

# Centennial Celebration 1909 - 2009



College Street Baptist Church  
Walhalla, South Carolina  
November 8, 2009



Our Staff: (L to R) Rev. Ken Reid, Pastor; Amanda Bannister, Minister of Students; Gordon and Jolene Corbett, custodians; Vanessa Conway, pianist; Rev. Ray Conway, Minister of Music and Worship; Betty Stephens, organist



Linda Waters, Outreach Ministries Assistant; Ruth Smith, Administrative Assistant



Ray Conway, Minister of Music and Worship



Amanda Bannister  
Minister of Students

## From Pastor Ken Reid

### 100 Year Celebration of College Street Baptist Church...



It is my joy to be the pastor of this wonderful church. This celebration marks the beginning of my 7th year at CSBC. It is truly a church without equal. Never in my 38 years of ministry have I known a church family so loving, so forgiving, so mission-minded, so active in so many ministries.

The legacy of CSBC is and will always be its *loving and compassionate* spirit. I continue to be amazed every day as I learn of some ministry or some area of need being met by so many members of this church. Because of that ministry spirit seen in so many lives over the years, this church has been the home of many who have gone on to serve the Lord in ministry around the world.

When the first group started a small church in a mill village setting, they had no idea how God would bless. It was probably the small town work ethic that was embedded in the life of the early Second Baptist Church that still motivates us today to serve the Lord. And as we celebrate the past 100 years we realize that if the Lord tarries in His return we, too, may have no idea what the future holds for this next generation.

We are so happy to be here today. We are so ready to be at His service tomorrow. May the light of CSBC continue to shine brightly until our Lord comes.

Ken Reid, Pastor

# Celebrating 100 Years

1909 – 2009

*We celebrate our past, we cherish the present, and we seek God's will for the future!*

On Sunday, November 8, 2009 College Street Baptist Church celebrates its 100th anniversary with a special worship service of vocal and instrumental praise, recognitions of former pastors and 50-year members, a licensing to the Gospel ministry, and a special message from Reverend George Tichenor, our pastor from 1972-1989. On this day we also distribute this brief summary of our history, taken from our church **documents and a small portion of our member's** photos and recollections.

One hundred years in His service... years filled with struggles, aspirations, adversity, and achievements, all of which have forged our heritage. Reflecting on our history does more than just tell us where we've been. In looking back we are reminded of the faithfulness of God, how he

has guided, sustained, and loved us through the years. He has so richly blessed the efforts of those 25 founders who possessed the vision of what God could do through his people! We give God the glory for every accomplishment in our efforts to share His love.

Much has changed in our 100 years, but College Street continues to be busy in worship and in service. We honor our history and the faith of our founders. But more importantly, we continue **in our faith in the Lord, our trust in God's word,** and our passion for reaching our community, nation, and world with His Gospel message. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless our church and that the best is yet to come!

The Centennial Committee

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# Our Heritage Preserved in Pictures and Documents



We extend special thanks to all who provided pictures and other historical documents to make this publication possible.



Church bulletins: (top row) May 1 and Sept. 4, 1955; June 17, 1956; (bottom row) July 11, 1965; Dec. 1 and Dec. 8, 1968.



Small graphic from the 1970 directory.



From the Sunday, December 1, 1968 bulletin



Church directories: pictured (top row) 1970, 1978, 1980, and c. 1996; (bottom row) 1990, 2003, and 2007.

**Directories not pictured are from '75, '84, '86, and '94**



**Charles Cobb's 1970 Service of Dedication for the rebuilt church; Charles Cobb's The Good Hand of God, An Account of the Burning of College Street Baptist Church; 75th Year Church History booklet, 1984; 90th Anniversary Celebration bulletin, 1999**

# The History of College Street Baptist Church

## The Second Baptist Church of Walhalla

The history of College Street Baptist Church began on Sunday, November 7, 1909. On that evening an interested group of people under the leadership of Dr. J. M. Bailey, the Reverends L. M. Lyda, J. B. Trammell, J. A. Bond, R. W. Grubbs, and Deacon G. G. Deal organized a Baptist church. It was constituted with 25 members and named the Second Baptist Church of Walhalla.

At first, meetings were held monthly. This gave way to semi-monthly services. These meetings were held in a building owned by the mill company and located at the corner of Wesley and Spring Streets.

Several attempts were made by this group to join with the Knitting Mill Church (later Southside and now Scenic Heights).

Unable to join this group, the people went to work and built their first church on Lucas Street at a cost of \$1,060.00. This building, damaged by a windstorm on July 3, 1917, was restored immediately.



Rev. & Mrs. P. F. Capell. He was pastor from 1929-33. (1969 photo).

In 1922 the people of Second Baptist Church enlarged their church building on Lucas Street. During the greater part of the 1920's, Second Baptist and Jordania Baptist (now Utica Baptist of Seneca), comprised a field for one pastor.

In 1949 the church on Lucas Street was remodeled at a cost of \$4,111.21. On November 5, 1959, membership in the church was 230.

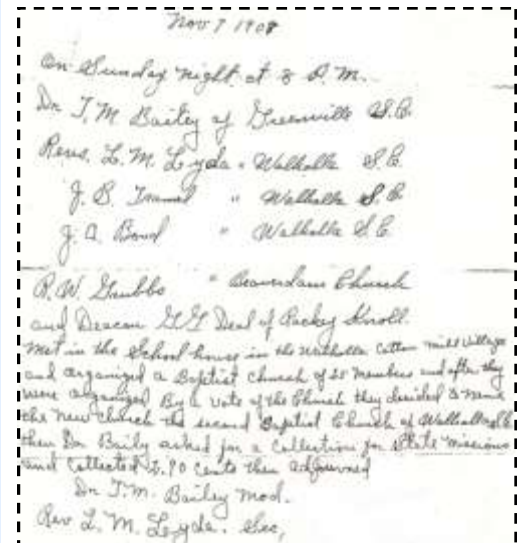
## A record attendance of 305 in 1950

Another building program began in 1950 under the leadership of Pastor Lewis Gibson. New Sunday School rooms were added to the existing building. When the building was occupied on June 4, 1950, there were 281 people present for Sunday School. On September 3, 1950, a record Sunday School attendance of 305 was recorded.

Under the leadership of Pastor Douglas Baker, the church continued to make progress. In 1952 the rotating deacon system was introduced into the church program. Three events of note occurred in 1953: the installation of a new heating system at a cost of \$1,500.00, the purchase of a new organ, and the departmentalization of the Sunday School program under the leadership of Rev. B. B. Jernigan. In June of 1954 the Vacation Bible School recorded an enrollment of 200 with an average attendance of 170.



Mrs. Ruth Bolick Rochester, 1870 -1946, grandmother of Ruby Isbell, was one of 25 charter members of Second Baptist Church of Walhalla.



Above are notes by Jamie Rochester (Ruby's Aunt) on the meeting to organize the Second Baptist Church. From the beginning, our church has given selflessly to missions. Even at the organizational meeting, the last sentence above records, "Then Dr. Baily asked for a collection for State Missions and collected \$2.90..." (By 2001 our church had given over \$1,000,000 to the Cooperative Program.)



Our first church building still stands on Lucas Street. Left: As pictured in the 75th Year Anniversary edition. Right: Picture from October, 2009.



Back view of the Lucas Street church. New Sunday School rooms were added in 1950.

# Pictures from the Late 40's to the Middle 50's

Our thanks to Morris Owens, an excellent photographer and member since 1946, for most of these pictures. The first four pictures below are from his late 1940's color slides. Check out dozens more of his pictures on our website.



These three pictures from Morris's color slides can be viewed in full color and resolution on our website. Left: Late 40's baptism by Pastor Lewis Gibson; Center: Nursery class "crib room"; Right: Late 40's older girls' class.



Left: Late 40's men's class. The sign on the church front reads: *Christ is the Answer, Revival Meeting, April 2-9, 7:30 PM*  
 Right: c.1952 Deacons: Jim Sanders, Clayton Wilson, Earnest Vaughn, Rev. Doug Baker, Jim Frady, Joe Rogers, Talmage Smith, Charlie Leopard, (not pictured is Morris Owens—he took the picture!)



Left: Girl's Auxiliary Class c. 1954; Right: March, 1954 Nora Leister Class



Left : 1954 Vacation Bible School as photographed by Morris Owens. Center: Enlargement from picture on left showing Rev. Douglas Baker:, pastor from 1952-55. Right: Rev. Baker and family from a January 1955 snapshot.



1955 photograph of the Second Baptist Church congregation with Pastor W. W. Willingham.  
The two pictures are the left and right halves of a single photograph.



Enlarged areas from the above picture. View the high resolution version of this document to see more details from this and other pictures at our website at [www.collegestreetbaptist.org](http://www.collegestreetbaptist.org)



The Second Baptist Church

## A new parsonage

February 12, 1956 marked the beginning of another phase of enlargement. A new parsonage was built at 516 S. Spring Street. This replaced the parsonage on Lucas Street. Rev. N. W. Finley was called to the pastorate of Second Baptist in May, 1957. He was the first pastor to occupy the new parsonage on Spring Street.

## A new church building and a new name



Sign enlarged from above picture



Reverend Ned Finley was pastor from 1957 to 1966.

Under the leadership of Reverend N. W. Finley a search was begun for an appropriate site for a new church building. On November 19, 1963, the property on which the church now stands was purchased for \$11,700.00. On July 21, 1964, the church voted to build a new church building at an estimated \$100,000.00. Bonds were to be sold to

finance this venture. During this time the lot adjoining the old church on Lucas Street was sold for \$4,000.00. An extra lot adjoining the parsonage was sold for \$1,000.00.

Groundbreaking for the new church was held in December 1964. When construction was completed, the church had spent a total of \$115,547.98. Dedication and Homecoming were held on July 11, 1965. In October of 1965 the name of the church was changed from Second Baptist to College Street.

On Sunday, May 12, 1968, the church was called into conference for the purpose of electing the Reverend Charles F. Cobb to serve as pastor. He was given a unanimous call and began his ministry on June 10, 1968.

After the fall revival in October 1968, 24 people were baptized. The Reverend E. B. Lowery and Mr. Harold Redmon were the visiting evangelistic team. In November 1968 a Stewardship Campaign was conducted with Mr. Clyde McCall as general chairman. At the conclusion of the campaign, 218 people had returned dedication cards and 173 had pledged to tithe. The offerings more than doubled.



Then and now: The first parsonage on Lucas Street



October, 2009 picture of our (former) second parsonage on Spring Street.



# A New Building—and a New Name



Above: December, 1964 ground breaking ceremony for the new building. The Hughs house is seen in the background. College Street purchased the Hughs property in 2008. The house was donated to the Oconee Heritage Center, and it was dismantled and stored for future restoration.

Left: Pastor Ned Finley and Jim Sanders (with shovel) are in the foreground. Among those pictured are Inez Stephens, Virginia Finley, Mattie Wilson, and Betty Stephens.

