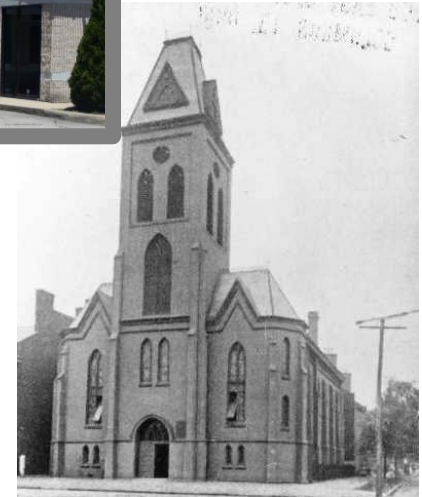
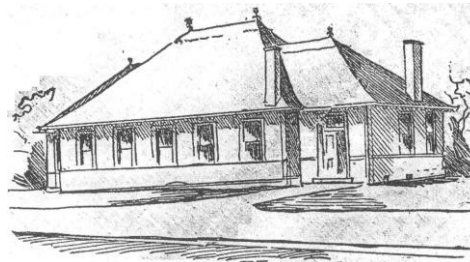
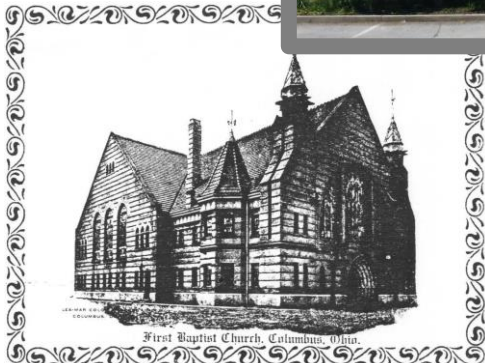
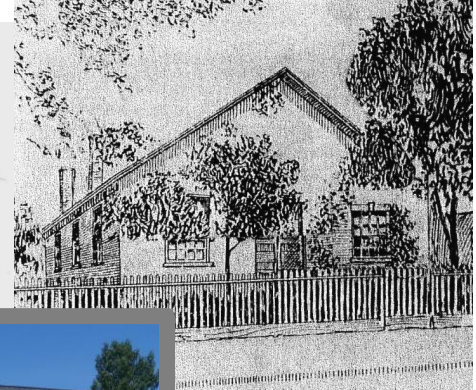
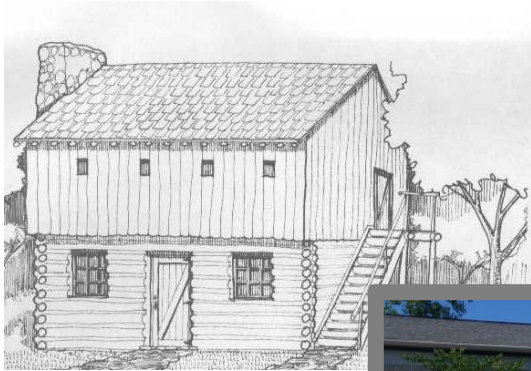


First Baptist Church History

organized May 15, 1824



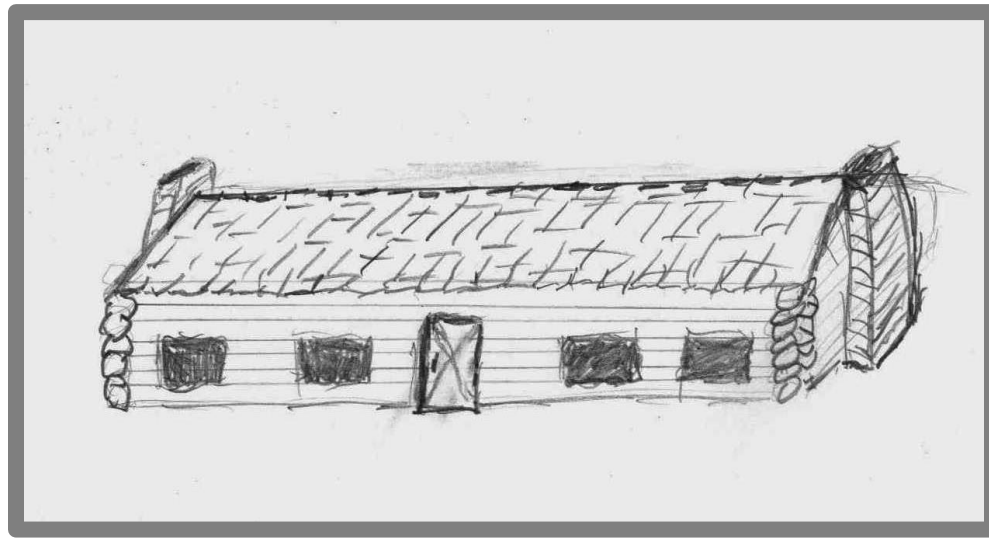
Elder George Jeffries' Home



First church meeting place was in the upper room over Elder George Jeffries' home on High Street near Mound Street in the early 1800's.

1828-1832

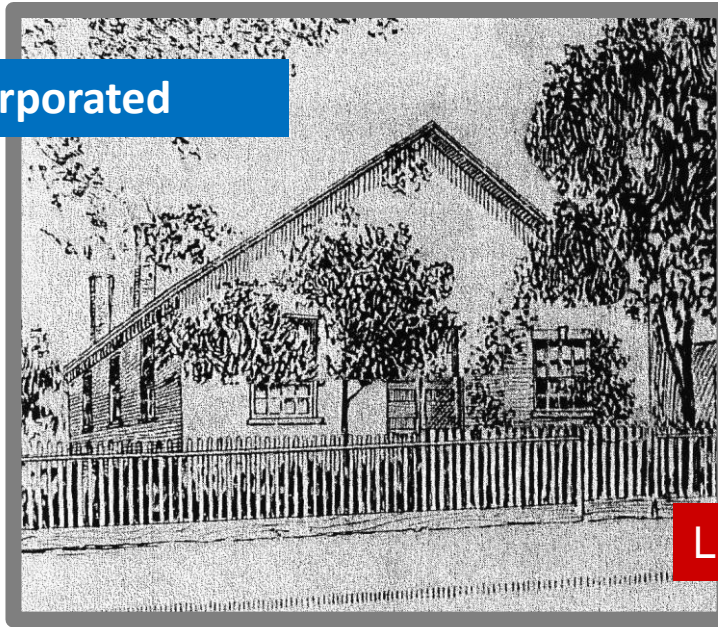
Second Meeting House



South side of Mound Street, between High and Front Streets

1832-1837

Feb 13, 1833 incorporated



Lot cost \$175.00

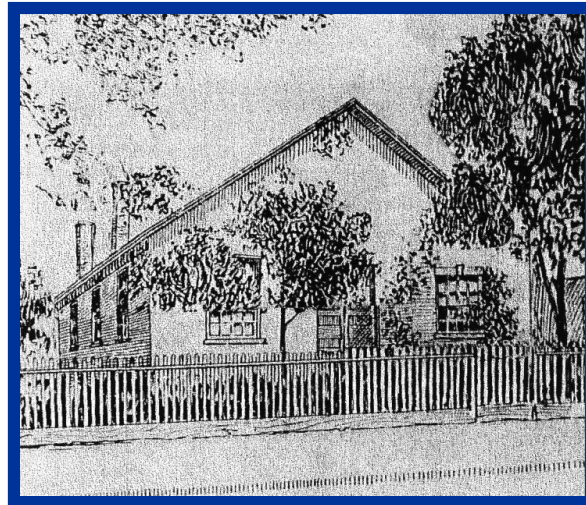
First Sunday School held here, June 10, 1832

Third meeting house on east side of Front Street just north of Mound Street.

