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The 1970's

In 1970 we began sending \$100 a month to Eastmont Church, Wenatchee, Washington and continued this for 3 years. Mel Lantz resigned in February.

July 1971 brought John W. Jackson as Minister of Music and Youth.

The plans of McCall-Watson Architects were approved in 1971 for the new sanctuary. Our loan of \$250,000 was increased to \$350,000.

February, 1972 the contract for the new building was let.

Windows for the new sanctuary were from Hopcraft Art Glass Windows; cost-\$16,000. Pews were from L. L. Sams & Co.; cost-\$12,065 (including choir chairs). The sidewalks, front and sides of new sanctuary cost \$2,058.

In August of 1972, payments began to Ozarks Federal S & L for the new building

In June of 1973, loan was increased \$25,000 to \$375,000. Also in June, the price for a new Allen organ was \$12,500. Purchased a Ballwin Piano (6'2")

A new time was set for morning worship services: 8:45 and 10:00

In August, we paid the architect a balance of \$1,000; Brockmiller - \$7,000; Marler-\$3,000.

A sign was purchased for the front lawn measuring 60 x 40. We bought 20 cots for Bates Creek Camp; 50 gold chairs for lounge @ \$17.93 each. Our insurance package (from Hulsey) was \$2,645 annually.

Dottie Lawson resigned as organist and Marie Stanfield resigned as treasurer of church. In December, Nora Merseal resigned as secretary; continued to substitute.

January, 1974, Mary Neely was hired as secretary at \$4,800, plus social security and retirement. During that year, 60 new choir robes were ordered. Total membership was 1466; Sunday School enrollment was 1116 with average attendance of 413. In 1974 special offerings for Lottie Moon - \$5,368; for Annie Armstrong - \$905. 25.5% given to the Cooperative Program and 2.5% to Associational Missions.

A musical Celebrate Life was presented on December 20 and 24.

In April of 1975, there was a dedication of the Essie Y. Newman Memorial Library in our church.

May, 500 new baptist hymnals were purchased at a cost of \$3.25 each.

June, two indoor bathrooms were installed at Bates Creek Cabin, as well as a septic tank. Total cost - \$800.

In July, a recommendation was brought before the church to give Bro. Jolly the parsonage at the time of his retirement. Vote was by secret ballot:(95-yes/34-no)

Resident members in 1975 were 1026, non-resident members were 464. 1141 were enrolled in Sunday School with average attendance of 436. Value of church property is listed at \$900,000; Lottie Moon offering \$5,575; Annie Armstrong offering \$1,084.

The 70's (continued)

In 1976, Lodean Dugal agreed to serve as Vacation Bible School Director, Mrs. Jolly having served for many years prior.

A Thank You note was received from Delassus Church for the organ we gave them. The Bus Committee set up a fund for the purpose of obtaining another bus.

November, 1976, Brother J. Loren Jolly presented his resignation as pastor, to be effective December 31, 1976. November 28th is to be designated as "Jolly Day".

In December, a request for wages for a nursery helper at \$2.00 per hour. The McGee property was ~~purchased~~ *estate gift plus \$50,000* and Deed received. A new motor was installed in furnace.

In January, 1977, the McGee property sold as it stood for \$23,500.

In February, Rev. Jerry Cowin was called as pastor. The new pastor package: \$24,660, 2 weeks vacation, 2 revivals, 2 conventions.

April - bought property on Franklin Street between College and Spring St. from Marcus Savage (north half of Lot 1 & 2, Murphy Addition for \$11,000 from Chester Kollmeyer, south half for \$15,000 from John Lenz, south half of Lot 3, \$3,000. Total for three pieces - \$29,000. \$29,000 loan from Ozarks Federal S & L at 8%.

In May, we had a recognition service for E. R. McWilliams who had served as head usher for many years and was retiring.

A Love Offering was given in June for the Retirement Housing of Ernest & Betty Towler, who is retiring as Associational Director.

In July, the pastor's housing allowance was raised to \$4,800.

February of 1978, a new loan from First State Bank for \$7,600 to cover the roof of the old education building. Loan was at 8½%.

In March, conservation of energy was stressed.

June - houses on Franklin Street are to be torn down.

July - Voted to change to Bible Book Series in Sunday School.

August - Voted to use the money in 'debt retirement' and 'building fund' for necessary repairs.

September, 19% of money in building and debt retirement to be used to employ Minister of Education.

A new job description for custodian was set out.

January, 1979 \$1000 was used to repair old building. In June, the church offices were remodeled at a cost of \$6,000.

In June, Larry Johnson was called as Minister of Education. Total package \$18,342.

In April, the church voted to do a new Church Pictorial Directory by Christopher Reetz.

November, 1979, Marilyn Watts was employed as Pastor's Secretary.

December - church purchased a new snow blower. (\$825)

The 70's (continued)

We were blessed with two summer missionaries: Paul Lindsay and Earl Peterson.

A call was extended to Wm. E. Willard as Minister of Education. Upon prayer and reflection, Mr. Willard declined.

Some remodeling work is being planned for the church offices.

Exerpts from the Annual Church Letter: Total membership - 1661; Sunday School average attendance - 405; Church Training - 90; Total to Missions - \$76,305.

The Missouri Baptist evangelistic effort "Good News Missouri" supported by our church. First Baptist pledged to give \$1 per resident member for promotion expenses for G.N.M. The Stallneckers, a family evangelistic team, were called to lead in a revival next spring.

First Baptist Church Begins New Building

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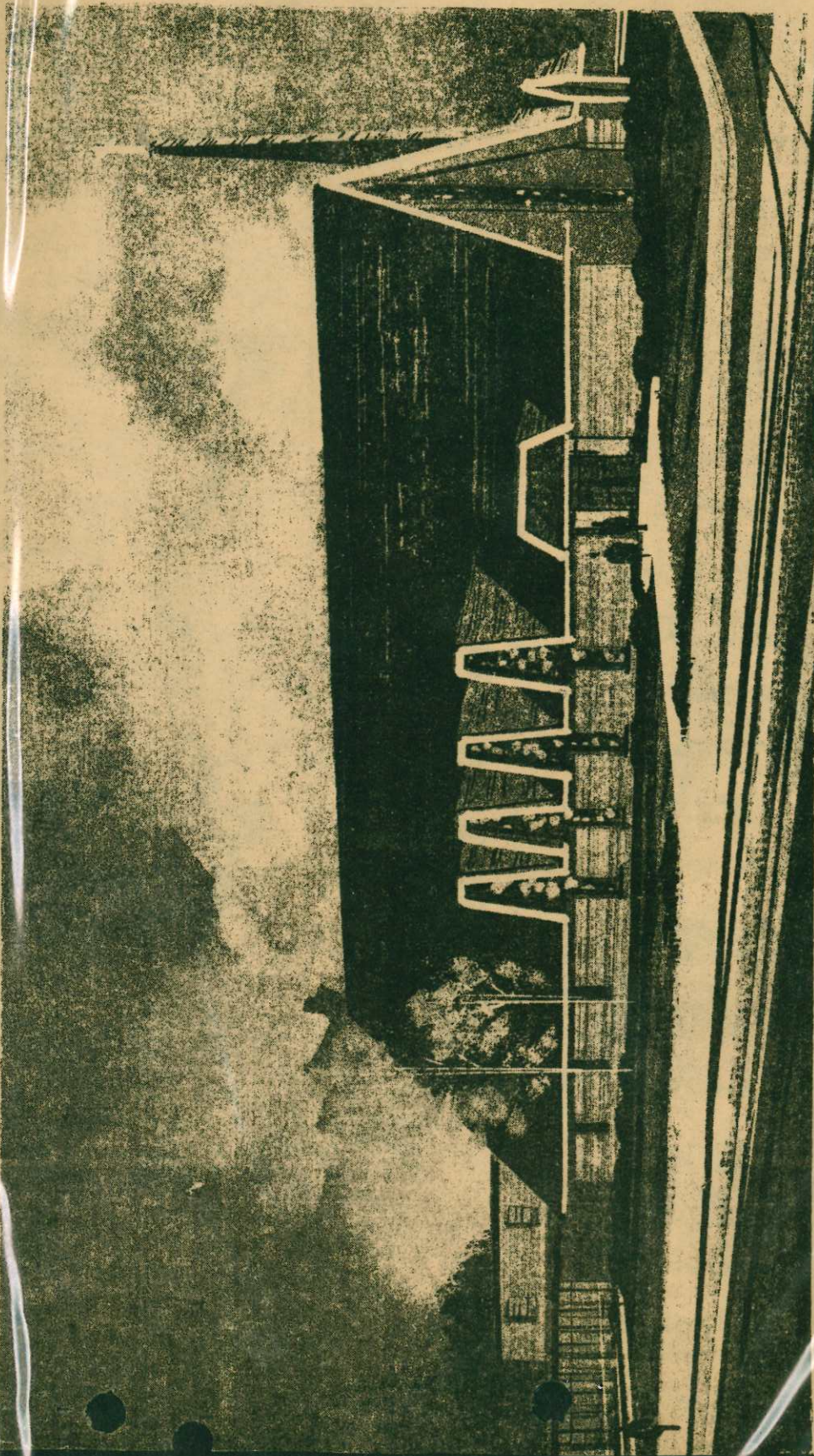
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ARCHITECT'S DRAWING OF NEW SANCTUARY FOR FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

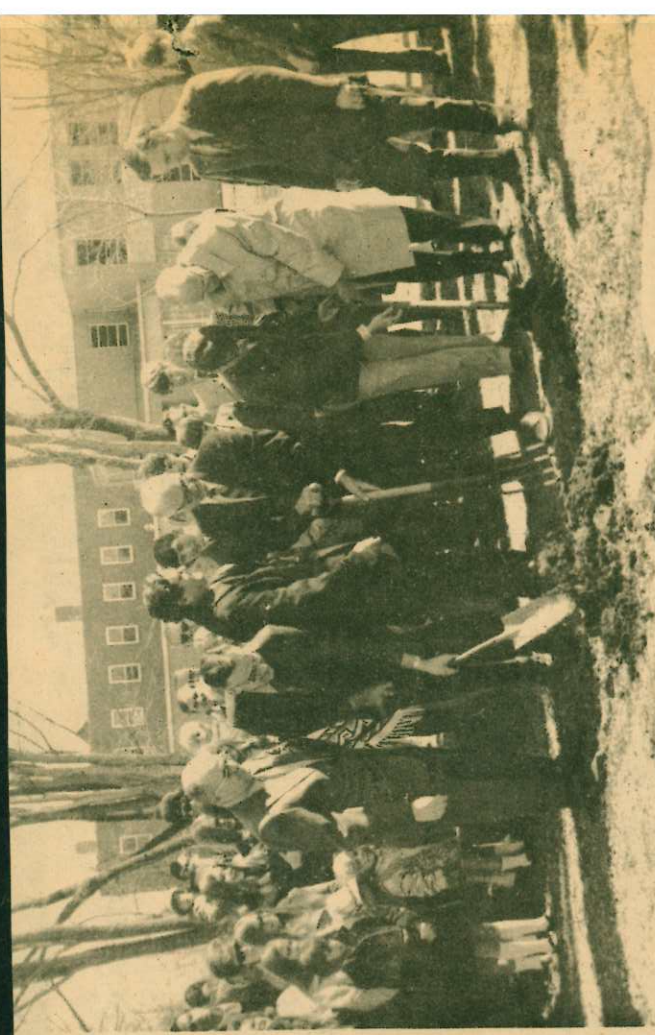
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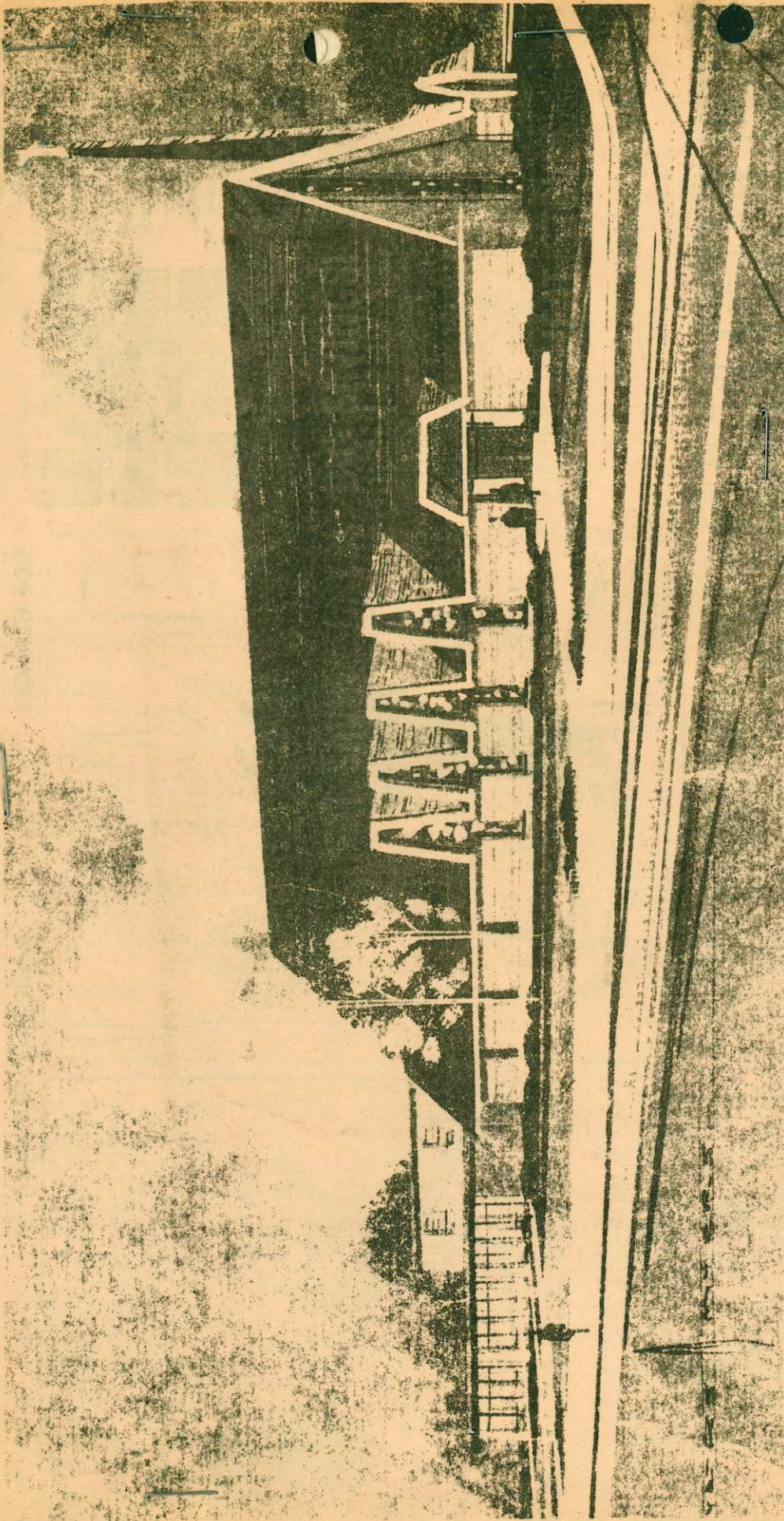
A PART OF THE LARGE CROWD in attendance at groundbreaking ceremonies held on Sunday, February 20 for a new sanctuary for Farmington's First Baptist Church. The new structure will be built with the focal point and main entrance on North "A" Street.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Charles Schwidde, chairman of the building committee; turning a shovel of dirt is Lewis Monie, chairman of trustees; the Rev. J. Loren Jolly, church pastor; Rev. Ernest Towler, Director of Mineral Area Associational work; Gary Adolph, representing the youth of the church and Sanford Gunnett, chairman of Deacons, together handle a spade and Don Brockmiller, the contractor.

(1972)

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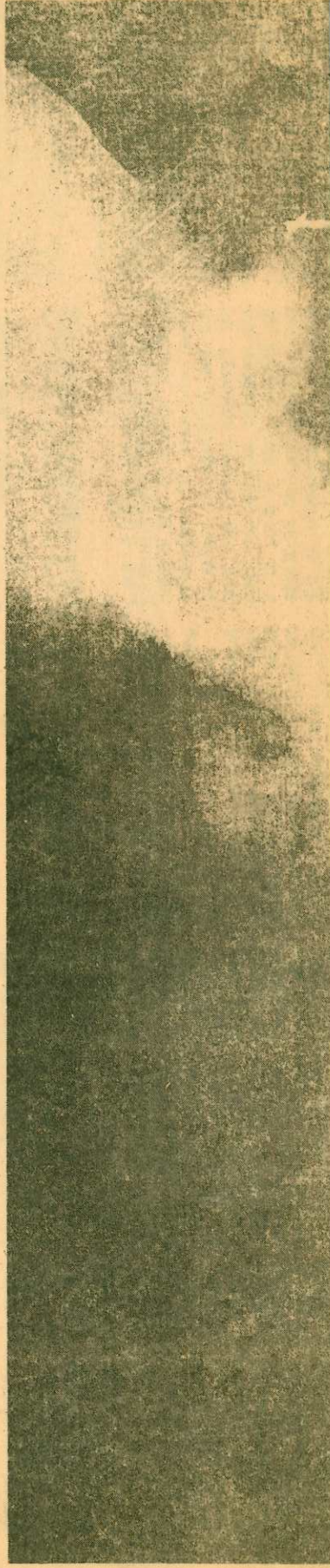
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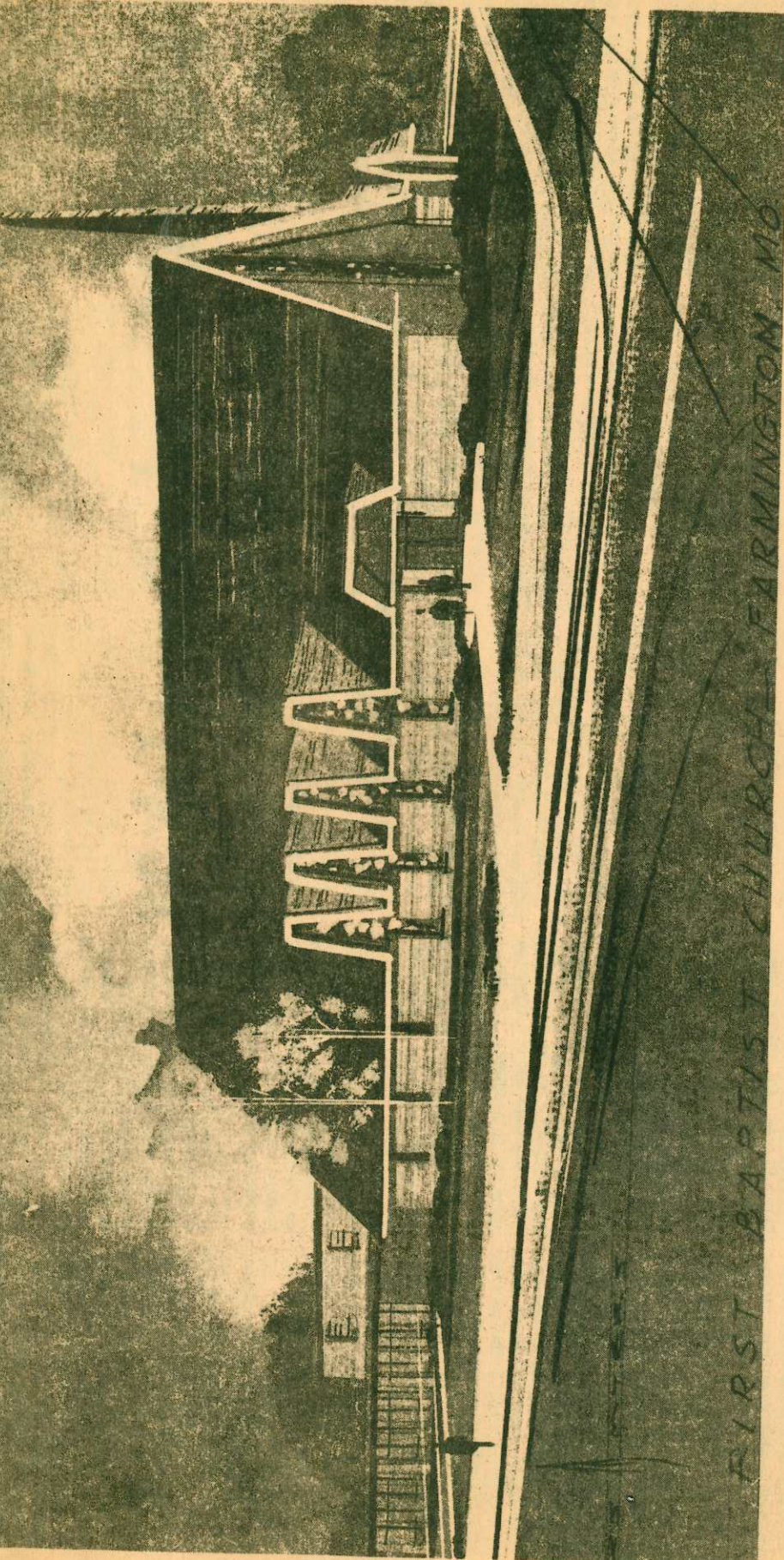
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PUTTING IT IN PLACE — Chairman of the Board of Elders, Charles Schwidde (center) gave brick mason Bill Pratt (right) a hand when it came to actually lifting the First Baptist Church's cornerstone into place Sunday morning. Leo Dugal, chairman of the fund raising committee, is at the left. A crowd of 714 people attended services at the new Frist Baptist Church Sunday morning. PRESS PHOTO by Wit Ledbetter.



