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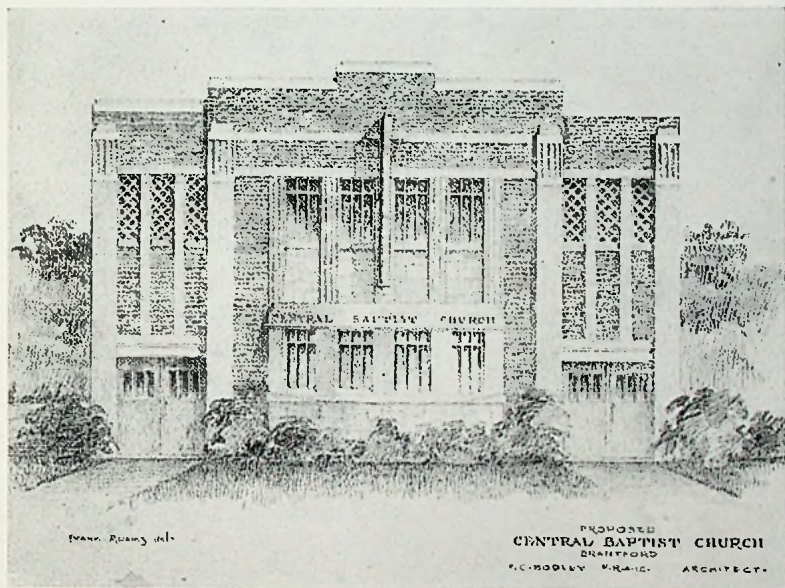
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Commemorating the Opening  
of the  
Building Extension



*Dedicated*  
to the  
**GLORY of GOD**  
*June 27th, 1948*



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## Foreword

*"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."* Thus might we scripturally summarize the history of Central Baptist Church.

Less than two decades ago, a small group of earnest believers full of devotion to Christ and loyalty to the inerrant Word of God, were welded together by the Holy Spirit to form a New Testament church. Souls were saved, believers strengthened, missionaries commissioned. The work grew, and so did the witness. The original spirit of unity and fellowship wrought by the Holy Spirit has been deepened and enriched through the years.

Today, Central Baptist Church stands on the threshold of an enlarged ministry, confidently assured that the "faith, once for all delivered to the saints" is the primary message required by the peoples of an apprehensive globe. We are dedicated whole-heartedly to the preaching of Christ and Him crucified, till He come.

This little booklet has been prepared and is now sent forth with the prayerful desire that Christians everywhere in these days of apostasy and apathy, will recognize afresh that "God still leads His dear children along."

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## EYES TO SEE

*"Where there is no Vision, the people perish."* Prov. 29:18.

It has been well said, "A task without vision is drudgery; a vision without a task is a dream, but a task with a vision is victory."

Central Baptist Church now steps forward to a new prospect. Her work, her purpose, her personnel will now be exposed to the public as never before. To meet the challenge of the hour we need the Saving Power of a Vision — eyes to see "The Lord high and lifted up" and His Train filling this Temple. O yes, man can build a house, but only God can make it a home; and men can erect a church but God alone can make it into a Sanctuary — the dwelling place of His Spirit. This is possible through consecrated hearts and lives. "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house." (1 Pet. 2:5.)

We have come to the hour that challenges us to re-evaluate our work as a church. It is not so much eloquence we need as conviction and faith. Faith investigates the past, anticipates the future, and returns to govern the present. We have had blessing, but this is no time to sit back in complacency as if our task were accomplished. The temptation to do so will be great. Natural pride in a new building must not be allowed to blind us to deeper spiritual needs. There is the tragic warning of other churches which after enlargement, have retrogressed rather than progressed, where spiritual growth has not kept abreast of material extension.

Central Baptist Church is strategic for gospel propagation. Oh, that her membership and leadership might sense the primary, absolute importance of demonstrating the Power of the Gospel to save the sinner, the Power of the Spirit to sanctify the saint, and that we might have an optimistic faith in the Living God who can make His eternal Word powerful even in our times. Things are too casual, too incidental. It is too easy for us to stumble along in pessimistic ignorance of the radiant power and purpose of God. New recruits are needed for a gigantic spiritual conquest. The weapon is the Word of God. There are enemies to be routed, fertile fields to be ploughed and irrigated, seed to be sown and a rich harvest of immortal souls to be garnered. We need men, women, young people, who will be defiant in relation to the vain, the false, the polluted, foregoing legitimate comfort and pleasure while **THE WAR IS ON.**

Let us humbly thank God for the number of young people gone and going to the foreign fields of the world as missionaries. Central Baptist Church sitting at home counting the sheep that are already in the fold will mean stagnation, defeat, loss, sterility, but its membership scattered to the four corners of the earth as witnesses, mean movement, expansion, growth and refreshment. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth." (Prov. 11:24.)