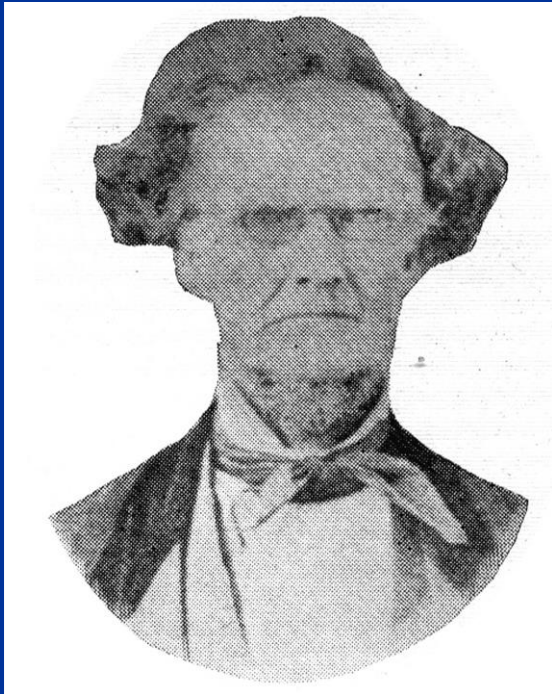
May 6, 1832 to April 4, 1837

1830's Events

- Summer 1833 cholera took 200 lives out of Columbus' 3000 (6%)
- October 1833 Walsh Baptist Church was organized



1830's Events continued...



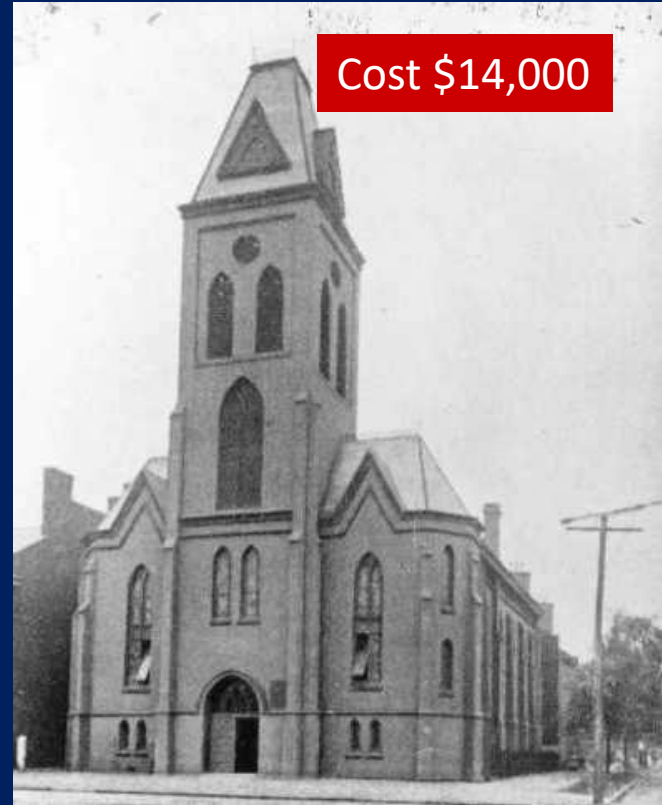
• **Rev. T.R. Cressy**

• June 1835-1842

- **Aug 1, 1835**
 - Walsh returns
- **January 7, 1836**
 - Second Baptist Mission established
- **Oct 18, 1839**
 - Second Baptist Church
- **1839** Independent Baptist

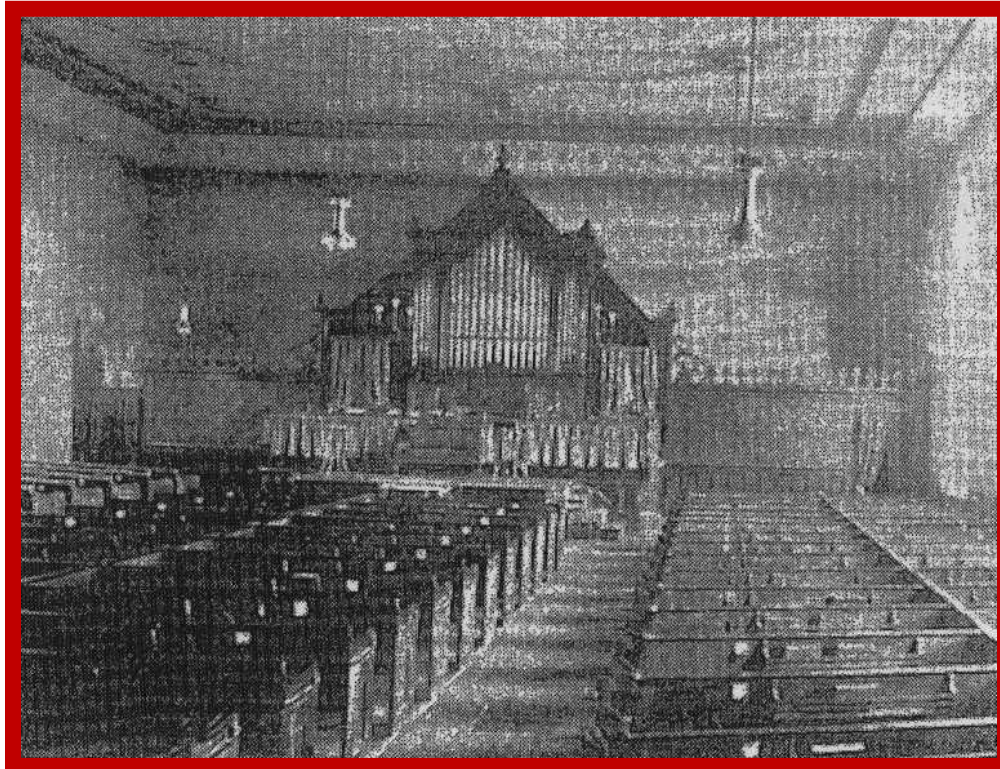
First Baptist Church

- April 4, 1837 to
December 31, 1897
- Our fourth meeting house
on *Rich Street at Third Street*.



Completed October 1840

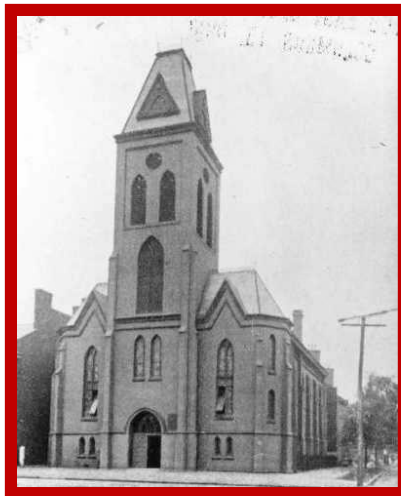
First Baptist Church



Interior of Rich Street church

1840's Events

- **May 13, 1846 U.S.A. declares war on Mexico**
- Third Pastor, Rev. Daniel Eldridge, 1843 to 1846



Into the 1850's

- Fourth pastor served during a cholera epidemic
- Catholic priests and Rev. Cheney were the only ministers not to leave the city
- Rev. Cheney's wife died of cholera



Rev. D.B. Cheney
January 3, 1847 to October 12, 1852

1850's Events

- Fifth pastor, Rev. Henry G. Davis
February 1853 to March 1858
- 1853 Central Baptist was organized...three years later,
- 1855 independent Baptist returned
- 1856 Central Baptist members returned to First Baptist Church

Into the 1860's

- First Baptist's 6th pastor,
Dr. D.A. Randall
April 1859 to April 1865
- First Baptist's 7th pastor,
Rev. G. S. Chase
July 1866 to Dec 1867



Into the 1870's

- First Baptist's 8th pastor,
Rev. J.W. Osborn
Feb 1868 to June 1871
- Church building was
reconstructed
- 1871 High Street
Mission begun:
**Russell St. Baptist -
Central Baptist**

*Central Baptist is currently Located
on Frank Road in West Columbus*



Into the 1880's

- First Baptist's 9th pastor,
Rev. I.F. Stidham
October 1872 to 1884
- **Jun 25, 1876 Battle of the
Little Big Horn**
- 1884 est. 20th Street
Mission
**Heldreth Baptist - Linden
Baptist - Karl Road Baptist**



