1983

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA

112TH ANNIVERSARY



PSALM 127:1 EXCEPT THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE, THEY LABOUR IN VAIN THAT BUILD IT.

MOTTO: EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY

Rev. Calvin Baltimore, Pastor Sister Sarah Sampson, Church Clerk Deacon James Fairfax, Chairman of Deacon Board Deacon Rossie Broaddus, Chairman of Trustee Board

This back \$5.00

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

TO THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY:

TO THE SAINTS SCATTERED ABROAD AND OVER THE LAND:

Greetings:

As we think about the 112th Anniversary of our great church, I can but speak now as I have spoken that Christ is alive and that we must continue to stand together for Christ and in the name of Jesus Christ.

I first then exhort you to take a stand in these troubled times.

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. (Galatians 5:1)

Yes, we must stand and earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. (Jude 3)

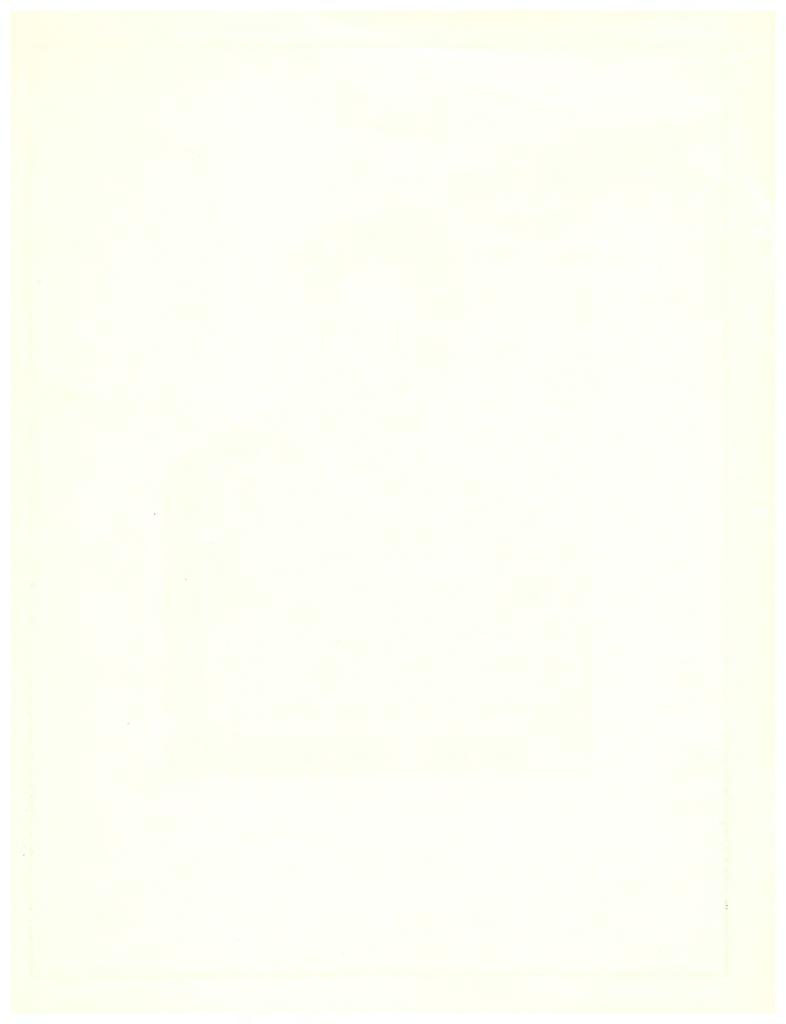
We must not be swept away by every wind of doctrine nor by the many changes of these times. Jeremiah 6:16 tells us to stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein.