Our prayer for the beloved Pastor, under whose ministry we have been richly blessed, should be that it might be said of him as of the prophet Samuel, "And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground." (1 Sam. 3:19.) Is this possible? Yes, if we support him by prayer and holy living. Then, like Paul, he also may be able to say, "So fight I, not as one that beateth the air."

Finally, unless the church moves forward on her knees, she does not move at all. The Church of Jesus Christ everywhere strains for a Heaven-sent revival. It cannot be worked up — it must be prayed down. The challenge confronts us. The clarion call has gone forth. The hour is NOW. Has God matched us for it? He can, if we but let Him.

# HISTORICAL OUTLINE

"Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee . . ."  
(Deut. 8:2.)

*"Tis good to remember the way He hath led us,  
To view once again, both the track and the road;  
To muse on the fact that, unfailling, He led us, —  
Our faithful, and loving, compassionate God.*

"What is God's will for us?" was the question paramount in the hearts of a little group of Baptists who were meeting week after week in the chapel of the Conservatory of Music at 30 Nelson Street, Brantford. Surely God must have a purpose in thus welding together a few of His children of one heart and mind!

And so, the Autumn evening of October 3rd, 1930, found a small company with one accord gathered in the little rented chapel, prayerfully seeking Divine guidance as to the future. "In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence." (Proverbs 14:26.) Ere the gathering dispersed, the organization of the Central Regular Baptist Church was agreed upon and the Baptist Bible Union Confession of Faith adopted by unanimous vote.

With mingled feelings of joy, wonderment and deepened dependence upon the Lord, 89 charter members with a treasury of \$89.63 and a few dozen hymn books set out to establish a "work" to the glory and honor of our God — ever conscious of the fact that "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." (Psalm 127:1.)

The six deacons elected by ballot vote without nomination were: J. R. MacFarlane, J. Gardner, L. H. Parney, B. T. Leggett, S. L. White and E. J. Kirby, who were also appointed a pulpit committee to arrange supplies and consider the question of a pastor. Other officers and committees were elected on October 15th, as recommended by a nominating committee.

The first baptismal service was conducted December 11th, 1930, by the Rev. J. F. Holliday, at the Boston Baptist Church, in the absence of the Pastor there, the Rev. A. J. Loveday.

Acting upon the Divine commission of Acts, 1:8: "And ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth," a missionary budget was adopted on February 23rd, 1931, dividing mission offerings equally between the Canadian Baptist Testimony to the Jews, the China Inland Mission and missionaries in Quebec, Saskatchewan and Nigeria.

Wondrously the Lord undertook to meet the need of faithful messengers of His Word from week to week for the first five months of the newly formed church. At length, prayer for an under-shepherd of God's own choice was answered, in the person of the Rev. John Hay, who became acting pastor for six months, while on furlough from missionary service in Nigeria under the Sudan Interior Mission. With gladdened hearts and strengthened faith, the first pastor of the Central Baptist Church was most sincerely welcomed as he commenced his much valued ministry on March 8th, 1931.

On October 6, 1931, a Council composed of pastors and members of Baptist Churches in fellowship met here and formally recognized the Church as an Independent Baptist Church. By this time the membership had increased to 114; the Bible School registered steady growth; the mid-week prayer meeting was well attended; a Women's Missionary Society had come into being, and also a splendid Young People's organization. Likewise, an open-air work was commenced on the Market Square on Sunday evenings during the summer months, at the close of the regular service.

All too quickly, the six months sped by! Again the little Church was pastorless! But — hath not God promised to supply all our NEEDS? (Philippians 4:19). Day by day prayer was wont to be made for another under-shepherd, until the weeks lengthened into many months — and still no prospect in view! Was the Lord seeking to deepen dependence upon HIMSELF? Again and again was proved His Word "The Lord, He it is that doth go before thee" (Deut. 31:8), and it is with hearts full of thanksgiving that record is made of His gracious provision of pulpit supplies until July 11, 1933, when Pastor E. P. Laws of Toronto accepted a call and was ordained when the Independent Baptist Fellowship met in Brantford on November 28, 1933. The Rev. E. P. Laws continued as pastor until December 31, 1934, when he resigned and entered city mission work.

