20

THE TIME: 7:30 P.M.

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## Pastor at Ste. Genevieve "Going Back"

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The present pastor, Rev. J. Loren Jolly accepted the call of the church extended in February 1954. The past 14 years have been marked by continued progress. The Sunday School growth to 1,005 in 1954 necessitated using the public school building and four houses surrounding the church were purchased and used for Sunday School space until razed to make way for the present educational building which was completed in 1962.

Along with their own extensive building program the church was able also to finance and support building work at Knob Lick Mission and the construction of a new building at Delassus. These missions have now become constituted churches. Growth in Stewardship at the church has been evidenced during these years with mission gifts far surpassing dreams of the early church. Norman Jameson became first educational director employed by the church and Paul Thompson served several years as a minister of Education and at present, Rev. Mel Lantz serves as Associate Pastor. Mrs. Mira Merseal became Church Clerk in October 1946 and has served in this capacity since as well as Church Secretary.

Membership, as recorded in the 1968 minutes, totals 1,002 with Sunday School enrollment of 1,201 and an average attendance of 529. Two morning services have been held for several years and plans are underway to build a new and adequate Sanctuary to replace the building which has been in use for the past 57 years. Property

## The Role of the WMU in the Crusade of the Americas

What is the place of the W.M.U. in the Crusade of the Americas? Let us turn the idea around and think of it as to what place the Crusade takes in the W.M.U. It makes all the dif-

ference in the world. The Crusade by now should take first place in the thinking, praying and work of every W.M.U. member.

The Woman's Missionary society, by its very nature and cause for existence would surely put the women in first place of responsibility for the success of the Crusade. Let us look once again for the reasons of our being. Our first reason is to teach missions. We would have had to have our heads buried in the sand to not know that the success of this Crusade will not only be of utmost importance spiritually, but will have great political importance.

Something must be done to turn back the tide of Communism and the salvation of Jesus Christ in the hearts of people is big enough to do it. He has no hands but our hands, no feet but our feet. We must give them for this cause—He will not take them for His cause against our will— but communism will.

Our second reason for being is to lead persons to participate in missions. Have we in our life time ever had a mission cause in which we could be more personally involved? A visitation program should already be in progress to enlist people in Bible study to prepare their hearts for the harvest in March. Now is the time to show our concern. Two weeks in a year doesn't convince people we are very much concerned. One of my children, with some other young people from the church, went to visit a high school class mate during a revival. He expressed to them in word what I'm sure others must have felt. You don't really care about me. The only time your church shows an interest in me is during a revival." They didn't reach him either. Are we now participating in prayer in proportion to our concern? How earnestly are you praying?

Our third task, give leadership to special mission projects. The Crusade is special, it is missilary and we surely should be willing to lead in prayer groups, visitation and anything that will involve as many people as possible to get them ready for the harvest. The fourth reason for our organization is to interpret information regarding the work of the church and the denomination. The Crusade should so possess us that we just can't help talking about it. We'll want to tell all Christians we need their help and tell them how they too can help. We'll want to tell the lost that the Crusade is for them because we love them and want them to know our Christ as their Saviour too.

If Christ has first place in our heart then the Crusade of the Americas will possess our interest, prayers, concern and time. And our planning should entail Crusade purposes until it is over. So much depends on the success and the success depends on us.

Mrs. Lawrence Ray  
Assoc. W.M.U. Director

## Looking Ahead with Training Union, 1969

The Training Union has an important role to play in the Crusade of the Americas, as much as any organization in the church. If we can get our people to see its importance, the Training Union will LEAD in the preparation and follow-up work for the Revival in our churches.

There are lessons already this quarter in the Young People's and Adult sections which are designed to assist those who would like to be soul winners. Or, you might plan for an extra group of especially interested people who could make a special study of soul-winning methods. Special study manuals are available from the Church Literature Department.

Watch Night is usually assigned to the Training Union. Let it's main devotional emphasis be "prayer for the Revivals." You will find a plan for this in the December T.U. Magazine, p. 13 ff.

Working at the matter of "deepening the spiritual life of the individual believer (new or old)," is one of the main tasks assigned to Training Union. To help with this, as far as new Christians go, it is suggested that we have a "C-Night" in our church. This means "Conservation and Commitment"; and is different from the Association C-Night Meeting planned for January.

The leaflet for this was made available at our M-Night program for the pastors and Training Union Directors. You may write to the Assoc. T.U. Director if you did not receive a copy. This C-Night is a planned service designed to assist new members in getting a good start into the life of the church. Along with C-Night, of course, should be the longer program of New Church Member Orientation.