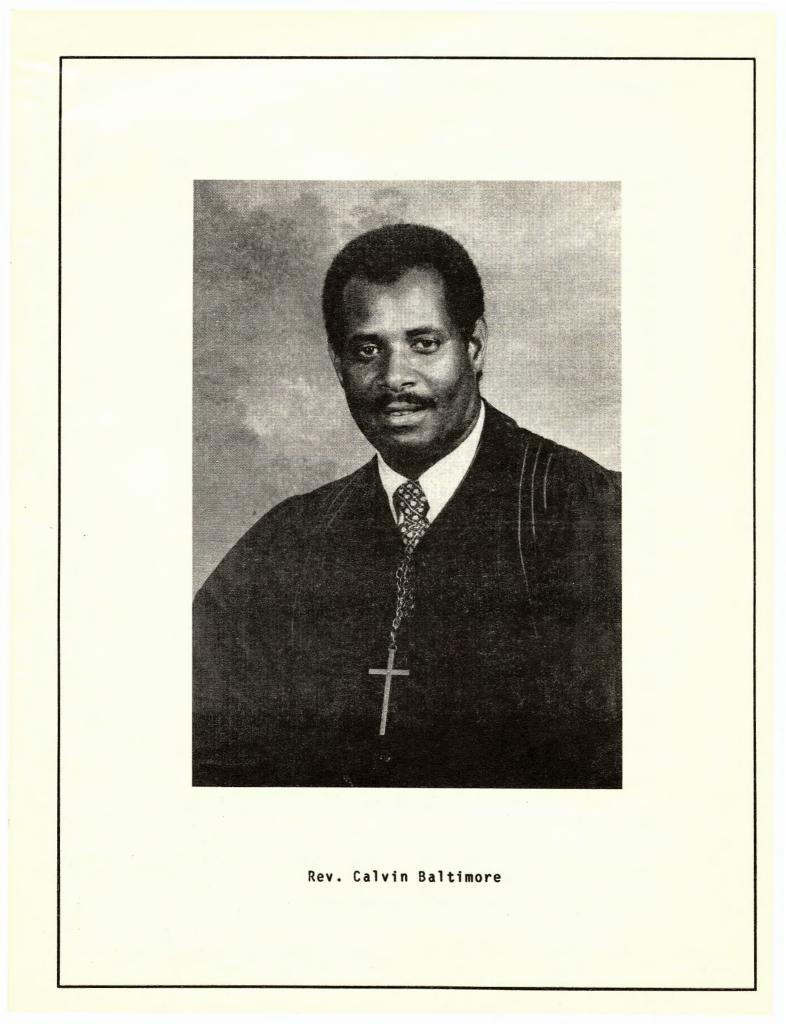
We must continue to walk together in unity, love, and peace.

Submitted in love for the advancement of the Christian cause,

Your Humble Servant and Pastor,

Rev. Calvin Baltimore





HISTORY OF OUR PASTOR

Rev. Calvin N. Baltimore accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior on the second Sunday in June 1959, and is a member of the St. Paul Baptist Church, Happy Creek, Virginia.

He served as a faithful deacon for 14 years at St. Paul before God called him for higher duties on April 10, 1976. Rev. Baltimore was licensed to preach the Gospel by his home church.

After being licensed for 10 months and much prayerful consideration, Rev. Baltimore accepted the call from Third Zion Baptist Church, Success, Virginia as their Assistant Pastor. During the 105th session of the Second National Ketoctan Baptist Association, Third Zion requested the ordination of Rev. Calvin Baltimore. On the 24th of September 1977, Rev. Baltimore became pastor and served in this capacity for approximately five years.

Rev. Baltimore was also called to Popular Forks Baptist Church, Warrenton, Virginia on July 15, 1979. He became supply pastor in September, 1979 and was voted in as pastor on October 20, 1979. He served Popular Forks for approximately three years. God blessed Rev. Baltimore in his pastoral works at both churches.

Rev. Baltimore became pastor-elect of First Baptist on May 23, 1982. First Baptist needed the strong leader we have in Rev. Baltimore. Since becoming our pastor we have grown to great success. We have organized Homecoming Day, Deacon and Deaconess Day, baptized 9 and received 7 by Christian experience, and one minister, and numerous other accomplishments mentioned in Concentration of Improvements.

Since Rev. Baltimore has been our pastor, much fellowship and love have been created among the membership and the community. Many of the former members have returned to First Baptist and we have a Spirit-filled worship service.