The  
Dedication Service of  
**Second Baptist Church**  
WALHALLA, S. C.  
July 11, 1965



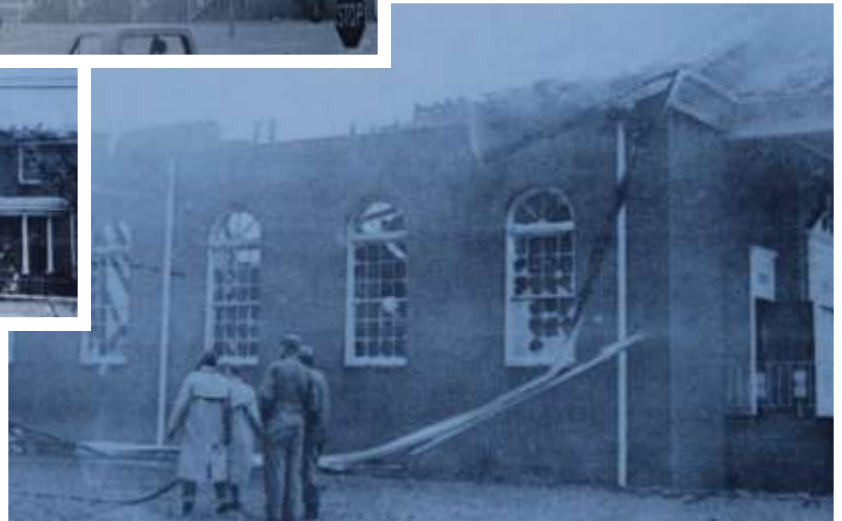
<b>Order of Service</b>	
2:00 p. m.	
Call to Worship .....	Choir
Prayer .....	The Rev. Morgan Dukes
Response .....	Choir
Hymn: "Faith Of Our Fathers" .....	Congregation
Recognition of Former Pastors	
Hymn: "Blest Be The Tie . . ." .....	Congregation
History of the Church .....	Charlotte Hyde
Anthem .....	Choir
Dedication of the Church	
Dedicatory Prayer .....	The Rev. James Stokes
Solo .....	J. A. Rochester
Anthem: "To God Be The Glory" .....	Choir
Message .....	Dr. Horace Hammett
Benediction .....	The Rev. James Ellenburg

Our thanks to Jeanette Burrell for providing the *Dedication Bulletin* from July 11, 1965. Her father, Floyd Jackson Nichols attended and collected every bulletin from 1952 until his death in 1986. The first brick church looked very similar to our current building. Note the doorway differences as shown in the inset. The sign in front is shown in the second inset. Thanks to Morris Owens for providing the original photographic negative for the inset views.

The *Order of Service* above is from the same bulletin.

## A building is destroyed, but...

Monday, December 2nd, 1968 was one of the saddest days in the history of the church. In the early morning hours fire completely destroyed our building. Damage was estimated to be more than \$150,000.00 and only a few pieces of equipment were salvaged. Fortunately, wise trustees and deacons had insured the building and the church received an insurance settlement of \$153,000.00.



**Pictures from *The Good Hand of God—An Account of the Burning of College Street Baptist Church*, by Rev. Charles F. Cobb**

## ...the real church is blessed and lives on...

Under the leadership of the deacons and chairman, Roy D. Harden, the people were rallied. On the evening of that sad December 2nd day, a prayer meeting was held at the parsonage. Activities of the church were moved to South Pine Street School. An office was opened in a house provided by Chicopee Manufacturing Company at 7 South John Street. We were broken in heart, but not in spirit. God was blessing our efforts, and the work of the church would continue.

Committees were appointed to rebuild the church. Using plans drawn by Walker and Farmer Architects of Greenville, S. C., W&N Construction Company began work in May of 1969, and the building was completed in December 1969. The educational building occupies 12,600 square feet, and the sanctuary 3,600 square feet with a seating capacity of about 500 people.

The new building was first used for training purposes on Sunday, January 11, 1970. On Sunday, January 18, 1970, there were 252 people present for Sunday School and 113 present for Training Union. Church membership on that day was 413.

In 1970 the value of the new church and its furnishings was estimated to be in excess of \$200,000.00. The

value including all church property was then in excess of \$237,000.00.

The following quotes are from the c. 1972 booklet *The Good Hand of God, an Account of the Burning of College Street Baptist Church*, by Charles F. Cobb:

**“It is difficult to remember all the things that were happening about this time. Things tend to run together. On Sunday, January 18, 1970 we met in the new building for the first time. We had 250 plus people for Bible Study and the Sanctuary was filled for Worship. Of course we sat in metal folding chairs. But God was present and we had a glorious time together. It was good to be back home in our new church building.**

**“It was decided that the Dedication of the new building would be postponed until all the furnishings were completely installed. In a few weeks this was taken care of and Dedication Services were announced for Sunday, February 8, 1970. The Rev. Sam Pittman, first Associational Missionary in Beaverdam Association, was asked to preach the Dedicatory Sermon.**

**“After the Dedicatory Sermon the congregation went outside and joined together in the setting of the cornerstone. A box was placed**

behind the corner plates which contained mementos of the day and events.

**“Actually, instead of having just a Dedication Service, a week of Dedication Services were held. The Deacons and people of College Street had been warmly blessed by the entire community during the months we had been without our church building. Therefore, in an attempt to say “thank you” to the people of our community, they were invited to share in the joy of our new building. Various pastors from several denominations were asked to come and share in the preaching of God’s Word from the pulpit of College Street Church during the week of dedication services. It was a week that would live long in the memories of the people of Walhalla.”**



**Rev. Charles Cobb’s picture** is on the back cover of the 1970 directory.



February 8, 1970: The setting of the cornerstone and **box of historical “mementos”**



This picture of the rebuilt College Street Baptist Church is from the front cover of the 1978 directory. The inset cornerstone picture is more recent.

# Exciting Opportunities and New Challenges

## Rev. George Tichenor begins his pastorate

On Sunday, May 14, 1972, Rev. Charles Cobb resigned to accept the pastorate of the Adaville Baptist Church in Spindale, North Carolina. The Pulpit Search Committee felt led to recommend Reverend George Tichenor as College Street's new pastor. On Sunday, July 23, 1972, in a called business meeting, the church extended the call. Reverend Tichenor left the pastorate of Munfordville Baptist Church, Munfordville, Kentucky, to become the pastor of College Street Baptist Church. At the time of his arrival in August 1972, average attendance in Sunday School was 178 and the average attendance in Church Training was 70.

## Old parsonage sold, new properties purchased

Feeling that the cost to renovate the old parsonage was excessive, the church voted on February 11, 1973, to relocate it. In the May business meeting, it was decided to purchase a lot on North Pine Street from Allen Kelley for \$6,000.00. By July the Building Committee was prepared to recommend plans for the new house. The construction price including landscaping and driveway would be \$55,000.00, less a rebate of \$2,000.00 from the contractor, Harold Thomas. The old parsonage was sold on December 5, 1973 for \$22,700.00.

While this purchase of property and the construction of the parsonage was in progress, the church also voted to purchase the Taylor property at the corner of South Catherine and Wesley streets. The purchase price was \$7,500.00. The initial plan was to use it for additional parking places for approximately 20 cars.

The next significant step in acquiring additional property and buildings took place on May 7, 1975. A committee was elected to investigate the need for additional space. To provide additional space, the Orr property on Wesley Street, immediately behind the church, was needed. This was purchased on May 21 for \$21,500. In November we began the process of removing the house from the property.

## A new activities building is constructed

After much prayer and discussion, it was decided on September 8, 1976, to build an Activities Building. This building would contain a regulation high school gymnasium, dining room, kitchen, game room, office, conference room, restrooms, equipment room, and eight classrooms. The Vector



Rev. George Tichenor and wife Delores. Rev. Tichenor served as pastor of College Street from 1972 to 1989



Pastor Appreciation Day Rev. George Tichenor is presented plaque by Jeanette Stroud



c. 1973 : Harold Thomas and Rev. Tichenor mount letters on the newly constructed church sign.



October 20, 1976 : the new Gym was dedicated to the memory of Ray Smith. Darren and David Smith cut the ribbon.

Corporation was awarded the contract for \$157,638.00. Upon completion the building was dedicated to the memory of Ray Smith, and the game room was dedicated to the memory of Bruce Anderson.



Our Family Life Center (activity building) as seen from the back of the church. It contains a full gymnasium, kitchen, dining area, classrooms, and large youth game/classroom/meeting room.



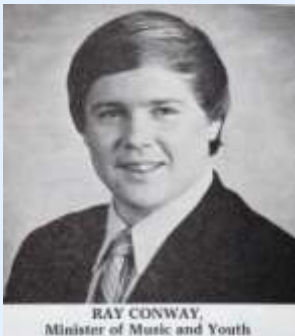
L to R: Rooney Smith, Gladys and Dickie Moody, Ms. Willie Bentley, David Smith, and Pat Smith.

Increased attendance at services and at a wide variety of events held in this new building demonstrated a need for more parking space. A new driveway was opened on the Wesley Street side of the church and two rows of additional parking space were paved in the back at an expense of \$8,200.00.

## Rev. Ray Conway called to serve as Minister of Music and Youth

Progress often calls for additional personnel. It was deemed necessary to move from the use of temporary part-time staff members to a full-time Associate Pastor. The Reverend Derrill Smith was called to this position on May 10, 1978, and he served until January 22, 1980, when he became pastor of Return Baptist Church.

Following Mr. Smith's resignation, a period of time was spent evaluating staff needs. The deacons and Music Committee made a joint recommendation to the church in August 1980 which called for a full-time Minister of Music and Youth.



The Search Committee recommended Raymond W. Conway, Jr., and he was called in November of 1980, to serve in this position. He began his duties with the church in January, 1981. Under his leadership there began phenomenal growth in every area of the music and youth programs.

The year 1981 saw another person become a part of the church staff. In February, Dr. John Freeman was called to be the associate pastor on a part-time basis. His position was made full-time in January 1982. He served until November 7, 1983.

During the time of his ministry with College Street, he led in the Super Growth Spiral Program that greatly increased enrollment and attendance in our Bible Study Program.

## New vehicles and equipment, and an extensive renovation program

Also in 1981, two very important purchases were made. A new bus was purchased from the Carpenter Bus Company for \$32,000.00, opening the door for many new opportunities for additional church activities. The other purchase was a new sound system at a cost of \$8,000.00. The acquisition of this equipment made a tremendous difference in the worship services. Both of these items were approved on June 8, 1981. The sound system was installed immediately, and the bus was picked up in Indiana in December.

It seems that every year presents a new project and a new challenge. On July 14, 1982, at an important business meeting, it was decided to enter into a \$40,000.00 renovation program. This was to include painting the inside and outside of the sanctuary, education building, and pastorium.



Our third former parsonage on North Pine Street as photographed in October, 2009.

Other major improvements included installing padded pews, adding storm windows on the education building, and adding plexiglas storm windows on the sanctuary. Additional projects included building a carport and covered walkway connecting our two buildings, resurfacing the parking lots and driveways at the church, widening and repaving the driveway at the pastorium, and building a bus garage at the back of the property on North Pine Street to house church vehicles and provide storage.

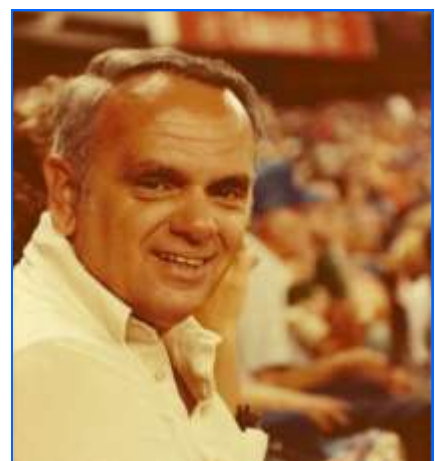
In November of that same year several more items were added, including a new copying machine, a retaining wall between the two buildings, and a new office space in what was previously a classroom.