The 1880's

- First Baptist's 10th pastor,
Rev. Ira J. Bailey
March 1885 to July 1886
- Resigned because of health
- Died of tuberculosis



Into the 1890's

- First Baptist's 11th pastor,
Rev. George B. Simons
Nov 1, 1886 to Oct 1890
- Nov 17, 1889 West Side
Mission **Memorial Baptist**



The 1890's

- First Baptist's 12th pastor,
Rev. B.F. Patt
Nov 1890 to Sep 1895
- 1892 Parsons Avenue
Mission **Tabernacle Baptist -**
S. High St. Baptist - Lockbourne
Baptist
- 1894 Ohio Ave Mission



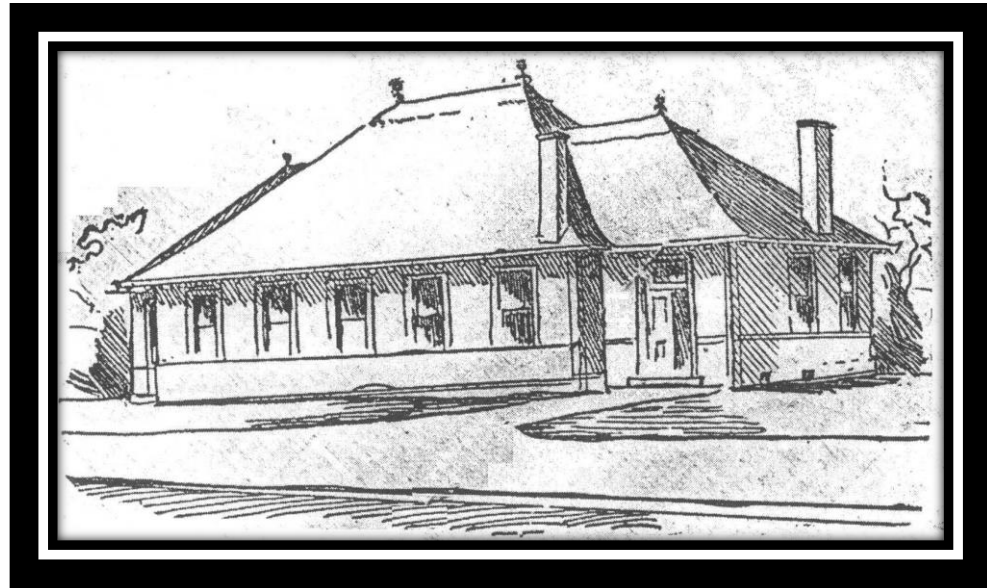
Enter the 20th Century

- First Baptist's 13th pastor,
Dr. H.H. Barbour
March 1, 1896 to 1903
- **Dec 10, 1898 Treaty of
Paris ends Spanish-
American War**



First Baptist Church

- Fifth meeting house on the front of the Broad Street lot; used while Broad Street church was being built.
- Jan 10, 1897 to Mar 5, 1899 “Tabernacle”
- Building cost \$1,949.75
- Land cost \$14,000

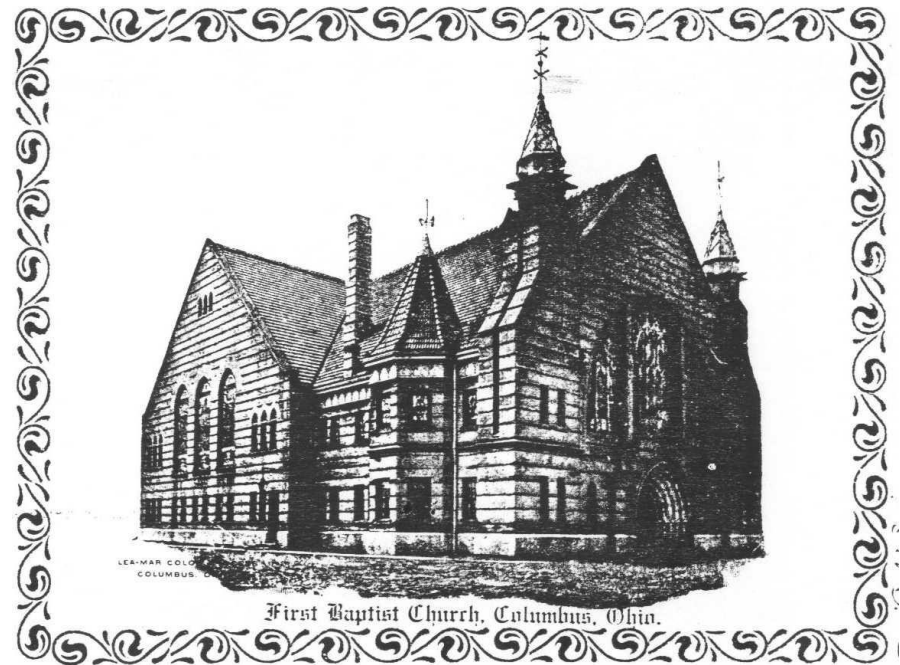


First Baptist Church

- Nov 3, 1897 ground broken
- Jun 1, 1898 cornerstone laid
- Mar 24, 1899 - first service
- Cost of \$50,000
- Building sold Aug 18, 2005 after 106 years for \$975,000



Dr. H.H. Barbour



Sixth meeting house on Broad Street



The 20th Century

- First Baptist's 14th pastor,
Rev. Joel B. Slocum
1904-1907





The 20th Century

- First Baptist's 15th pastor,
Rev. George B. Cutten
1907-1910
- Rev. Cutten helped coach
OSU football





The 20th Century

- First Baptist's 16th pastor,
Rev. T.F. Chambers
1910-1915
- **Mar 1913**
Flood of Columbus
- **World War I began in 1914**
after the assassination of
Archduke Franz Ferdinand and
lasted until 1918.





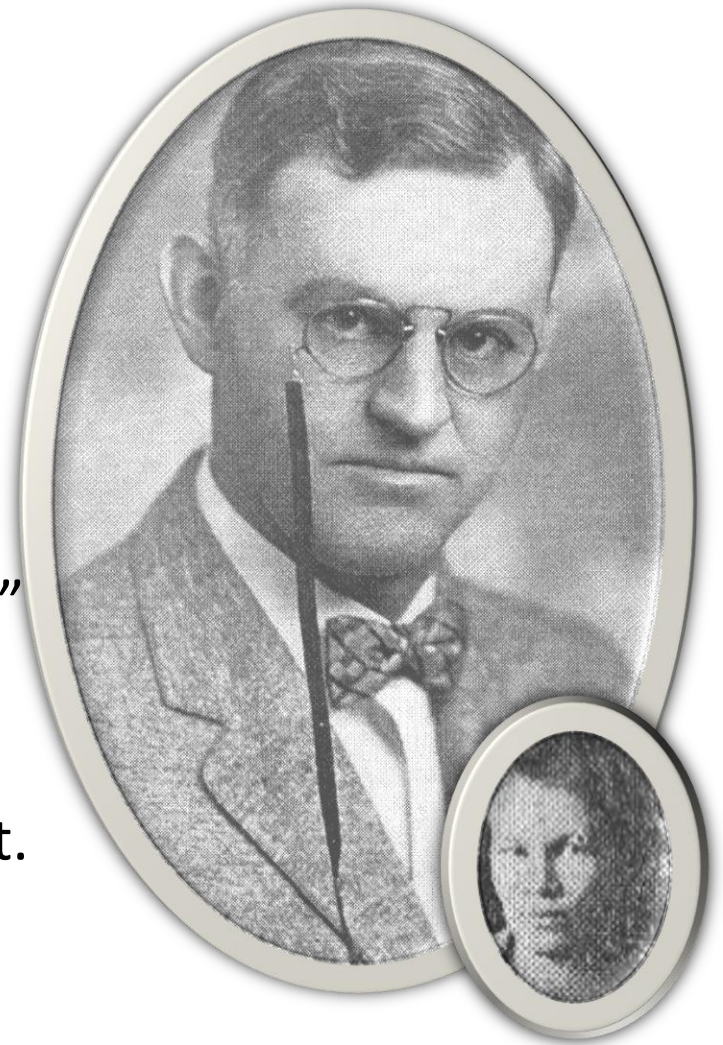
The 20th Century

- First Baptist's 17th pastor,
L.W. Doolan
1916-1919
- 1916 est. Hillcrest Baptist Church
- **WWI ends 1918**