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings:

As your Moderator, I take this moment in the Name of Jesus to congratulate and cmmend you at First Baptist for standing 112 years in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I know the road and way has not been easy for you, storms of life rage against you; but you kept the ship on course with the help of the Lord.

Continue to be strong in the doctrines of Jesus Christ, be strong in brotherly love for one another, keep marching to Zion, and when your marching days are finished, you will be able to lay down your sword and shield, say farewell to old life and join in with heavenly angels and say, "I looked back and wonder how I made it over."

God bless you and your pastor.

Your Humble Moderator,

Dr. J. P. Baltimore



Elected Moderator

The Rev. J.P. Baltimore, D.D., was elected as moderator of the 104th annual session of the Second National Ketoctan Association held at the Mt. Morris Baptist Church in Hume recently. The event was attended by a congregation of about 500 people. Dr. Baltimore heads a large Baptist body in Virginia, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland.

HISTORY OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

In the year of 1871 the Baptist believers desired to organize a meeting house of worship in the town of Harrisonburg, Virginia. The Rev. William Hill was called for this purpose and was the church's first pastor. From his leadership and the aid of a few Baptist people a church was organized. It was located on West Market Street.

In 1873 a church was erected on the corner of Wolfe and Mason Streets at a cost of \$850.00. This church soon became too small for the growing congregation.

In 1878, under the leadership of Dr. G. B. Howard, the old church was set back fifty feet. A new church was built on Wolfe Street in front of it at the cost of several thousand dollars. Having no basement to the new edifice the congregation decided to use the old church as a lecture room and social hall.

In later years a parsonage was built on the property to house ministers and their families, also visiting ministers. Although the church was started in 1871 there is no cornerstone to prove it. The cornerstone on the Broad Street Church is dated 1878-1964.

The church in eighteen and early nineteen hundred had strict rules of discipline. Members were excluded for: dancing, card playing, betting, fighting, bad language, adultery, non-payment of dues, and non-attendance at church or church meetings. Members were allowed to be restored back to membership by asking pardon.

Church dues were twenty-five cents a Sunday and the pastor received thirty to thirty-five dollars a month. Some of the pastor's salary was raised through entertainments which brought in from five to ten dollars.

In the year 1963, under the pastorate of Rev. T. C. Allen, the Wolfe Street Church was purchased by the City of Harrisonburg for the Urban Renewal Program.

Groundbreaking for the present church on Broad Street was held September 17, 1963. The cornerstone was laid February 23, 1964. The first service was held in the new church July 12, 1964.

HISTORY.....(Continued)

During the building process services were held at the Lucy F. Simms School and at the homes of members. Rev. Allen, as pastor, did a remarkable job in holding the congregation together while the church was being built. Rev. Allen was a fine, dedicated minister. He and his wife, Evelyn, were parents of three children. The church was dedicated September 6, 1964.

Lots of changes have been made in the church these recent years. the basement was remodeled, amplified sound system installed, new Allen organ and new piano purchased, new stairway built, a bus was purchased, new outer doors put up.

The church has advanced spiritually with the reorganizing of the Choir and Sunday School. A Youth Group has been organized to help our young people. These church clubs have been organized: Ladies Auxiliary, Willing Workers, Missionaries, Men's Club, and Usher Board. As an outreach program the church is sponsoring a Day Care Center in the lower part of the church.

Pastors of the church and improvements made during their pastorate:

Rev. Hill - 1871-1872: Began church in a building on West Market Street.

Rev. J. B. Howard - 1873-1890: Church erected in 1873 on corner of Wolfe and Mason Streets at a cost of \$850.00.

In 1878 the old church was moved back and a new one was built in its place at a cost of several thousand dollars.

Rev. Deskins

Rev. J. W. Hackett - 1890-1897: Electric lights installed in the church.