The outlook was dark indeed! The Church was not only pastorless but homeless, for the Conservatory of Music had been sold late in 1934, necessitating removal therefrom. Was it God's will to continue as a Church or was this but a testing time? Heavy hearts turned from the OUTlook to the UPlook: "Neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon Thee" (2 Chron. 20:12); "Our sufficiency is of God" (2 Cor. 3:5); "The Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee (Deut. 31:6). Carry on, we must! And so — again was proved "Great is thy faithfulness, O Lord" — and a meeting place was located in the Y.M.C.A. auditorium, where services were held until 1935, when the Oddfellows Hall was leased. The Rev. James Ostema served as pastor from October 15, 1935, to June 14, 1936, when he returned to his home in Illinois.

On October 28, 1936, the Church was led to invite Rev. C. P. VanDuzen to become pastor, and his acceptance inspired fresh courage to a church treading a checkered pathway. On May 26, 1937, the Pastor suggested purchasing the residence at 74 Brant Avenue for church and parsonage use. Could it be that the deep longing of many hearts for a meeting place wholly dedicated to the Lord was about to be satisfied? Verily so! A membership canvass was arranged to raise \$500. down payment, the balance of \$4,000. to be paid within ten years. Another \$500. was needed for alterations — besides much voluntary labor on the part of members, for many weeks.

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad". (Ps. 126:3.) Oh, the thrill of being able, at last, to worship in a "house of the Lord" — exceedingly plain though it be, and lacking in much that was desirable! But, it pleased the Lord to make of it a soul-saving station, and His blessed Presence has been experienced by the many souls who have turned unto the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour, and the many who have returned from backsliding ways, through the faithful proclamation of His Holy Word.

In July 1939 the Church experienced a new joy, as out from her midst went the first missionary into full-time service — Miss Joan MacDonald (now Mrs. Herbert W. Casler) set sail for Africa to engage in mission work in Northern Nigeria, under the Sudan Interior Mission. Her eldest sister, Mrs. David H. Rough, who had already seen several years of like service in the same Field, became a member of the Church in September 1932.

On April 28, 1940, Pastor VanDuzen's resignation was regretfully accepted, owing to a complete breakdown of his health.

On July 7, 1940, the Rev. K. L. Miles was invited to become pastor, and commenced his fruitful ministry in August. It was during this pastorate that extensive improvements were made to the building, including new floors, windows, class rooms and a much-longed-for baptistery, all of which required an expenditure of some \$2000. In December 1940 a 15-minute radio ministry each Sunday afternoon was begun. Later this was increased to 30 minutes. In May of 1941 the door was opened for the Church to carry on an evangelical work in the Rawdon Street Mission, and it was agreed to do so, with

J. R. MacFarlane as Superintendent — blessing has attended this endeavor. On April 28, 1943, the Rev. K. L. Miles resigned to teach at Prairie Bible Institute. The membership by this time had risen to 170.

On July 18, 1943, a call was extended to the Rev. D. A. Loveday, of Toronto, to come as pastor. With joy and thanksgiving his acceptance was duly received by the Church, and in October commenced the very successful pastorate, which continues to the present. On October 20th, 1943, the mortgage was burned, as all indebtedness on the building had now been paid. Under the spiritual leadership of the dearly beloved Pastor Loveday the Church has made steady progress, the membership having now passed the 325 mark. Missionary zeal has increased: fifteen members are now training in Bible Schools, with a view to full or part-time Christian service; in July, 1946, the Church bade farewell to another of its members, Miss Mary MacDonald, who set sail for Ethiopia to engage in missionary service; two months later, the Rev. Wm. J. Wallace, Mrs. Wallace and family also were farewelled, on the eve of their departure for like service in Ethiopia; in March, 1948, Miss Mary Jane Peel went forth to tell the Good News of salvation to those "who sit in darkness" in Northern Nigeria, Africa. In August, 1944, Mr. David H. Rough, who has been engaged in missionary service in Africa since 1928, became a member of this Church, thus making seven members engaged in mission work in Africa, and also one member so engaged in Central America, in the person of Rev. Gladstone Franklin, whose membership has been with the Church since September 1933. The Young People's Association of the Church is engaged in missionary endeavor on the Indian Reserve each Saturday night, and, in the summer months, open air services are held by them in needy nearby centres. Groups of the young people also take charge of Sunday services in outlying districts from time to time.