CORNERSTONE CEREMONY — Voices were lifted in a response during this moment in the cornerstone laying ceremony Sunday morning at the First Baptist Church in Farmington. After the regular church services the congregation

lined the sidewalk around the front of the church to take part in the brief ceremony and see the cornerstone put in place. To the right is the pastor, Rev. J. Loren Jolly. To his right is the Minister of Youth and Music John Jackson. PRESS PHOTO



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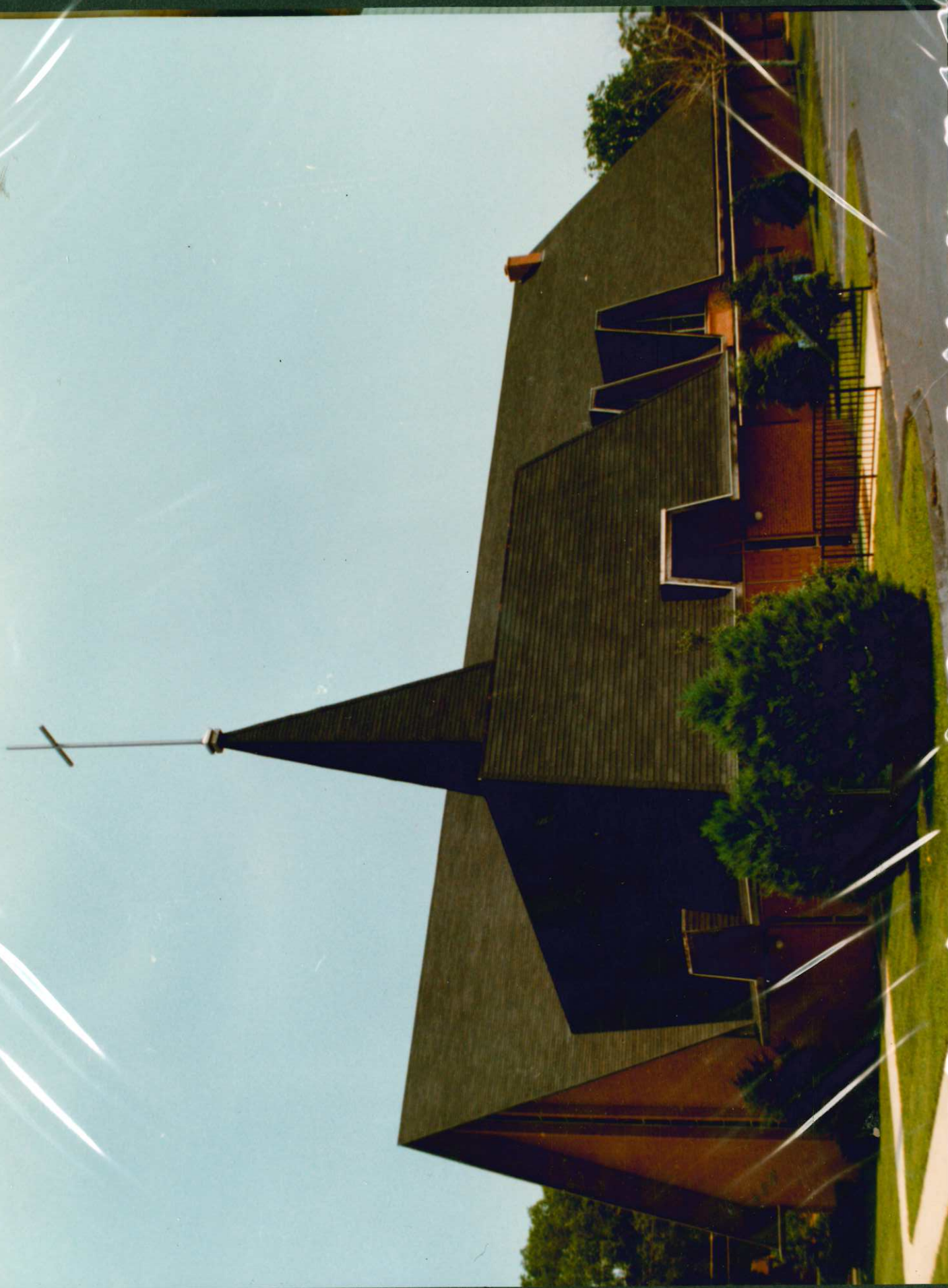


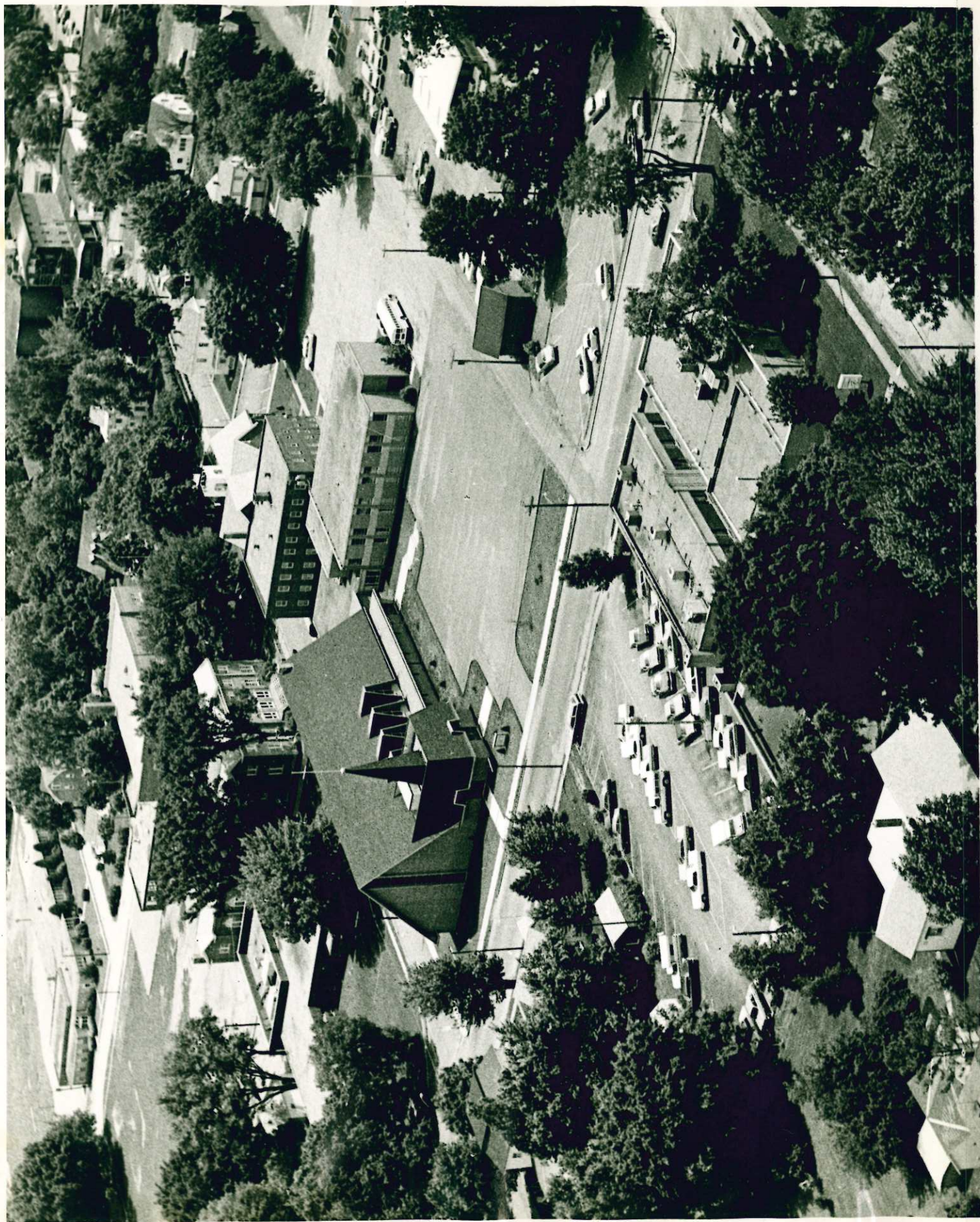


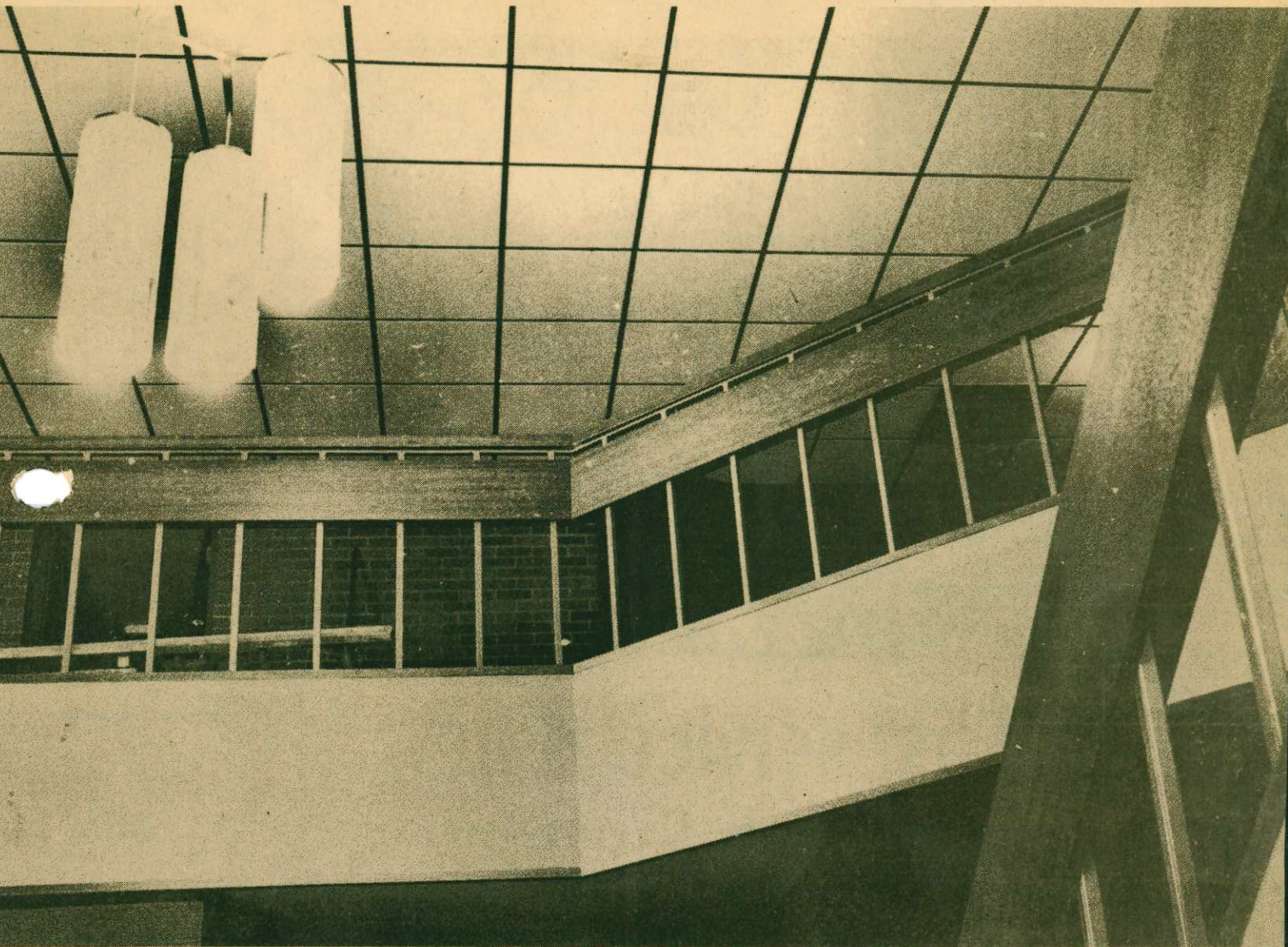


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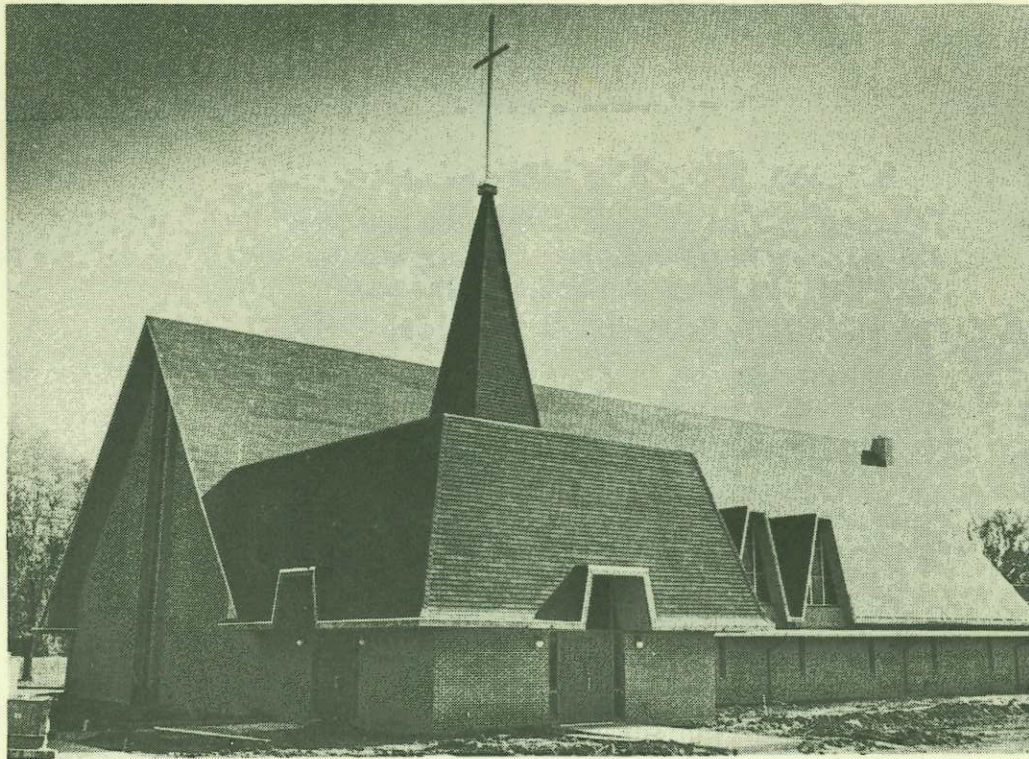
RESTFUL FOYER — The intercrossed balcony railings of Farmington's new First Baptist Church are typical of the functional traditionalism that is apparent in local construction. The Baptist Church is the newest of the public buildings in Farmington and will be dedicated in a few weeks. Carpet is

being put down in the church this week and pews assembled. The church features some beautiful stained glass windows in the traditional role, surrounded by a more modern and functional type of architecture. The foyer will be highlighted by a large planter. Walter Brockmiller, Inc., of Farmington has the contract on the job. PRESS PHOTO by Wit Ledbetter.



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*The Sanctuary
of
The First Baptist Church
Farmington, Missouri*



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

Dedication Services, July 15, 1973 A.D. 2:00 p.m.

J. Loren Jolly, Pastor

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, July 15, 1973, 2:00 P.M.

PASTOR PRESIDING

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship "A Mighty Fortress" Arr. Butler

Invocation Ernest W. Towler, Superintendent of Missions,
Mineral Area Baptist Association

Hymn No. 41 "To God Be The Glory"

Scripture Reading Ed Goodwin, Moderator,
Mineral Area Baptist Association

Recognitions J. Loren Jolly, Pastor

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

Presentation of Building
Mr. Don Brockmiller, Contractor
Mr. Ken McCall, Architect
Mr. Charles Schwidde, Chairman of Building Committee
Mr. Leo Dugal, Chairman of Deacons

The Vows Of Dedication Pastor And Congregation

Solo John W. Jackson, Minister of Music

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

Prayer of Dedication J. Loren Jolly, Pastor

Anthem "Glorious Is Thy Name" Arr. Reynolds

Benediction

Organ Postlude



It Began in 1882 . . .

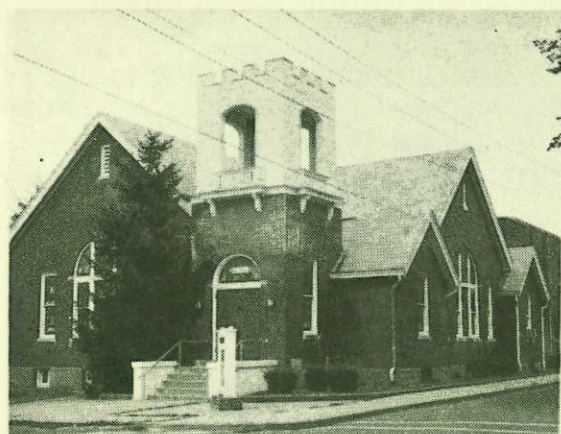
First organized as a mission of the Three Rivers (Union) Baptist Church, the First Baptist Church of Farmington came into being on March 18, 1882. Rev. James G. Hardy, one of the organizing elders of the church, served as the first pastor of the new church. Meeting first in the Christian Church, then in the Methodist Churches, and finally in the Farmington Baptist College Chapel, the mission moved around for its first eleven years, building to 57 members by 1888.

A small white frame church building was dedicated in 1893 on the site of what is now called the 'old sanctuary.' The next ten years brought the church membership to 144 and the Sunday School enrollment to 126.

A new brick church was built on the same site in 1910. Rev. O. H. L. Cunningham was pastor when the church was dedicated in 1917, and the membership had grown to 326.

Other major pastorates in the life of the church were those of Rev. F. Q. Crockett 1931-39, who now resides in Covington, Tennessee, and Rev. W. P. Young of Humble, Texas, who served until 1943.

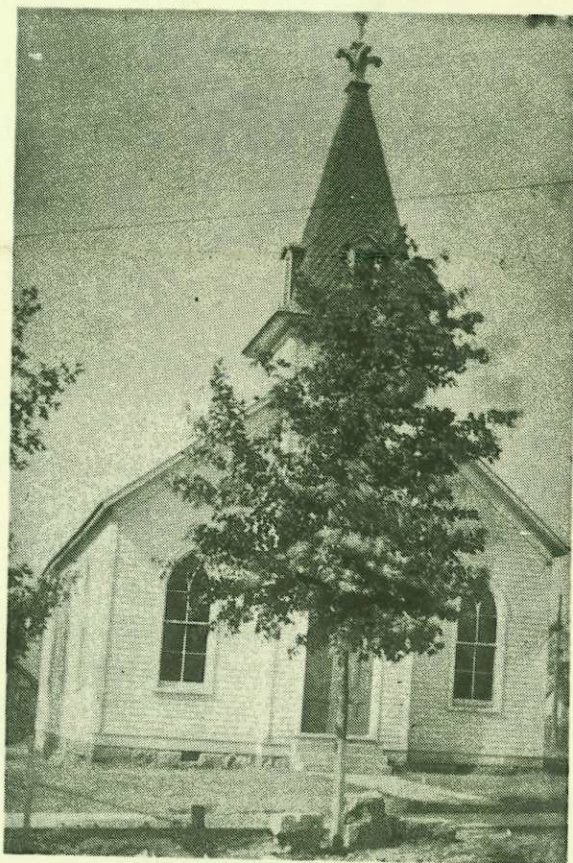
By 1943 when Rev. R. Ray Stone came to the pastorate, the church had grown and had reached 534 with 360 enrolled in Sunday School. It was during his pastorate that the First Educational Building was



completed in 1949.