Rev. G. Fox - 1897-1900

Rev. White - 1900-1902

Rev. L. C. Garland - 1902-1907

HISTORY.....(Continued)

Rev. Taylor

- Rev. Samuel Moses 1907-1912
- Rev. St.Clair Drake 1913-1915

Rev. Jordan - 1915-1917

Rev. Arthurs - 1918-1921: Built parsonage for Wolfe Street Church

Rev. Walker - 1922-1924

Rev. Lee - 1924

Rev. J. O. Wright

Rev. C. A. Morgan: Remodeled church

Rev. Obediah Simms: Wurlitzer Organ purchased

- Rev. T. C. Allen 1956-1964: Broad Street Church built
- Rev. R. T. Duncan 1965-1966: Church grounds improved
- Rev. Calvin Chew 1966- : Church basement remodeled
- Rev. J. B. Williams 1976-1978: Allen Organ and piano purchased
- Rev. Lloyd Minor 1979-1981: Public address system put in Sunday School reorganized
- Rev. Calvin Baltimore 1982 : Church bus purchased Church kitchen remodeled New stairway built Youth Group organized Choir reorganized Day Care Center sponsored in lower level of church New metal outside doors installed

The church is steadily moving forward under our pastor, Rev. Calvin Baltimore. We have also had an increase in our membership.

> Sister Mary A. Fairfax Church Historian, 1983

REV. THOMAS CARY ALLEN

1922

1981



New First Baptist Church erected during his pastorate. (1964)

Psalm 127:1 Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

CONCENTRATION OF IMPROVEMENTS

- 1. Bus
- 2. Fence barrier around the church
- 3. Painting of the outside of church
- 4. Painting of the inside of church
- 5. Construction of a new stairway
- 6. New ceiling in vestibule
- 7. Construction of the kitchen
 - a. New cabinets
 - b. New countertop stove
 - c. Sinks
 - d. Repair of refrigerator
 - e. New deep freeze
 - f. New floor
 - g. New hood fan
 - h. New stainless steel table
 - i. New soda machine
 - j. Water cooler
 - k. Calculator

8. Updating of public address system

9. New steel doors

10. New fence around the church lot for Day Care playground

- 11. Day Care tables, toys and lockers
- 12. Day Care Center
- 13. Bringing people back together on one accord
- 14. Hosted Annual Youth Group Convention July, 1983

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CHURCH BUSINESS OFFICERS





Mrs. Sarah Sampson Church Secretary

Mrs. Catherine Williams Church Treasurer

(Seated left to right) Mrs. Rachel Lewis, Deacon Rossie Broaddus (Chairman). (Standing) Miss Mattie Myers

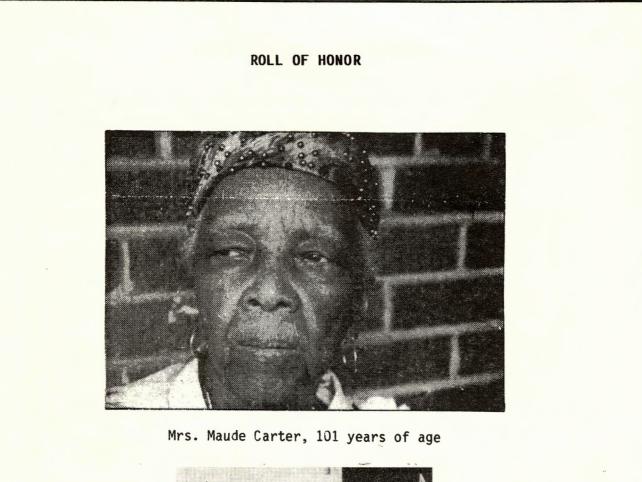
DEACON BOARD





TRUSTEE BOARD

(Seated) Deacon George McGuire (Deacon Emeritus). Standing left to right) Deacon James Fairfax (Chairman), Deacon Ralph Sampson, Deacon Rossie Broaddus, (Deacon Hampton Sampson not pictured)