The 1983 projects included the purchase of a van, previously used as a rental vehicle, at a cost of \$8,200.00. Another 1983 project, carried over into 1984, was the purchase of an Allen Digital Computer Organ for \$27,000.00.

Feeling that future growth would call for more space, the church voted in business session on February 26, 1984, to purchase the house and lot at the corner of College and Ervin Streets for \$46,000.00. With this purchase, the total indebtedness grew to \$236,000.00.



George and Delores Tichenor are honored by the Appreciation Day Committee in c. 1980. Also pictured are John Kelley, Inez Stephens, Jeanette Stroud, Rilla Stancil, and Clayton Wilson.



George at a church outing to an Atlanta Braves game in 1983.

## A Brief Time Line, 1975-1983

1975: September 21, Bruce Anderson was licensed to preach. December 3, Bruce Anderson was employed part time by church

1976: August 10, the church purchased a used activity bus with new engine and paint for \$4,000. On September 8, approval was given for construction of a new Activity Building for \$157,638. On October 20, the new activity building was dedicated to the memory of Ray Smith.

1977: February 9, the church approved sponsoring a Cub Scout pack. November 9, the church began the family night meal program. Also in that year, John Galloway was hired as full time custodian .

1978: March 8, Derrill Smith was called as Associate Pastor; Chris Hansen was ordained to Gospel ministry. May 10, Tom Welch was hired part time.

1979: August 8, approval was given to sell the old parsonage.

1980: On January 9, the church began the DAR ministry in Tamassee.

1981: On January 11, Rev. Ray Conway began duties as Minister of Youth and Music. On

February 11, John Freeman was hired part time. He became full time Associate Pastor on October 14.

1982: In March Angela Long resigned as Secretary and Inez Stephens became full time Secretary. Also in March, approval was given to build a bus garage and covered walkway between church and gym.

**1983: May 6: Through Pastor Freeman's** efforts, our church received the *Eagle Sunday School and Spiritual Growth Award* as Sunday School attendance increased to almost 400. During the year, the church began two morning worship services (8:30 AM and 11:00 AM). On May 11, Gary Cantrell was hired part time. On September 14, an Allen Digital Organ and a Ford van were purchased, and the *Deacon Family Ministry Plan* began. On November 7, Rev. John Freeman resigned. On Dec. 14, Bonnie Reinhart was hired as part time secretary.



From the  
75th Year  
Church History  
Booklet,  
1984

## 1984: Our 75th Anniversary Celebration



On October 21, 1984, the *75th Anniversary Celebration* of College Street Baptist Church was held under the leadership of Rev. George Tichenor and the 75th Anniversary Committee.

Committee members included chairman Lewis Chastain, along with John Kelley, Katherine Grant, Pauline Elliott, Roy Harden, Peggy McCall, James Medlin, Floyd Nichols, Clayton Wilson, Ann Yelton and many others on the three subcommittees.



Margaret McGuffin and Linda Singleton serve Margaret's 75th Anniversary cake.



*75th Year Celebration:* L to R: Lewis Gibson (1948-52), Russel Lewis (1966-67), Doug Baker (1952-55), George Tichenor (1972-89), and W. W. Willingham (1955)

# The Past Quarter Century Time Line, 1984-2009

As we continue our church history narrative for the past 25 years of our 100 year history, we are ever mindful of the bountiful blessings our gracious God has bestowed upon our church family. He has been with us in the valleys and on the mountain tops. Praise His name. We can thankfully say, "Great is God's faithfulness now and forever." This time line shows many important events that have taken place in these years from 1984 through 2009.



1985: In January, Dennis Parker was hired as custodian. In February, College Street Baptist Church participated in *Good News America, God Loves You* Simultaneous Revivals. Our church purchased 1000 New Testaments to be placed in homes visited in *People Search*. In November the church approved the purchase of property from Mrs. Schapp for \$40,000.00. This property was purchased in December and is now the parking lot area and grassy knoll behind the church.

1986: In July a major renovation on the church included re-



Prayer Retreat  
Table Rock  
1987

L to R: Peggy McCall, Jeanette Stroud, Joyce Morgan, Angela Long, Gail Medlin, Mary Helen Smith, Inez Stephens, Mary Thompson, and Delores Tichenor.



1991 Youth Tour to Ohio. Wendell Cothran directs the youth choir.

roofing the main building and the installation of vinyl siding on the wood trim. Our church joined in celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Beaverdam Baptist Association. W. M. U. ladies made a flag representing our church mission. Buddy Byars was hired part time as Director of Fellowship and Outreach.

1987: In July Rev. Ray Conway left College Street. In October the church observed *Lay Renewal Weekend* bringing the church body together as a family and seeking to involve all church members and to re-awaken the church to its purpose and passion. In November Rev. Wendell Cothran was hired.

1988: In June, approval was given to purchase a minibus. Also in June, three 70 pound packages of supplies were shipped to support the mission program in Rwanda, Africa. Our Youth Choir tour to Virginia was held in July. In October, Extended Service for three, four, and five year olds was approved.

1989: In June, the Youth Choir Tour traveled to Gainesville, Ga; Charleston, SC; and Woodruff, SC. Also in June, Rev. George Tichenor resigned. In July, Rev. Lewis Gibson was approved as interim.



1985 VBS three and four year olds taught by Sharon McManamay



One of the many 1980's College Street Baptist softball teams



1990: In March, a container was sent to Rwanda for Petit Seminary. In April, Rev. Hal Freeman accepted the call as our pastor and the parsonage was sold to him. In July a baby grand piano was purchased, and approval was given for a new sound system. In November, the church approved the sponsorship of a girl scout troop. In December, the Ad Hoc personnel committee of deacons was established. Also in that year, parking spaces on the Wesley Street side of the church were completed.



Hal Freeman served as pastor from 1990-1992

1991: Summer Youth Choir Tour and Mission Trip to Ohio was conducted in June. In August, our church sent a stainless steel water tank filled with supplies to Rwanda, Africa. In September, Rev. Wendell Cothran resigned. In October, approval was given to purchase the back portion of Hughs property for \$23,000.

1992: In February Rev. Ray Conway returned as Minister of Music. He continues to serve at the present time. In April the church approved a 3 year renovation plan. In July, Rev. Hal Freeman resigned. In September, Joe Roberts was called as interim pastor. In November, College Street began hosting the annual Community Thanksgiving service. Also in November, the Angel Tree ministry was introduced.

1993: In February, John Dent began the Book-link ministry. In May, Rev. John Adams was called as senior pastor. October 9-10, the music department sponsored *Stan Pethel Composer Weekend*. Stan Pethel wrote the anthem for CSBC's Choir: *Carry the Light*.



Donna and John Adams

1994: In June, the Youth Choir traveled to Virginia and also performed in Easley, South Carolina.

1995: In June a church group made a mission trip to Dauphin Island and Bayou La Batre, Alabama. There was also a youth mission trip to Charleston, South Carolina. On April 9, 1995 the adult choir presented the Easter Cantata, *God So Loved the World*.

1996: Pat Rhudy was hired as secretary. In March, the church conducted a note burning service, as the mortgage was paid in full. In June, the Youth Choir toured Kentucky.



Adult chaperones on the 1994 Youth Choir tour to Virginia. The picture was taken inside Luray Caverns.



Acteen participants recognition Service, 1994



Our young people performed *The Light Brigade* musical drama at College Street in 1995. In June, they performed and served on a youth mission trip to Charleston, SC.



December 12, 1999: Buddy and Mildred Byars were honored for 16 years of service. Buddy "retired" as our Director of Fellowship and Outreach. His gift from the church: A D-35 Martin Guitar

1997: In April the church office moved to the brick house on the corner of South College Street and East Ervin Street. In August we voted to serve as host church for the Beaverdam Baptist Association's ministry, *English as a Second Language*.

1998: June 5 - 12, Youth Choir Tour, to Texas. October 4, Church approves 3 year partnership with Beltsi, Moldova.

1999: In March, the first Ladies Tea for Missions was held. In July, Doyle Stancil was hired as custodian. In August, Ruth Smith was hired as secretary. November 21, 1999 marked the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for College Street Baptist Church. Also in that year, Extended Church for Children began. Also in that year 12 members of College Street participated in a church construction mission trip to Kentucky.



1999: Left: Construction Mission trip to Falls of Rough, Kentucky; Center: Newly installed in late fall of 1999, our lighted sign was used to announce the 90th Anniversary Celebration. Right: College Street's Web Site was dedicated with prayer and first went online on October 14, 1999. This "print screen" image displays the original home page.

## Our 90th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration

Sunday, November 21, 1999: Our 90th Anniversary/Homecoming truly glorified God. Through it, we also encouraged each other. The Ministry Team who led in the planning and implementation of this celebration was John Kelley (chair), Sue Maher, Randy and Sharon McManamay, Gail Medlin, Bill Pearson, Inez Stephens, Paul Tichenor, and Ann Yelton.

College Street recognized those who had been members for at least 50 years: Grover Adams, W. D. Bentley, Mary Braddock, Sara Cobb, Savilla Deal, Gerry Dorsey, Mae Foster, Harold Gibson, Sara Hancox, Charlotte Hyde, Gail Medlin, Betty Moore, Julia Morris, Victor Morris, Virginia Morris, Clay Oliver, Remel Oliver, Gladys Owens, Morris Owens, Leland Pettit, Ella Reeves, Mabel Pettit, Clyde Roach, Marcus Sanders, Mary Bentley Sloan, Bruce Smith, Mary Helen Smith, Talmadge Smith, Harold Thomas, Clayton Wilson, Mattie Wilson.



90th Anniversary Celebration  
Left: Clyde McCall and Rev. John Adams honor our 50 year members. Right: Gail Medlin made the banner for this celebration.



# College Street Enters the 21st Century

1999-2000: In July, 1999 our church joined East Pickens Baptist Church on a mission trip to Beltsy and Cricova, Moldova. In June, 2000 a second team, led by Randy McManamay made a construction and evangelism trip to Moldova. (More details and pictures can be found in the Missions History section.)

2001: The church voted to sponsor *Bethel Baptist Church*, a Hispanic group, and opened our facilities



College Street sponsors the Hispanic Bethel Baptist Church

for their use. In March, Rev. Craig Canton was called as Minister of Education. Following Dr. John Adams resignation, Dr. Charles Cobb was called as interim pastor, followed by Rev. Calvin Smith in 2002. Also in that year, Chris Butler was hired as a youth intern. In November, Gordon and Jolene Corbett were hired as custodians.

2002: On April 7, College Street Music Ministry conducted an Easter musical with Utica Baptist. On April 14, Rev. Charles Cobb resigned as interim pastor, Chris Butler resigned as youth director, and Brad Price was hired as youth interim. On July 14, Rev. Calvin Smith was called as interim pastor. On December 1, Brad Price was licensed to preach.

2003: In February, a Red Cross *Disaster Relief* training session was held. In April, a Christian Education scholarship was approved, and The *Ladies' Missions Tea* raised \$1,985 for mission endeavors. November 1 was Rev. Ken Reid's first Sunday as pastor of College Street Baptist Church. Also in November, a new minibus was purchased.

2004: The Vision Casting Team was elected and began planning for church growth and improvement. Average Sunday School attendance was 278.