The 1920's

- First Baptist's 18th pastor,
Dr. Daniel F. Rittenhouse
May 1919 to 1928
- May 1919 fire damages church
- 1922 entered electronic age
- Sept. 24, 1922 Radio station "WMAN"
- Jun 28, 1925 First Baptist
committed to a building program
- Jan 11, 1926 talks to buy the Broad St.
ME Church broke down
- Aug 28, 1926 last service at Hartman
Theater after 5 months there

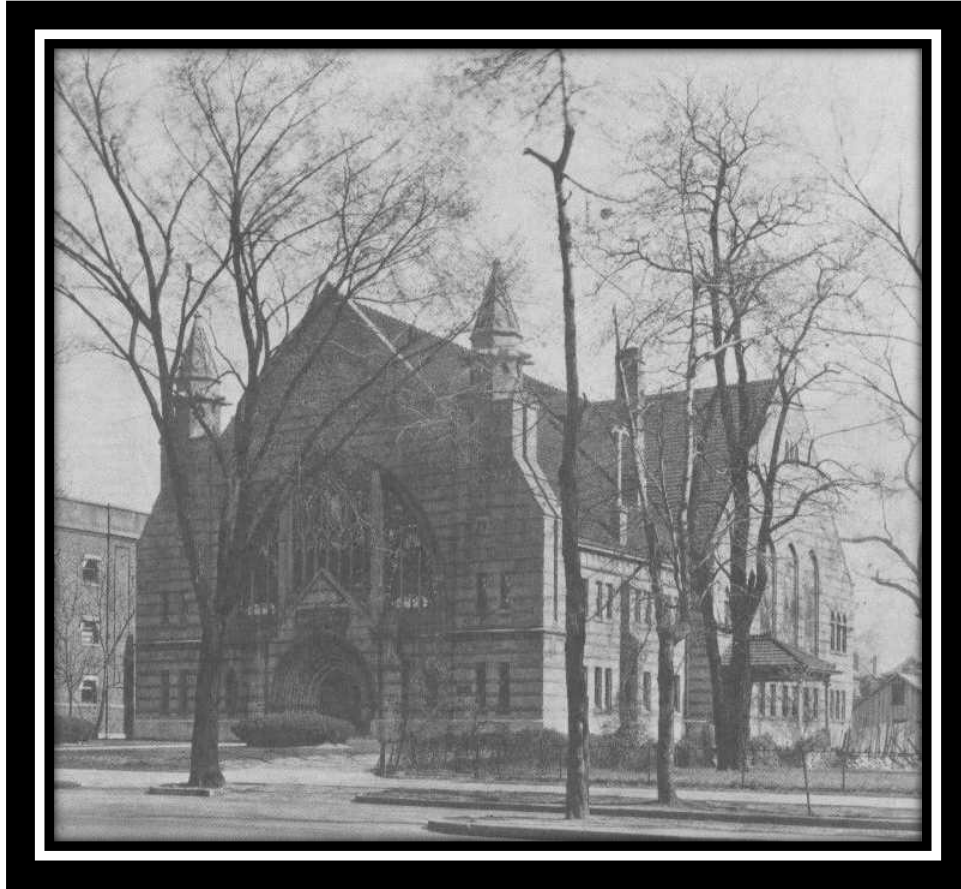


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Women's Society Affair, 1922

First Baptist Church



Easter 1924

First Baptist Church

Sanctuary Easter 1924



First Baptist Church



Sanctuary Easter 1924



First Baptist Church *Easter 1924*



Above: Looking to the front of the sanctuary from the rear of the sanctuary.



Ladies' Sitting room : Parlor



Youth Room & Church Offices

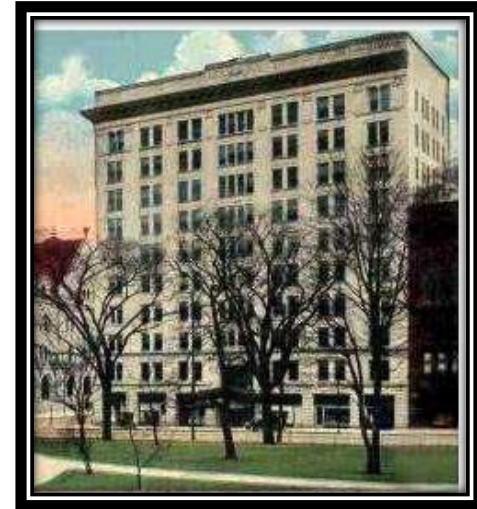
First Baptist Church

- Broad Street church was remodeled in 1926, adding on to the east and south.
- \$150,864 cost
- Dedication Service January 6-9, 1927 of reconstructed sanctuary & Estey organ



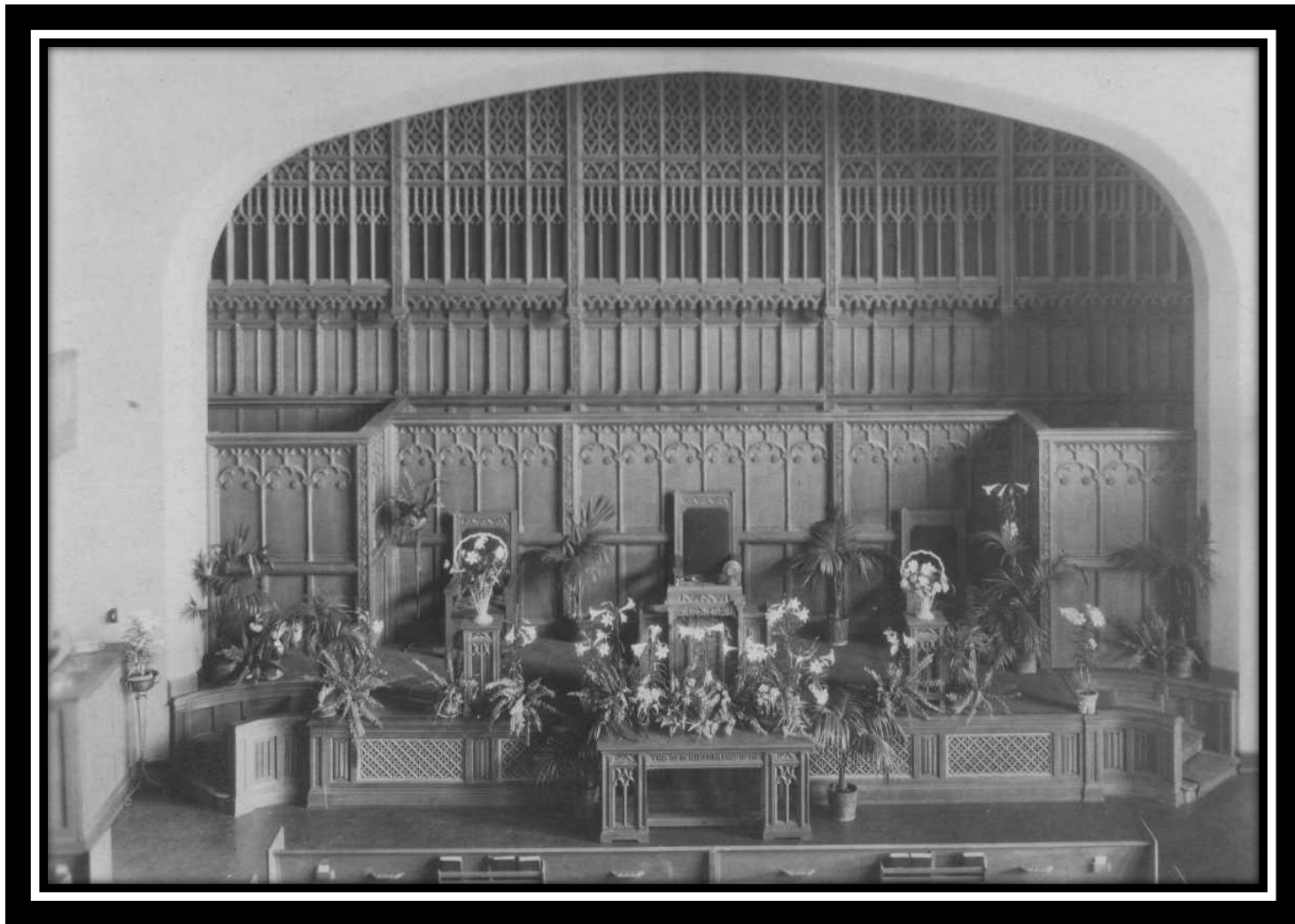
First Baptist Church

- While the Broad Street church was being remodeled in 1926, services were held first at the Hartman Theatre *right*