Actually C-Night is to help direct these new members into their Orientation class; and to assign to them a sponsor (a consecrated church member) who will assist them in their first weeks of church membership.

Training Union has an important role in relation to the Crusade of the Americas; and in relation to our total church objectives.

Mel Lantz, Assoc. T. U. Dir.

was purchased this past year to aid in this purpose.

Value of the churches's property is now \$435,000.00.

Many familiar family names, recorded all down the years from the early church are still much in evidence today in faithful and loyal service to our Lord in the work at First Baptist Church Farmington.



## Calendar of Activities For January and February

### JANUARY

- 6 Assoc. Executive Committee Meeting, Farmington, 11:00 a.m.
- 6-10 Bible Study Week—Book of Isaiah
- 9 Assoc. Sunday Officers Plan Meeting—1:30 Farmington
- 12 Soul-winning Commitment Sunday
- 12 Day of Prayer for Crusade of the Americas
- 13-15 State Evangelistic Meeting, Kansas City, Mo.
- 16 Executive Board Meeting, 7:30 P.M., Flat River
- 20 Baptist Men's Meeting, 7:30
- 21 Quarterly Associational W.M.U. Meeting—Day  
Group at Bismarck, 10:00 a.m.  
—2:30 p.m.—Night  
Group at Esther, 7:30 p.m.
- 26 Baptist Men's Day
- 30 Associational Evangelistic Clinic, Esther, 7:00 p.m.

### FEBRUARY

- 2 Associational G.A. Meeting, Bonne Terre, 2:30 p.m.
- 2 Baptist World Alliance Sunday
- 9-15 YWA Focus Week
- 10 Associational Sunday School Meeting, 7:30—Bonne Terre
- 16 Associational Youth Meeting
- 17 Associational Church Library Conference, Esther, 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Associational Hymn Sing
- 24-25 State VBS Clinic, Jefferson City, Mo.

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Belleview	\$ 32.41
Bethany	1.54
Bismarck	136.00
Bonne Terre	104.64
Cadet Chapel	5.96
Silver Springs	8.76
Cantwell	130.03
Chestnut Ridge	20.00
New Offenburg	18.62
Coffman	
Delassus	25.27
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Potosi	59.84
Springtown Mission	23.80
Providence	57.98
Ste. Genevieve	28.56
Stouts Creek	
Three Rivers	15.00
Viburnum	14.88
Washita	
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## —LOOKING TO 1969—

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There are two reasons why I am optimistic about our Association and the year 1969.

First, I believe we have the very best team of Departmental leaders and committee chairmen who are ready and anxious to assist our churches and lead in a program for our Association. These leaders are enthusiastic and well qualified to help each church if you will use them.

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Keith Huffman, Moderator

## Preacher's Meetings For January

January 6—Farmington  
January 20—Flat River

All preachers and pastors are cordially invited to attend these conferences beginning at 10:00 a.m. Fellowship begins at 9:30 a.m. coffee-time. Rev. J. Loren Jolly is the President of this year's conference with Ed Hunter as program chairman.

## "A Gift We Would Give Unto You All"

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## Youth Organization News Planning Committee to Meet At Doe Run Church, January 19 1:30 p.m.

This meeting will be one hour prior to the January monthly meeting of the Youth of the Association, which begins at 2:30 p.m. Members of the planning committee are: Judy Towler, A. J. Hahn, Penny Wesiss, S. Williams, Leon Lachance, Vicky Huff, Margaret Meyer, Sanday Bullock, Julia Joy, Ricky Yount, Cynthia Lewis, Diane Russell, Linda Scott, Sandy McCain, Debbie Lewis, Pat Mickan, Pam Archer, Denna Young, Bill Stanley, Sharon Belcher, Van Sikes, Marilyn Brooks, Philip Brown, and Alice Nicholson. Pastors are requested to be at the meeting also.

The December meeting with the Potosi Church had 108 in attendance. Ricky Yount of the Potosi church brought the message and fellowship was enjoyed by those attending.

SOMETHING NEW—The Youth of the Association have their first issue of a monthly newsletter prepared by Director Harry Douma. Contributions are made by youth from the various churches in a section called "Youth Speaks" and items of interest to youth and the work of youth within the Association are included.

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## Church of the Month—(Cont.)