2005: From February to June, Cliff Craig served as Youth Intern. On June 19, Clayton Wilson, Laudie McCall and Martin Reeves were awarded Deacon



December 2002: Interim Pastor Calvin Smith and Deacon Chair Mike Thrift perform licensing ceremony for Brad Price



Our new pastor, Rev. Ken Reid and family were welcomed in November, 2003

Emeritus plaques for 50 or more years of Deacon service. August 14 marked the beginning of Bryon Compton's ministry as Minister of Education. The *GROW* program (*God Rewards Our Work*) began as an telephone, letter-writing, and visitation outreach ministry. In October, a Disaster Relief mission trip was made to Biloxi, MS in response to Hurricane Katrina. Also in that year, Linda Waters was hired as part time Outreach secretary.

2006: On January 8, Amanda Bannister began her work as **Minister of Students**. In June, **College Street's** youth choir participated in a mission trip to Morehead City, North Carolina and an adult group, led by Randy Upton, constructed an addition to the Havelock church.

2007: The church purchased the Hughs House and property in August. Summer Vacation Bible School attendance was 260.

2008: Major renovation of church facilities was begun. On November 9<sup>th</sup> Dr. Charles Cobb was guest speaker for the church centennial celebration "kick-off". The South Carolina Baptist Convention office reported that between the years 1925 and 2008 College Street gave \$1,916,648.89 to the *Cooperative Program*. In February, the

historic Hughs house was offered for sale to be removed from the property. The house was later donated to the Oconee Heritage Center, and it was dismantled and stored for future restoration at the



Russel House site on highway 28.

2009: January marked the beginning of the *Greeter Station/Welcome Center* ministry. During the year, the Hughs property was further cleared and leveled. Church renovation continued with the building receiving new windows and side doors in October. Also in 2009 the following Centennial Celebrations were held: February 8 - Rev. Derrill Smith - guest speaker. May 3 - Dr. John Adams - guest speaker. August 16 - Rev. Chris Stephens - guest speaker. November 8 - Rev. George Tichenor - guest speaker. As of June 2009, our church membership is 752. This includes resident and non-resident members, home-bound members, and inactive members.



Our two Ministers of Education  
Left: Rev. Craig Canton served from 2001-2004  
Right: Bryon Compton served during 2005-2006



2006: Amanda and Patrick Bannister were welcomed to College Street in January, 2006. Amanda serves as our Minister of Students.



November 2005: One of many displays from our ministry fair which was also held in 2009. Wanda Wald, Christi Mason, and Gladys Thrift showcase three of our ministries.

*Our Vision Statement: We are a loving and compassionate family of God who prayerfully commit to go and bring people to Jesus Christ, teach people to be like Christ, show God's love by helping people, and enjoy God in worship.*

# Home and Community Missions

The missions program has always been important to College Street Baptist Church both at home and abroad. Our responses to Jesus' command that we should help those among us in need, have included work with the D. A. R. Children's Home, Lakeview Rest Home projects, Laurel Estates Sunday School program, Crisis Closet Aid, M.E.A.L.S Program Site, Homebound Ministry, Puppet Program, the ministry to the hearing impaired, Home Partners, the Food Bank, and prison ministry.

Our Home Partners Mission, led by Randy Upton, assists with home repairs for many people in our community.

Gail Medlin oversees our Food Pantry Ministry. Located next to the church office, the food bank helps meet the food needs of dozens of local families. On Monday mornings, from 10:00 until noon, the pantry is open to distribute food items to those who are financially unable to buy groceries for themselves.

Our Prison Ministry, now coordinated by Greg Tichenor, began in 1987. Our interest in this ministry was sparked by an unfortunate incident in the life of one of our members. In order to minister to this member, untold doors have been opened for us to minister to thousands of inmates over the past 22 years.. The ministry began at the McCormick Correctional Institution (MCI). We traveled to MCI three or four times per year. Each trip would include a time of worship and a time for fellowship with the inmates around tables full of homemade cakes and cookies. Trips to MCI were always great, especially the trips around Christmas. We continued to make regular trips to MCI for about 12 years.

The door was then opened for us to go to Tyger River Correctional Institution (TRCI) in Enoree. We have been making regular trips, as many as three per year, to TRCI ever since. The highlight of this ministry is the Christmas trip each year. We have the pleasure of serving dinner to one of the dorms and the guards that are on duty. We normally feed 150 people Steakhouse chicken and trimmings, some great desserts, and fresh fruits prepared by Bobby and Angela Long.



Randy Upton leads our Home Partners Mission Team



Our food bank workers serve dozens of families every Monday. Seated is Gail Medlin. L to R: Mary Martin, Steve Stancil, Rilla Stancil, Margene Gravley, Martha Medford, Peggy Fleming, and Lillian McKinney

Associated with our Prison Ministry, we have been involved in project *Angel Tree*. This program provides Christmas gifts for children who have one or both parents in prison. These gifts are given to the children in the name of the parent that is in prison. CSBC was the pilot church in the state of South Carolina, and we have sponsored the program for Oconee County every year. This program started with about 10 children and has served as many as 150 children in one year. Other churches in the county have assisted us in this program, but CSBC has been involved every year.

Also, our prison ministry helps by providing cakes and ice cream for a birthday party each month at Oconee Law Enforcement Center.



The Brown Bag Mission Group ladies meet once a month on the fourth Wednesday at 11:00 AM at a designated location. They bring their own lunches and meet together for devotional time, prayer, and fellowship. The members discuss and adopt a mission project and prepare meals for someone who is ill or recovering from surgery. They provide food, gifts, monetary help, etc. for those in need within our church family or as outreach to someone in the community. The Brown Bag group supports other ministry efforts such as Lakeview

Assisted Living Facility, Food Pantry, and others. The members enjoy a good time with lots of laughter and fun as well as supporting one another during times of need.

## A Recent History of our State and National Missions

In addition to local and community mission efforts, College Street youth and adults have been involved in numerous mission, construction, and disaster relief trips within the United States. The Youth Choir has toured and performed in Texas, Ohio, Virginia, Georgia and other states in addition to North and South Carolina. Adult teams have traveled to Kentucky and North Carolina on church construction trips, and to Mississippi and New Orleans providing disaster relief efforts following hurricane Katrina. Many times the adult construction team is accompanied by youth evangelism and Vacation Bible School teams.



**June 2006: A College Street team lead by Randy Upton built this 100' x 40' addition to a church in Havelock, North Carolina. The team built the addition as shown in 6 days and then took a break to pose for this picture.**



Left: Youth Choir members join in prayer before boarding the church buses to travel to Havelock and Morehead City, NC. Right: Ray Conway directs the Youth Choir at a Morehead City church



# A Recent History of the College Street Foreign Missions Program

*Submitted by Randy McManamay*

1977-1990: Philippines, Rwanda, and Brazil

College Street Baptist has a reputation of being a **“mission-minded” church, as evidenced by our support of local, national, and international missions through generous giving to the Cooperative Program and to the Beaverdam Association.** In



This certificate was awarded in 2001 for our contributions to the Cooperative Program in support of missions.

March of 1977, an extension of that commitment **resulted in the first trip in the church’s recent history to the foreign mission field.** John Kelley and Pastor George Tichenor joined other Southern Baptists from South Carolina in a trip to the Philippines. The focus of this trip was to conduct one-on-one evangelism and to lead home Bible studies.

In 1988, the church again answered the call to missions when two groups organized by Beaverdam Director of Missions, John Dent, traveled to Rwanda, Africa to assist IMB missionaries and Oconee natives, Crawford and Teresa Keese. Each team consisted of 15 members from a total of 18 churches in the Beaverdam Association. Their goal was to assist in the construction of a classroom building for the Petit Seminary. From January 2 – 31, College Street members Harold and Violet Gibson traveled with the first team. A second team included Tom Burch,

Buddy Byars, Betty and Jimmy Stephens, and Chevis Wald who relieved the first team on January 30 and continued through March 1.

Our church joined other South Carolina Baptists in the Rio, Brazil Partnership with the Carioca Baptist Convention. The teams were involved each day with street evangelism in slum areas. They held nightly church services and also helped with some construction projects. Kathy Kuhman and Betty Stephens joined the September, 1989 team. In 1990, Betty Stephens and Chevis Wald represented our church in a second trip.

1999-2004: Three trips to Moldova, one to China

College Street renewed its commitment to foreign missions in 1999 when it formed a partnership with Emanuel Baptist Church in Beltsy, Moldova. The partnership included providing labor and funds for the construction of the church, as well as conducting street evangelism, door-to-door evangelism, Bible schools, and Bible studies. Our teams worked with Pastor Vasilli Sanduleac and various church leaders in their outreach to several other communities.

Randy McManamay served as the facilitator for planning and organizing each team. On the initial



June 2000: Our 2nd Mission Team to Moldova

trip taken in July 1999, our church joined a team organized by Ron Duncan of East Pickens Baptist Church. Twenty three team members represented nine churches from South Carolina, Alabama, and Georgia. Pastor John Adams and Paul Fidler were



the College Street members who worked in Cricova on that trip. Kelly Conway and Ryan, Sharon, and Randy McManamay were on the team in Beltsy.

In June 2000, Randy McManamay led a team of fourteen to Beltsy represented by five churches from Oconee and Pickens counties. College Street members were Mike Bonham, Kelly Conway, Niki and Ricky Cook, Catherine Davis, Julian Davis II, Paul Fidler, Ryan McManamay, Betty Stephens, and Sarah Wilson. A third trip led by Randy McManamay was taken in June, 2001 consisting of eleven members from five churches. College Street members were Mike Bonham, Ricky Cook, Ryan McManamay, Sharon and Randy McManamay, Betty Stephens, and Sarah Wilson. A final trip was made in July, 2004 led by Ricky Cook. The six members from three churches included College Street members Niki and Ricky Cook, Betty Stephens, and Sarah Wilson.

A second international trip was taken in 2004, when Sharon and Randy McManamay joined missionaries in China traveling to Beijing, Xian, Xining, and the eastern part of the Tibetan plain. The purpose of the trip was to research and to prepare for future trips by other volunteer teams.

#### 2006-2010: Many Trips to Peru

After eighteen months of prayer for a new direction by a number of individuals, Randy McManamay organized a vision trip to Peru in February 2006, along with Bryon Compton, Sharon McManamay, and Betty Stephens. Missionaries Boots

Holder and Larry Jackson led the team to the province of Ambo. As a result, College Street adopted the Ambo-Pasco Quechua people group.

The church served as the strategic coordinator for evangelizing this people group. A strategic planning team was elected by the church to carry out the mission. Those who served as members of this team were Allan Addis, Mike Bonham, Ricky Cook, Randy McManamay (facilitator), Pastor Ken Reid (staff liaison), Betty Stephens, Kyle Stephens, Scott Wooten (prayer leader), and Julian Yelton.

Ten trips were made from February 2006, through September 2009, led by Allan Addis (August, 2007) and Randy McManamay (nine trips). Two additional trips were in planning stages at the time of this writing with a final trip planned for March of 2010. Teams were initially involved in forming relationships with indigenous church leaders and their local communities. Teams visited schools, making and giving student pictures, speaking in classrooms, and giving school supplies to students and teachers. Early teams also led local churches in conducting Bible School for children. In 2007 and 2008 leadership training conferences were conducted with a total of two hundred and forty five enrolled participants. Final years involved church planting in villages in the highlands. This involved encouraging the indigenous Christians, supplying materials for Bible study and evangelism, one-on-one evangelism, and conducting Bible studies and evangelistic services.



Randy McManamay, Gladys (their interpreter), and Betty Stephens work in a village in Peru.