- and later at the Broad Street Methodist Church *left*

First Baptist Church



1927 Remodel & Expansion



First Baptist Church



Men's Basketball Team 1927

Into the 1930's

- First Baptist's 19th pastor,
Dr. A.C. Archibald
- 1928-1935



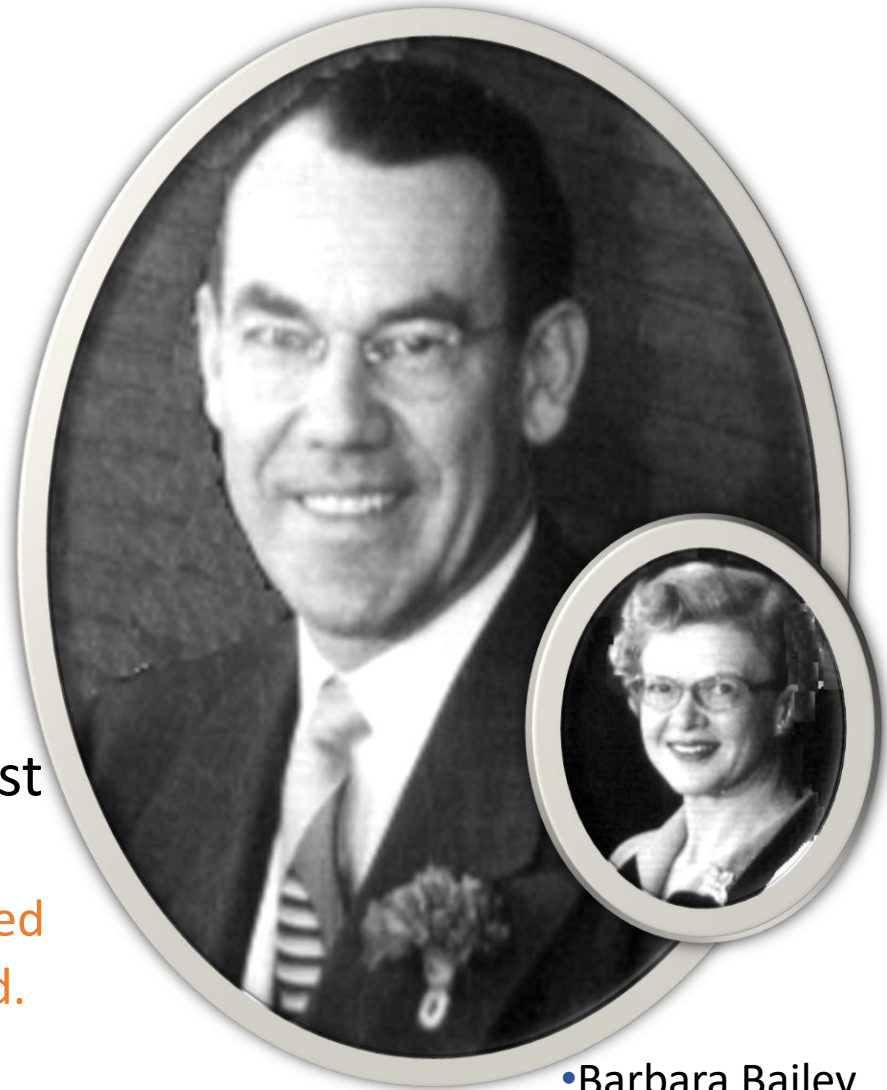
Into the 1940's

- First Baptist's 20th pastor,
Dr. C. F. Banning
- Sep 8, 1936-1942
- Dec 7, 1941 Pearl Harbor (WW II)
- Jun 4, 1942 Battle of Midway begins



Into the 1950's

- First Baptist's 21st pastor,
Dr. Raymond Lull Bailey
- Feb 14, 1943-1955
 - Jun 6, 1944 D-Day Europe
 - Dec 16, 1944 Battle of the Bulge
 - Feb 19, 1945 Battle of Iwo Jima begins
 - 1945 WW II ends
 - Jun 25, 1950 N. Korea invades S. Korea
- 1951 East Broad St. Mission (East Baptist)
 - Jul 27, 1953 Korean armistice signed
 - May 17, 1954 Brown v. Board of Ed. of Topeka



• Barbara Bailey



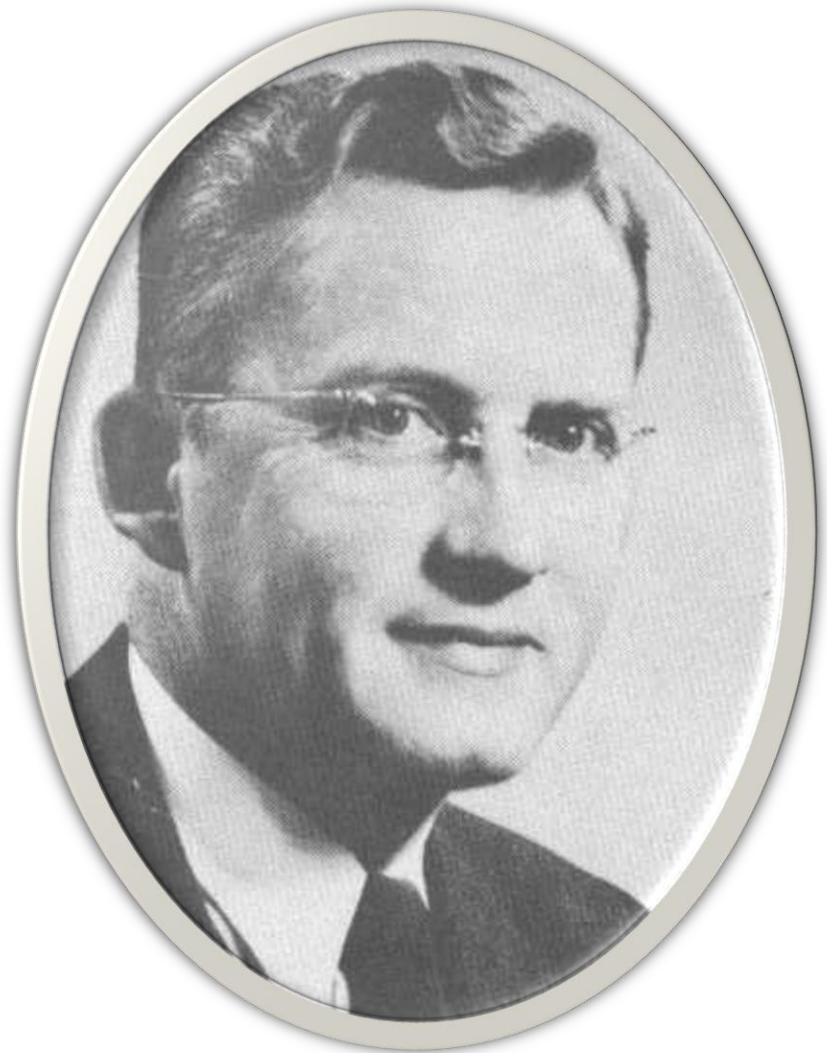
**Northwest corner of church looking toward Broad Street
1948**