The present pastor, Rev. J. Loren Jolly, came in 1954 to serve a church grown to 905 members with 919 in Sunday School. The membership soon felt a need for an additional educational building, which was dedicated in 1962.

Two morning services had been necessary since the beginning of Rev. Jolly's tenure at Farmington, and since the membership had grown to 1465 the church voted to build a new sanctuary. That desire is culminated today as we dedicate this new sanctuary (after 91 years of serving Christ in Farmington.)



Committees and Personalities . . .

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE:

Charles Schwidde, Chairman; Robert Botkin, Leo Dugal, Robert Dugal, A. M. Foreman, S. M. Gunnett, Jim Hayter, Charles Limbaugh, John Martin, Robert McWilliams, Lewis Monie, Timon Romburg, L. M. Stanfield, Loman Stone, Byron Upchurch, and Don Wade.

THE FURNISHINGS COMMITTEE:

Robert Dugal, Chairman.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Leo Dugal, Chairman.

CHURCH STAFF:

J. Loren Jolly, Pastor; John W. Jackson, Minister Music-Youth; Nora Merseal, Church Secretary; and Ruby Johnson, Custodian.

ARCHITECT:

McCall-Watson, Kansas City.

CHURCH COUNCIL:

Leo Dugal, Robert Dugal, Stella Menge, Nora Merseal, Murray Norman, Charles Schwidde; L. M. Stanfield, Pastor, and Minister Music-Youth.

CONTRACTOR:

Walter Brockmiller, Inc., Farmington.

SUBCONTRACTORS:

Acme Electric Co., Electrical Work; Aeolian Company, Allen Organ; Brown Carpet Co., Rugs; Hopcroft Art & Stained Glass Works, Inc., Windows; Marler Music Co., Baldwin Piano & Sound Equipment; H. & B. Masonry Co., Masonry Work; Ossenkop Plb. & Htg. Co., Plumbing & Heating; Overberg Ptg. & Dec. Center, Painting; L. L. Sams & Sons, Pews; and F. L. Thompson Insulation & Roofing Co., Roofing.

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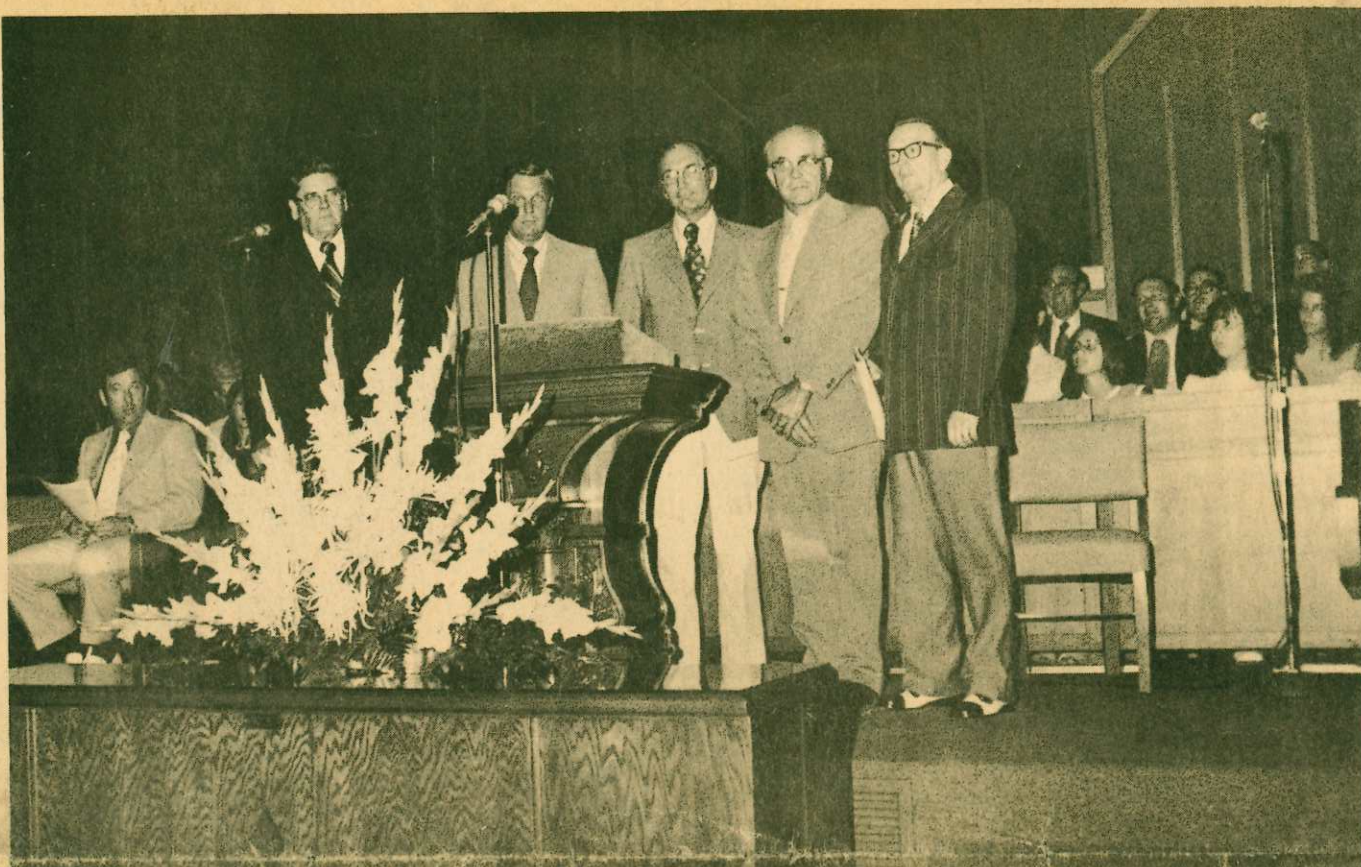
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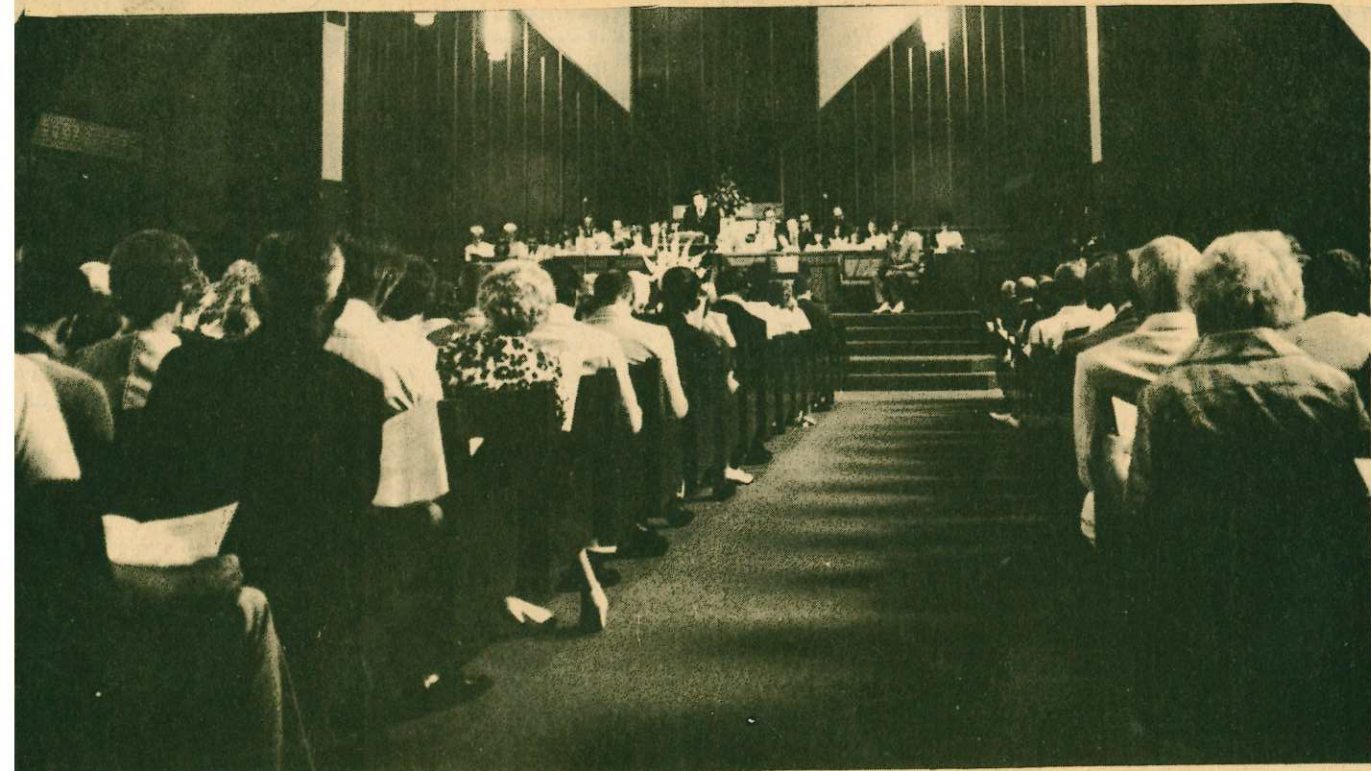
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON SANCTUARY BUILDING DEDICATED SUNDAY. The congregation is pictured standing and joining the choir in song during the happy occasion of the dedication service Sunday afternoon. This is the view from the balcony looking down upon the congregation and toward the front of the new First Baptist Church Building. The First Baptist Church came to Farmington in March of 1882 and moved around

from building to building for eleven years. A small frame church was built and dedicated in 1893 and replaced in 1910 at the same site. A first educational building was built in 1949 and an additional educational building constructed in 1962. Only now, with the new building, can the ever growing church attendance be accommodated at the same time for morning worship. Since 1954 there have been two Sunday Morning Services.
Daily Journal Staff Photo



BUILDING ACCEPTANCE CEREMONY PRINCIPALS At Dedication Services Sunday of the Sanctuary of The First Baptist Church at Farmington. From left (standing) are the Pastor, The Rev. J. Loren Jolly; the contractor, Don Brockmiller; the architect, Ken McCall of Kansas City; building committee chairman, Charles Schwidde and Leo Dugal as Chairman of the Church Board of Deacons. The key to the

building was passed first from the architect McCall to contractor Brockmiller, from Brockmiller to Schwidde and from Schwidde to Dugal. Seated at the extreme left is Paul Thompson, former education director at Farmington, who delivered the dedication message. Thompson is now director of the Sunday School Department of the Missouri Baptist Convention at Jefferson City. **Daily Journal Staff Photo**



"THE VOWS OF DEDICATION" Were Pronounced Sunday Afternoon by Pastor J. Loren Jolly and the Congregation of the First Baptist Church at Farmington. Every pew was filled for the afternoon dedication services. The new sanc-

Sunday morning services for the first time since Rev. Jolly came to Farmington in 1954. The pastor has been conducting two morning services through the years for his pastorate at Farmington.

CORNERSTONE LAYING

June 3, 1973

Opening Remarks

Responsive Reading

Pastor:

People: Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture,
Behold, I lay in Sion a chief cornerstone, elect,
precious: and he that believeth on him shall not
be confounded....

Pastor:

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our
eyes.

Pastor:

People: In whom all the building fitly framed together
groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

Pastor:

People: Ye are a chosen generation; a royal priesthood,
an holy nation, a peculiar people;

Pastor:

Unison: That our sons may be as plants grown up in their
youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones,
polished after the similitude of a palace....

Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea,
happy is that people, whose God is the Lord.

Laying of Cornerstone

Benediction



Church Celebrates 90 Years

By Building Program

The First Baptist Church of Farmington is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year by building a new church auditorium. The present construction is the fourth major building program since the congregation occupied the first frame church at the corner of W. College and Franklin Street after organization in 1882.

The new First Baptist Church Auditorium will seat 900 people, 732 of those in the sanctuary with balcony. This auditorium along with other improvements in

connection with the new building will cost well above \$400,000.

The new church building is a modern design "A-frame" construction building. The building will parallel West College Street and extend the Baptist Church's building complex to A Street. There will be only one step-up into the new church which will consist of the main auditorium, a balcony and a large lounge room with a seating capacity of 100. This room will be used for things such as wedding receptions, mid-week services

and as Sunday School classrooms for elderly church members.

The Reverend J. Loren Jolly is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Farmington and has served the membership since April of 1954. Rev. Jolly speaks of the church building programs as a means of serving the people. He stresses that buildings do not reach the people and emphasized that the "Whole purpose is to reach people for Christ."

Rev. Jolly gave as an example of how little effect buildings have upon attendance by referring to

the year 1961 and the building of the present educational building. At that time, he said, Sunday School was being held in five houses as well as the church buildings. Therefore it is not the buildings which bring people but that the people first come as members and build the buildings to fit needs.

The first building program at Farmington was in 1911 when the present brick auditorium for 350 people was erected on the corner of W. College and Franklin and replaced the original frame

church building there.

A second building effort was constructed in 1948 of the first educational building. That was a three story brick structure along College west of the church building. Construction costs were much less then with the 50 by 100 foot building costing only about \$5,000. Such a building would cost much more today.

The third and most recent building program was in 1961

when a new educational building was erected. Although only two stories tall, the new and presently used educational building was the largest yet in the church building complex. Costs for construction, furnishings and air conditioning were about \$225,000, said Rev. Jolly.

Finally, the new church auditorium is being built at a cost of between \$400,000 and \$500,000. This will include some

remodeling of the old auditorium which is to be retained as a fellowship building.

Reverend Jolly is looking forward to completion of the new church because it will permit holding only one worship service Sunday mornings. Upon coming to Farmington nineteen years ago, Rev. Jolly initiated two Sunday morning worship services just to accommodate the number of people which were overflowing the 350 seat church. There have been both an 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship service each Sunday during his years as pastor.

The Rev. Jolly said there are more than 1100 resident members but a total of 1400 members carried on the church rolls. Some families move away and just never bother to transfer their membership. However, since

Baptists from other areas move here and also fair to transfer as members, the number of people served is about the same as those on membership rolls.

Average Sunday School attendance at Farmington First Baptist Church is about fifty percent of the membership, said Rev. Jolly. One year the church averaged an attendance of 548 for a complete year.

An interesting feature of the new church will be its faceted glass windows with panes bearing inscriptions and symbols. One window facing North A Street will be forty-eight feet tall. The four side windows on the south side will tell the story of the Old Testament and the four side windows on the north side will tell the story of the New Testament in symbols. The church will be dedicated sometime in 1973.

The Farmington Press

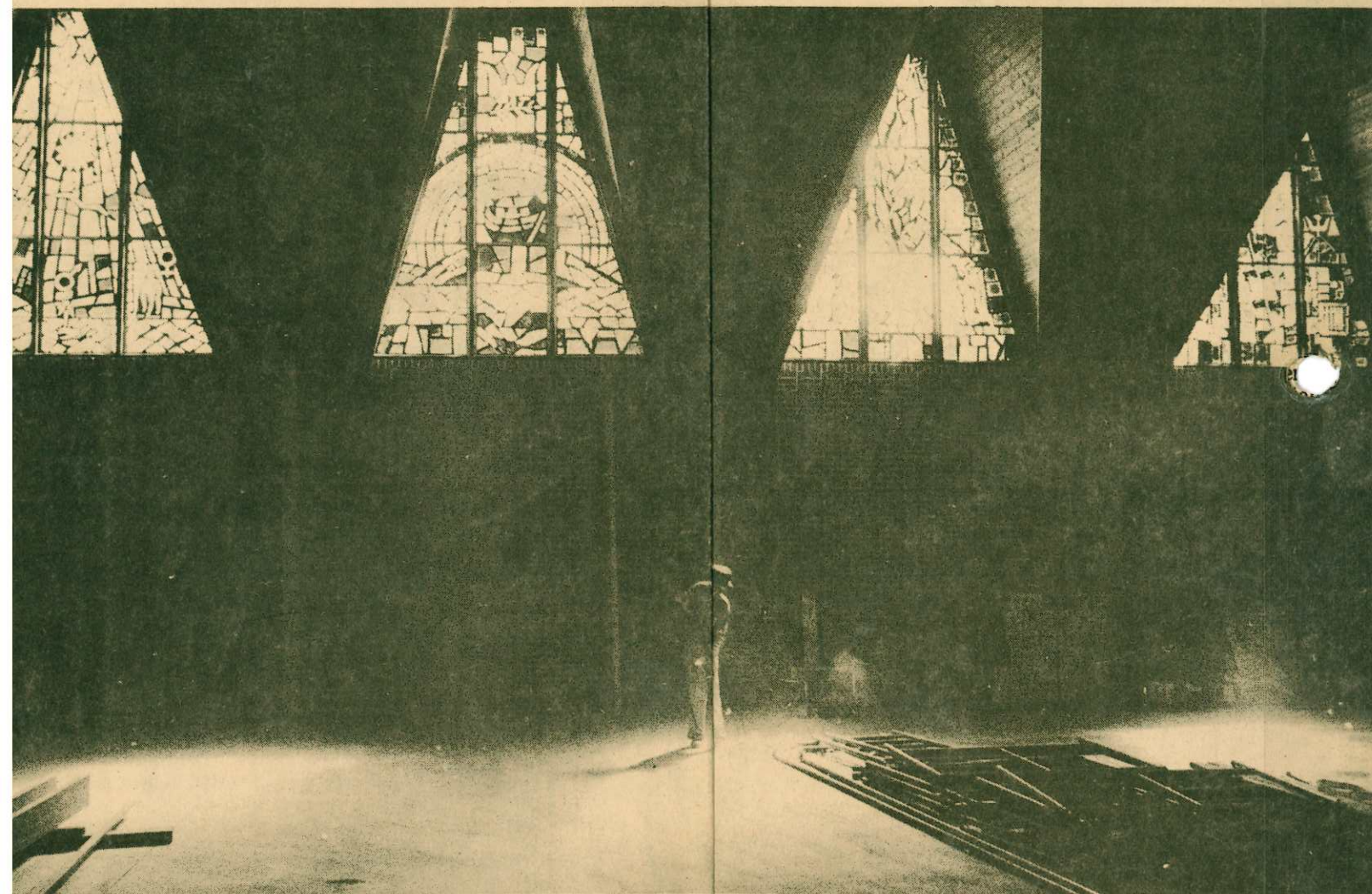


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TRIANGLE SPECTRUM — The newly-installed stained glass windows of Farmington's new First Baptist Church cast haloes of light across the floor and illuminate a workman busy at his job of cleaning up. The new church, located at the corner of Franklin and College, will seat 700 comfortably. The

congregation hopes to have use of the church by May 15 and is planning the dedication for July 15. The stained glass windows depict the Old Testament on the south side, the New Testament on the north. On the window on the left one can see the symbols for man, woman, the sun, the stars. The next panel shows the ark and the flood. PRESS PHOTO by Wit Ledbetter.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FARMINGTON, MISSOURI

J. Loren Jolly
Pastor
John Jackson
Min. Music-Youth

June 3, 1973

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude
Silent Meditation "Be Still And Know That I Am God"
Call to Worship "O Rejoice In The Lord"
Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"
Invocation
Choral Response "Spirit Of The Living God"
Arr. Reynolds

Hymn of Praise No. 41 "To God Be The Glory"
Hymn of the Church No. 382 "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord"
"St. Thomas"

Prayer of Dedication
Offertory "Offertory On 'Olivet'"
Hymn of Aspiration No. 313 "Come, Thou Fount Of Every
Blessing"
G. Young

Scripture Reading
Morning Prayer
Anthem "Rise Up O Church"
Sermon THE CHURCH BEAUTIFUL
Hymn of Decision No. 235 "Only Trust"
Postlude
Cornerstone Laying Ceremony
Pastor

* * *

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will meet every morning this week
from 8:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

TEEN COLLEGE FOR YOUTH will meet June 11-22 - 6:30 P.M.
to 9:00 P.M. Youth please register today or sometime
next week.