At the time of this writing, eighty *Thompson Chain Reference* Bibles had been purchased as gifts to pastors of churches in the Ambo province. In addition, thousands of tracts, hundreds of New Testaments, and hundreds of Bible study lessons were distributed to seekers and New Christians. Various groups made dolls, baby blankets, and dresses for babies and young girls.

The following College Street members have participated in trips to Peru, with the number in parentheses representing the number of trips each took through September 2009: Allan Addis(4), Amanda Bannister(1), Jean Bonham (2), Mike Bonham(2), Mark Carroll (1), Rev. Bryon Compton(1), Ricky Cook(2), Niki Cook(2), Randy McManamay(9), Sharon McManamay(5), Pastor Ken Reid(2), Kyle Stephens(3), Betty Stephens(4), Stella Welsh(2), and Julian Yelton (3). In addition, five individuals from four area churches joined one or more of our teams including Beaverdam Director of Missions, Fred Astin(1).

#### Individuals Answer the Call

In addition to church sponsored trips, a number of individuals have responded to the call for foreign missions over the past decade. In 1999, Rev. Ray Conway joined the Singing Churchmen in a trip to Romania. In the same year Catherine Davis joined a team in Slovakia sponsored by Campus Crusade. In 2000, John Adams and David King responded to an invitation to teach apologetics in Romania.

Also in 2000, Catherine Davis left for a school in Budapest to

## Mission Ministries of College Street Baptist Church

### **CARE (Christians Actively Reaching Everyone)**

Outreach ministry of CSBC

### **Food Pantry**

Ministry seeking to meet the spiritual and physical needs of families in crisis in Oconee County

### **Apartment Outreach**

Off-campus Bible Study held on Sunday mornings and bus pickup for free play on Tuesday evenings in CSBC gym

### **Lakeview Nursing Home Ministry**

Ministers to the residents on a monthly basis

### **Home Partners**

Sharing the love of Christ by maintaining, repairing or upgrading the homes and property of members of our church and community that need assistance

### **Tyger River Prison Ministry**

A ministry to the inmates

### **Angel Tree**

Christmas ministry to children in Oconee County with an incarcerated parent

### **Prisoner Packets**

Providing gifts for prisoners in state penal institutions

### **Pass it on Ministry**

Used reading materials are distributed to the local law enforcement center

### **Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child**

Packing and sending shoe boxes with gifts to children in other countries

### **Peru Partnership**

Three to five-year partnership with IMB missionaries in Lima, Peru for the purpose of strengthening the work of indigenous pastors and churches in the mountainous regions of Ambo-Pasco, Peru

### **Havelock, NC Mission Project**

Partnership with Havelock Community Missionary Baptist Church involving adult and youth mission trips that includes Bible Schools, building/repair projects, and music presentations

### **Disaster Relief Team**

Members trained to provide relief during disasters throughout the United States through the SC Baptist Convention and the North American Mission Board

teach for two years. Rev. Conway again joined the Singing Churchmen along with Brad Price as they traveled to Taiwan in 2003. Laura Beth Thomas joined Focus on the Family in a trip to Ecuador that same year. Britnie Reid accepted an invitation to serve short term in India in 2006. In October 2007, Ricky, Niki, Austin, Coby, and Kelsey Cook began full time service in Lusaka, Zambia. They served as guest house managers until January 2009. Garry Freeman made two trips to Kenya in 2008 to teach entrepreneurship. In 2009, Laura Beth Thomas returned to Ecuador on a medical trip sponsored by Volunteers in Medical Missions.

# Pastors of College Street Baptist Church



Rev H. E. Davis



Rev Lewis W. Gibson



Rev Douglas N. Baker



Rev W. W. Willingham



Rev Ned W. Finley



Rev. R. R. Lewis



Rev. Charles F. Cobb



Rev. George E. Tichenor



Rev Hal Freeman



Rev. John M. Adams



Rev Kenneth R. Reid

# A Chronological List of Pastors

1909-1911	L. M. Lyda	1934-1938	R. W. McKinney
1912	W. J. Abbott	1939-1940	J. W. Sinclair
1913	Z. L. Henderson	1940-1948	H. E. Davis
1914	W. O. Hammett	1948-1952	L. W. Gibson
1915	L. D. Mitchell	1952-1955	D. N. Baker
1916	C. D. Walker	1955	W. W. Willingham
1917	A. P. Merritt	1955-1957	J. W. Ross
1918	L. M. Lyda	1957-1966	N. W. Finley
1919	E. G. Ross	1966-1967	R. R. Lewis
1919	J. D. Croft	1968-1972	Charles F. Cobb
1920-1922	W. F. Sinclair	1972-1989	George E. Tichenor
1923	J. A. Brock	1990-1992	C. Hal Freeman
1924-1925	R. C. Sullivan	1993-2001	John M. Adams
1926-1928	J. E. Ashmore	2003-Present	Kenneth R. Reid
1929-1933	P. F. Capell		

For Pastor Leadership... I Thessalonians 5:12-13 NIV

**Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.**

## Roster of Members Having Memberships of 50 or More Years

Name	Year Joined	Margaret Jamison	1956	Marcus Sanders	1946
Dot Adams	1945	Clarene LeCroy	1950	Joan (Addis) Shroyer	1957
Larry Addis	1957	Dennis Mason	1954	Bruce E. Smith	1949
Rose Addis	1957	Leon Mason	1957	Betty Stephens	1952
Ann Anderson	1955	Clyde McCall	1954	Wilburn Stephens	1958
Mary Braddock	1944	Peggy McCall	1956	Jeanette Stroud	1953
Jolene Corbett	1954	Gail Medlin	1948	Harold Thomas	1946
Janice Deal	1957	Betty Jo Moore	1947	Charles Thompson	1952
Joan Galloway	1957	Morris Owens	1947	Troy Thompson	1959
Janice Hall	1954	Leland Pettit	1949	Gladys Thrift	1956
J. B. Harper	1954	Ella Mae Reeves	1935	Dalton Vaughn	1958
Charlotte Hyde	1934	Winfred Reeves	1954	Kathleen Williams	1953
Ruby Isbell	1950	Mildred Roach	1959	Troy Williams	1953
		James B. Sanders, III	1954	Clayton Wilson	1946

# Centennial Order of Service

<b>CSBC CENTENNIAL SERVICE</b>		
Sunday, November 8, 2009 10:00 AM		
Praise and Worship	"O Worship the King" "Upon This Rock"	arr. Rouse/Kingsmore P. Choplin
CSBC PraiseTeam, West Elliott, soloist		
Instrumental Praise	"Shout to the Lord"	arr. Kingsmore
CSBC Orchestra		
Welcome and Guest Recognition	Rev. Ken Reid, Pastor	
A Fellowship Song	"This Joy That I Have"	No. 443
Vocal Praise	"Amazing Grace"	arr. Young
Duet: Paul Tichenor, Ray Conway		
Special Recognition – 50 Year Members		
Choral Praise	"How Great Thou Art"	arr. Rouse/Kirkland
CSBC Adult Choir and Orchestra		
Special Recognition – Former CSBC Church Staff		
Licensing to the Gospel Ministry – Matt Freeman		
A Worship Song	"Worthy of Worship"	No. 3
Offertory Prayer		
The Offertory	"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"	arr. Winkler
CSBC Orchestra, Gena Sykes, solo flute		
Special Recognition – Former CSBC Pastors		
Choral Praise	"Headin' Home Medley"	arr. Hamby
CSBC Adult Choir, Lanny Wilkie, soloist		
Message	Rev. George E. Tichenor	
Song of Commitment		
Benediction	Rev. Ken Reid	
Postlude	Betty Stephens, organist	

## The Centennial Committee

Greg Tichenor - Chairperson

### *Budget*

Bob Baltzer - Chairperson

Julian Yelton

### *Commemoratives*

Mike and Susan Thrift – Chairpersons

### *Contacts and Events*

Betty Stephens - Chairperson

Tracy Haney

### *Meals*

Ann Yelton - Chairperson

Peggy McCall

Betty Stephens

### *Promotions*

Gail Medlin-Chairperson

### *History*

Clyde and Peggy McCall - Chairpersons

Jeanette Stroud

Ruby Isbell

Rilla Stancil

Gail Medlin

Gladys Thrift

Lynn Dean

Ella Mae Reeves

Jean Bonham

### *Publishing*

Susan Thrift - Chairperson

Mike Bonham

Jean Bonham

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# Church Covenant and Beliefs

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## Church Covenant

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

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

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

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

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

## WE BELIEVE

1. We believe that the Holy Bible, written by men divinely inspired, and full of unmingled truth, is a perfect rule of faith and practice.
2. We believe in one God — Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. We believe that man, once holy, fell by voluntary transgression from that happy state, and is now utterly void of holiness.
4. We believe that men are justified by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
5. We believe that sanctification, begun in regeneration, and ever progressive, is the process by which we are made to partake of God's holiness.
6. We believe in the perseverance of the saints; that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.
7. We believe that God's law is the only, the eternal and unchangeable, rule of His church and moral government.
8. We believe in the future resurrection of the dead.
9. We believe that a church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, united in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinances and obeying the laws of Christ; and that its officers are pastors and deacons.
10. We believe that only such as have been properly acquainted with Christ, being born again, should partake of the Lord's Supper.
11. We believe in the final judgment; and that, in that day, the righteous and wicked will be separated forever.
12. We believe that the righteous will be made happy forever in heaven, and the wicked miserable forever in hell.

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## THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

The greatest story ever told is the story of the love of God for man. The climax of this story is seen when God sent Jesus, His only Son, into the world to live among men. His ultimate aim was to die. His sacrificial death provides the way for all mankind to return to fellowship with God. The way of salvation is very clear.

1. ALL PEOPLE HAVE SINNED.  
Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."
2. THE END OF SIN IS DEATH.  
Romans 6:23 "The wages of sin is death..."
3. JESUS' DEATH FREES US FROM DEATH.  
John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life."
4. WHAT A PERSON MUST DO TO BE SAVED.  
Romans 10:9 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."
5. THE IS NOW AT HAND.  
II Cor. 6:2 "Behold now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation."  
Prov. 27:1 "Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."

The life that God has given to you is the most important thing that you possess. What will you gain if you gain all the material things the world has to offer, and then lose your life. Mark 8:36-37 ?

If the pastor of College Street could be of assistance in helping you know Christ — please feel free to call on him. The number is 638-3021.

## IDEALS FOR CHRISTIANS

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The Christian life is an adventure. The more one puts into it the more he will receive in return. The opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship are present at College Street if you will take advantage of them. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Love the Church — Christ loved the church and gave himself for it. (Eph. 5:25)
2. Worship the Lord — (Matt. 6:9; Ps. 90:9) Avail yourself of the opportunities to worship with other Christians. However, you must have private times of worship as well.
3. Study the Word — (II Tim. 2:15) It is not enough to just read the Bible. We must interpret and apply it to life.
4. Serve the Lord — (Luke 22:21) We must work the works of Him that sent us while we have opportunity. If you do not work for Christ your influence will be lost. Find your task and do it gladly.
5. Keep His Commandments — Obedience is taught throughout the Bible. Note John 14:21. Obedience means to go God's way and do God's will.
6. Give your money — God loves a cheerful giver. Note II Cor. 9:7. The right use of money is a test of character. A stingy person cannot succeed in the Kingdom of God.
7. Live for Others — Love one another (John 15:17) A self-centered person cannot be happy as a Christian. The world is waiting for the person who is willing to spend himself for others.
8. Be Cheerful — After all, "you have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Note I Cor. 16:13.
9. Face Forward — Note Philippians 3:14. "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men" Colossians 3:23

# Memories of College Street Baptist Church

*Submitted by Ginny and Bob Baltzer...*

We have been members for just over 30 years and feel very close to our church family here. The memory we want to share was back in July of 1991. Bob had outpatient surgery at Oconee Hospital, and it turned out to be a very rare form of cancer. After several weeks of doctors consulting with many other doctors and major medical centers, it was decided that he needed radiation treatments. He was sent to Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston to take the outpatient treatments he needed. We thought we would be gone around six weeks. As it turned out he also had to have more surgery while he was there. (He was in the hospital for almost two weeks.) Because of the surgery we ended up being there for 2 ½ months instead. While we were gone we had so much support from our church family. There were many prayers, cards, notes, phone calls, and even money from our church family. We will never forget how much it meant to us.