The half-hour radio ministry each Sunday afternoon has become an important phase of the Church work, as has also the open air service conducted on the Market Square each Sunday evening during the summer months.

During the year 1947 offerings in all departments amounted to \$7,592. current; \$7,770. building fund; and \$3,812. missions; \$1,274. received at the Rawdon Street Mission, making a grand total of \$20,448.00.

The Church, outgrowing its accommodation, on March 22, 1944, appointed a Building Extension Committee, including S. L. White, J. R. MacFarlane, G. Pitts, J. Legge, F. Mark, H. Phillips and the Pastor. After much consideration, this Committee finally reported January 22, 1947, that a front extension, larger than the present building, was now legally permitted, but would cost about \$45,000. As \$24,000. had now been paid or pledged, it was decided to raise \$20,000. in loans from members and friends. When most of this had been promised, the contract was let to the Cromar Construction Company, and work commenced in May, 1947, progressing steadily as materials could be secured. With intense interest the progress was followed. Could it be possible that this beautiful edifice belonged to the Central Baptist Church!

It is indeed with grateful and humble hearts that the finished structure is viewed and the new comfortable accommodation enjoyed! "Blessed be the Lord God . . . Who only doeth wondrous things." (Psalm 72:18.)

"Such retrospect helps us of Him to grow fonder, —  
Whose goodness and mercy have followed our days."

Looking back over the seventeen years of church history, the Word of the Lord cometh thus to us:

"The Lord thy God HATH BEEN with thee." (Deut. 2:7.)

"The Lord thy God IS with thee." (Josh. 1:9.)

"The Lord thy God WILL BE with thee." (1 Chron. 28:20.)

# ON FOREIGN FIELDS



MR. & MRS. DAVID ROUGH  
Mary, John and Donald  
NIGERIA



MISS MARY MacDONALD  
ETHIOPIA



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NIGERIA



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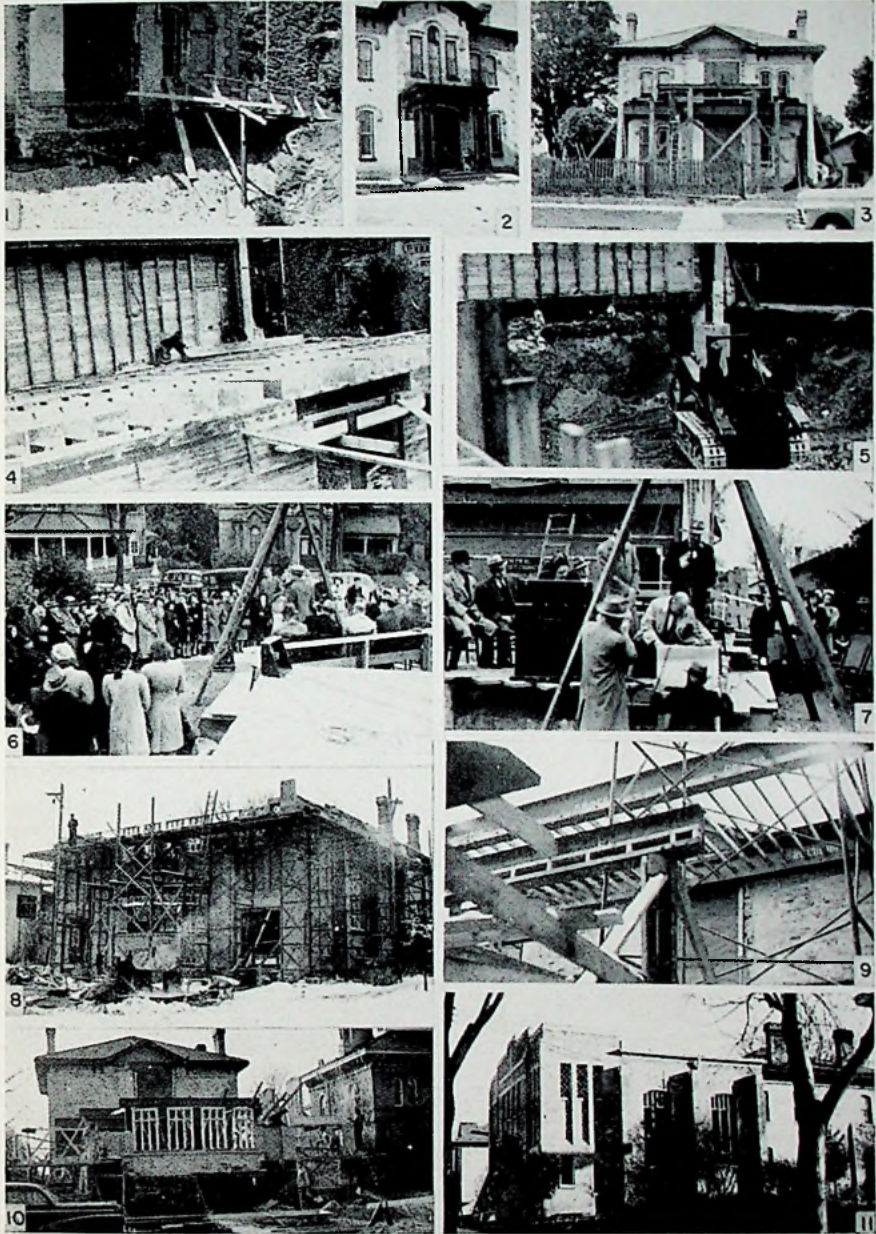
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## DIPPING INTO THE DIARY