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In 1951 a minister of music was employed, Dale Brubaker, who is now Director of Music Dept. for Missouri Baptists. Rev. Stone completed a very successful ten year pastorate in December 1953. The membership had grown to 905 with a Sunday School of 919, Training Union of 224, W.M.U. of 269. The church was also sponsoring two missions, one at Knob Lick and another at Delassus.

The present pastor, Rev. J. Loren Jolly accepted the call of the church extended in February 1954. The past 14 years have been marked by continued progress. The Sunday School growth to 1,005 in 1954 necessitated using the public school building and four houses surrounding the church were purchased and used for Sunday School space until razed to make way for the present educational building which was completed in 1962.

Along with their own extensive building program the church was able also to finance and support building work at Knob Lick Mission and the construction of a new building at Delassus. These missions have now become constituted churches. Growth in Stewardship at the church has been evidenced during these years with mission gifts far surpassing dreams of the early church. Norman Jameson became first educational director employed by the church and Paul Thompson served several years as a minister of Education and at present, Rev. Mel Lantz serves as Associate Pastor. Mrs. Mira Merseal became Church Clerk in October 1946 and has served in this capacity since as well as Church Secretary.

Membership, as recorded in the 1968 minutes, totals 1,002 with Sunday School enrollment of 1,201 and an average attendance of 529. Two morning services have been held for several years and plans are underway to build a new and adequate Sanctuary to replace the building which has been in use for the past 57 years. Property

## The Role of the WMU in the Crusade of the Americas

What is the place of the W.M.U. in the Crusade of the Americas? Let us turn the idea around and think of it as to what place the Crusade takes in the W.M.U. It makes all the dif-

ference in the world. The Crusade by now should take first place in the thinking, praying and work of every W.M.U. member.

The Woman's Missionary society, by its very nature and cause for existence would surely put the women in first place of responsibility for the success of the Crusade. Let us look once again for the reasons of our being. Our first reason is to teach missions. We would have had to have our heads buried in the sand to not know that the success of this Crusade will not only be of utmost importance spiritually, but will have great political importance.

Something must be done to turn back the tide of Communism and the salvation of Jesus Christ in the hearts of people is big enough to do it. He has no hands but our hands, no feet but our feet. We must give them for this cause—He will not take them for His cause against our will— but communism will.

Our second reason for being is to lead persons to participate in missions. Have we in our life time ever had a mission cause in which we could be more personally involved? A visitation program should already be in progress to enlist people in Bible study to prepare their hearts for the harvest in March. Now is the time to show our concern. Two weeks in a year doesn't convince people we are very much concerned. One of my children, with some other young people from the church, went to visit a high school class mate during a revival. He expressed to them in word what I'm sure others must have felt. You don't really care about me. The only time your church shows an interest in me is during a revival." They didn't reach him either. Are we now participating in prayer in proportion to our concern? How earnestly are you praying?

Our third task, give leadership to special mission projects. The Crusade is special, it is missilary and we surely should be willing to lead in prayer groups, visitation and anything that will involve as many people as possible to get them ready for the harvest. The fourth reason for our organization is to interpret information regarding the work of the church and the denomination. The Crusade should so possess us that we just can't help talking about it. We'll want to tell all Christians we need their help and tell them how they too can help. We'll want to tell the lost that the Crusade is for them because we love them and want them to know our Christ as their Saviour too.

If Christ has first place in our heart then the Crusade of the Americas will possess our interest, prayers, concern and time. And our planning should entail Crusade purposes until it is over. So much depends on the success and the success depends on us.

Mrs. Lawrence Ray  
Assoc. W.M.U. Director

## Looking Ahead with Training Union, 1969

The Training Union has an important role to play in the Crusade of the Americas, as much as any organization in the church. If we can get our people to see its importance, the Training Union will LEAD in the preparation and follow-up work for the Revival in our churches.

There are lessons already this quarter in the Young People's and Adult sections which are designed to assist those who would like to be soul winners. Or, you might plan for an extra group of especially interested people who could make a special study of soul-winning methods. Special study manuals are available from the Church Literature Department.

Watch Night is usually assigned to the Training Union. Let its main devotional emphasis be "prayer for the Revivals." You will find a plan for this in the December T.U. Magazine, p. 13 ff.

Working at the matter of "deepening the spiritual life of the individual believer (new or old)," is one of the main tasks assigned to Training Union. To help with this, as far as new Christians go, it is suggested that we have a "C-Night" in our church. This means "Conservation and Commitment"; and is different from the Association C-Night Meeting planned for January.