EVENING SERVICE

Prelude
Call to Praise "Rejoice And Be Glad"
Hymn of Praise No. 144 "I Will Sing The Wondrous Story"
Evening Prayer
Announcements & Welcome To Visitors
Hymn of Assurance No. 269 "Blessed Assurance" "Assurance"
Hymn of Joy No. 310 "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"
Prayer of Dedication
Offertory
Hymn of Prayer No. 334 "I Need Thee Every Hour"
Anthem "Tell Man Of God" Burly Red
Sermon AND BE BAPTIZED Pastor
Hymn of Decision No. 240 "Just As I Am"
Ordinance of Baptism
Benediction
Postlude

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Today, June 3

9:00 A.M. Sunday School
10:15 A.M. Morning Worship & Cornerstone Laying Service
6:00 P.M. Youth Choir
6:15 P.M. Young Musicians
6:30 P.M. Church Training
7:30 P.M. Evening Worship
Monday
8:30 A.M. Vacation Bible School
6:30 P.M. Baptist Men Covered Dish Supper - Speaker -
Dr. George Oliver
6:30 P.M. Youth "Crossroads"
7:30 P.M. Night WMS with Birdie Brown
8:00 P.M. Deacons Meeting

Tuesday

8:30 A.M. Vacation Bible School
1:30 P.M. Dike Prayer Group

Wednesday

8:30 A.M. Vacation Bible School
6:00 P.M. Celebration Singers
6:15 P.M. Teacher Improvement
7:00 P.M. Prayer Service -- 8 P.M. Adult Choir

"Prettiest Boy in the Whole World"

The little boy riding in the shopping cart reached out and lifted a cowboy hat from the stack on the counter. He laid it on top of his sunburned brown hair and pulled at his mother's skirt. As she turned, he lifted his face and asked in a shrill voice, "Aren't I pretty, Mama?"

Bystanders saw only a dirty little boy, obviously snatched up from playing in the yard for a hurried shopping trip. His bare feet, swinging behind the cart, looked as if they hadn't seen shoes or a good washing all summer. His face had streaks through the dirt where tears had trickled down earlier in the day. A border of grape Kool-Aid enlarged his lips like a circus clown's.

But I am sure the mother saw only the sparkling blue eyes looking up with confidence that she would give the right answer. And she did:

"Jimmy, you are the prettiest boy in the whole world."

An old proverb says: There is only one beautiful child in the world and every mother has it.

During these summer months our churches are entrusted with the care of many children. Sometimes they come to Vacation Bible School with dirty faces, uncombed hair, soiled clothes and sweaty bodies. May God grant us vision to see each one through his mother's eyes. If we can, then each one will be beautiful and be loved.

DOROTHY HUGHES



Arthur Burcham of the Sunday School Board is one of many whose planning helps make Vacation Bible School an exciting event every year. Children learn about the Bible and missions, they have a part in world missions through prayers and offerings channeled through the Cooperative Program.

BAPTIST BULLETIN SERVICE
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6-3-73



Summertime is Vacation Bible School time.

Only thing better than one school is two—especially when the second is a mission school!

First Baptist Church

210 WEST COLLEGE
FARMINGTON, MISSOURI 63640

J. LOREN JOLLY
PASTOR

OFFICE PHONE 756-4654

June 12, 1973

Dear Friend,

Big, exciting things are happening at our church, and we want to extend a personal invitation to you and your loved ones to attend a special dedication service for our lovely new sanctuary to be held Sunday, July 15, 1973, at 2 P.M.

We have outgrown our present sanctuary, which was erected in 1910. We believe that God has directed us in our efforts to build this new edifice, and because of your relationship with us, we felt that you would be happy to participate in the dedication of this building which has been built for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marie Stanfield
Mrs. Marie Stanfield
Secretary
Dedication Committee

MCS/m

First Baptist Church

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J. LOREN JOLLY
PASTOR

OFFICE PHONE 756-4654

July 3, 1973

Dear Fellow-Pastor:

The First Baptist Church of Farmington will formally dedicate their new auditorium Sunday, July 15th, at 2:00 P.M. Dr. Earl Harding will bring the dedicatory message.

We want to invite you and the members of your congregation to share with us on this important occasion. We realize how very busy you must be, but do hope you can work this into your calendar for that day.

Your prayers on our behalf will be appreciated. May God bless you as you labor together in the Lord.

Sincerely,

J. Loren Jolly

J. LOREN JOLLY

Musings on moving from the old into the new sanctuary at
First Baptist Church, Farmington, Missouri. June, 1973.

(The Old)

In days of yore (63 years ago) God's friends here built a house to honor His name, that His church might meet for fellowship, prayer, praise and His Word proclaim.

The God of creation and redemption was ever present as we have met expectantly within these walls. So this place is dear to many from experiences, all different, that each recalls.

Remembering those times of decisions, aspirations, sorrow and joys - often with tears - makes us say "Thank You, Christians of the past for seeing beyond your years."

The building's use will change, but here still will be Bible study, fellowship, laughter and songs. As this people, so this house, both then and now, to the Lord belongs.

(The New)

Now it is our turn in Nineteen Hundred Seventy-Three to think, not only of ourselves but the children yet to be. May the message we proclaim always, ever be the same, "Christ receiveth sinful man."

A vision came again to some of God's friends that Farmington First Baptist church had need of a new House in which to worship God and on His Word to feed. For twenty years, two worship services have been the order of the day, making us a church divided - in a way. Now that we can all worship together, may we be one in purpose to serve God and make His way known. You have led us, dear Lord, to build an edifice

to the Glory of God because you have people who care, and work and love - and people who share. Although our worship

of Thee is never limited to this place alone, may the strength, purpose and beauty of this building make your PRESENCE known - in Farmington and beyond.

All that's petty, all that warps, may it never enter here, but may every seeking heart find the peace that does endure! So that none can grow complacent as we use these facilities, Lord, in every service the GLORY OF YOUR PRESENCE, let us see! Through the eyes of faith I see, perhaps one hundred years and more, the old and young are coming still to the Saviour I adore.

Let the people praise Thee. Let all the people praise Thee!

Celeste Jolly

June 2, 1973

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LIST OF ITEMS IN THE CORNER STONE

Money - 1972 *Aug Set.*

Farmington News - June 1, 1973

Farmington Press

140th Annual Mineral Area Baptist Association Minutes

Directory of Membership

Observer & Helper for Jan. 1969 showing story of First Baptist Church

Mc-Call-Watson Drawings of New Sanctuary

County Advertiser 2/20/72 showing Ground Breaking

Building Committee

Construction Committee for New Building

Furnishing Committee for New Building

Finance Committee for New Building

List of Deacons

List of Sunday School Teacher & Officers

List of Trustees

Church Staff

Church Council

Architect for New Building

Contractor for New Building

L.L. Sams - Pews

Organ - Allen from Aeolian Company

Piano - Baldwin from Marler Music Co.

Rugs from Brown Carpet Company

Word & Way

Music Ministry

Budget Committee for 1973

Officers of Baptist Men

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Officers for Baptist Women

Church Training Officers

Church Treasurers

Financial Secretary

1973 Budget Committee

Anniversary Committee

Nursery Committee

Music Committee

Youth Committee

Story of the Windows in new sanctuary

All Night Prayer Leaders on June 2, 1973

Church Letter for 1972

Building Committee Minutes from Church Business Meetings

~~Word & Way~~

Bible

LIST of Those Present



July 15, 1973
OVERFLOW CROWD — More than 700 people packed Farmington's new First Baptist Church Sunday morning for a first look at the new \$500,000 center of worship. Church officers began working on plans for the building four years ago and construction in February of 1972. The official dedication of the

building will be held in an all-day service on July 15. Focal point of the interior is a beautifully lighted altar and choir area with a sweeping background that accents the 50 foot ceiling. **PRESS PHOTO** by Wit Ledbetter.

714 turn out for 1st looks at new church

Seven hundred and fourteen members and friends of Farmington's First Baptist Church turned out Sunday morning for the first service and cornerstone laying ceremonies at the church's magnificent new edifice.

Filled to overflowing, the \$500,000 building seated the largest Baptist Audience in a single service here and still overflowed nearly 50 people into the aisles and lobby.

A 48-voice choir, under the direction of Music Minister John Jackson, was featured under the beautiful lighting of

means of reaching more people for God."

Immediately following the service the congregation filed outside to line the sidewalks for the cornerstone laying

ceremony.

Presiding were Charles Schwidde, chairman of the Board of Elders, and Leo Dugal, chairman of the fund raising committee for the new church. Bill Pratt was in charge of the setting of the cornerstone.

Behind the cornerstone was set a large green file box that was kept unsealed until the last moment, in order to place inside the list of signatures of all who attended services Sunday.

The box also contained a long list of pertinent items.

2, a 1972 church letter, and a Bible.

"What impressed me most," said the Rev. Jolly afterwards, "was the way the people were impressed with the new building. We've had a very bad place to worship and the new building was certainly a joy."

Three hundred people attended a second service Sunday evening in which nine persons were received into the church by baptism or by letter.

Charles Limbaugh was organist and Lynda Heinlein was flutist.

The choir sang an arrangement by Reynolds, "Spirit of the Living God" and "Rise Up O Church."

Rev. J. Loren Jolly, in the morning message, expressed his gratitude for the new church and for the efforts of those who had created it.

But he reminded the congregation that the church is more than a building. "We praise God for this church," he said, "but a church is more than a building . . . it's the people of God, a community of faith. A building is just a

Farmington Press and News, Baptist Association Minutes, directory of membership, the names of the building committee, construction committee, furnishing committee, finance committee, deacons, teachers and officer trustees, staff, council, contractor, names of suppliers for the new building, a copy of the 1973 budget, officers of the Baptist Men and Women, the budget committee, anniversary committee, nursery committee, music committee, youth committee, a story of the windows in the new sanctuary, the names of the all-night prayer leaders on June

Dear Members of First Baptist;

Next Sunday, ^{may 5, 1974} has been designated by the Church as Appreciation Day for the Jollys 20th Anniversary. We want you to be present if at all possible.

Sunday School begins 9 a.m.

Worship Services will start at ten after 10:00 instead of 10:15 in order to have some special recognitions, etc.

12:00 Noon Pot Luck Dinner in Fellowship Hall.
Bring a dish of something and enjoy the fellowship.

Enclosed is a Love Offering envelope if you care to contribute toward the Jollys gifts. Any money left over will be given to them in cash or check. Be present whether you give or not.

Yours in His service

The Deacons

ATTEST

Secretary
New York

RESOLUTION OF GIFT

OF

FARMINGTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, the church on or about May 30, 1950, purchased a residence located at 312 West College Street, Farmington, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, since said date, the said real property has been used as a parsonage for said church; and

WHEREAS, said church has decided to terminate the policy of parsonage; and

WHEREAS, said church's spiritual leaders, Reverend J. Loren Jolly and Celeste Jolly have resided at said parsonage for many years; and

WHEREAS, said Reverend J. Loren Jolly has directed said church since April 1, 1954.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that in consideration of the love and respect by said church for the said Reverend J. Loren Jolly and Celeste Jolly the said church hereby resolves to give said real property to the said Reverend J. Loren Jolly and Celeste Jolly. Said property to be conveyed on or after the date of retirement of Reverend J. Loren Jolly.

READ and passed this 13th day of July, 1975.

FARMINGTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

BY

Leo B. Dugal

Leo Dugal

President of the Board

ATTEST:

Nora M. Merseal

Secretary

Nora Merseal

FEBRUARY 16, 1975

J. Loren Jolly
Pastor
John Jackson
Minister Music-Youth

Lavonne Limbaugh
Organist
Cecelia Watts
Pianist

*"God is a spirit: and they that
worship Him must worship Him in
spirit and in truth. John 4:24*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Visitors and Announcements
Organ Prelude "Largo" Handel
Call to Worship "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" G. Young
Pastoral Prayer
Response "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"
Hymn of Praise No. 9 "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him"
Offertory Prayer
Offertory "Jesus and the Children" Lovelace
Hymn of Adoration No. 289 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"
Scripture Reading Acts 24:10-27
Morning Prayer
Solo "My Lord is Near Me All the Time" Gaultney
Sermon "A MORE CONVENIENT SEASON" Pastor
Song of Decision "The Time is Now!"
Benediction
Response "Go Now, and Live For the Savior"
Organ Postlude "Postlude on 'Festal Song'" Young

EVENING SERVICE

Welcome to Visitors and Announcements
Organ Prelude "My Redeemer" Arr. Colvin
When Jesus Comes, . . . Senior High Choir
Evening Prayer
Hymn of Anticipation No. 121 "He is Coming"
Offertory Prayer
Offertory "Promised Land" Arr. Hustad
Hymn of Assurance No. 127 "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"
A Musical Offering
Sermon WHEN HE COMES Pastor
Hymn of Decision No. 259 "Trusting Jesus"
Benediction
Organ Postlude "To God Be the Glory" Arr. Bock

*The first day I walked in I knew
there was something special here.*

*The ceiling
arched into nothingness it seemed*

*The wood
rich, glossy, powerful - knew its heritage
was the best from the heart of a redwood tree.*

*The windows
shone with beauty, unsurpassed by any earthly
art. Each shouted its story through the
intricate designs of every pane.*

*Sunlight flowed
as a river to the bluish carpet on the floor.*

*The beams
reminded me of a smile God might give,
radiant and glowing.*

*The cross
so perfect
so large, only symbolized the rugged, splintered
tree that was original.
Bold, strong, victorious, it stood as the source
of all that was the everything of the place.*

Cecelia Watts

Preparations are now being made for Youth Week ,
March 9 - 16, 1975. Watch the NEWS & VIEWS weekly
for more information.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Today

- 5:30 P.M. Youth Week Steering Committee Meeting
(In the Auditorium)
6:30 P.M. Church Training
Youth January Bible Study
7:30 P.M. Evening Service

Monday - February 17th

- 10:00 - 2:00 P.M. G.A.'s Book Study, bring a sack
lunch. (No G.A.'s this Thursday)
6:00 P.M. 2 Tim. 2:2 Youth Ministry (Cancelled)
6:30 P.M. Churchwide Valentine Dinner - covered-dish,
sponsored by the Baptist Men and Older Adult
Recreation Committee. Fellowship Hall

Tuesday - February 18th

- 2:00 & 6:30 P.M. Ceramics
4:00 & 6:30 P.M. CHURCH VISITATION
7:00 P.M. "Joy" Rehearsal

Wednesday February 19th

- 6:00 P.M. Children's Choirs, Junior High Choir
6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting (In new auditorium)
7:00 P.M. Teachers & Officers Meeting - Senior High
Choir, Mission Friends
8:00 P.M. Adult Choir

Thursday February 20th

- 3:30 P.M. Sextet Rehearsal
(No G.A.'s Meeting)

Friday February 21st

- 7:00 - 10:00 CROSSROADS

Saturday February 22nd

- 10:00 P.M. "Joy" Rehearsal

CHURCHWIDE VALENTINE DINNER, FEB 17th, 6:30 P.M.



First Baptist Church

210 North A Street
FARMINGTON, MISSOURI 63640

This is part of a letter to Jollys from Mrs. R. Ray Stone (Harriet) written February 6, 1975.

Platte City, MO

"I have served on Finance Committee here this year - a first for me. The Finance Committee chairman had asked me to take about five minutes in service last Sunday to emphasize the budget and Cooperative Program because he knew I was concerned. I'm sending you a copy of my message because Farmington Church gave me the best example I know for Cooperative Program.

"God honors a church that shares with the world. Thirty years ago, my husband was called to be a pastor in Southeast Missouri. Our budget was \$6,000. They gave the pastor one-third of it. It was a county seat town of 3700, with 10 churches. The Baptist Church averaged 170 in Sunday School. They called us "Old 170" in the Association. We had a small sanctuary with a basement. One hundred seventy crowded into it. We began reaching out and teaching God's plan for giving. Offerings increased slowly. The treasurer said he had never been challenged to give before; he started tithing. When we launched plans for an educational building, he said he was for the building, if it did not cut down on our Mission gifts. The church agreed to add more each year to the Cooperative Program and as long as we were there it was increased by \$600 a year while paying for the education building. We were there ten years; the last year's Sunday School enrollment had grown to 995. The budget was \$49,990, and Missions totalled \$12,550 - more than twice the pastor's salary. The Foundation was laid for a great Missiionary Church.

Last Sunday it was my happy privilege to worship in their beautiful new sanctuary dedicated in 1973. They had adopted

a budget of \$153,000 with \$45,000 for Missions. Two girls from that church are on the Foreign Mission field."

Rev. R. Ray Stone was pastor here from 1943-1953. Mrs. Stone is a member of Platte City Church and Rev. Mel Lantz is her pastor.

Celeste Jolly



Farmington Press
3-8-73

REV. AND MRS. J. LOREN JOLLY

Rev. J. Loren Jolly, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Farmington, may hold some sort of a record for longevity.

He's been a minister since 1942 and had only two churches -- eight years at the Hanley Road Baptist Church in St. Louis and a full 19 years in Farmington.

Rev. Jolly grew up on a farm near Pocahontas, Ark. He graduated from William Jewell College in 1938 with a degree in history and from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1942 with a Th. M degree.

During his seminary training he did have a third church for a time -- Riverview Church near Louisville, Ky. but it was while he was a student.

In 1943 he became a Chaplain in the Army and served for two years in Europe -- one year in combat in France and Germany with the 63rd infantry Division.

He left behind him a bride of five years -- for he had married Miss Celeste Fowler, a girlfriend of 8 years standing, on Dec. 25, 1938. She had graduated from the University of

daughter, Paula, was born in 1947. She's a teacher now and Mrs. Paula Reynolds of Hillsboro.

Rev. Jolly's first official church, after returning home from service, was at the Hanley Road church. He remained there for eight years before accepting the call to Farmington in 1954.

It was a "homecoming" of sorts for Mrs. Jolly, whose grandfather, Rev. O. H. L. Cunningham, had been pastor of the church here between 1914 and 1920 or so and she had heard her mother talk about Farmington often.

The years have not gone quietly for the Jollys. There have been the duties of attending to a flock of some 1400 members and 19 years of preaching two sermons every Sunday morning.

But the two sermon Sundays will soon come to an end with the erection of the new 700-seat church at Franklin and College.

"It has been like having two separate congregations," Mrs. Jolly says. "Some of

worked in St. Louis.

Rev. Jolly came home from the war to find a two year old son he had never seen. Jim L. is now a stockbroker in St. Louis and a

Rev. Jolly, although claiming that "...My wife thinks my preaching is my hobby", admits to playing golf and having been a member of Rotary and Kiwanis in the past.

"Old Baptizing Hole"

by Mrs. F. M. Horton

The following poem appeared in the October 30th issue of Marlborough Message, a publication of the Marlborough United Methodist Church, Kansas City, Missouri of which Bill Bohs is pastor.

The poem was written by the late Mrs. F. M. Horton of Flat River. It was shared with us by Ralph Ward, father of the Rev. Boh's wife, Priscilla.

OLD BAPTIZING HOLE
by Mrs. F. M. Horton

The poet Riley wrote a theme
and in good meter sang
About the long-lost swimmin'
hole where oft he'd met the
"gang."

I'm not a Riley but I feel such
longings in my heart
Toward an old baptizing hole
that in my youth had part.

The rite a perfect setting had
there in on old Terre Blue
Where nature's graces seemed
combined to help the
ord'nance through.

The water calm and deep and
blue just where it hugged a
bend

And gurgled past on old tree-
root that almost held it
hemmed.

Here where I lived some Metho-
dists who held of "immersion
view"

And all the Baptist close around
baptized in old Terre Blue
It was my privilege in youth
both churches to attend
And all the "big baptizings"
when revivals reached an end.

The sermon finished at the
church, we drove a mile or
two

And hitched our teams to white-
oak trees that skirted old
Terre Blue.