- Jan. 6/46. — Morning message very stirring — Eph. 3:20,21. "Now unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the Power that worketh in us." . . . Whole matter hinges on last phrase. How much can the Power of the Spirit work in us? In me?
- Jan. 10/46. — W.M.S. meeting — strangely the same theme — "That we might know the exceeding greatness of His power to usward who believe." Miss Robinson the speaker.
- Jan. 25/46. — Church annual supper held in Y.M.C.A. auditorium. Packed house. Mrs. McColman in charge of arrangements for refreshments.
- Jan. 27/46. — Farewell services for Miss Mary McDonald — leaving for Ethiopia. Rev. and Mrs. William Wallace returned for the day, they also prospective missionaries to that land. Rev. Guy Playfair, of the Sudan, the speaker. Spoke searchingly, powerfully. Mary's testimony radiates confidence in her call and reliance upon the promises of God.
- October 8/46. — King's Daughters' Class meeting — home of Miss Westbrook. The Holy Spirit felt to preside as everyone present took part. Testimonies, confession of sin, praise and aspirations after holiness. It was hallowed ground.
- Oct. 10/46. — Auditorium crowded, over forty in back room and some turned away. Work badly handicapped but plans proceeding to commence building operations in Spring. Pastor confessed to fresh touch from God. Good number saved in evening service.
- Nov. 3/46. — Baptismal service this evening of ten young people — five boys and five girls. Never-to-be-forgotten service. The Mother of one of the boys (17 yrs.) said to him on his return home: "Well, son, you have had a big day — four services." His reply was: "That many? It didn't seem long." Mother recalled how a year ago one service had been a bore to him.
- Dec. 22/46. — Christmas Sunday. Visited Rawdon Street Mission. Central's baby has grown into a lusty child. Constantly impressed how God raises up eminently suitable men for particular pieces of work. J. R. MacFarlane, Superintendent of Mission, is such a one. Commenced as a Sunday School with an enrolment of 25, has grown to 75. Mid-week prayer service, Young People's Society, and Sunday gospel service have now been added. Particularly delightful is the renovation of the building — an achievement in beauty and efficiency.
- Dec. 31/46. — Great volume of Praise — meeting from 8 o'clock until after midnight. "I will remember the works of the Lord — I will meditate also of all Thy work and talk of all Thy doings. Thou art the God that doest wonders." Psa. 77. Mr. Phil Eide, President of Men's Fellowship, had much to thank God for in that one man at least had been brought to the Lord in every monthly meeting throughout the year. Spoke of the harmonious fellowship, yet one night 13 churches were represented and 6 different denominations. Speakers from various evangelical groups "All one in Jesus Christ." Purpose — the salvation of men and fellowship.
- Jan. 2/47. — V.C.F. Missionary conference in Toronto University reviewed. Grippingly told by Dr. R. L. Foster. Pastor threw out challenge to young people for surrendered lives. Many stood to their feet.

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# PROGRESS IN PICTURES



1. June, 1947. Front vestibule removed and initial excavating done. 2. Original building. 3. July, 1947. New beam in place. 4. August, 1947. Final excavating in progress. 6. November 8th, 1947. Rev. C. P. VanDuzen delivering the message at the corner stone ceremony. 7. Pastor Loveday, J. R. MacFarlane and S. L. White laying the corner stone. 8. January, 1948. Brickwork almost complete. 9. Roof beams and ceiling rafters. 10. December, 1947. Stonework in front completed. 11. March, 1948. Putting the final touches on the exterior.