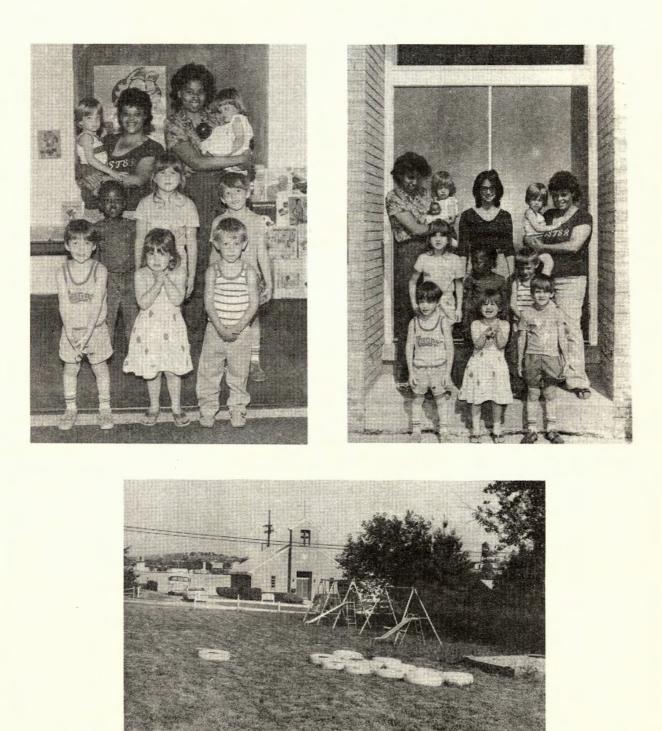
Deacon George P. McGuire, 103 years of age

These loyal Christians were awarded plaques of honor on Homecoming Day, July 3, 1983 at the church.

FIRST BAPTIST DAY CARE CENTER

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Mrs. Marian Frankel, Director Mrs. Dorothy Payne, Co-Director Miss Robin Winston, Aide Mrs. Diane Whitley, Aide



MOTHERS OF THE CHURCH

(Left) Mrs. Rachel Lewis (Presently)



(Right) Mrs. Hattie Washington, Former Mother of the Church, Choir Member and Church Clerk for a number of years.

MISSIONARY CIRCLE



(Seated left to right) Mrs. Pauline Brown (Secretary), Mrs. Ann Turner, Mrs. Mary Fairfax (President), Mrs. Helen Buck (Treasurer). (Standing) Deacon James Fairfax

LADIES AUXILIARY



(Seated left to right) Miss Mattie Myers (Treasurer), Mrs. Catherine Dunn (Chaplain), Mrs. Mary Fairfax (Secretary). (Standing left to right) Mrs. Helen Buck, Mrs. Rachel Lewis (Vice-President), Mrs. Catherine Williams, Mrs. Patricia Blakey (President)

DEACONESS BOARD

(Seated left to right) Mrs. Margaret Rowe, Mrs. Marena Flemming, Mrs. Mary Fairfax, Mrs. Hattie Washington, Mrs. Helen Buck. (Standing left to right) Mrs. Rosa Banks, Mrs. Amanda McCall, Miss Mattie Myers, Mrs. Rachel Lewis, Mrs. Catherine Dunn



USHER BOARD



(Seated left to right) Miss Adrian Carter (Chaplain), Miss Mattie Myers (Treasurer). (Standing left to right) Mrs. Ann Turner (President), Mrs. Patricia Blakey (Secretary), Mrs. Virginia Smith (Vice-President). (Miss Lois Pratt not pictured.)

WILLING WORKERS CLUB



(Seated left to right) Mrs. Cathering Dunn (President), Mrs. Marena Flemming. (Standing left to right) Mrs. Ann Turner, Miss Adrian Carter (Sick Editor), Miss Mattie Myers (Secretary), Mrs. Amanda McCall, (Mrs. Hilda Carter, Treasurer, not pictured) MEN'S CLUB



(Seated left to right) George McGuire, Dilmon Washington (President). (Standing left to right) James M. Fairfax (Secretary), Ralph Sampson, Sr., Rev. Calvin Baltimore, Oscar Banks, Rossie Broaddus (Treasurer) (Not pictured: Warren Curry, James Ware)

EASTERN MENNONITE COLLEGE STUDENTS



(Seated left to right) Dale Flood, Sylvia Perry. (Standing left to right) Lawrence Dow, Sonia Perry, Kristen Freed, Billy Scott