As candidates came wading in,
someone would start a song
And those upon the op'site bank
would carry it along.

I like baptizing in a stream,
as told in Matthew III'

When in the Jordan John bap-
tized the Man of Galilee.

I've naught against the bap-
tistry, it's best that we can do
When there's no river running
near like Jordan or Terre
Blue.

I'd like to be back there once

more as in the long ago
And stand upon the river bank
with saints I used to know.
I'd love to hear dear Nannie
sing and Old Aunt Polly shout
And hear my Pa and deacon Jase
a'praisin' God right out.

In modern church today, I guess,
if some old saint should shout
They'd call the city marshall in
and put the "old fool" out!
But in those days, I can recall,
it was a common thing,
And Methodists and Baptist then
could shout as well as sing.

Those crowds are scattered now
and gone, but old Terre Blue
still flow
The lazy way it used to do, a-
hummin' as it goes.

And wondering why they never
come as in days of yore
To use the old baptizing hole
and shout upon the shore.

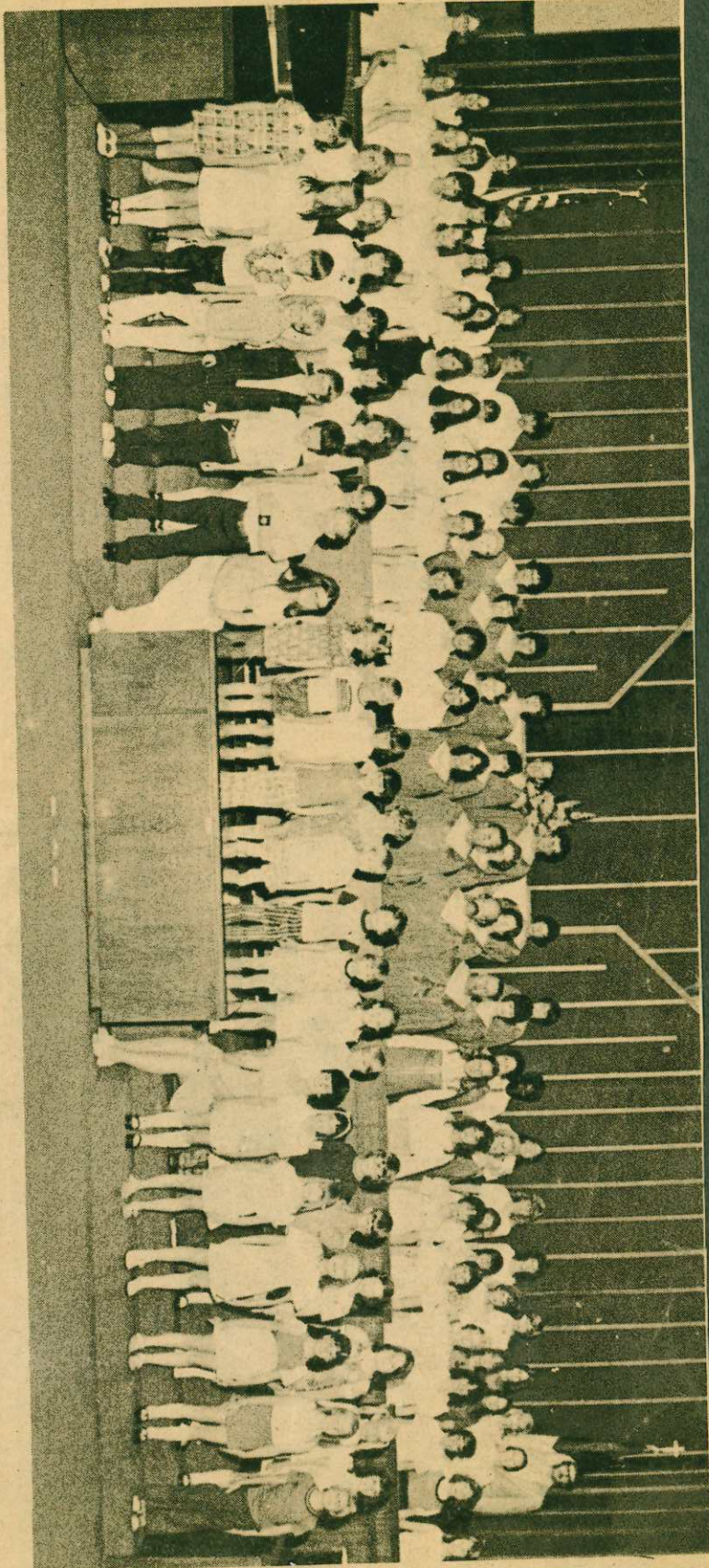
(Editor's note: The baptizing
hole was in the pretty stream
of Terre Blue in Ste. Gene-
vieve County. The stream is
about 20 miles long and empties
into Big River north of Bonne
Terre. The baptizing hole
was about a mile from the site
of the Turley's water-mill
which was washed away more
than 140 years ago.) Near the
home of Bill Bohs.

"The Advertiser"

Nov. 14, 1973



TWENTY YEAR TRIBUTE — Farmington Baptists honored Church Pastor and Mrs. J. Loren Jolly Sunday on the 20th Anniversary as Minister of the First Baptist Church. Deacon Elmer Brown (left) presented each a gift during the morning worship service. Rev. Jolly also had the day "off" with guest pastors for both the morning and evening services and with a potluck Sunday dinner attended by about 240 church members and guests. A love offering purse was presented to the pastor as well as the gifts. PRESS PHOTO by Jim Strader.



THAT'S A LOT OF VOICES — There are nine or so choirs here, if you look closely, and they fill the entire business end of the Farmington First Baptist Church sanctuary. On Wednesday night the choirs presented their Festival of Music at the church under the direction of Minister of Music John Jackson. Included were the pre-schoolers I, Pre-School II, Music Makers I, Music Makers II, Music Makers III, and Young Musicians — which includes children

up through grade six. The Junior High Choir is made up of students in grades 7 and 8, the senior high and college choirs of grades 9-12, and the Celebration Singers from senior high and college age youth who are requested to audition. The adult choir is made up from the high school graduates and up. There's also a women's chorus and men's chorus. **EVENING PRESS PHOTO** by Wit Led-better.



PICKLE JAR SURPRISE—July 4 is the birthday of Mrs. Loren Jolly, the wife of the minister of Farmington's First Baptist Church. The congregation gave her a surprise birthday party Sunday with a potluck dinner at noon, a corsage, a poem in her honor, a special song, and a pickle jar full of money. Mrs. Lonnie Goggins (holding mike) was the mistress of ceremonies. The gift presentation was by Mrs. Leo Dugal, and Mrs. Jolly looks at the jar in open mouthed surprise after she ripped off its paper wrapping. The event was sponsored by the Women's Night Circle with Mrs. Virginia Rasnic chairman. About 200 attended. **EVENING PRESS** PHOTO by Wit Ledbetter

JUNE 29th - LET'S MAKE IT A GREAT DAY -
but keep it a secret from Mrs. Jolly!

Nearly two hundred years ago on July 4th our country gained its' independence. It was a great day. Some 50 plus years ago in Arkansas on the same date, July 4th, a beautiful baby girl was born to the Fowlers. She grew up to become a registered nurse, the wife of a young minister, and the mother of three children. She's our own lovely and talented Mrs. Jolly. For over 20 years she has shared the talents God has given her, the beautiful voice we hear each Sunday, and the teaching abilities shared with her class, the Vacation Bible School, and the Mission Study programs of the church.

We'd like to show some of our love and appreciation for her on Sunday, June 29th. We invite all the church family to come for a pot luck dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 12 o'clock noon, with a short program following.

We hope you will want to have a part in both the dinner and love offering. We want you to help us keep this a secret from Mrs. Jolly. Let's make this another great day!

Sincerely,

NIGHT BAPTIST WOMEN
Hostesses

July 4. 1975
Age 58

THANK YOU FOR A WHOPPING BIRTHDAY PARTY

There are days that make us happy,
there are days that make us blue.
The amazing day that still has me dazed
is all because of you.

How so many people can keep 'mum' so long
is surely a mystery.
The tables prepared, all that food in place,
and the crowd of people, was such a surprise
to me.

As I contemplate your thoughtfulness
and the loving things you say,
my words are feeble, but I hope you know
my appreciation and love anyway.

Now, you know, and I know, too, the "halo"
Connie gave me is more than slightly askew.
I like to hear those kind things, just the same,
and striving for those qualities is always
my aim.

Knowing that many hands, hearts, and
heads made plans for such a time.
I thank you all for flowers, wishes, monologue,
songs, the cake, the food, the money and Connie's
rhyme.

You fill gallon pickle jars with green things
--plump and sweet.
But my jar was different, filled with green
things-numbered and each with a portrait.

Oh, who could have thought it could be
so great-just being fifty-eight.

Usually birthday parties are about the same.
But the whopping party for this 4th of July
babe was any thing but tame.

Love and appreciation,

Celeste Jolly 1975

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

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We Hold These Truths

ASSOCIATIONAL
TRAINING UNION



NOV. 24
AT
FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH, FARMINGTON
7:30 P.M.



Something To "Crow" About!!

"M" NIGHT 1975 is going to be a time of high inspiration, pertinent information, and great challenge. Every area of your church program will be strengthened and enhanced by the members who attend "M" Night this year. The program will begin promptly at 7:30 P.M. Monday night, November 24th. Again this year, "M" Night will be held at the spacious First Baptist Church, Farmington.

A choir, under the direction of Associational Music Director John Jackson, will provide special music. Highlights of the program will include a voice choir composed of musicians from the various churches. An excellent feature entitled "Drama: Truth, Freedom, and Church:

the Sunday Night Place, 1975," will be presented by the BSU of Mineral Area College.

The theme for this year is "We Hold These Truths."

If churches will reach the suggested goals (listed below) - imagine - 600 people joining voices in praise, thrilling music by the combined choirs, interesting information presented in an enjoyable fashion, and a challenge presented, which should provide all present one of the greatest spiritual experiences of the year!

A Nursery will be provided. Roll call count will be made with Church Training Directory, or designated person, giving total present from each church.

HIGH-ATTENDANCE DAY IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL NOVEMBER 2, 1975

This is a Big Red-Letter Day all over Missouri and all over the Southern Baptist Convention as churches strive for a HIGH ATTENDANCE in Sunday School that day. IMAGINE! MISSOURI BAPTISTS HOPE TO HAVE 200,000 or more in Sunday School that day!

WHAT WILL BE THE RESPONSE FROM CHURCHES IN THIS ASSOCIATION!!

We know of some who have set goals and are preparing to have a big day! We hope all churches will cooperate and let us know THAT DAY what your attendance attainment was. Please call Baptist Center (431-5140 preferably early in the day) so that by the end of that day - we can call Jefferson City. LET'S ALL PUT OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TOGETHER ON NOVEMBER 2ND AND HAVE A BIG PART IN THE STATE GOAL OF 200,000 IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN MISSOURI THAT DAY!

HERE ARE THE SUGGESTED GOALS FOR EACH CHURCH

DO YOUR PART TO MAKE IT 600!

Bellevue.....10	Esther.....10	New Offenburg.....10
Bismarck.....22	Fairview.....10	Pilot Knob.....5
Bonne Terre.....20	Farmington.....70	Pine Log.....5
Cadet Chapel.....5	Flat River.....45	Potosi.....30
Silver Springs.....5	Genevieve.....10	Springtown.....5
Cantwell.....15	Glover.....10	Providence.....10
Chestnut Ridge.....2	Graniteview.....5	Ste. Genevieve.....6
Coffman.....12	Irondale.....12	Stouts Creek.....10
Delassus.....18	Iron Mountain.....25	Three Rivers.....25
Desloge.....20	Ironton.....20	Unity.....5
Mitchell.....5	Knob Lick.....5	Viburnum.....25
Doe Run.....12	Leadwood.....6	Washita.....10
E. Bonne Terre.....10	Liberty.....5	Assoc. Church Training Dir.
Elvins.....35	Little Vine.....10	Lee Miller

REVIVALS IN NOVEMBER

FLAT RIVER—NOV. 2-6, Evangelist Ben Rogers; St. Louis
BISMARCK—NOV. 3-9, Evangelist V. E. Defreese, Esther; Song Leader, Mark Hardy, Esther.
DESLOGE—NOV. 16-23, Stan and Patty Rushton; Evangelistic Assoc.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES
for
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER



FREEDOM 76

1975 NOVEMBER 1975

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- 2 "HIGH ATTENDANCE DAY" in all Sunday Schools!
- 2-8 Royal Ambassador Focus Week
- 3 Pastor's Conference at Ste. Genevieve, 9:30 A.M.
- 3 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
- 9 Esther Baptist Men in ministry at Farmington State Hospital
- 10 Bible Study Clinic for teachers of January Bible Study of Hosea at First Baptist Church Ferguson, Mo. 9:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
- 11-13 Missouri Bible Conference, Ferguson, Mo. Study of the Ministry of the Holy Spirit." Morning, afternoon and evening conferences.
- 16 Genevieve & Knob Lick Baptist Churches in ministry at State Hospital.
- 17 Pastor's Conference at Ironton, 9:30 A.M.
- 23 Ironton Baptist men in Ministry at State Hospital
- 24 "M" Night at First Baptist Church Farmington, 7:30 P.M.
- 27 Thanksgiving day
- 30 Flat River Baptist men in ministry at State Hospital

NOV. 30 - DEC. 7
WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

1975 DECEMBER 1975

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- 7 Foreign Missions Day in Sunday School
- Elvins Baptist men in ministry at State Hospital.
- Associational W.M.U. Council, 1:30 P.M. For all W.M.U. Directors, at the Baptist Center in Flat River, or Baptist Women Presidents as well as Associational officers.
- 8 Pastor's Conference
- 14 Delassus Baptist men in ministry at State Hospital.
- 25 Christmas Day
- 28-Jan 1 FREEDOM 76 - National Meeting for Students and Young Adults in San Antonio, Texas!

MORE OF OLD FRANKLIN

The second annual meeting of the Old Franklin Association was held at Potosi in 1833. The number of churches had grown from 10 to 13, and the membership had increased from 374 to 544. Among the messengers was John Hutchings, who had been a member of the Convention in 1820 that formed the constitution of Missouri.

At the time of the formation of Franklin Association, there was strong anti-mission sentiment in Southeast Missouri. Franklin, however, was decidedly missionary. In its constitution, article 2 instructed churches desiring membership in the association that they would "not oppose those who wish to be engaged in the benevolent enterprises of the day. . ." Much progress had been made in Franklin Association even before the organization of the Missouri Baptist Convention, then called Missouri Baptist General Association, in 1834.

By its 1835 meeting with Providence Church, Franklin boasted 22 churches with a membership of 697. In 1837, the association in meeting recommended to the churches that they form Bible classes, forerunner of the Sunday School. Education and missions thus became, early in its history, the primary aim of Franklin Association.

Of the ten charter members of Franklin Association, only Union (Three Rivers) remains a member now, as the others have either disbanded or joined another association. It might be noted here that Liberty Church at Belgrade, was organized in 1816, prior to the organization of Franklin Association, but was then a member of Old Bethel Association. As anti-mission sentiment developed in Old Bethel, Liberty asked for admittance to Franklin and was granted membership, making it the oldest church in the Association.

by Jackie Huffman, Chairman of
Associational Historical Committee



**TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 10-13 at the
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FERGUSON,
MO.**

Individual registration cost - \$10.00
special registration costs for church
groups. Call the Baptist Center for full
information.

Freedom 76 will take place December 28-31 in San Antonio, Texas. This is a national conference for students and young adults. It will have a strong bi-centennial flavor. In fact, it will be the first nationwide bicentennial event of 1976. To quote Charles Roselle, Chairman, "Freedom 76 will give us opportunity to review our heritage. This exercise will help us to determine who we really are. At the same time, we will be among the first to join in the greatest celebration of the twentieth century - **the true freedom in Christ.** We will celebrate, not as prisoners of the past but as persons leaning forward in a search for direction."

Approximately 10,000 young adults are expected from all over the Southern Baptist Convention. It is being sponsored by every agency in the SBC.

The major theme will be interpreting freedom in terms of Christian discipleship and the mission of the church. Each of the four days will emphasize one of four themes; heritage, citizenship, Christian discipleship, and mission of the church. All of this as we celebrate the beginning of the third one hundred years of our nations independence and our independence from sin that only Christ can give!

The MAC BSU is sponsoring a chartered coach type bus to San Antonio for Freedom '76. Any young adult (high school graduate to age 29) that is interested in this once in a life-time experience should contact the Baptist Center in Flat River 431-5140 or Charles Limbaugh, BSU Director, at 431-4593 (day) or 756-6412 (evenings) for information. Reservations should be made immediately.

NEW ARRIVAL!!

In the Associational Film-strip Library! "READY TO GO: Mission Youth Groups" Produced by Home Mission Board for use of Youth and all workers with Youth.

Purpose of this new 52 frame color film-strip is to encourage the interest of a church youth group in becoming a Mission Youth Group by showing some of the helpful ministries that they can perform. The film strip has a narration and a cassette tape. Call your Baptist Center (431-5140) for use of this new film or any of the many others in your Associational Film-strip Library.

JANUARY BIBLE STUDY FEATURES THE BOOK OF HOSEA

Materials are now available at the Baptist Book Store. There is a study book suggested for each age level. The book title for Adults is: "HOSEA: Prophet of Reconciliation" by Fed M. Wood. The Youth book is "GOD/MAN ALIVE" Other books for age levels are: Older children - "This is My Bible" Younger Children: "The Story the Bible Tells" Older Preschoolers - "God's Care in Autumn and Winter", Younger Preschoolers: "Good Food to Eat" There is a Teaching Guide available for the Adult Book.

A special opportunity for help for those who will be teaching the Adult and Youth books during January Bible Study Week - is provided at the First Baptist Church Ferguson on Monday November 10th - when these books will be taught and teaching helps given! 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.



MORE OF OLD FRANKLIN

Editor's Note:

We hope you have been enjoying the monthly historical write-ups which have appeared in the *OBSERVER* since October, 1975. There's more to come! As an bi-centennial observance, our Historical Committee Chairman, Mrs. Jackie Huffman of Ironton has gone to a great deal of work, given much time in research and preparation, to give us some bit of our Association's History in each month's edition of our associational paper in this year of 1976. We are most appreciative of Mrs. Huffman's efforts and valuable contribution.

THE DEATH OF FARMINGTON COLLEGE

Finances did not improve at the college, and at the 1896 meeting of Franklin Association, a financial agent was appointed by the Trustees to issue shares of stock for the purpose of paying the debt. Evidently the effort was unsuccessful, and by 1897, the debt was near \$5,000. Professor Jennings then offered to pay one year's interest on the indebtedness if the trustees would raise the money to relieve the debt. The association then instructed the trustees to accept the proposition, borrow the money by 9 P.M. and pay the debt, executing a new Deed of Trust as security for the loan payment. A committee was then appointed to raise the money to pay the loan, and the Trustees censured with a threat to sell the property if the debt was not paid within the year.

"A warm discussion" followed the report to the association in 1898. Professor Jennings had resigned at the college, and Prof. Jno. C. Turnbaugh had succeeded him. Enrollment was down, there was uncertainty about the association continuing to control the school, and there was still a \$5,000 debt.

In the next four years there was a succession of presidents and of failure to pay the debts. By 1902 the debt had increased to \$6,000. In the 1903 minutes of Franklin Association, the record states that the college property was sold August 7, 1903, for the purpose of establishing a sanitarium. Ten thousand dollars was received for the property, with which the debt was paid, and of the remaining \$3,681, most was loaned to Doe Run Lead Company at 6%, less \$175 paid to Mrs. Hollis by order of the board.

FEBRUARY IS HOME MISSION STUDY MONTH!

How is the Home Mission Board gearing up to meet the challenge of missions for America's third century? Find out in the '76 HMGS book for adults.

Tomorrow Starts Today, \$1.00

by Arthur B. Rutledge

**tomorrow
starts
today**



Books are available at the Baptist Book Store.

The Association has ordered the series of slides suggested for use in the study.