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*Submitted by the Beddingfield family...*

My favorite memory at College Street Baptist Church was the entire summer of 2008. We spent so much time together that summer. I remember doing *Friends Forever* and that musical meant a lot to me because I was really close to that particular senior class. We also went to Morehead City two weeks later, and the entire experience was eye-opening and life-changing. I believe out of all three times I have been to Morehead City, that the summer of 2008 was the best time especially when we went to Havelock for the Sunday service and got to see the finished sanctuary. I remember when it looked like a concrete slab; even some of the kids that were at the Bible School we did that very first summer there remembered me! Summersalt last year was really great too, and we really got to bond with each other since the entire theme was about learning how to work together and come together as a group. My favorite part of that summer definitely was going to Garden City. I got to learn a lot and spend time with all the girls there and ended up running into someone very special. :-)

*...Submitted by Lauren Beddingfield*

Some of my favorite times at College Street Baptist Church were the Mission Teas throughout the years.

They were really fun because I got to dress up and invite my friends for a fun time in a formal setting, something we're not used to doing very much. The tea and food are delicious every year, and getting to decorate my own table is always fun. I love looking other people's tables; they are always fun and creative! Getting to spend time with all my church friends at the tea is something I look forward to every year.

*...Submitted by Katherine Beddingfield*

College Street holds memories for me in so many ways. As an individual, I too find the Mission Teas among my favorite memories. My fellow committee members are a continual source of blessing, inspiration, and friendship. As a wife, I am grateful for a place that Keith can share his gift for music. As a mother, watching my children grow up in this church, accept Jesus as their Savior, and actively participate in their youth group has been an amazing experience. Finally, as a Christian, College Street has been a place where I have learned more than I ever knew about God and His plan for my life.

*...Submitted by Lisa Beddingfield*

I consider the many opportunities I have had to go on mission trips with our church to be among my favorite memories. The trip to West Virginia with members of my Sunday School class particularly stands out in my mind. I had the chance to go door-to-door inviting people to come to revival. As these people shared their struggles, I felt that I was the one receiving the blessing from our time together. I am thankful that College Street is a mission-minded church.

*...Submitted by Keith Beddingfield*

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*Submitted by Jean Bonham*

I have many memories of College Street Baptist Church, but some of these really stand out in my mind. I'll always remember being invited by Randy and Sharon McManamay to attend a passion play in the early 1980's. Our family attended and felt a warm welcome, enough that we began attending fairly regularly.

A special memory I have comes as a result of a pastoral visit by Rev. George Tichenor. It was a nice, warm, summer day shortly after our family began attending College Street. Our children Krissy and Brad became bored that day and decided to set up a Kool-Aid stand in

the front yard. At that time, there wasn't a lot of traffic, so business was slow (how about non-existent?). After numerous trips into the house for ice and cups (by this time the two young entrepreneurs were slowly drinking up their profits), the long awaited first customer arrived – Rev. George Tichenor.

As he sipped on his five cent cup of Kool-Aid I imagine that he probably mentally noted that this Kool-Aid stand did not have a grade A rating. I'm not even sure what topics we discussed that day. What I am sure of is the fact that he helped plant the fact that there's always hope in the minds of two young children and reminded their parents of that, too. He was one of many who have encouraged us along the way and helped us to feel at home at College Street.

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*Submitted by Jeanette Burrell...*

Our family moved from the Tamassee area to Walhalla in 1952, and we were looking for a church that we would feel as much a part of as we had the little country church, Cheohee Baptist, where my dad had been a member since 1923. My parents Floyd and Margie Nichols, along with my 11 year old sister Jo Ellen, had visited several churches in the area before visiting this church known as the Second Baptist Church of Walhalla located on Lucas Street. On this Sunday morning when they returned home they were so excited – my dad said that is where we are going to church. We were greeted at the door by a young Clayton Wilson who made us feel so **welcome. He said, "We have a daughter that is the same age as your daughter – I'll take her to her class." My dad loved the church motto the little church that cares.** My mom said I was so happy to see my childhood friend Julia Jackson Morris. They became close friends again and were in the same Sunday School class, the Nora Leister, for many years. The Rev. Doug Baker was the pastor and was very impressive with his Canadian accent and good looks. However, he left after three years. I wondered **"what will we ever do without him?"**

My dad became very involved in church, serving on many committees. He was a deacon, Sunday School superintendent and was known to sometimes lead the singing. He attended Sunday School 27 years without missing a Sunday and had the reputation of being the first person to arrive at the church on Sunday morning. He would be waiting for someone to unlock the door. My mom was active in her Sunday School class and was a teacher of the 2, 3, and 4 year old children. My two little boys would run across our back yard to Sunday School and that is when I decided to become more involved. I

have been honored to serve as a Sunday School teacher or assistant in different classes for many years.

In 1957 the Rev. N. W. Finley became our pastor and moved into our new pastorium. He led us during the building of the new church that became known as College Street Baptist Church that we were all so proud of. I recall Verner walking our niece Jaunita Burrell Johns down the aisle at the first wedding performed in our beautiful new church building on July 23, 1965. The Rev. Finley also baptized my sons Robert and Richard. When **he left I thought "how will we ever replace him?"**

Then came Rev. Charles Cobb and the church began to grow with 37 baptisms. In just a few months – that same year – our church building burned, and Charles led us through this difficult time of loss and rebuilding of **our church. When he left, again, I thought "how will we ever replace him?"**

The Rev. George Tichenor then became our pastor for 17 years. During this time the Family Life Center was built. We purchased our first bus, hired our first associate pastor, and our music director, Ray Conway. When he left I thought what now – **"how will we ever replace him?"**

Then came Rev. Dr. John Adams, so dynamic. He reminded me of a young Billy Graham with his Sunday morning greeting, **"This is the day that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it." Things seemed to be going well, and I was surprised to learn he was leaving after seven years. Again I thought "how will we ever replace him?"**

I know now God was in all the changes and sends just who we need to take care of us and conditioned us for the arrival of the Rev. Ken Reid who is leading us through this centennial celebration. He is especially kind and has become known as that smiling friendly bus driver to all the Golden Fellowship group. During this time he has become grandfather to three little granddaughters and a friend to all our children. He will leave his legacy like all the others before him as we start on our next 100 years. Yes, I like to wander back – memories forever locked in my heart of College Street Baptist Church.

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*Submitted by Sara Cobb's daughter, Linda...*

Sara Cobb was born in October, 1915. She remembers her grandmother bringing her to Second Baptist Church when she was a little girl. This was about 1922. Her baptism was in a small pond by Chicopee Mill. She now lives in the Seneca area and is cared for by her daughter Linda.

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*Submitted by Dianne Lee England...*

Some Special Ladies of College Street Baptist Church

My special memories of College Street Baptist begin with Second Baptist Church down on Lucas Street when I was a child. I accepted Christ as my Savior there on a Sunday evening in 1961 at the age of ten. Rev. N. W. Finley was the pastor at the time and he later baptized me. His daughter, Deborah, was one of my friends and I spent many Sunday afternoons at the parsonage playing with her.

Besides my parents, Bill and Lucy Lee, some very special ladies in our church were instrumental in teaching me about Jesus and modeling what Christian service is all about. Mrs. Pauline Elliott and Mrs. W. D. Bentley first taught me in the Beginners Class and then Mrs. Lois Orr, Mrs. Inez Stephens, Mrs. Gail Medlin and Mrs. Peggy McCall taught me in various programs from Sunday School to Vacation Bible School to G.A.'s.

Inez, Gail and Peggy were young wives at that time and often opened their homes to entertain us young girls who were in the classes they taught. For me they were the epitome of ladies, wearing their hats and gloves each Sunday to church. I wanted to grow up to be just like them. Their love of the Lord, the smiles and laughter, and the love they had for us drew me to the Savior and to the church. For me, those ladies are my special memory of College Street Church. They represent Christ and the church. They still do for me today - those who are with us and those that I look forward to seeing again one day in Heaven.

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Charlotte has the greatest number of consecutive years of membership

*Interview with Charlotte Hyde (member with the greatest number of consecutive years of membership)...*

Charlotte Hyde has been a member of College Street Baptist Church since August 1934. Rev. R. W. McKinney was the pastor at that time. She knows so much of our church history and has seen many changes over the years. She remembers that one of our first communion sets was homemade. It was made at the mill. For many years she taught Sun-

day School and was the church clerk for twenty-eight years. There were many inspirational worship services, and she has been blessed with lifelong friends.

Some of the pastors who made an impression on her are Rev. Davis for his humorous sermon titles, Rev. Baker who changed the Sunday School structure, Rev. Gibson's and Rev. Finley's church-building program, Rev. Cobb as a good organizer, Rev. Lewis and Rev. Tichenor for their compassion.

Being a wedding coordinator was enjoyable for Charlotte. Two of the first weddings she directed in our church were the weddings of Jean Wilson and Marie Overman.

The funerals of her parents are her saddest church memories. There were also funny moments such as the comical hats with huge flowers on them that some **women wore. Charlotte is 95 years "young" and hopes to live to be a hundred!**

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*Submitted by Ruby (Rochester) Isbell...*

As a child my parents took me to church. The church at that time was on Lucas Street. Many wonderful people taught me about Jesus, and it was there during Vacation Bible School that I knew I wanted to accept Jesus into my heart. Along the way I learned more about being a Christian by attending Sunbeams, Girls in Action, Young Women's Auxiliary and many wonderful teachers and pastors showed Jesus' love. The teachers taught us so much about the people of the Bible. As a young girl, I was asked to teach a primary girl's class. Joining the choir also became an area where I felt I could serve. Through the years many outstanding Christians have guided and led me in my walk with Jesus. The memories are just too **many to write down. The "family of College Street Baptist"** -- the people are truly compassionate and loving and enjoy worshiping God -- who prayerfully seek to bring in the lost and teach them about God.

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*Submitted by Clyde McCall...*

I have many great memories of the years that I have worshiped at Second Baptist Church – College Street Baptist Church. One of the most memorable occurred in July 1954. During our revival, I accepted Christ and my dad, who was about 72 years old, also came to know Christ. He had difficulty walking due to a previous stroke. When we were baptized, we had to carry him into the baptismal pool in a straight chair so the he and I



could be baptized together.

Peggy and I began our married life and raised our sons in our church. I have had the privilege of serving as a deacon since I was 20 years old. As I look back over the years, I can see how God has led us each step of the way. He has opened doors to provide a way for us to be where we are today. I look forward to the blessings He has in store for the future.