CHURCH MUSICIANS



(Seated left to right) Lawrence Dow (Pianist), Mrs. Cathy Winston (Pianist), Mrs. Mary Fairfax (Organist and Choir Director for over 40 years). (Standing left to right) Miss Cathy Williams (Organist), Mrs. Sarah Sampson (Assistant Choir Director)

CHURCH CHOIR



(Seated left to right) Dale Flood, Cathy Williams, Mary Fairfax, Katie Bell Brown. (Standing second row) Cathy Winston, Sylvia Perry, Joyce Sampson, Catherine Williams, Alva Williams, Pauline Brown, Sarah Sampson. (Third row) Lawrence Dow, Ralph Sampson, Sr. SUNDAY SCHOOL



(Seated L-R) Miss Mattie Myers (Assistant Superintendent), Mrs. Rosa Dickerson (Treasurer), Mrs. Mary Fairfax (Superintendent), Carmen Davis, Miss Joyce Sampson. (Standing L-R) Deacon James Fairfax, Deacon Rossie Broaddus, Mrs. Ann Turner, Rev. Calvin Baltimore, Miss Adrian Carter (Secretary), Mrs. Pauline Brown, Miss Millie Bryant, Miss Lois Pratt (Not pictured: Eric Brown, Tyronne Brown.)





(Seated L-R) Jamesa Williams, Joyce Sampson (President), Shawnee Madden, Carmen Davis, Mrs. Catherine Dunn (Coordinator), Mrs. Pauline Brown (Coordinator). (Standing L-R) Adrian Carter (Secretary), Tonya Madden, Raquel Williams, Winnie Dickerson, Millie Bryant, Mrs. Patricia Blakey (Coordinator), Parrish Madden









FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR

(Left to right, front row) Altee Beale, Emsie Barber, Bertha Fields, Maude Carter, Ethel Ball, Nanline Awkard. (Second row) Peggy Thomas, Cathy Winston, Carrie Rankins, Lloyd Ball. (Back row) Harold Mitchell, Hampton Sampson, James Fairfax



BIBLE STUDY CLASS

(Left to right) Mrs. Catherine Williams, Miss Frances Scott, Mrs. Edith Nickens, Gary Carter, Mrs. Katie Bell Brown, Deacon James Fairfax, Mrs. Modestine Davis (Bible teacher), Miss Mattie Myers, Mrs. Pauline Brown, Mrs. Ann Turner, Mrs. Alva Williams, Mrs. Rosa Dickerson. (Not pictured: Mrs. Mary Fairfax, Miss Louise Winston, Mrs. Catherine Dunn)

MODESTINE R. DAVIS

- * Evangelical American Missionary in body and "to the uttermost parts of the earth," prayerfully and financially.
- * Born, reared, and attended high school in Blacksburg, SC. Moved to Greenville, SC in 1940. Attended Claflin Collere 1941-43. Taught on two-year certificate. Further education at Houghton College, Houghton, NY.
- Married Wilkins Garrett, Sr. in 1948. One son: Wilkins Garrett, Jr., Pastor of Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, FL. Wife: Brenda. Daughters: Kamara, Adrienne, Jackie, Christian
- * Widowed for seven years. Married Abraham Davis, Jr. One daughter: Silena R. Davis, entering junior year at Eastern Mennonite College.
- * Converted under white missionary of the Methodist Church at age 11, and received a call from the Lord at that time.
- * Baptized under Rev. Charles F. Gandy, Springfield Baptist Church, Greenville, SC. Varied training and experiences. My very heart, teaching the Word of God and intercessory prayer.
- * Associate member of Wesleyan Church, Brethren In Christ, and many others.
- * It was most appreciated that the Rev. Calvin Baltimore permitted me to teach at First Baptist Church, taking others in from the community, in a weekly Bible study.

Missions Include:

- Setting up and teaching Bible studies in evangelical and non-evangelical churches.
- * Vacation Bible School
- * Introducing good, solid Christian magazines and books; use of Bible dictionary, concordance, Bible study methods, Bible doctrine
- * Cross-culture students in our home
- * Telephone ministry
- * Regular correspondence in all states and abroad, sharing the Good News (18-20 letters daily)
- * Distribution of literature by mail and in person: Placing Bibles in pews, setting up Good News stands where permitted
- * Home open for Biblical and prayerful help: Provide clean beds and food for those who spend the night, but most of all spiritual food. Visited by people from everywhere.
- * Some speaking in churches: Cutting down as He leads, due to health.