Call the Baptist Center, 431-5140 if you need help.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE - FEBRUARY 12-14 - BAPTIST BUILDING, JEFFERSON CITY.

For all youth leaders in all churches. Purpose: to become aware of and train in the use of the WOW materials with high school young people as well as other youth in our churches. Conference is to be led by Barry St. Clair, from the Evangelism Department of the Home Mission Board. This should be most helpful in orienting the leaders of youth in the witnessing program for young people.



At the same time, E. V. Lamb and W. H. Mayfield reported to the Association that the Farmington Sanitarium was being organized with a strong charter as a Baptist Sanitarium and workers from Mayfield Sanitarium in charge. The Farmington Sanitarium still existed in 1904, when it had treated 125 patients. Thereafter, it is no longer mentioned in the minutes of the Association.



LITTLE VINE HAS A PASTOR!

Rev. Robert Lupkey, member of the Elvins Church, accepted the call of the Little Vine Baptist Church and began his work with them December 14. Rev. Lupkey came back to this area after serving out of state for a time. He and Mrs. Lupkey live at 313 Taylor Ave., in Flat River. Their phone number is 431-4806. We welcome the Lupkeys to the work and fellowship of this association.

SPRINGTOWN MISSION will be in Revival March 14-21. Mission Pastor Michael Anthony will serve as evangelist. Rev. Anthony was ordained for the gospel ministry at his 'home' church, Riverview Gardens in St. Louis on January 25.

STE. GENEVIEVE PASTOR RESIGNS!

We go out of 1975 with every church having a pastor... BUT as we enter 1976 - Ste. Genevieve will be pastorless. Beloved Brother Joe Corne, who moved into the parsonage at Ste. Genevieve May, 1971, has accepted the call of the Horine Baptist Church in Jefferson Association. His last Sunday in the pulpit at Ste. Genevieve was on December 28, 1976. We will miss Joe, Flo and Joey from the good fellowship and pray God's Richest Blessings on this family as they continue to faithfully serve Him in this new field.

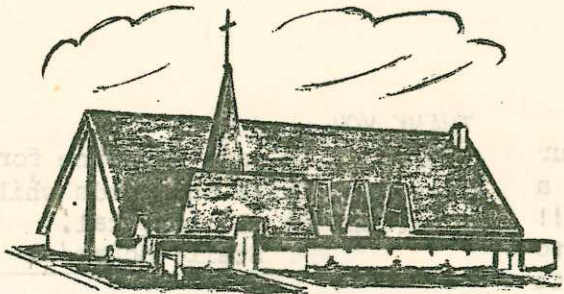
TWO MORE PASTORS RESIGN!

On January 16, Rev. A. J. Hahn resigned as Pastor at Pine Log and on January 18, Rev. Ted Wilkins resigned as Pastor of Liberty Baptist Church in Belgrade. Both these young men were ordained by the churches they have been serving; Rev. Hahn in 1972 and Rev. Wilkins in 1974. Brother A. J. and wife Katy have served at Pine Log since 1971. Ted and Brenda Wilkins started their work at Liberty in 1973. We will be mindful of these two churches as they seek God's man to lead them.

TWENTY CHURCHES IN THIS ASSOCIATION RECEIVE CITATIONS FOR INCREASED GIVING!

We commend the following twenty churches that increased giving through the Cooperative Program last year.

Bonne Terre	Flat River
Cantwell	Iron Mountain
Coffman	Ironton
Delassus	Knob Lick
Desloge	Leadwood
Doe Run	Little Vine
E. Bonne Terre	New Offenburger
Elvins	Potosi
Esther	Stouts Creek
Farmington	Viburnum



September 14, 1976

NEWS & VIEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

210 NORTH A STREET
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PASTOR
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JOHN W. JACKSON MRS. MARY NEELY
MINISTER OF MUSIC SECRETARY
756-4654 756-4654

"GET READY FOR ME"

We are an Independent Baptist Church which, by choice, is alligned with the Southern Baptist Convention. The Convention has no authority over us, assesses no dues, nor dictates any policy for us. The Southern Baptist Convention provides us with literature, gives leadership and guidance for any and all of our programs of endeavor in our work and mission as a church. The Convention enables us to join with more than 31,000 churches in the proclamation of the gospel around the world. We are enlightened, inspired, and trained by colleges and seminaries, which are owned and operated by State Conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention. What we can't do alone, we undertake together.

On a local level we are alligned with the 35 churches of our Mineral Area Association. The fellowship, the joint endeavors, and the help and inspiration which is ours in this relationship is great. Beyond the Association we belong to the Missouri Baptist Convention composed of more than 1700 churches. It is all very wonderful.

BY THE PASTOR

SUNDAY SCHOOL PREPARATION WEEK, 1976

September 26 - October 3

In order to GET READY FOR ADULTS, YOUTH, CHILDREN, AND PRE-SCHOOLERS, we urge every worker to plan to attend every session of this most important week. Our leaders for the week are:

ADULTS: Charles Limbaugh, Larry Johnson, & Murray Norman

YOUTH: Don Neely

CHILDREN: Mrs. Arlene Jackson

PRE-SCHOOL: Mrs. June Smith

They will be teaching the "GETTING READY" books for their age-group.

Here is the schedule for the week:

SUNDAY, Sept. 26, Pastor's Challenge

MONDAY - TUESDAY, Sept. 27-28

7:00-7:30 PM General Session

7:30-8:15 PM Age Group & Dept. Sessions

8:15-8:25 PM Break

8:25-9:10 PM Age Group & Dept. Sessions

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 29, Regular Services

THURSDAY, Sept. 30

6:00-7:00 PM Deliver Literature

7:00 PM Inspirational Message by

Dr. Harvey Wright, Associate S.S.

Director, State of Missouri.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DELASSUS
Route 1, Box 88
Farmington, Missouri

July 6, 1976

First Baptist Church
210 North "A" Street
Farmington, Missouri 63640

Dear Friends in Christ:

We of the First Baptist Church of Delassus appreciate the assistance that the First Baptist Church of Farmington has given to us during the past years. We certainly appreciate your love and interest as demonstrated by your most generous gift of the organ.

In a special called business meeting, June 27, 1976, our church voted to accept your gift and convey our appreciation by letter.

We are investigating the best and most economical way of moving and installing the organ in our church. We shall move it as soon as possible.

We shall use the organ as an instrument for the glory of God in aiding His people draw nearer to Him in worship and praise.

Sincerely yours,

Harold L. Myers

Harold L. Myers
Pastor

Lulu Mae Stroup

Mrs. Lulu Mae Stroup
Church Clerk

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FARMINGTON, MISSOURI

J. Loren Jolly
Pastor

John Jackson
Min. Music-Youth

June 3, 1973

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude
Silent Meditation "Be Still And Know That I Am God"
Call to Worship "O Rejoice In The Lord"
Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"
Invocation
Choral Response "Spirit Of The Living God"
Arr. Reynolds

Hymn of Praise No. 41 "To God Be The Glory"
Hymn of the Church No. 382 "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord"
"St. Thomas"

Prayer of Dedication
Offertory "Offertory On 'Olivet'"
Hymn of Aspiration No. 313 "Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"
"Nettleton"

Scripture Reading
Morning Prayer
Anthem "Rise Up O Church"
Sermon
Hymn of Decision No. 235 "Only Trust"
Postlude
Cornerstone Laying Ceremony

Pastor

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will meet every morning this week
from 8:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

TEEN COLLEGE FOR YOUTH will meet June 11-22 - 6:30 P.M.
to 9:00 P.M. Youth please register today or sometime
next week.

EVENING SERVICE

Prelude
Call to Praise "Rejoice And Be Glad"
Hymn of Praise No. 144 "I Will Sing The Wondrous Story"
Evening Prayer
Announcements & Welcome To Visitors
Hymn of Assurance No. 269 "Blessed Assurance" "Assurance"
Hymn of Joy No. 310 "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"
Prayer of Dedication

Offertory
Hymn of Prayer No. 334 "I Need Thee Every Hour"
Anthem "Tell Man Of God" Burly Red
Sermon AND BE BAPTIZED
Hymn of Decision No. 240 "Just As I Am"
Ordinance of Baptism
Benediction
Postlude

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Today, June 3

9:00 A.M. Sunday School
10:15 A.M. Morning Worship & Cornerstone Laying Service
6:00 P.M. Youth Choir
6:15 P.M. Young Musicians
6:30 P.M. Church Training
7:30 P.M. Evening Worship
Monday
8:30 A.M. Vacation Bible School
6:30 P.M. Baptist Men Covered Dish Supper - Speaker -
Dr. George Oliver
6:30 P.M. Youth "Crossroads"
7:30 P.M. Night WMS with Birdie Brown
8:00 P.M. Deacons Meeting

Tuesday

8:30 A.M. Vacation Bible School
1:30 P.M. Dike Prayer Group

Wednesday

8:30 A.M. Vacation Bible School
6:00 P.M. Celebration Singers
6:15 P.M. Teacher Improvement
7:00 P.M. Prayer Service -- 8 P.M. Adult Choir

BRO. & MRS. LOREN JOLLY
 "22 YEARS OF FAITHFUL
 SERVICE"

November 28, 1976

J. Loren Jolly
 Pastor
 Lavonne Limbaugh
 Organist

John W. Jackson
 Minister Music-Youth
 Cecelia Watts
 Pianist

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude "The Church's One Foundation" Arr. Hustad
 Welcome to Visitors and Announcements
 Organ Meditation "Celebrate Life" B. Red
 Call to Worship "Morning Has Broken" Arr. Powell
 Invocation
 Response
 Hymn of Petition No. 265 "God of Grace and God of Glory"
 Offertory Prayer
 Offertory "Fill My Cup, Lord" Miss Cecelia Watts
 Solo Mrs. Jeanie Griffin
 Hymn of Revelation No. 148 "Word of God Across the Ages"
 Scripture Reading *Romans 10:8-15*
 Morning Prayer
 Hymn of Assurance No. 339 "It is Well With My Soul" Gaither
 Anthem "The King Is Coming" Rev. Paul Thompson
 Sermon
 Hymn of Decision No. 187 "Just As I Am" Mr. Charles Schwidde
 Benediction
 Response
 Organ Postlude from "Celebrate Life" B. Red

We welcome as our pulpit guests; Rev. Paul Thompson,
 Director of the Sunday School Department, Missouri Baptist
 Convention, and Rev. Ernest W. Towler, Director of
 Missions, Mineral Area Baptist Association.



1954-1976

*In order that we might
 show our appreciation
 and love to them, we
 have designated this
 day as -*

LOREN & CELESTE JOLLY
 DAY.

EVENING SERVICE

Organ Prelude "In the Garden" Arr. F. Bock
 Welcome to Visitors and Announcements
 Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound
 Evening Prayer
 Hymn of Praise No. 71 "His Name is Wonderful"
 Offertory Prayer
 Offertory "Guide Me Thou, O Great Jehovah" D. Hustad
 Solo "Jesus Is the Sweetest Name I Know" Mr. John Jackson
 Hymn Medley
 Anthem "Gentle Jesus" Faircloth
 Sermon Rev. Ernest W. Towler
 Hymn of Decision No. 164 "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"
 Benediction
 Organ Postlude "How Great Thou Art" Arr. F. Bock

SCHEDULE: 12:15 P.M. CARRY-IN DINNER, FELLOWSHIP HALL
 2:00 P.M. TESTIMONIAL
 7:30 P.M. EVENING WORSHIP- REV. E.W. TOWLER, GUEST.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28

- 2:00 P.M. TESTIMONIAL
5:15 P.M. Senior High Choir
6:00 P.M. Trustees Meeting
6:30 P.M. Church Training
7:30 P.M. Evening Worship

WEEK OF PRAYER - NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 5
WE DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF DECEMBER FOR THE LITTLE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 29

- 10:00 P.M. **WEEK OF PRAYER - Church-wide, meet in Fellowship Hall each day.**
3:30 P.M. Skating Party - Grades 1-6. Cost: \$1.25.
(includes skates) - meet at the rink.
7:00 P.M. Basketball - Plays Church of God,
St. Joseph Gymnasium.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 30

- 7:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Breakfast
10:00 A.M. **WEEK OF PRAYER**
1 & 6:30 P.M. Ceramics
3:15 P.M. G.A.'s & Mission Friends
6:00 P.M. Puppet Ministry
7:00 P.M. Church Council & Budget Committee Planning
Meeting

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1

- 7:00 A.M. Women's Early Morning Prayer Group
8:50 - 11:00 A.M. Women's Home Bible Study
10:00 A.M. **WEEK OF PRAYER**
6:15 P.M. Children's Choirs, Jr. High Choir
6:30 P.M. Teacher Improvement - Youth Sunday School
Division Meeting
7:15 P.M. Prayer Meeting, R.A.'s, Jr. High Acteens
8:00 P.M. Adult Choir

THURSDAY DECEMBER 2

- 10:00 A.M. **WEEK OF PRAYER**
7:00 - 9:00 P.M. Associational Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY DECEMBER 3

- 10:00 A.M. **WEEK OF PRAYER** (Grades 7 - 12)
SAT. DEC. 4th. YOUTH - ICE SKATING - ST. LOUIS(11:00-5:00)



First Baptist Church

210 North A Street
FARMINGTON, MISSOURI 63640

Rev. Jolly to conclude 22 years as pastor here

Rev. J. Loren Jolly, who has pastored Farmington's First Baptist Church for 22 years, tendered his resignation to the church board Wednesday evening.

Rev. Jolly will leave the pulpit here on December 31.

In a statement to the church members, Rev. Jolly said: "It is a decision reached many months ago, and the conviction that it is the will of God for me has not diminished. I am not retiring from the ministry but from the pastorate. My love and appreciation of this church has grown through the years. You have been good to me and my family. You have been kind, thoughtful, understanding, supportive, cooperative and generous toward us. We thank you for almost 23 years of service together."

Rev. Jolly was raised on a

farm near Pocahontas, Ark. He graduated from William Jewell in 1938 and won his second degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1942.

Rev. Jolly spent several years in the service as a Chaplain and served in Europe for two years during World War II.

He married Miss Celeste Fowler, a nurse, and they have two children, Jim — now a stockbroker in St. Louis, and a daughter, Paula Reynolds, a

teacher in Hillsboro.

His years of tenure in the First Baptist Church in Farmington were appropriate to his family. His grandfather, the Rev. O.H.L. Cunningham, served the same church as minister from 1914 to 1920.

Rev. Jolly said that he does not plan to retire from the ministry, only from the pastorate. Rev. Jolly, 62, has suffered from an eye ailment that does not allow him to read as much as he thinks necessary. He will consider taking a smaller church or serving as an interim pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. Jolly will continue to live at their present home, the parsonage that was given to them by the church about a year ago.

"I may have to learn to fish," laughs Rev. Jolly, who in a more serious moment admits that golf is his game and he expects to get in a little more of it next summer.

Under Rev. Jolly's guidance the church here has grown steadily and has had two major building projects, the educational wing in 1962 and the new sanctuary that was cornerstoned in 1973.

No successor has been named at First Baptist. A church committee is interviewing and traveling nearly everyweekend to hear ministers in other towns. They hope to make some recommendation to the congregation the next few weeks.



Rev. J. Loren Jolly



RECOGNITION DAY — Rev. and Mrs. J. Loren Jolly, who have served the First Baptist Church in Farmington for more than 20 years, were honored Sunday in a day-long series of events including the presentation of this "money tree" with \$2,250 attached. There were some 525 present at the morning service with former Minister of Education at the church, Rev. Paul Thompson, preaching. The Jollys were honored guests at the service and the potluck dinner that followed with 200 in at-

tendance. There were 250 who came to the Testimonial at 2 in the afternoon, including Rev. Maxell Teeter of the Ministerial Alliance, Mayor Floyd Hager, and Jennie Laws, who represented those in the congregation who had only Rev. Jolly for a pastor. He was given a plaque and, in the evening, with about 175 present, Ernest Towler was the speaker. The Jollys are retiring but continuing to live in Farmington. **EVENING PRESS PHOTO** by Steve Lilley

An age old story: a mother

by Martha M. Boyer

Two-year-old Daniel Jeremiah Crawford, brandished the too-long pencil in wide uncoordinated strokes, his chubby hands strong but, as yet, undisciplined. Like all two-year-olds he gets bored quickly and looks about inquiringly for new worlds to conquer.

When he takes off energetically for another area, he is scooped up and returned to his mother, Miss Frances Crawford, a missionary just returned from her post in the Republic of Honduras in Central America.

Daniel protests mildly in syllables easily identified as the universal language of babyhood, "Mama". Miss Crawford smiles, responding in the universal body language of maternal pride. For Daniel Jeremiah has only recently become Miss Crawford's son, adoption papers having been completed just prior to her coming back to the states. She is on furlough from Central America arriving a few weeks ago.

Heading a mobile clinic in Spanish Honduras, a small economically depressed country, Miss Crawford keeps an apartment in the city but spends most of her time in rural areas, providing routine medical and nursing care for the villagers. She also teaches mothers how to care for their families and, with the full approval of the Honduran government, conducts family planning clinics.

Her work is supported in



Church of Farmington which she regards as her home church.

Little Daniel Jeremiah was brought to her when he was about eight months old. His mother had died at the time of his birth. A 15-year-old sister was trying to take care of him in a family in which there was not enough food, nor enough of any of the things needed, for a baby's care.

The distracted father begged Frances to take the child and keep him. Daniel was suffering from malnutrition, diarrhea, and dehydration. He was a miserable little mite whose chances of survival were slim.

Frances Crawford at first said, "no." At the time she was taking care of another infant, this one with a cleft lip and palate, unable to ingest nourishment of any kind. The father of Daniel Jeremiah persisted, however, knowing this woman was the only hope for his son's survival.

Frances herself found she could not walk away from what seemed to be a task required of her. She had little hope that she could save the infant but, miraculously, medication and good care did their work.

She took the other baby to Guatemala where surgery closed the raphe in the child's mouth. Later, a second operation will close the opening in the palate. Meanwhile, she was able to return him to his family, leaving Daniel Jeremiah as her lone responsibility.

When he too began to grow and develop, she took him back to his family. The father knew that the woman represented a different and superior way of life for his son and still pleaded with her to keep him.

Meanwhile the ties between the baby and the woman had strengthened. More and more the thought of keeping the baby became tempting.

When the time came for her to come back home on a Sabbatical leave, she ventured to suggest that she might bring the child along. In honesty, she knew she would be lonely without him.

But so much has the traffic in children from Mexico and Central America been abused, that she could not bring the child into the states unless she

was legally his parent. And so, she succumbed to the father's entreaty and has legally adopted the sturdy, light brown haired, dark brown-eyed Honduran boy.

For a few weeks she will be in Farmington, her former home. Here she graduated from high school. Here she worked for a year after her graduation before she could enter the School of Nursing at Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis.

She is staying with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. McWilliams. Bob

It's all in the day's work, work conferred as a special privilege upon those accepting it and the blessings it brings all set down by a gentle teacher long ago whose birth we are soon to celebrate.

It's hard work fraught with difficulties posed by poverty and ignorance, and sometimes heightened by convulsions of nature itself (as when the land was devastated by hurricane Fee Fee, and when the neighboring Guatemala was racked by convulsive earthquakes the mission posted a doctor and Nurse Crawford to take a large supply of drugs to assist them.

herself. But it is a good one.

It's not an easy role Frances Crawford has chosen for her.

And after the M.A. degree? It's probably back to her mission post. There is so much to do and the approval one receives—not from those she helps—but from the Lord God when you do his work—is a joyous feeling indeed. People are sometimes grateful and say so and this is nice, but only the knowledge of the Lord's approval really matters to her.

And what of Daniel Jeremiah? The answer to that one is easy. He, too, will go along—not to school exactly—but an arrangement will be made so that mother and son will not be separated.

Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

One of the tasks which confronts the mission is midwifery and it is to take her master's degree with emphasis in this aspect of nursing that Frances Crawford will register after the holidays at some institution yet to be decided upon. Under consideration at present is

is making desperate attempts to improve its economic status. Unhappily, at present, more emphasis is placed upon upgrading cattle than upon the immediate welfare of the babies born in poverty and deprivation.

Near East.