First Baptist Ball Team ca. 1950

The 1950's

- First Baptist's 22nd pastor
Rev. J. Walter Sillen
- 1956-1959
- May 21, 1956 1st Aerial H-bomb tested
- 1956 Grove City Baptist
- 1956 Mountview Baptist
- 1956 Lincoln Baptist
- 1957 sanctuary remodeled
- 1958 North Baptist



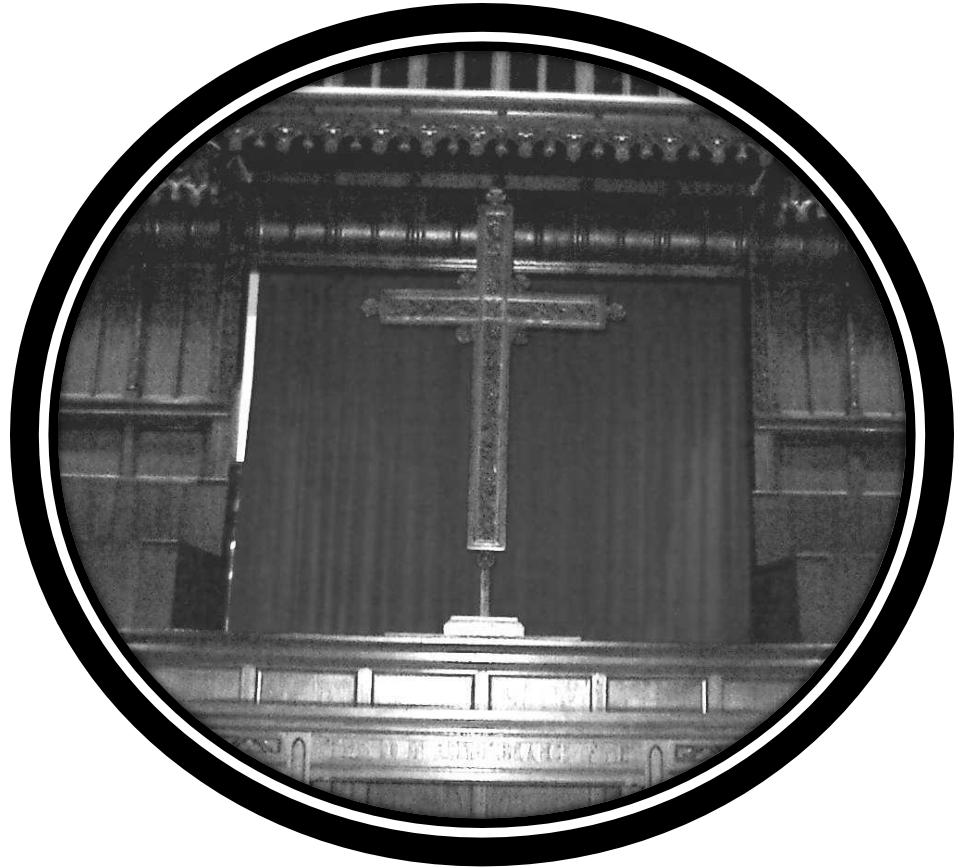
First Baptist Church

- Broad Street church sanctuary was remodeled in 1957,
- expanding the choir loft
- Dedication Service
Oct. 20, 1957



First Baptist Church

- The cross was made from material left over after 1957 remodeling



First Baptist Church



- 1957 remodel



Into the 1960's

- First Baptist's 23rd pastor
Rev. Livingston H. Lomas
- 1960-1963
- Nov 22, 1963 President John F. Kennedy
assassinated
- Wife Hildagarde Lomas





Choir ca. 1960



• VBS 1960



VBS 1961

The 1970's

- First Baptist's 24th pastor
Dr. William J. Montgomery
- 1964-1978
- 1967 Westerville Baptist
- Jul 21, 1969 1st moon walk
by Neil Armstrong & Buzz Aldrin
- Apr 30, 1975 Siagon, Vietnam falls