My Prayer

"Then saith He unto His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.'" (Matthew 9:37, 38)

FIRST BAPTIST CONGREGATION, JUNE 5, 1983



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BUS



GOSPEL CHORUS OBSERVES FIRST ANNIVERSARY



(Left to right, front row) Miss Julie Helms, Mrs. Gloria Moore, Mrs. Alora Williams, Mrs. Rosa Brown, Mrs. Ophelia Whitelaw and Mrs. Patricia Howard. (Left to right, back row) Mrs. Catherine Williams, Mrs. Cathy Winston, Mrs. Sarah Sampson, and Messrs. George Williams, Raymond Williams, and Ralph Sampson. Other members of the chorus not present when photo was made are Gary Carter, Miss Ellen Myers, and Stanley Thomas. Mrs. Cathy Winston, Director of group.

LITTLE STEPS OF SOUL, 1977



(Left to right, front row) T. C. Curry, Stephanie Howard, Winnie Dickerson, Wendell Howard, Kim Brown. (Left to right, back row) Debbie Washington, Sonya Myers, Felissa Nelson, Frances Nelson, Charita Blakey. Directed by Cathy Winston.



Ralph Sampson, Jr., super basketball star, who is nationally known, is a member of the First Baptist Church. He is shown here receiving a plaque from the church presented by the pastor, Rev. Calvin Baltimore.

Memorial Tribute to

Mrs. Sarah J. Wood 1867-1946 - Grandmother Mr. Joseph C. Awkard, Sr. 1881 - 1946 - Father Mrs. Nanline W. Awkard 1892-1957 - Mother By children Mary Awkard Fairfax Leona A. Smith Joseph Cyrus Awkard, Jr. Fred Monroe Awkard

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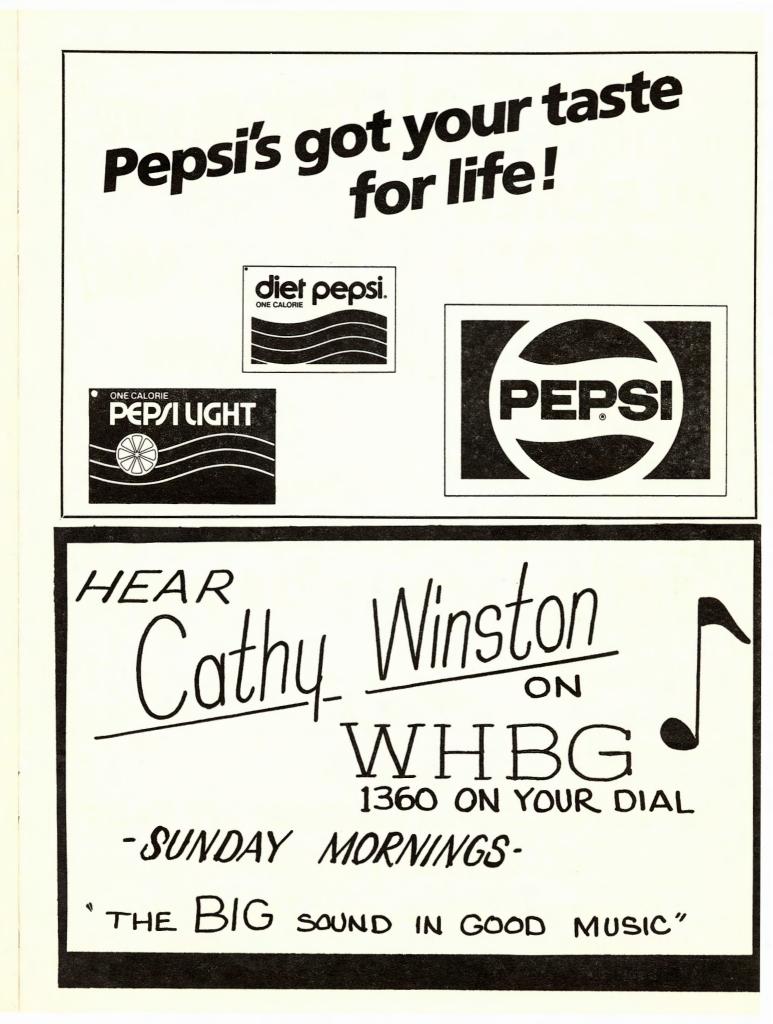