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*Submitted by Randy and Sharon McManamay*

- Knowing that we were looking for a church, Gail Medlin invited us to church when Sharon would pass through the library at Walhalla High School.
- **Attending the couple's class taught by James Medlin and Bruce Smith.** We met our first church friends there.
- Our first deacon/pastor visit in our home in Tamasee. Clayton Wilson and George Tichenor arrived just after a supper of fried fish. The house smelled like fish and every kitchen cabinet door **was open. Shayne's toys were scattered all over the living room floor.**
- **Thinking that "Gordon and Betty" as it was recorded in the bulletin when they would sing together was a married couple.**
- **Sharon's first place of service was helping to teach three year olds with Pauline Elliott.**
- When Randy stopped by the church on Labor Day to see why all the cars were in the parking lot he found himself in the middle of a "work day" that resulted in him placing most of the large stones on the wall outside the gym. He weighed 240 lbs. back in those days.
- Riding the church bus to see the Braves play.
- John Adams as Buddy Holly. Lanny Wilkie as Elvis. Terry England buck dancing. Paul Tichenor as Kenny Rogers and Julianna England as Dolly Partin.
- **Randy's first official act of service as a deacon** was to help serve communion. He came to church that night without coat or tie. When the deacons rose to serve, Randy stood up and faced the congregation. All of the other deacons rose and faced Rev. Tichenor to receive the trays of bread.
- Randy being chosen to play on College Street softball Team B coached by George Tichenor. Expectations were lowered when in his ten commandments for the team he threatened that anyone who fraternized with the other team would

**have "to kiss Boomer in the mouth."**

- Inez Stephens and Gail Medlin dressed as cheerleaders and John Kelley in a football uniform trying to convince the church to buy a new bus. The church raised over \$50,000.
- At Dauphin Island, Alabama watching Charlie **Thompson clean shaving cream out of Ryan's ears** while admonishing him with scripture.
- Thirty minutes of anxiety in Amarillo, Texas while taking cactus needles out of Julian Davis **II's and Stephanie Burkett's legs, removing the door to free Holly Thompson from the bathroom, and treating Jennifer Skinner's bloody nose. And you ask, "Where was Ray?" In the middle of an intense card game with the Morgan boys.**
- Dennis Parker in a choir robe lip-syncing to **Pavarotti at Boomer's 40th birthday party.**
- Dickie Moody playing match box cars with Ryan on our basement floor at a family fellowship meal.

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*Submitted by William H. (Bill) Lee...*

In 1951, Rev. Lewis Gibson, pastor of Second Baptist Church along with one of the deacons, came to visit me and my family. I recall it was a rainy night and we lived on Bear Swamp Road out of Walhalla. Lucy and I lived there with three of our children, Billy, Bobby and Dianne (England). Dianne was just a baby, and the boys were ages two and three. Rev. Gibson witnessed to me that night, and I accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior. Lucy was already a Christian. We joined Second Baptist Church, and Rev. Gibson baptized me.

The next year in 1952, I was elected a deacon. I served in almost every capacity in the church, except President of the WMU. I taught Sunday School, served as Sunday School and Training Union Director, taught the teenagers in Training Union, served as a deacon and was called out of the church into the ministry as a bi-vocational minister in 1968. I left College Street at that time to begin my ministry at Damascus Baptist Church in Long Creek. After serving in several of the small mountain churches, Lucy and I returned to College Street for a period of time before moving to Westminster in retirement.

My most challenging job besides being a pastor was teaching the young people in training union at Second Baptist. They were a lively group to handle at times, but God worked through it. One of the young men, Ralph Garrett, was later saved and as a result, apologized to me for his misbehavior in class.

One of my most memorable and rewarding experi-

ences in 1964 was serving on the Board of Deacons when we voted to build a new church and to relocate from Lucas Street to College Street. That was a controversial decision. Many members felt that the church needed to remain on the “mill village”, but we had the vision that to grow and reach people for Christ we needed to change locations and move a few blocks.

The deacons divided into teams to go out and sell bonds to raise the \$100,000 which seemed to us like a tremendous amount of money at that time. I worked with Joe Rogers. God blessed our efforts. We had several property options, but God led us to the College Street location. God revealed how he works even in difficult times. When the new church building burned in 1968, He had led us to take out enough insurance to rebuild. God is good.

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*Submitted by Joyce S. Owens...*

All but 8 of my 61 years on this earth, I have been a part of College Street Baptist Church (Second Baptist). I have so many memories of being in GA's and having Gail Medlin as my leader. How could you not love the Lord when you have someone like her to show you the love of Christ at church and with my mom showing Christ's love at home? Then there was YWA's, going to Camp Rawls, and seeing my daughter baptized. Watching the church burn that terrible morning with my mom and dad was a very sad time, but God was there with us. George and Delores Tichenor were always there for me whatever was going on in my life, and their words and prayers on my behalf will always mean the world to me. Today, I still see God working at College Street through our pastor Ken Reid and Ray Conway. What a blessing to have these men, their families, and other staff members to lead us into the next 100 years.

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*Submitted by Ella M. Reeves...*

Dear Staff and Members of College Street Baptist Church,

It would take volumes to record what has taken place in my life since attending this church. It all began when I was about 6 years old (1928). I was enrolled in what was then called the Beginners Class. I then advanced to Primary, Junior, Intermediate, and Adult classes.

Through the prayers and leadership of pastors and Sunday School teachers, I was led to trust Jesus as my Saviour in the summer of 1935 during a revival meeting.

I was baptized in what was called the Humidity Pool at Monaghan Mill, now Chicopee Mill. The water was circulating, therefore it was running water.

As I grew as a Christian, my church afforded me opportunities to serve. I have vivid memories of being called and led to teaching in the Sunday School, also being a part of mission organizations, and leading in the music ministry.

It has been such a rewarding life and a time I will never forget. I am now a member of the Lydia class, and **as I have said, “I'm on my way out and up. I give all praise to my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who has been and still is my Source and Confidant !!!**

With all my heart,  
Ella M. Reeves

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*Submitted by Jim Sanders, III...*

A Tribute to My Grandpa

Prologue: I am writing this story because it was from several requests: Ella Mae Reeves, Clyde and Peggy McCall, and Charlie Leopard, among others, asked that my Grandpa James Benjamin Sanders, Sr. be remembered and honored for the 100th birthday of the church in November 2009. So I write this in his memory. He was a member of the church for 76 years. He broke the ground with the shovel in hand and scooped up the soil as Preacher N.W. Finley and L.C. Wilson, chairman of the Board of Deacons and others witnessed the ceremonial reading from the Holy Bible Monday November 23rd 1964 for the church's new location later known as College Street Baptist Church.

The greatest man I ever knew was just an ordinary law abiding citizen who loved Jesus Christ. He was my grandfather, for whom I was named. People also know me as “Benny” but that name was given to me because of three James Benjamin Sanders', and my son goes by the same name as the 4th. My mother told me that when I was born that Ben Clark, the preacher at the Lutheran Church said, “Well you got three by the same name; what are you going to call him since you have Ole man Jim, J.B. and now another?” My mother told me she had said, “We do not know what we are going to call him.” Ben Clark said, “Well, name him after me and call him Benny.” So that nickname stuck. I was given that name by Preacher Ben Clark.

Grandpa was the most solid Christian I ever knew. His faith was relentless, and he was a transparent, stalwart man of God. The depth of his knowledge in the deepest dimension was from one book -- the Holy Bible.

He read it from cover to cover over the years many, many times. I was lucky that he moved two doors down from us on Gerber Street, and I spent countless hours with him just talking on the worn saddle-cradled stump he used to cut stove wood. Yes, we went hunting and fishing. I lost his favorite rod and reel at State Park, broke his ax handle, but my favorite memory of him is going to his front porch, looking through the home-made curtain, and he was on his knees praying while Grandma sat on the red satin couch in the living room since she was crippled and could not pray on her knees like he did.

His hands were always touching her old worn crippled knees as they prayed. He was a mentor to other deacons in the church, well respected in the community and **always wore his "Jesus Saves" pin on his coat when he went to church three times a week.** Grandpa was a humble man of God with a rich belief that was well grounded and deep rooted in Jesus Christ. He was a prayer warrior. His father was a mule-riding circuit preacher for whom my brother Milton is named. Grandpa stood out for his noble qualities and was admired by the church members as a special person. I think God protected my Grandpa from Satan just because of his faith --because he never seemed to be distracted or have to fight off worldly distractions and was always focused on the Lord as part of his daily life.

There is no doubt in my mind he is in Heaven. Grandma, I loved you too. You were married to him for 67 years. Forgive me if I focused on just Grandpa, but I guess it's a man thing when I just concentrate on him. I loved you both and thank God you were an integral part of my life and meant so much to others in the surrounding neighborhood and the church. God bless you both.

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*Submitted by Bruce Smith...*

Talmadge W. (2/29/08) and Bessie F. Smith (4/7/11)

The four children are Wallace (4/16/36), Bruce (7/23/39), Linda (7/8/41), and Jack (8/22/45). Most of their lives were lived on the Kenneth Mill property, mostly at 318 Kenneth St. They were members at Southside Baptist Church until approximately 1947 or 1948 when they moved their letters to Second Baptist Church. Talmadge died 10/13/00 after Bessie deceased 12/18/1999. Wallace has two children, Bruce four children (one deceased), Linda three children, and Jack one child.

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*Submitted by Wilburn Stephens...*

Inez Stephens

She was a dedicated worker for the church and a dedicated Christian who served Christ faithfully. She served as the church secretary for 35 years, from 1961 through 1996. She started as church secretary for the Second Baptist Church on Lucas Street in 1961. In 1965 the church moved to the new church building at the present location and was renamed College Street Baptist Church. In 1968 the church building burned. Many church records were damaged or lost in the fire, and she worked diligently trying to recreate those records. The church offices were moved to a temporary location in a house near Chicopee mills. The church held services in a temporary location at Pine Street Elementary School until the current building was completed and dedicated in 1970. Over the 35 years she served as secretary, College Street Baptist Church had seven full time pastors and numerous interim pastors.

In addition to her secretarial duties, Inez served the church in many ways. She served as a Sunday School teacher, Training Union teacher, Sunbeams leader, Mission Friends leader, GA's leader, Acteens leader, Vacation Bible School teacher, and WMU leader. She helped establish the Crisis Closet and the Food Bank, which helped provide clothing, household items and food for those in need in the local community.

Inez was a loving wife to Wilburn Stephens and mother to daughters Kay and Gwen. She was grandmother of three: Shannon, Alex, and Nikki. Upon her retirement in 1996, Inez traveled the country with her husband Wilburn and spent much of her time visiting with her family. She continued to serve College Street Baptist Church until she was stricken with pancreatic cancer in 2002. She lost her battle with cancer February 23, 2005 and went to be with our Lord.

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*Submitted by Jeanette Sanders Stroud...*

What Church Has Meant to Me

As a preacher's daughter, church was always a way of life for my family. Sure, you can worship God without going to church, but there is something different about worshipping God that is special when you have the fellowship and help from others as we had at the Second Baptist Church and still have at College Street Baptist now. **Jesus said, "where two or more are gathered in My**

**name, I will be in the midst of them.” I’ve always believed that, and that church is a blessing that keeps on blessing. Being in church gives me a feeling of renewal of spirit, mind, and body every time, even those times I come when I’m not feeling quite up to par or when there are things weighing heavy on my mind. I think the pastor is like a shepherd who leads us in church, and we have had some wonderful, Godly pastors who cared so much for the people. They were good examples for us as a congregation to follow.**

The congregations of Second Baptist Church looked different than today. Men almost always wore suits and women wore hats and NEVER wore pants. No one would have ever thought then that you could worship God and wear pants to church too! You could hear the banging on the old pianos in the basement of the church **as the children rang out “Jesus Loves Me”.** If you were there during the week, you could see the secretary running off the bulletins on an old mimeograph machine sometimes with ink running out onto the desk. The choir was almost always full, though it was hot in the summer-time and sometimes cold in the winter. Church ice cream socials were special with real hand-churned ice cream as kids played in the grass out back.