• Ruth Montgomery

• Millie Montgomery



Choir 1970



Oct 3, 1971



Wedding 1972



Christmas Dec 3, 1972



Easter 1978





Christmas Dec 24, 1978



Shalom Singers 1979



Easter Apr 15, 1979



Christmas Dec 16, 1979

Into the 1980's

- First Baptist's 25th pastor
Dr. William Kearns
- 1979-1981

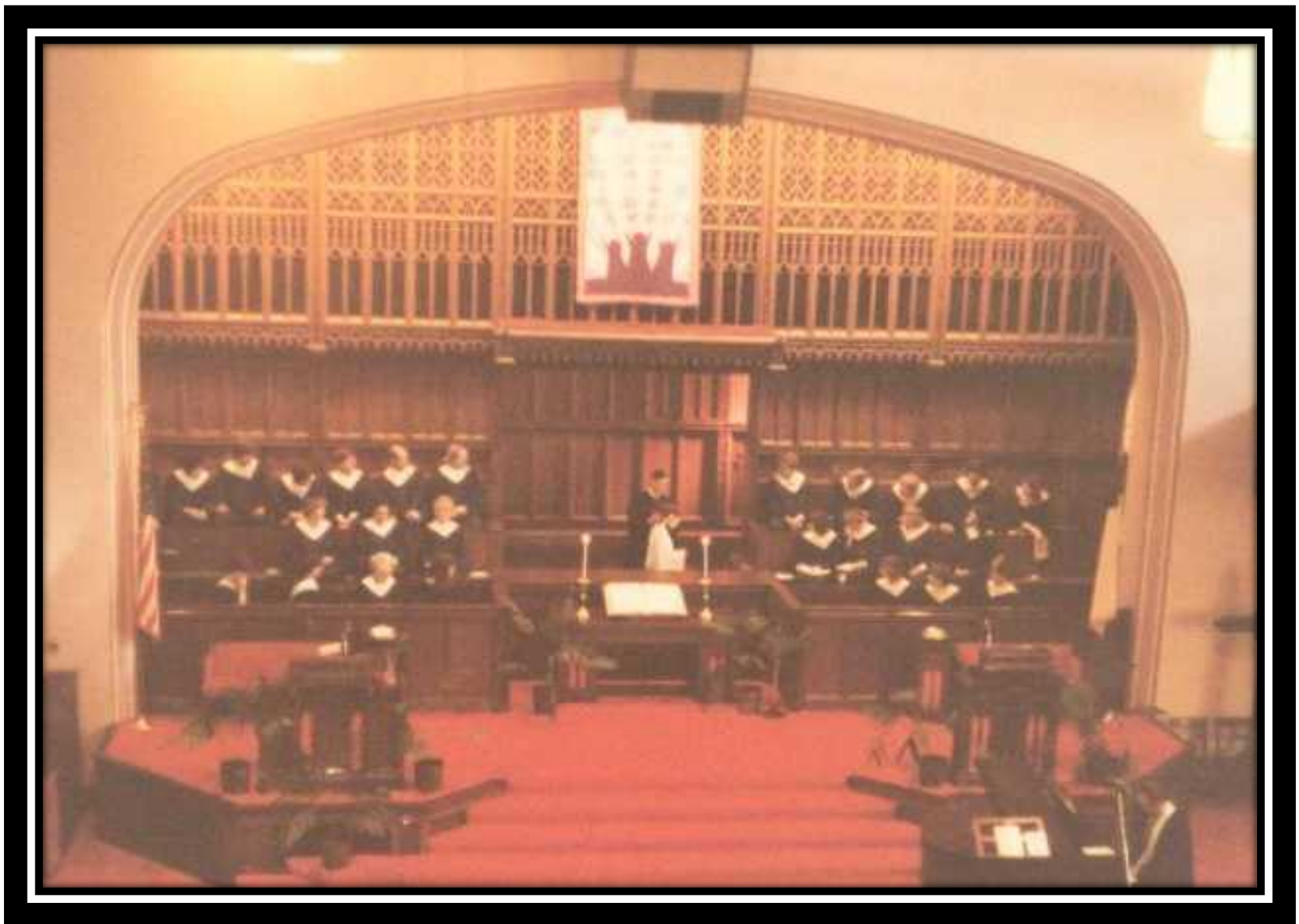


Janice Kearns

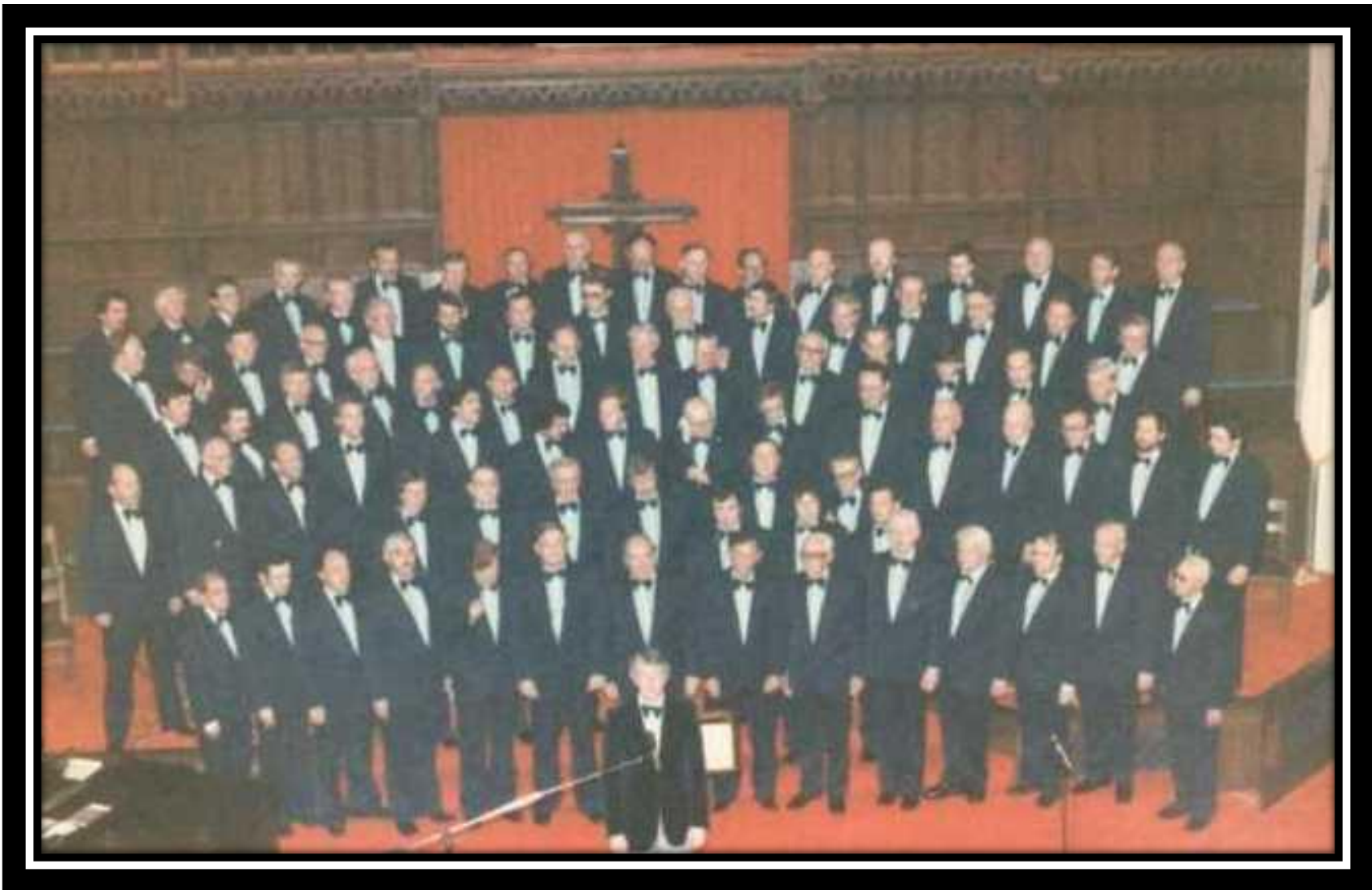


Christmas Dec 21, 1980





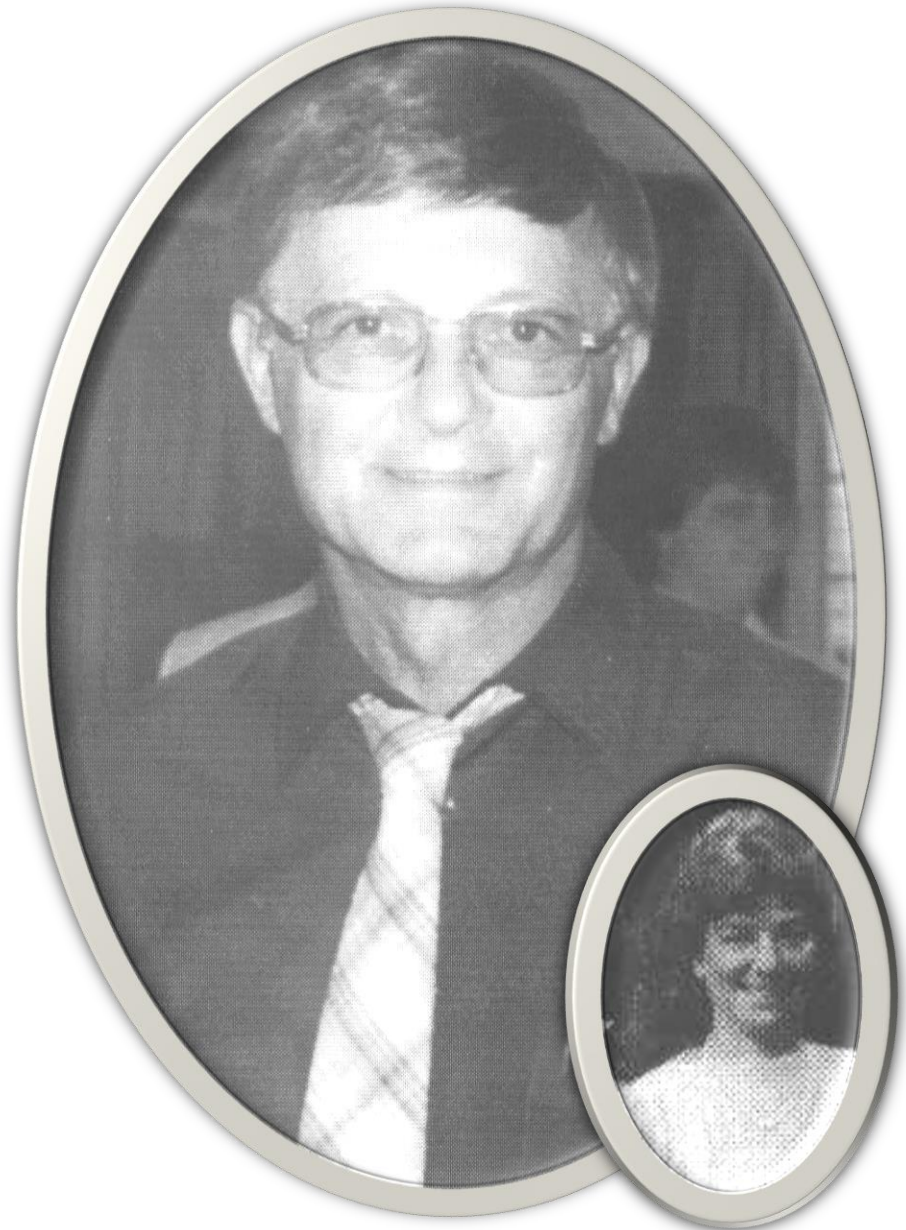
Baptism Apr 12, 1981



Welsh Male Choir May 31, 1982

The 1980's

- First Baptist's 26th pastor
Rev. Richard Parker
- 1983-1983



Jean Parker



Easter Apr 3, 1983



Christmas
Dec 12, 1983



Oct 13, 1985

The 1980's

- First Baptist's 27th pastor
Rev. Patrick Pang
- 1984-1987



Rose Pang



Oct 10, 1985



Welsh Tea Oct 20, 1985

Into the 1990's

- First Baptist's 28th pastor
Dr. Michael Bledsoe
- 1988-1992
- Jan 17, 1991 Desert Storm air war begins