The leaflet for this was made available at our M-Night program for the pastors and Training Union Directors. You may write to the Assoc. T.U. Director if you did not receive a copy. This C-Night is a planned service designed to assist new members in getting a good start into the life of the church. Along with C-Night, of course, should be the longer program of New Church Member Orientation.

Actually C-Night is to help direct these new members into their Orientation class; and to assign to them a sponsor (a consecrated church member) who will assist them in their first weeks of church membership.

Training Union has an important role in relation to the Crusade of the Americas; and in relation to our total church objectives.

Mel Lantz, Assoc. T. U. Dir.

was purchased this past year to aid in this purpose.

Value of the churches's poperty is now \$435,000.00.

Many familiar family names, recorded all down the years from the early church are still much in evidence today in faithful and loyal service to our Lord in the work at First Baptist Church Farmington.



MINERAL AREA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1969 "M" Night Program

Theme: "TRAINING: THE URGENT NEED NOW"

7:30 - Devotional Period

Hymn: "The Banner Of The Cross" Congregation  
Welcome by T. U. Director  
Hymn: "Our Best" Congregation  
Prayer

Song Leader: Mr. Orville Sikes  
First Baptist Church, Bonne Terre

7:40 - Filmstrip-Drama: "Training: The Urgent Now"  
Young Man: Lee Vaughn  
First Baptist Church, Farmington

7:55 Church Training Bulletin  
Recognitions

8:00 - An offering will be received to help with  
M-Night expenses

8:05 - Special Music: Mrs. Hoover and Dr. Briggs

8:10 Message  
Dr. Philip H. Briggs  
Assoc. Professor of Religious Edu. & Church Adm.  
Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
Kansas City, Missouri

A concert of secular and religious folk music will  
be given by Dr. Briggs and Mrs. Hoover to last approximately thirty minutes.

9:10 - Adjourn

"THE BANNER OF THE CROSS"

There's a royal banner given for display  
To the soldiers of the King;  
As an ensign we lift it up today,  
While as ransomed ones we sing.

Marching on, Marching on,  
For Christ count everything but loss!  
And to crown Him King, toil and sing  
Neath the banner of the cross!

Though the foe may rage and gather as the flood,  
Let the standard be displayed,  
And beneath its folds, as soldiers of the Lord,  
For the truth be not dismayed!

Over land and sea, wherever man may dwell,  
Make the glorious tidings known;  
Of the crimson banner now the story tell,  
While the Lord shall claim His own!

OUR BEST

Hear ye the Master's call, "Give Me thy best!"  
For, be it great or small, That is His test,  
Do then the best you can, Not for reward,  
Not for the praise of man, But for the Lord.

Ev'ry work for Jesus will be blest,  
But He asks from ev'ry-one His best.  
Our talents may be few, These may be small,  
But unto Him is due Our best, our all.

Wait not for men to laud, Heed not their slight;  
Winning the smile of God Brings its delight!  
Aiding the good and true, Ne'er goes unblest,  
All that we think or do, Be it the best.



WELCOME DR. BRIGGS AND MRS. HOOVER

For many of you Dr. Phil Briggs is no stranger. Many compliments have been expressed for him and his work by those of you who have become acquainted with him at Windermere, or elsewhere.

Since 1965, Dr. Briggs has been Associate Professor of Religious Education and Church Administration at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo.