Williams and Leslie (Buck)

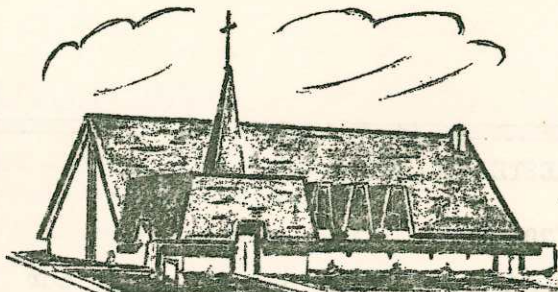
Jones are her cousins. She is related to a number of the old families in town and feels strong ties with them and with the First Baptist Church where her desire to enter the mission field was nurtured. She has never regretted her decision.

ir and her child

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Rev. & Mrs. J. Loren Jolly

"22 years of faithful service"

LOREN AND CELESTE JOLLY DAY

NOVEMBER 28, 1976

This Sunday will mark another milestone in the life of our church as our pastor and his wife conclude their pastoral ministry. For some, Bro. Jolly has been the only pastor they have known. For all of us, he has provided sound leadership, and thoughtful concern in times of grief, and has rejoiced with us in times of happiness. By his side has been his loving and supportive wife, Celeste, whom we all love and appreciate dearly.

During his ministry our church has had a steady growth as evidenced by the nearly 2000 additions to the church by baptism and promise of letter. December 31st will conclude Bro. Jolly's pastorate but not the effects of his ministry. In his own words, "I'm not retiring from the ministry but from the pastorate."

Being a minister since 1942, Bro. Jolly graduated from Southern Seminary and became a Chaplain in the Army. Upon returning he was called to Hanley Road Baptist Church, St. Louis, where he served for eight years before coming to us in 1954.

Under Bro. Jolly's guidance our church has not only grown in numbers but in building additions and in the support of 2 missions, which became constituted churches during this ministry.

The Jollys' will continue to live in Farmington and be a part of this body of believers. In order that we might show our love and appreciation to them, November 28th has been designated LOREN AND CELESTE JOLLY DAY. Below you will find a calendar of activities for that day of which we know you will want to take part.

- 10:15 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP - Pulpit Guest, Rev. Paul Thompson,
Director of Sunday School Department, Missouri Baptist
Convention
- 12:15 P.M. CARRY-IN DINNER - Fellowship Hall
- 2:00 P.M. TESTIMONIAL - Charles Schwidde, Chairman of Deacons,
presiding.
- 7:30 P.M. EVENING WORSHIP - Pulpit Guest, Rev. Ernest W. Towler,
Director of Missions, Mineral Area Baptist Association.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

to Mrs. A.J. Gordon and family
in the loss of their loved one,
Mr. Paul Martin Johnson.

to the family of Rev. Earl
Penberthy in the loss of their
loved one.



"M" NIGHT FOCUSES ON DISCIPLESHIP!

Make plans now to participate in this years' associational "M" NIGHT gathering on December 6th. Once again our church will be privileged to host this meeting.

The goal for attendance for our church is - 62 -!!

The program will include. . .

. . .Dr. Rheubin South, Executive
Director of the Missouri Baptist
Convention.

. . .a fine associational choir,
and opportunities to renew fellow-
ship with our friends in our associa-
tion.

"GOOD NEWS OF A GREAT JOY"

This is the theme for this years,
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Martha Campbell will be in charge
of the programs each day (Mon.-Fri.)
beginning November 29th. The meet-
ings will be held in the Fellowship
Hall from 10:00-11:00 A.M.

This is a CHURCH-WIDE emphasis and
everyone is urged to take part. Our
goal for the LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS
OFFERING is \$3500.

COME AND HELP SHARE THE GOOD NEWS!

If you wish to express your thanks to
Bro. & Mrs. Jolly in writing, we would
appreciate your addressing your letter
to them c/o First Baptist Church, by
November 28th.

REPORTS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1976

<u>OUR CHURCH STUDYING</u>				473
Adults	244	Children		73
Youth	91	Pre-School		60
Pastor's Class				5

OUR CHURCH TRAINING

46

OUR CHURCH GIVING

Budget	\$2498.04
Building Fund	174.30
Designated	25.00
Thanksgiving Offering	181.00
	<u>\$2878.34</u>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU NOVEMBER 24 - 30

25-Joy Johnson	28-Verna Cartee
Patti Thomure	Nancy Cherry
26-Terry Wheeler	Carla Evans
Michelle Jones	29-Leslie Limbaugh
Richie Boyer	Timon Romburg
Debbie Johnston	Eva Raymer
27-Don McClard	Dodie Osman
Dean Layton	30-Dorris Harris
Lisa Umfleet	Mattie Williams
Julie White	Alma Shoemake

TO BRO. AND MRS. JOLLY:

We count it a privilege and an
honor to have served with such a
fine pastor and his wife. May God's
richest blessings be yours and may
His Spirit guide you in your future
endeavors.

THE CHURCH STAFF

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

COMMUNITY - Mrs. Elsie McCabe,
Elbert Hunt, Herbert Woods, Marvin
Roberts, Patsy Quinton.

CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL NORTHWEST -
Ray BeBoard

MERCY ST. JOHN'S - Guy Roux

U. OF MO. MEDICAL CENTER - Blake
Ragsdell

VET. HOSPITAL, COLUMBIA - Helen
Mund.

IN NURSING HOMES

Riverview Manor

Martha Meyer

Ruby Ward

Mae Shelton

Lulu Alexander

Medicalodge

Mattie Williams

Thomas Dell - Stella McDaniel

ILL AT HOME - Dow Parker, Bill &
Bessie Reed, Minnie Alexander, Essa
Hinkle, Margaret Ryan, Earl Smith,
Bess Jones, Minnie Doughty, Ola
Waltman, Exon Bonner, Dave Inkerton.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 24

7:00 A.M. Women's Early Morning
Prayer Group

8:50-11:00 A.M. Women's Home Bible
Study

NO CHILDREN'S OR JR. HIGH CHOIRS

6:30 P.M. Teacher Improvement, Pre-
School & Children's Div.
Meeting

7:15 P.M. Prayer Meeting

NO ADULT CHOIR

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25

THANKSGIVING DAY!

Church Office Closed.

10:00 A.M. Community Thanksgiving
Service, Christian Church

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 26

NO CROSSROADS

Youth Evangelism Conference, Raytown

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28

9:00 A.M. Sunday School

10:15 A.M. Morning Worship, Rev. Paul
Thompson, Guest Speaker

2:00 P.M. Testimonial

5:15 P.M. Sr. High Choir

6:30 P.M. Church Training

7:30 P.M. Evening Worship, Rev. Ernest
Towler, Guest Speaker.

WEEK OF PRAYER - NOV. 28 - DEC. 5

MONDAY NOVEMBER 29

10:00 A.M. WEEK OF PRAYER

3:30 P.M. Skating - Grades 1-6
(til 5:00 PM) Cost:\$1.25 (includes
skates)- Meet at the rink.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 30

7:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 A.M. WEEK OF PRAYER

1 & 6:30 P.M. Ceramics

3:15 P.M. G.A.'s & Mission Friends

6:00 P.M. Puppet Ministry

7:00 P.M. Council & Budget Meeting

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

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TWO PASTORS CONCLUDE MORE THAN 20 YEAR PASTORATES



Rev. V.E. Defreese leaves the Esther Baptist Church with a resident membership of 454 with an average Sunday School attendance of 145. There have been notable advancements in the improvement of church property, particularly with the building of a beautiful four bedroom, two bath parsonage. Total additions to the church membership in these almost 22 years of Bro. Defreese's ministry is 734 with 401 of them by Baptism. A wonderment to the pastor and people has been the increase in stewardship with a total income of \$29,147 reported in 1955 and 84,500 in 1976. Bro. Defreese leaves the Esther Baptist Church debt free.

In 1968 the Esther Baptist Church initiated a ministry that is the 'only one of it's kind' among our Baptist Churches. A Child Day Care Center, which today cares for approximately 30 pre-school children five days a week. Mrs. Defreese has been an important part of this work since it's inception.

September of this year marked 44 years in the ministry for Bro. Defreese. Coming to this area in 1955 were letters of commendation from Arkansas where he had served on the Executive Board with special emphasis in his work in the field of Evangelism. This fervor for Souls has not in any way diminished down through these almost 22 years.

Nov. 28 was designated as "Loren and Celeste Jolly Day" at First Baptist Church Farmington. The Esther Baptist Church

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On Wednesday, Nov. 10th., Rev. J. Loren Jolly officially tendered his resignation as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Farmington effective Dec. 31. On Wednesday, Oct. 6th., Rev. V.E. Defreese announced plans for his retirement as pastor of the Esther Baptist Church effective Jan. 1, 1977.

As these retirement announcements come so close together there are parallels in the life and ministry of these two men.

Each has served his respective church for at least twenty-two years! Brother Jolly has been with Farmington since April 19, 1954 and Brother Defreese became Esther's pastor in Feb. of 1955.

Both men and their wives are natives of Arkansas. Bro. Defreese came to this area from Bald Knob. Bro. Jolly was pastor of Hanley Road Baptist Church in St. Louis.

Both men have given long and prayerful consideration to this new step in their lives and both will be living in Farmington. Loren and Celeste Jolly will continue to live at 312 W. College, the parsonage given to them by the church. V.E. and Sylvia Defreese have bought a lovely house at 411 W. Liberty, in which they are already living in. Both men have been very active in service to and through our Association. Bro. Jolly served as Moderator in 1961-1962 and was our very effective Sunday School Director several

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The First Baptist Church of Farmington enjoys the distinction of being the largest church in our Association with a resident membership of 1,017 and an average Sunday School attendance of about 450. There has been considerable growth in all areas of church life during these almost 23 years of Bro. Jolly's ministry.

The church has undergone two major building programs in these intervening years with the present beautiful sanctuary dedicated in 1973. The mission spirit of the pastor and church is evidenced by two missions that are now full-time churches: First Baptist Church Knob Lick and First Baptist Church Delassus. Special support has been given down through these years to two Southern Baptist Missionaries who have gone from the membership of the church; the Paul Smiths (Virginia Nell Walker) in Amman, Jordan and Frances Crawford of Honduras. Several have been ordained to the ministry during Bro. Jolly's pastorate. Among them are Paul Thompson, who is now Director of Sunday School work for Missouri Baptists, Don McGuire, now pastor of First Baptist Church Steelville and most recently, John Jackson present Youth and Music Director at Farmington. There is no accounting of the individual lives and whose families that have been enriched through the ministry and concern of Rev. and Mrs. J. Loren Jolly through these 22½ years of most fruitful ministry.



ASSOCIATIONAL
TRAINING UNION
FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH, FARMINGTON
December 6 7:30 P.M.

OUR ATTENDANCE GOAL IS 500!
Will U B 1?

Dr. Reuben South, Executive Secretary for Missouri Baptists, will be our speaker. The Associational Choir will sing. It's an evening you won't want to miss. Nursery is provided. Come-be counted-each church has a goal.

FILM STRIPS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE BAPTIST CENTER

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(revised Nov. 1976)

BIBLE STUDY:

"ACTS: WORKING TOGETHER IN CHRIST'S MISSION"	w/cassette & narration
"COLOSSIANS: CHRIST ABOVE ALL"	w/record
"GALATIANS: FREEDOM THROUGH CHRIST"	w/record
"GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR BIBLE"	w/narration
"HOSEA: PROPHET OF RECONCILIATION"	w/cassette
"HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE*"	w/cassette
"INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE*"	w/cassette
"JOB: A STUDY IN PROVIDENCE AND FAITH"	w/record
"LEARNING TO USE THE BIBLE"	w/narration
"LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS"	w/narration
"ROMANS: EVERY MAN'S GOSPEL*"	w/cassette
"THE EPISTLE OF JAMES"	w/record
"THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ISAIAH"	w/record
"THE LETTERS OF JOHN"	w/record
"THE REBEL PROPHET"	w/narration
"TIMOTHY AND HIS TIMES"	w/narration

CHURCH TRAINING:

"ADVANCE IN CHURCH TRAINING"	w/record
"CHURCH: THE SUNDAY NIGHT PLACE FOR TRAINING FAMILY STYLE"	w/cassette
"HOW TO EXTEND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP TRAINING"	w/narration
"THE TRAINING PROGRAM OF A CHURCH"	w/record
"TRAINING NEW CHURCH MEMBERS"	w/cassette
"TRAINING: THE URGENT NOW"	w/record

EVANGELISM:

"BRING THEM IN"	w/narration
"CAN WE KNOW WE ARE SAVED*"	w/cassette
"HE THAT REAPETH"	w/narration
"HOW TO BE SAVED SERIES" (4)	w/records
"LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST"	w/record
"NEW LIFE FOR YOU"	w/narration
"SOULS IN YOUR HANDS"	w/tape
"THE POWER OF A MAN'S WITNESS"	w/recording
"VISITING THE UNSAVED"	w/recording
"YOUTH EVANGELISM"	w/recording

FOREIGN MISSIONS:

"AFRICAN WITNESS"	w/record
"BAPTIST ROLE IN EUROPE"	w/record
"BAPTIST WITNESS IN MIDDLE EAST"	w/record
"CHRISTIAN PARTNERS IN PARAGUAY"	w/cassette
"CONCERN IS"	w/record
"MISSIONARY TEAM IN ETHIOPIA"	w/cassette
"THE COLUMBIA REPORT"	w/record
"UNCOVERING CHRISTIANS: STUDENT WORK IN MEXICO*"	w/cassette
"WHERE THE GOSPEL SPEAKS CHINESE"	w/record
"WIDER DIMENSIONS"	w/record

HOME MISSIONS:

"A PROGRAM OF CHURCH EXTENSION FOR LOCAL CHURCHES"	w/record
"ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION COMMITTEE"	w/record
"BOLD MISSIONS THRUST*"	w/cassette
"COOPERATIVE MINISTRIES WITH NATIONAL BAPTIST"	w/cassette
"CROSSING BARRIERS IN INTERRACIAL MINISTRY"	w/cassette
"EXTEND NOW"	w/record
"EXTEND NOW: COMMUNITY EVENTS"	w/narration
"HOPE IN HOME MISSIONS" (14 slides)	w/narration
"INTERFAITH WITNESS"	w/record
"READY TO GO: MISSION YOUTH GROUPS"	w/cassette
"THE FUTURE WILL NOT WAIT" (20 slides)	w/cassette
"WHAT IS YOUR MISSION FIELD"	w/record

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years. Bro. Defreese served as moderator in 1965-1966 and was most recently Chairman of Evangelism.

Each man has had some very distinctive accomplishments marking their ministries in respective churches.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

November 28-December 5, 1976

National Goal: \$29,000,000.00

THINK ON THIS: Southern Baptist Missionaries are modern messengers of "Great Joy" in more than 80 countries of the world, but 'to all people' is still not accomplished. The average missions field is the combined size of Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi. But our missionary force in it is smaller than the number of preachers in a typical association in America.

The churches of our association gave a total offering of \$18,594.00 through the Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions last year. What will our response be this year?

CALLING ALL WMU DIRECTORS/Baptist Women Presidents: Meet with the Associational Council at the Baptist Center in Flat River on Monday, December 13 and have a part in the planning and preparation of Associational WMU activities. Meeting begins at 1:30 p.m.

KEEP THIS ISSUE OF THE "OBSERVER AND HELPER" FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Listed are the film strips available through your Baptist Center. Notice the new ones. "How to Study the Bible"- "Introduction to the Bible"- "Romans: Every Man's Gospel"- "Can We Know We Are Saved?"- "Uncovering Christians: Student work in Mexico"- "Bold Missions Thrust"- "Ministering to Senior Adults"- "The Ministry of the Deacon Today"- "New Life Style-For Bold Believers" and "Planning to Teach Pre-schoolers" Call 431-5140 for the free use of any of these valuable visual resource materials.

TOTAL IS NOW 6-pastorless churches within our Association. Won't you join me in prayer for those serving on pulpit committees in the following churches: Chestnut Ridge, Esther, Farmington, Leadwood, Pilot Knob, Providence.

December 16 is the date for the annual Preacher and family Christmas Dinner at the Baptist Center in Flat River.

MISCELLANEOUS SUBJECTS:

"A MUSIC PROGRAM IN EVERY CHURCH"	w/record
"CHRISTIAN HOMES"	w/narration
"CHRIST IS BORN"	w/record
"IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS"	w/record
"MINISTERING TO SENIOR ADULTS*"	w/cassette
"ONE PEOPLE—ONE MISSION"	w/cassette
"THE CHURCH LIBRARY MINISTRY"	w/record
"THE CHURCH USHER"	w/record
"THE DEACON SERIES" (2 films)	w/record
"THE MINISTRY OF THE DEACON TODAY*"	w/cassette
"LEARNING TO BE YOURSELF"	w/record

MISSIONARY [General]:

"BECOMING A MISSIONARY"	w/record
"HERE IS MY LIFE"	w/record
"PRAYER POWER FOR MISSIONS"	w/record
"THE LIFE OF ANNIE ARMSTRONG"	w/record

STEWARDSHIP:

"BUDGET BAWL"	film only-no narration
"COMMITTED—TO WHAT?"	w/record
"ISN'T GOD GOOD?"	w/record
"NEW LIFE STYLE—FOR BOLD BELIEVERS*"	w/cassette
"PRINCIPALS OF STEWARDSHIP DEVELOPMENT"	w/record
"PROSPERITY CRISIS"	w/record
"SHARE HIS LOVE"	w/cassette
"THE DISTINCTIVES OF A CHRISTIAN"	w/record
"THE MIRACLE OF COMMITMENT"	w/record
"THE UNFINISHED TASK"	w/cassette
"TITHE, TITTLE TATTLE TITHE"	film only-no narration
"WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?"	w/record
"WHERE IS YOUR CONCERN?"	w/record
"WHERE STEWARDSHIP BEGINS"	w/record

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

"AN ADEQUATE TRAINING PROGRAM"	w/narration
"HOW TO ENLIST SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS"	w/narration
"GUIDING NURSERY CHILDREN"	w/narration
"PLANNING AND CONDUCTING A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL"	w/record
"PLANNING TO TEACH PRESCHOOLERS*"	w/cassette
"TEACHING NURSERY CHILDREN"	w/record
"TEACHING 2's & 3's"	w/record
"TEACHING 4's & 5's"	w/record
"TEACHING BABIES AND TODDLERS"	w/record
"USING PROBLEM SOLVING IN TEACHING AND TRAINING"	w/narration
"USING THE LECTURE IN TEACHING AND TRAINING"	w/narration
"USING THE CASE STUDY IN TEACHING AND TRAINING"	w/narration
"USING THE PANEL IN TEACHING AND TRAINING"	w/narration
"WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL"	w/record

*NEWEST ADDITIONS

DON'T BE CAUGHT NAPPIN'

and miss the Annual "Family Missions Night" on Jan. 27 at the First Baptist Church, Flat River. This fellowship is sponsored jointly by the Baptist Women and Baptist Men of the Association. It begins with a 'carry-in' dinner at 6:30 p.m. You bring the salads, vegetables, and desserts and the Association furnishes all the rest. Nursery provisions are made and the whole family can enjoy an evening of missions emphasis as well as food and fun.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

January 24-25-26 Bible Teaching-Learning improvement workshop and Sunday School faculty training institute in Jefferson City.

February 13-19 W.M.U. Focus Week

March 5 Sunday School teaching blitz at Elvins 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (sack lunch)

JANUARY BIBLE STUDY

Focuses on the Epistle to the Romans For Southern Baptists, Jan. means Bible Study. This is the time when church people of all ages are involved in concentrated Bible Study. What a wonderful way to start the new year. The week suggested for this Study is Jan. 3-7.

We have learned over the past 33 years that when the church studies the Bible together, great benefits are realized—Christians are nurtured in Spiritual growth, leaders are trained, and people are reached for Christ.

Listed below are the books suggested for every age level. All can be ordered through the Baptist Book Store prices given.

Youth—"Certainties for God's New People" by David George and Janet Burton \$1.45.

Older Children—"In the Land Where Jesus Lived" by Lillian Moore Rice. \$.90.

Younger Children—"The Story of Joseph" by Betty Mason \$.90.