Melinda Bledsoe



Christmas Dec 18, 1988



Christmas Dec 8, 1989

The 1990's

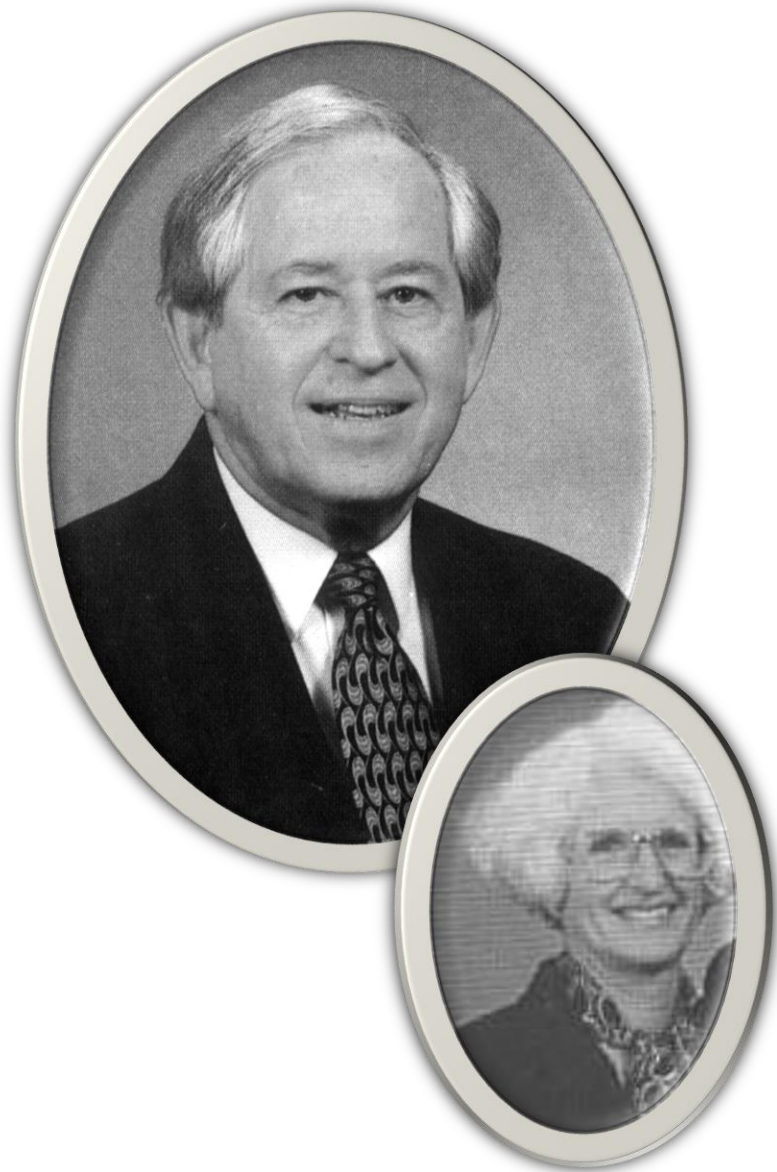
- First Baptist's 29th pastor
Dr. Ralph K. Lamb
- 1994-1997



Joyce Lamb

The 1990's

- First Baptist's 30th pastor
Rev. Owen Stewart
- 1994-1997
- Assistant Pastor to Rev. Lamb



Joan Stewart

The 21st Century

- First Baptist's 30th pastor
Dr. Paul Large
- 1998- present
- Mar 19, 2003 Iraq War began
- Oct 2004 First Baptist Church decides to sell the current building & relocate

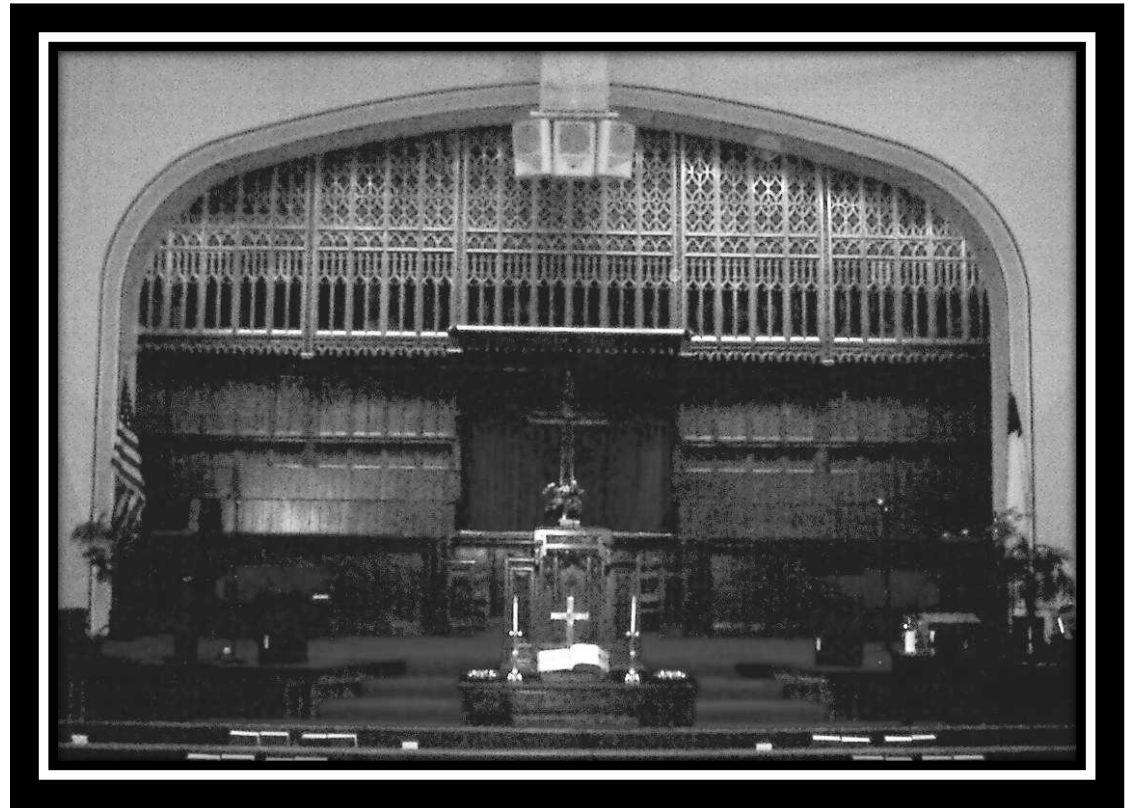


Ann Large



First Baptist Church

- Broad Street church sanctuary was remodeled in 2001



First Baptist Church

- The boiler shut down Oct 2005 & the rest of the winter services were held in the fellowship hall



First Baptist Church

- First service held at
Walnut Heights Baptist
Church

Sept. 18, 2005



- Last service held at
Walnut Heights

March 25, 2007



First Baptist Church

- Rickly Lodge
- 1020 Barnet Road
- April 8 – 29, 2007



First Baptist Church



- 1185 Noe-Bixby Road

- May 6 – June 30, 2007



First Baptist Church

- Back to Rickly Lodge
- 1020 Barnet Road
- July 1, 2007 – March 2008



First Baptist Church



- Construction
- Aug 2007- Mar 2008



First Baptist Church

- Work day



First Baptist Church



March 2008