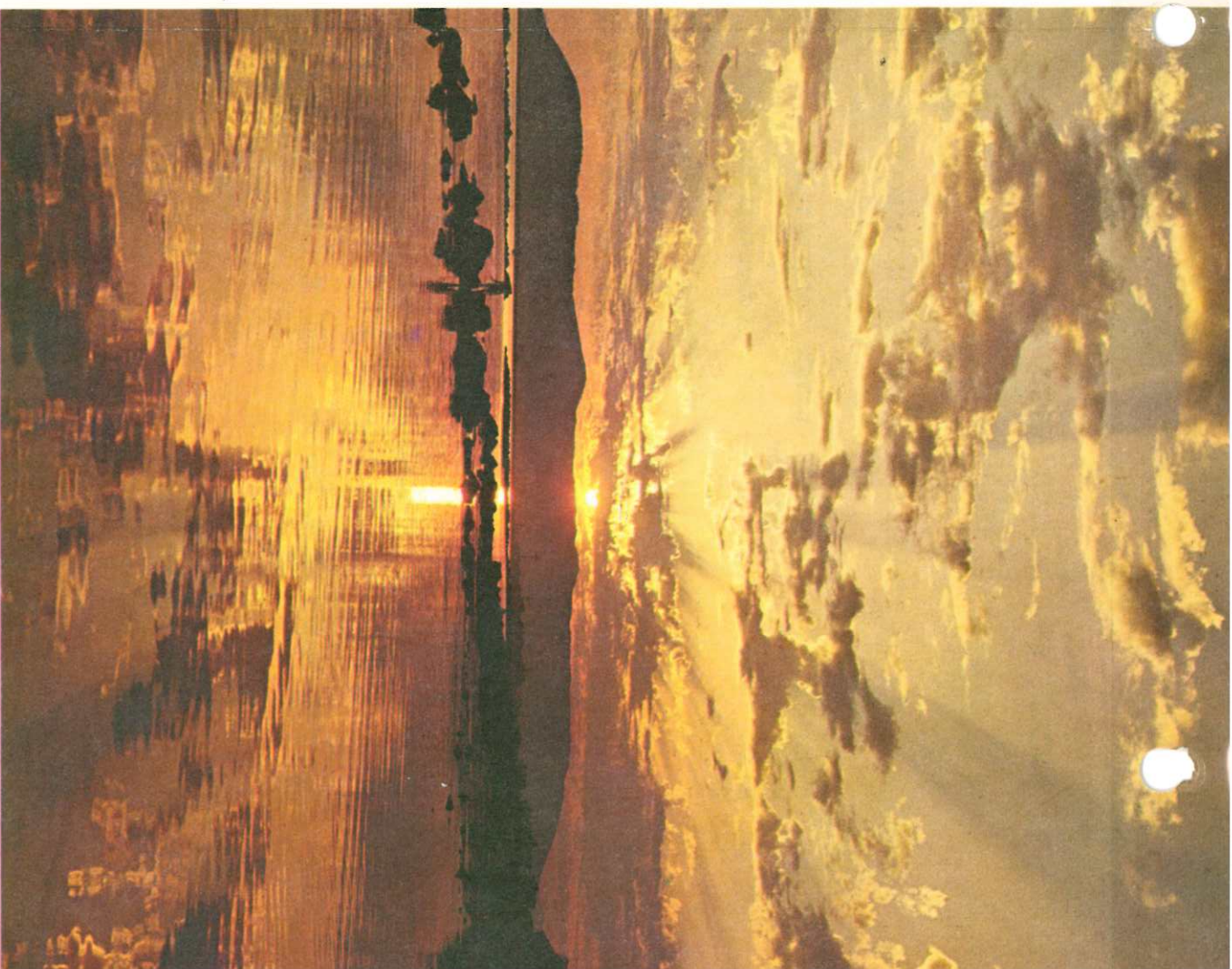
Dr. Briggs is a native of Ponca City, Oklahoma. He was licensed and ordained to the gospel ministry by the First Baptist Church of Ponca City. His experience includes: Minister of Edu. & Music; Assoc. Pastor-Youth Dir.; Minister of Music & Youth; and Seminary Professor. Other significant short-term tasks are too numerous to mention here.

Dr. Briggs is married to Jennette Crouch Briggs; and they have three children: Philip, Jr.; Randall; and Brenda.

We are pleased that Brother Briggs recommended that we also engage Mrs. Hoover to assist with this M-Night program.

Mrs. Rosemary Hoover is a Christian folk singer. She is a member of the Maywood Baptist Church in Independence, Mo. She serves as an adult superintendent, Training Union worker, and is active in the music ministry.

Mrs. Hoover is a native of Benton, Kansas, and attended college at Kansas State University. Her husband is a deacon at Maywood. They have two children.



TRAINING:

THE URGENT NOW



December 21, 1969

Dear Bob:

We, as a church, have decided that it is time that we publicly express our appreciation and thanks to you for the years of faithful service in the ministry of music in our church.

The church minutes for November 5, 1952, carries the following business transaction: "Leo Dugal, on behalf of the deacons, made the following recommendation .... 'that Bob Dugal be appointed as choir director for the balance of the year'." This motion elected you to complete the year of Mr. Dale Brubaker, who resigned to become head of the Office of Music in the Missouri Baptist Convention organization. That "balance of the year", referred to in the motion, has added and multiplied itself until now you find yourself in your eighteenth year in this rewarding ministry. On Nov. 5, 1969, you began your eighteenth year.