Older Preschoolers—"Discovering Sounds" by Mary Llew Browne \$.90.

Younger Preschoolers—"Animal Friends" by Elizabeth Hutchens \$.90.

The text book to be used by adults—"Romans: Every Man's Gospel" by J.W. MacGormann \$1.45. The film strip "Romans: Every Man's Gospel" is available for use through your associational film library. Just call 431-5140 and set a date.

WILLIAM MORROW RESIGNS AS PASTOR AT CHESTNUT RIDGE

Rev. Bill Morrow submitted his resignation to the Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church on Sunday, November 14. He has been pastor there since May of 1968. In addition to pastoring Chestnut Ridge, Brother Morrow has served, and will continue to be, principal of the Elvins grade school. He feels the Lord's leadership in his resignation and future plans and we pray God's richest blessings on him and his family.

IS YOUR PASTOR GOING

to the State Evangelistic Conference? Down through the years the Evangelistic Conference has proven to be one of the most inspirational and beneficial conferences held by our State Convention. Many pastors feel it is a 'must' meeting. This year's conference will be held Jan. 10-12 in Springfield, Mo. It would be to a church's advantage to send the pastor to this conference on the 'number one' objective of all churches—Evangelism.

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planned a special appreciation service for Wednesday Night December 8.

We are so glad these two former pastors will continue to live in our area and be a part of our work and ministry. They will both be of invaluable help, with all their accumulative experience, as pulpit supply, interim pastors, revivals, and Bible Study teachers. As both men have expressed it...they are retiring from the pastorate...not the ministry. Each will continue to be of service wherever and whenever the Lord leads.

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Dec. 5 Week of prayer for Foreign missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

5 Foreign Missions Day in Sunday School.

5 Doe Run Baptist Church in ministry at State Hospital.

6 Associational "M" Night, 7:30 p.m. Farmington Baptist Church.

12 Belleview Baptist Church in ministry at State Hospital.

13 Associational WMU Council Meeting, 1:30 p.m. at the Baptist Center in Flat River. Church WMU Directors and Associational Officers urged to attend.

16 Annual "Preacher and family dinner at Baptist Center 6:30 p.m.

19 Potosi Baptist Church in ministry at State Hospital.

25 Christmas Day

26 Iron Mountain Baptist Church in ministry at State Hospital.

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3-7 Bible Study Week (Book of Romans)

9 Soul-Winning Commitment Day

10-12 Evangelistic Conf., Springfield, Mo.

20 Associational Executive Board Meeting

20-21 Camp Director's work-shop, Jefferson City.

23 Baptist Men's Day

24-25 Bible Teaching-Learning Improvement Workshop, First Baptist Church, Jefferson City.

26 Sunday School Faculty Training Institute, Jefferson City.

7 Associational Annual "Family Missions Night" with 'carry-in' supper at 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church Flat River.

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**PRaise
THE LORD!**

THEY JUST WON'T QUIT!

The people at First Baptist Church Farmington just won't quit...giving to the "WORLD HUNGER FUND!" Another check just came making a total of \$2,493.25 from that church alone. This, with the gifts from other churches and

some friends outside the association (readers of the OBSERVER)...our Associational Treasurer, Mr. Buckner, has sent \$7,831.09. Some churches have sent their gifts directly to the Foreign Missions Board bring the total to possibly over Board bringing the total to possibly over \$9,000. When trying to find a suitable gift everything--how about a gift of a few bowls of rice for the unfortunate people depending on us to keep them alive? Make checks payable to: Mineral Area Baptist Association and designate it "World Hunger." Mail it to 300 Taylor Avenue, Flat River, Mo. 63601. The Foreign Mission Board will send 100% of it to our missionaries already on needy fields for distribution. I'M just praising the Lord for your response.

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ASSOCIATIONAL RECEIPTS FOR SEPT. 11-NOV. 10

Belleview	39.34
Bismarck	160.00
Bonne Terre	451.50
*Cadet Chapel	7.82
*Silver Springs	19.48
Cantwell	134.00
Chestnut Ridge	146.85
Coffman	
Delassus	25.00
Desloge	200.00
*Mitchell	45.24
Doe Run	199.10
East Bonne Terre	95.38
Elvins	418.62
Esther	175.00
Fairview	108.14
Farmington	674.10
Flat River	250.00
Genevieve	100.60
Glover	
Graniteview	10.00
Irondale	47.20
Iron Mountain	83.03
Ironton	370.39
Knob Lick	43.45
Leadwood	120.00
Liberty	10.00
Littlevine	50.50
New Offenburg	99.07
Pilot Knob	30.00
Pine Log	66.00
Potosi	467.99
*Springtown	49.94
Primrose	50.00
Providence	101.47
Ste. Genevieve	48.48
Stouts Creek	57.24
Three Rivers	30.00
Unity	10.00
Viburnum	75.10
Washita	
2nd of EBT	15.00
Total Receipts 9/11-11/10	\$4,805.03

TWO MISSIONS

An important part of our church's ministry has been its sponsorship of two local missions.

On Dec. 5, 1951, the First Baptist Church of Farmington began sponsoring the Knob Lick Baptist Mission. Many improvements and an addition to the building were made to the original building. Workers from the Farmington church served at Knob Lick until May 6, 1965, when the mission was constituted into the First Baptist Church of Knob Lick.

Jan. 25, 1953, the Delassus Baptist Mission began with workers and leaders from the Farmington First Baptist Church. April 3, 1954 the ground-breaking ceremony was held with the dedication of the new building on Nov. 20, 1954. On July 29, 1956, the Mission became Delassus Baptist Church and the church celebrated it's 25th Anniversary in July, 1981.

MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE RESPONDED TO GOD'S CALL TO VOCATIONAL CHRISTIAN SERVICE

P=Preaching

M=Music

RE=Religious Education

Elbert Menge P

Buford Francis M

Milton Menge P

John Wilkinson P

Don McGuire P

Emory Hall P

Virginia (Walker) Smith - Foreign Missionary

Frances Crawford - Foreign Missionary

Those in Seminary Now

David & Barbara (Bloom) Duncan M

Gary Adolph P

Dale Hawn RE

Bill Towler RE

Our church served our community in a special way the year the new High School was being built. Our educational building served as the class rooms for High School youngsters for the year 1959-60.

Celeste Jolly

Those in College Now

Robert Aubuchon	P
Donald Ormsbee	RE
Rick McDowell	M

This may not be a complete list. During their seminary days the church has supported these called ones with our prayers and financial aid..

Space does not allow us to record here the countless hundreds of Christians who have served their Lord at our church, nor does it allow us to recount those whose lives have been changed through the various ministries and programs. Our church, through the past one hundred years, has served as a landmark of love and witness to those whose needs led them on a search for Christian fellowship. May God be as watchful and kind during the next one hundred years.

In January, 1953, Delassus Baptist Mission was sponsored by Farmington First Baptist Church. Their new sanctuary was dedicated in November, 1954.

Delassus Mission became Delassus Baptist Church July 29, 1956.

Some of the faithful Farmington First Baptist members who served at Delassus while it was a Mission were: Ida and Gentry Eaves, Birdie Brown, Earl Scott, Charley Bowyer, Archie Chappell, Miss Virginia Morris, and Marylyn Shoemake. Many had labored together that God's work might go forward.

In 1976, First Baptist Church made a love gift to Delassus Church in the form of the organ that had been in the old 'Fellowship Hall'.

Celeste Jolly

Loan No. 1-15868

DEED OF TRUST

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON,

MISSOURI

TO

LOR SMITH, JR.

Trustee.

FOR

OZARKS FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN
ASSOCIATION

Farmington, Missouri

RECORDER'S OFFICE

STATE OF MISSOURI,

County of St. Francois ss.

I hereby certify that this Deed of Trust was on
the 26 day of April
1977, at 11 o'clock, 10 minutes
A M., duly filed for Record in this office, and is
duly recorded in Book 663 at Page 423

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed the seal of said office at

Farmington
the date last above written.

M. C. Kennon
Recorder.

By Vivian Thomas
Deputy.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal in the said County and State, the day and year first above
written.
(My commission expires April 18, 1981)

Sandra R. Hoehn Notary Public

Charles E. Schwidde acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.
to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he is the Vice President of FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON,
MISSOURI, a corporation, of the State of MISSOURI, and that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation,
and that said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of said corporation, by authority of its Board of Directors and said

STATE OF MISSOURI.
County of ST. FRANCOIS ss.

On this 26th day of April, 1977, before me appeared Charles E. Schwidde

By Charles E. Schwidde
Vice President
M. C. KENNON
Recorder of Deeds

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New minister to be here on 6th

The congregation of Farmington's First Baptist Church may have a new minister in the pulpit a week earlier than they had anticipated.

Rev. Jerry Cowin, who will be coming to Farmington from the Lafayette Park Baptist Church in St. Louis, told The Press Thursday he has talked with his church committee there and will terminate the last day in February and will probably be here the first Sunday in March.

Rev. Cowin will bring an "active, physical family" with him. He said he and his wife are interested in sports. The family plays softball and swims.

They have three sons, Timmy 10, Scott 9 and Jeremy 6, and one foster son, Don, a 19 year old who is in school at Cape.

Rev. Cowin, born in St. Louis, attended public school at Herculaneum and was raised in a family of four brothers and one sister. One of his brothers is currently a seminary student.

His first church was in Oklahoma while he was a senior in college. He then served as an interim pastor at Highland Baptist near Hillsboro, was activities director for a children's home near Louisville, Ky., pastored the First Baptist Church at Bellevue, Ky., and then came to Lafayette Park three years ago.

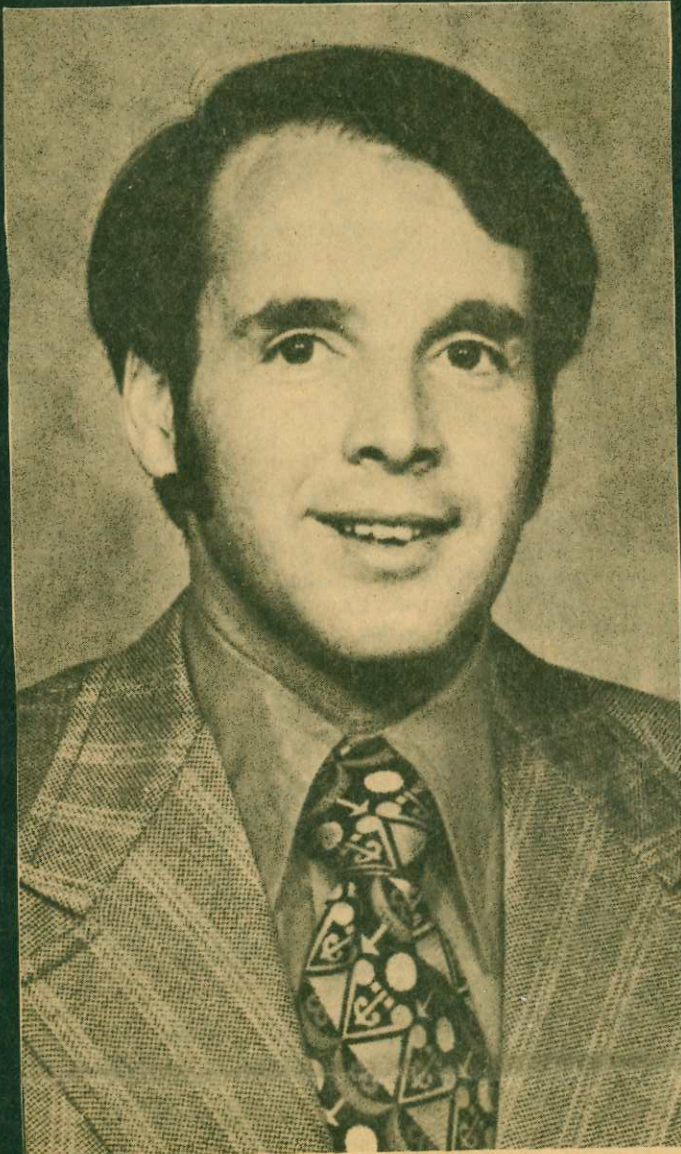
His present church of 1400 members is averaging 318 in Sunday School and has had one of the largest Bible Schools in St. Louis. "Serving there has been a great period of growth for me," he says, and commented that the neighborhood, one of racial influx and change, has "stabilized greatly."

His wife, Karen, is a St. Louisan and a graduate of the Herky High School. She attended college in Oklahoma and is now a part time student at Missouri Baptist College. She is active in the state Womens Missionary Union of the church.

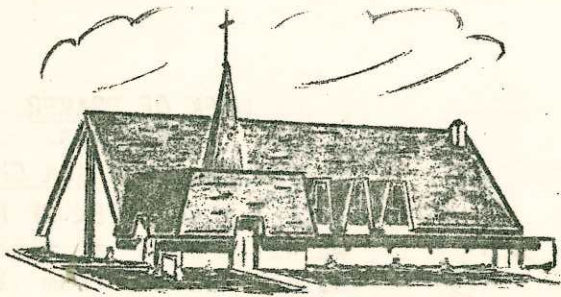
Rev. Cowin said he had been undecided about leaving Lafayette Park, but that "the clear, unanimous and harmonious mood" that had prevailed in the Farmington church had led him "to not deny the spirit."

He said that the church here is suited to his training—many retired people and many children, which whom he has worked before. He was enthusiastic too about the "progressive nature of the city, the school system and the fact that the church is one of the leading Baptist churches in the state."

The Cowins are currently seeking a home for rent or purchase in Farmington.



Rev. Jerry Cowin



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A LETTER FROM YOUR PASTOR



TO THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, FARMINGTON:

In accepting the call to pastor your church, we are so thankful for the convincing manner in which the Lord led your search committee and us together, and the beautiful oneness of mind that prevailed when the vote was taken. His Will has been so evident, with many things happening since your call to confirm this as His Will for our lives.

We look forward to getting to know each of you. We hope you can be with us next Sunday, March 6th, our first Sunday with you as your Pastor and Pastor's family. Please continue to pray for us as we make the transition from one church family to another. We know the Lord has already prepared for this move and are trying to follow His leadership in finding the home He is making ready.

These are exciting days for God's children. Isn't it great to be a part of His workings during this time in history? With eager anticipation we look forward to the great things He has in store for us and our new church family as we labor together.

Yours for the fulfilment
of the Great Commission,
Bro. Jerry, Karen and Boys

The Press

Mon., March 7, 1977



POUND PARTY — Farmington's First Baptist Church welcomed their new minister Sunday. It was "Cowin Day" at the church and Rev. Jerry Cowin preached for the first time as the church's minister and afterward there was a reception line, a fellowship dinner, and a Pound Party. Members of the church

brought gifts of staple items of food or money and these were fashioned into a "country store" in the church's fellowship hall. Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hawn (dressed in storekeeper garb) tended the store while the Cowin family had a chat around the cheese barrel. **EVENING PRESS PHOTO** by Wif Ledbetter



Blackwood Bros.
circa 1978





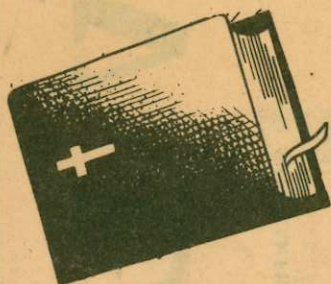
She's a wife, a mother, a grandmother,



A GALLERY OF GIFTS — but no price tags. Velma Dugal makes ceramics of all kinds, even the beautiful table lamp in the picture. She uses some of the pieces to decorate her own home, but her greatest joy comes from giving them to others.

To date she has made 31 ceramic Christmas trees for gifts. Velma learned the art of making these beautiful and useful ceramic objects under the guidance of the N-Joy Ceramic Shop. **EVENING PRESS PHOTO** by Willa Dean Meyer

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Rev. Jerry Cowin
Reetz Photo

Rev. Jerry Cowin, a native Missourian, became pastor of the First Baptist Church of Farmington in March of 1977.

He is a graduate of Herculaneum High School in Jefferson County, Hannibal LaGrange Junior College, with an A.A. Oklahoma Baptist University with a B.A. and a Masters of Divinity from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He served as a student pastor at the Deer Creek Baptist Church in Prague, Okla., associate pastor at the First Baptist Church in Bellevue, Ky., and pastored the Lafayette Park Baptist Church in St. Louis.

Rev. Cowin surrendered to the ministry eighteen years ago at the age of 17, and has been actively involved for eight years.

He and his wife Karen are the parents of Tim, Scot, Jeremy and Karrie and they have a foster son, Don Anderson. Pastoring to the 1661 members of the First Baptist Church, Rev. Cowin sees

as his goals to give everyone an opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ that they too, might be saved. To involve a large portion of the community in the church's Bible study program. To continue the steady growth of the church membership and active involvement of church members in Bible Study and training for life and service for Christ and His church and to have an active and effective ministry to the needs of all people in this community and around the world.

Rev. Cowin's hobbies are swimming and most sports, and the collecting of books, both new and old for the study library.

It is Rev. Cowin's hope that the churches can intensify their cooperative efforts to make Farmington more than a growing social community, but one with great moral and spiritual qualities in the church, home, school, places of business, work and recreation.



PREPARING FOR A LANDING — Mr. Stork, looking suspiciously around the eyes like Bill Archambo, swoops low looking for prospective parents, Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Cowin of the First Baptist Church. The Cowins were honored with a

surprise baby shower Friday evening, and the bird was a special invited guest. **EVENING PRESS PHOTO** by Alma Lorch.

Stork makes an appearance in Farmington Friday night

Friday night, the First Baptist Church of Farmington had a visitor who, although he makes his presence known, seldom puts in a guest appearance. The occasion was a baby shower sponsored by the Adult I Sunday School class for their pastor's wife, Mrs. Jerry Cowin. The visitor was Mr. Stork.

Mr. Stork is apparently planning to fly over the Downin neighborhood in the near future. As he has done on at least one other occasion — and curiously enough, it was for another member of the First Baptist Church — he decided to make the personal acquaintance of the prospective parents.

Rev. and Mrs. Cowin were thrilled to at last meet personally the gentlebird who had left with them previously three other little bundles — Tim, now 11; Scott, 9; and Jeremy, 7.

Another highlight of the evening was a monologue written and given by Mrs. Ollie Ann Goggins. It was told from the soon-to-arrive new baby's point of view and included such memorable

quotes as, "They tell me I look like my daddy, but I hope that passes... he's not that much to look at." Needless to say, that one brought down the house.

Behind the scenes as the guests arrived, Mr. Stork was preparing for his entry. Sounding suspiciously like Bill Archambo, some of his remarks as he prepared for his entrance were enough to startle anyone not familiar with stork costuming: To Mrs. Archambo, who along with JoAnn McDowell, invented the costume three years ago, he asked, "Do my feathers need fluffing before you get my beak on?" and to the world in general, he remarked "My flippers are killing me."

The over 150 guests present included a number of smaller children, and for many of them, this was an entirely new experience. Little Aimee Hawn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hawn, thought she had it all figured out: at a baby shower, they washed the new baby.

The children added their measure of excitement to the evening. When the stork

made his entrance, they were overwhelmed: it was Big Bird! Little Heather Long wept at his departure, "I want the Bird to stay!"

Getting caught up in the spirit of things, at one point the youngsters chanted alternately, "It'll be a girl," and "It'll be a boy."

The gift table was centered with a startlingly appropriate potted poinsettia — placed in a pottier chair. Two cakes inscribed, "Welcome, Baby Cowin," toasted pecans, lime punch and coffee were the refreshments.

Mrs. Cowin, who is also leader of the Senior Act-Teens, was thrilled with the delightful affair and the many lovely gifts she received. As the guests left, she offered them the following thank-you from Baby Cowin:

I'm sorry I couldn't be with you, but I'm terribly busy you see; painting my eyes, my cheeks, my hair, so mother will be proud of me.

I'm sending this little message to convey to you this thought: The stork will soon have left me to use the gift you've brought.

I thank you for the lovely welcome which you have given tonight. When you see Mr. Stork fly over, you'll know I've come to stay.

Be sure to come and see me as soon as I get here, just give my mother time to dress me up, my dear.

And so I thank you

from my heart, for the lovely gift you brought me 'cause when I'm left with Mother, I'll not be dressed you see!!!!