College Street Church is special to me today because the people are special. Some of them I’ve known almost all my adult life, and they have been good friends. Rev. Ken Reid is our minister now. When he came to our church, he took the Senior Adults as a mission. He is so kind and patient with us, and I enjoy his sermons because he preaches God’s word. I love the choir songs we sing. I have such fun helping with the newsletters and working on the prayer chain which offers a solace to those needing prayer at grave times.

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*Submitted by Leigh Ann (Thrift) Thomas*

I am fortunate to have been a part of this church since I was born. My family tells me that my first trip to church at College Street came when I was just 2 weeks old. I have been so blessed to be part of a loving, Christian, and church-supporting family all of my life. Both my parents, as well as both sets of my grandparents have attended College Street throughout the years. They, along with the family of College Street, have helped me to form a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and have supported me in all of the endeavors of my life.

**My memories of College Street begin early on...** Vacation Bible School with Mrs. Peggy McCall stands out in my mind. For crafts that year, we made small bean bags with hearts on them. Ms. Peggy had sewn the pieces of cloth for the bags by hand and she let us fill them up

with the beans. The heart was to remind us to give our hearts to Jesus, I believe. That was back when Bible School was in the morning, and for snack, they served 2 cookies and Kool Aid. We ate out under the awning at the back of the church. Boy, have things changed! I also remember being around 3 years old and my grandmother, Gladys Thrift, was my Sunday School teacher. She sure had her hands full! There were so many of us in the class! There was a large group of children that were around my age at that time, and we traveled through **Sunday School, Preschool & Children’s Choirs, Vacation Bible School, Discipleship Training, and Youth Choir** together. It was during those years that most of us came to know Jesus Christ as our Savior, and several of us were **actually baptized together. That’s one thing about College Street:** the church supports its children and youth, and makes sure that they are educated in the ways and work of the Lord.

As I have grown up and started my own life, I am proud to still call College Street Baptist my church. I am thankful for the opportunities that I have had to work with children and youth, at VBS, as a Sunday School teacher, on mission trips, and with the music programs. I can only hope that I will have a small influence in **someone’s life the way many of our members made their mark** on mine throughout the years. Many of those that I grew up with at College Street have since moved away and started lives somewhere else, but I thank God that I have been able to stay here and see how He continues to bless our church. It is an honor to be celebrating the 100th anniversary of College Street, and I cannot wait to see what else God has in store for us!!

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*Submitted by Barbara T. Cantrell...*

Charles K. and Mary E. Thompson

December 1952: Rev. Baker, Pastor, Charles K., Mary E., Barbara, and Charles L. joined Second Baptist Church by letter from Rocky Knoll.

1957: Derrill E. joined by baptism.

1958 or 1959: Troy L. joined by baptism.

**1996: Mrs. Charles L. (Susan Rebecca “Becky”) Thompson and son Zane (Charles Zane) joined College Street by baptism**

My early memories were of Daddy spending Sunday afternoons visiting shut-ins and prospects, and of Mama making chili for youth hot dog suppers, peanut butter and raisin sandwiches for church picnics, and making ice cream for summer Sunday night socials.

They were faithful in attendance as long as their

health permitted. Daddy never missed Sunday School for so many years we lost count. However, Roy D. Harden once told him "If you get those perfect attendance pins all the way to your knees, it won't make you a better person."

Daddy served as: Sunday School and BTU teacher, Deacon for over 50 years, RA leader, Camp Buc Counselor and Kitchen Help, and Youth Summer Missions Counselor

Mama served as: Sunday School and BTU teacher, Deacon's Helpmate, Volunteer in church office, Brown Bag membership, VBS teacher, and Youth Summer Missions Counselor

Mama and Daddy also had a ministry to many young couples who moved into the area and had no local family. They loved them as their own.

Daddy's verse he quoted most often, so it must be his favorite scripture, is Philippians 3:14 -- "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Translation by CKT - "Keep on keeping on!" He still does this by spending his first hours each day in Bible study.

Mother lived her testimony in ministering with love to others. She was Daddy's helpmate in all ways. He is quick to state that she helped make him the man he is. I Corinthians 13:13 -- "And now these three things remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love."

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*Submitted by Greg Tichenor...*

I have been trying to think of that one thing that stands out in my mind about CSBC, but I just can't narrow it down. In the 37 years that I have been a member, God has just done too many wonderful things to try to choose one.

I just want to say thanks to CSBC for allowing me to serve as Chairman of the centennial planning committee. Working on the centennial celebration this past year has certainly been one of the highlights of my time at CSBC. It has not really been work, but a labor of love. I think I can speak for the rest of the centennial committee in saying that we have thoroughly enjoyed getting to lead in this celebration. Also, I want to say thanks to the other persons that have worked with the centennial committee. I dare not try to list all the names for fear that I may miss someone. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Also, I want to say thanks to CSBC for being a church that will allow the children of a former pastor to stay after the pastor leaves. In case you do not know it, most churches do not encourage those children to stay. Paul and I thank you for not being most churches, but for being College Street Baptist Church. Thank you for 37 and counting wonderful years.

*With Much Gratitude, Greg Tichenor*

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*Submitted by Buddy Byars*

### **His bus driver "end of the line" poem**

*Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls  
It's time to wake up and comb your curls!  
Powder your nose and straighten your hose  
For this is as far as this bus goes!!!*

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*Submitted by Wanda McCoy Wald...*

One of my favorite memories of our church is Bible School at Second Baptist Church on Lucas Street.

During one summer week, all of the kids on Chicopee Mill Hill went to three Bible Schools in one week; at our church at 10, the Church of God at 4, and the Wesleyan Church at 7. During that week, Peggy McCall, Inez Stephens, and Gail Medlin were our teachers. For our craft project that week, we all had to bring an empty coffee can. We painted it and then painted flowers on it. After that we were to add potting soil and a plant and take it home to our mothers for Mother's Day. Well, I was so eager to finish mine that I added the soil BEFORE it was dry. Needless to say, the soil stuck to the sides of the can and ruined it. Forever since, every time I get IMPATIENT, I can see in my mind that can with the dirt sticking to the paint on the sides. I do not know if that was the main lesson that Peggy, Gail, and Inez planned for me to learn that week, but PATIENCE was what I learned. Peggy, Gail, and Inez were probably newlyweds about that time or at the very least, just beginning their marriage and families, and I will always remember their willingness to serve and their patience with a bunch of adolescent girls.

*Submitted by daughter Ann Wilson Anderson,  
August 14, 2009...*

The Clayton Wilson Family's Memories of Second Baptist Church, now College Street Baptist Church

In 1945 Clayton and Mattie Wilson and their children Jean, L. C., Jr. And Billy were living on Verner Street in one of the Chicopee Mill homes in Walhalla when they began attending Second Baptist Church. Herman Davis was the pastor at that time. That same year, Martha Elizabeth (Betty) was born. Daddy and Mother joined Second Baptist Church and became very active members.

In 1948 Dad and Mom bought several acres out in the country where they built our home and still reside. (Mom went home to be with Jesus April 29 of this year, and Dad is at Lila Doyle as of this writing).

Over the years, Daddy served as Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, Deacon, and Song leader. Mother taught Sunday School, and both sang in the choir.

The Wilson family continued to grow with (me) Lela Ann (the last to be born at home) in 1949, Mary Louise in 1953, and Harold Dean (#7) born in 1959. Needless to say, our large family filled up a car. Even so, every Sunday morning, on our way to church, we would stop by and pick up the Vaughan family. (About 12 people in the car...sitting on laps...no seat belts back then). There were many others, over the years, who rode with us to church on Sundays, Wednesday evenings, and during revivals. We, the Wilson family, were in church every time the doors were open!

Both Jean and Betty played the piano at church (Betty began playing at age 13...later learned to play the organ, and continues to this day at College Street Baptist Church).

The Children and Young People's Classes were held in the basement of the church. We, the children of Clayton and Mattie, fondly remember GA's, RA's, Bible School, and picnicking at Yellow Branch on the last day, playing tag in the church yard, pulling leaves (with pointed stickers) off the bushes around the church and poking each other, Alvin Foster's fast car, rotating and hand held fans, many visiting missionaries, and begging Daddy to stop by the store after church (usually on Wednesday or Sun-

day nights) for a 5 cent ice cream!

We also remember great preachers like Revs. Gibson, Baker, Finley, Cobb, Tichenor, and more. There were great teachers like Pauline Elliott, Gail and James Medlin, Peggy and Clyde McCall, Inez and Wilburn Stephens, Doyle and Rilla Stancil, Vic Morris, Jim Phillips, Jewel Harper (who took the RA **boys to Cherokee to see "Unto These Hills"**), and many others. Of course, there are our parents Clayton and Mattie Wilson who devoted their lives God and His Son Jesus Christ, to their family, and to Second Baptist Church (now College Street Baptist Church since 1965), where they've been faithful members for 64 years.

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*Submitted by Jolene Corbett*

When Rev. George Tichenor was our pastor, Gordon often lead the congregation for Fifth Sunday Night Singing. One Sunday night when Gordon got in front of the congregation, he excitedly said, **"Tonight we're going to have a singing, so men loosen you ties, and women loosen your corsets!"**



The Centennial Committee would like to express special thanks to Morris Owens ( a 50+ year member and former Deacon) for providing many of the historic photographs found in this document. Morris began his photography of College Street history in 1946.

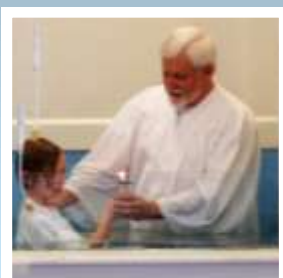
Special thanks also to his daughter, Janet Hall, for the many hours she spent collecting and scanning his huge collection of slides, prints, and negatives.

# Our Centennial Commemorative Celebrations



On November 9th, 2008 special guest Rev. Charles Cobb (College Street's pastor from 1968-72) delivered the kickoff sermon.

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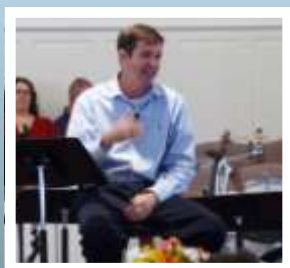
On Sunday, February 8, 2009 we welcomed Dr. Derrill Smith. Dr. Smith served as our Associate Pastor from 1978 to 1980.

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On Sunday, May 3, 2009 we welcomed Dr. John Adams and Rev. Rick Baumgarner from Easley First Baptist. John was our Senior Pastor from 1993-2001.

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On August 16, 2009, our special guest speaker was Rev. Chris Stephens, Senior Pastor of Skycrest Baptist Church, Clearwater, Florida

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## Our 100th Centennial Celebration

Sunday Morning, November 8, 2009

Guest speaker: Rev. George Tichenor, CSBC Senior Pastor, 1972—1989

Look for pictures on our website at [www.collegestreetbaptist.org](http://www.collegestreetbaptist.org)



Our Past...



Our Present...



CSBC Youth

Our Future !!

*and the Best is Yet to Come!*