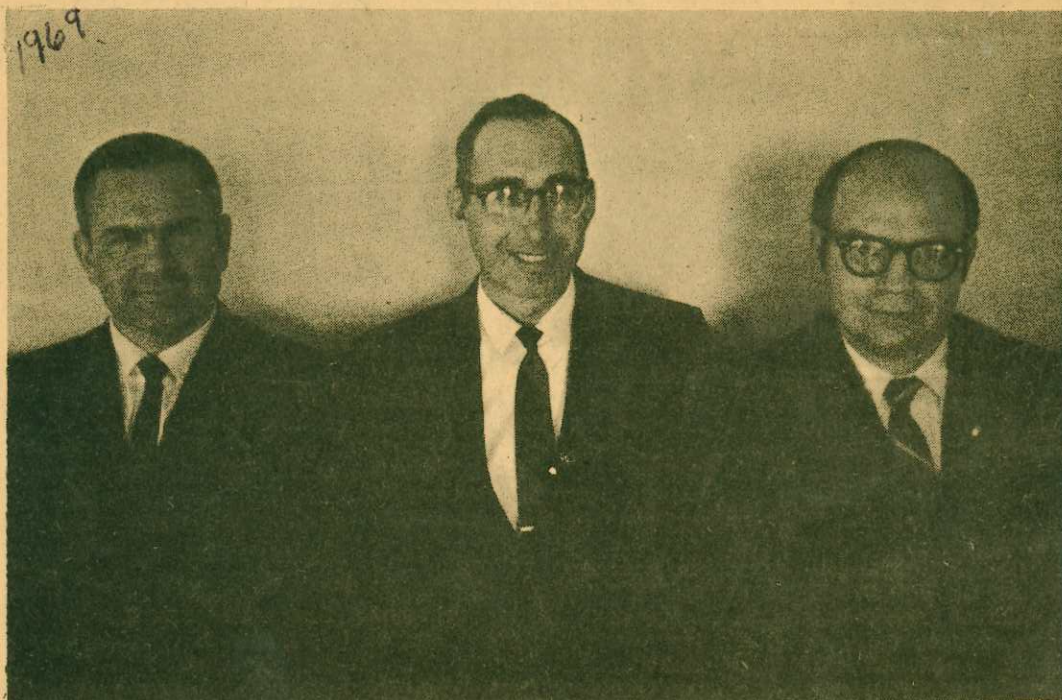
Too often we have taken your ministry for granted. Now we wish to recognize you, and commend you for your work. Your love for our Lord is evidenced by your attitude and action. The dedication of your talents to the Lord must have been an encouragement to many through the years. Of special note is your characteristic of dependability. When a job has been turned over to you, there was no question but that it would be done if it was in your power to do it.

We wish to express again our thanks; and our prayers that you will enjoy many more years of rewarding service for our Lord.

Respectfully,

Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ  
of the First Baptist Church  
Farmington, Missouri





Left to right: Robert McWilliams, Murray Norman and Charles Limbaugh -- speakers at the First Baptist Church, Farmington, Sunday, January 26.

## TO CONDUCT SPECIAL SERVICES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Three Baptist men in the field of education will be the speakers at the Sunday services, January 26, at the First Baptist Church of Farmington. The First Baptist Church is one of approximately 15,000 churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention that will observe Baptist Men's Day, and recognize the important role of Christian laymen in the churches.

The three men who will be speaking are Murray Norman, Robert McWilliams, and Charles Limbaugh.

Announcement of the special emphasis was made by Rev. J. Loren Jolly, pastor of the church at College and Franklin Streets, across from the Junior High School.

Murray Norman will be speaking at the first service, 8:30 a.m. Mr. Norman is in his eleventh year as Science teacher, teaching biology and chem-

istry, at the Farmington High School. He is also employed part-time at the Farmington Post Office.

Robert McWilliams will be speaking at the second morning service, 10:50 a.m. Mr. McWilliams is in his thirteenth year on the teaching and/or administrative staff of Farmington's schools. For the past two years he has had the responsibility of Administrative Assistant for the R-7 District.

Charles Limbaugh will be speaking at the evening service, 7:00 p.m. Mr. Limbaugh is in his fifth year as Chemistry Instructor at the Mineral Area College in Flat River.

These, as well as numerous other dedicated Christian laymen, will have part in the Baptist Men's Day services. Robert Dugal will be enlisting and directing a Baptist Men's Choir at these services. Mr. Dugal is Assistant Postmaster at the Farmington Post Office; and is

the regular choir director for the church.

The sponsor of this special day is the Baptist Men's Organization led by Earl Scott. The public is cordially invited to all services of the church.