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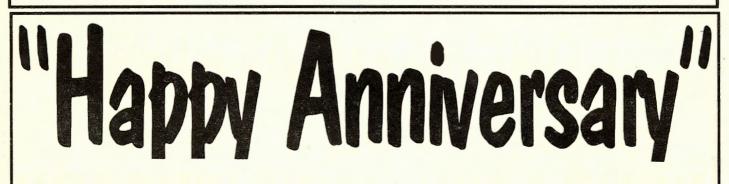
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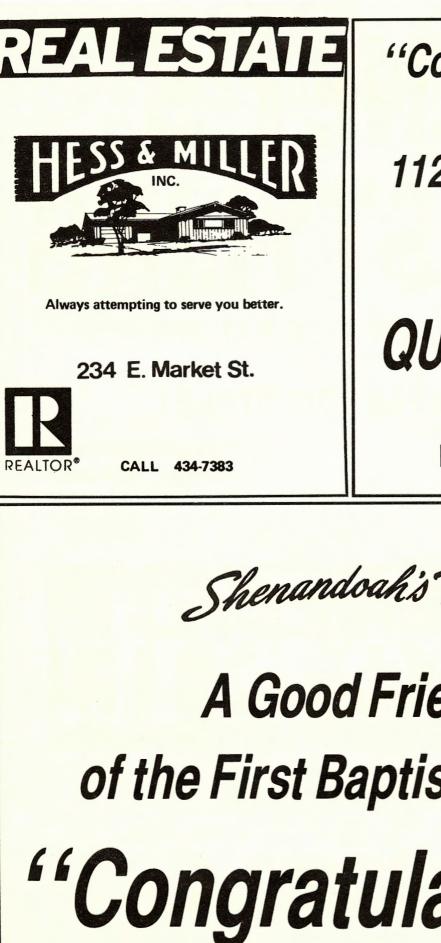
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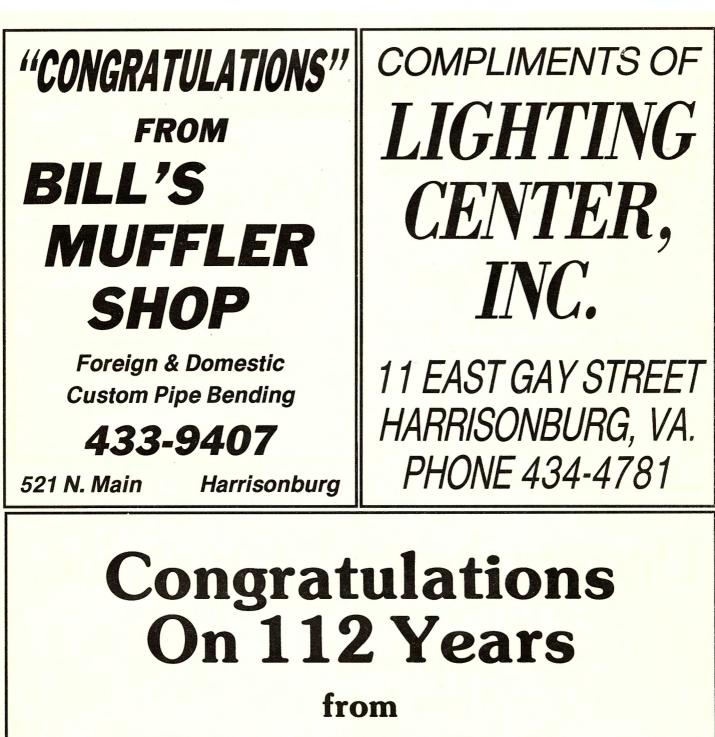


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