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for 1948

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PASTOR LOVEDAY

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# STATEMENT OF FAITH

## I. Of the Scriptures

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men supernaturally inspired; that it has truth without any admixture of error for its matter; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the age, the only complete and final revelation of the will of God to man; the true centre of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

### Explanatory

1. By "The Holy Bible" we mean that collection of sixty-six books, from Genesis to Revelation, which, as originally written, does not only contain and convey the word of God, but IS the very word of God.

2. By "Inspiration" we mean that the books of the Bible were written by holy men of old, as they were moved by the Holy Spirit, in such a definite way that their writings were supernaturally inspired and free from error, as no other writings have ever been or ever will be inspired.

## II. Of the True God

We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, the maker and supreme ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

## III. Of the Holy Spirit

That the Holy Spirit is a divine person; equal with God the Father and God the Son and of the same nature; that He was active in the creation; that in His relation to the unbelieving world he restrains the evil one until God's purpose is fulfilled; that He convicts of sin, of judgment and of righteousness; that He bears witness to the Truth of the Gospel in preaching and testimony; that He is the agent in the New Birth; that He seals, baptizes, endues, guides, teaches, witnesses, sanctifies, and helps the believer.

## IV. Of the Devil, or Satan

We believe that Satan was once holy, and enjoyed heavenly honors; but through pride and ambition to be as the Almighty, fell and drew after him a host of angels; that He is now the malignant prince of the power of the air, and the unholy god of this world. We hold him to be man's great tempter, the enemy of God and His Christ the accuser of the Saints, the author of all false religions, the chief power back of the present apostasy; the Lord of the anti-Christ, and the author of all the powers of darkness — destined however to final defeat at the hands of God's son, and to the judgment of an eternal justice in hell, a place prepared for him and his angels.

## V. Of the Creation

We believe in the Genesis account of creation, and that it is to be accepted literally, and not allegorically or figuratively; that man was created directly in God's own image and after his own likeness; that man's creation was not a matter of evolution or evolutionary changes of species, or development through interminable periods of time from lower to higher forms; that all animal and vegetable life was made directly, and God's established law was they should bring forth only "after their kind."

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## VI. Of the Fall of Man

We believe that man was created in innocence under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his sinless and happy state, in consequence of which, all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint, but by choice; and therefore under just condemnation without defense or excuse.

## VII. Of the Virgin Birth

We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Ghost in a miraculous manner; born of Mary, a virgin, as no other man was ever born or can ever be born of woman, and that He is both the Son of God, and God, the Son.

## VIII. Of the Atonement for Sin

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon Him our nature, yet without sin, honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and by His death made a full and vicarious atonement for our sins; that His atonement consisted not in setting us an example by His death as a martyr, but was the voluntary substitution of Himself in the sinner's place, the Just dying for the unjust, Christ, the Lord, bearing our sins in His own body on the tree; that, having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in heaven, and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, He is in every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate and all-sufficient saviour.

## IX. Of Grace in the New Creation

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be born again; that the new birth is a new creation in Christ Jesus; that it is instantaneous and not a process; that in the new birth the one dead in trespasses and in sins is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life, the free gift of God; that the new creation is brought about in a manner above our comprehension, not by culture, not by character, nor by the will of man, but wholly and solely by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life.

## X. Of the Freeness of Salvation

We believe in God's electing grace; that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel; which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

## XI. Of Justification

We believe that the greatest gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is Justification; that Justification includes the pardon of sin, and the gift of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness that we have done; but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood, His righteousness is imputed unto us.

## XII. Of Repentance and Faith

We believe that Repentance and Faith are solemn obligations, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the quickening Spirit of God; thereby, being deeply convicted of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of

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the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ and openly confessing Him as our only and all-sufficient Saviour.

### XIII. Of the Church

We believe that a church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers associated by a covenant of faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His word; that its officers of ordination are pastors, elders and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are clearly defined in the Scriptures, we believe the true mission of the church is found in the great commission: First, to make individual disciples; Second, to build up the church; Third, to teach and instruct, as He has commanded. We do not believe in the reversal of this order; we hold that the local church has the absolute right of self government, free from the interference of any hierarchy of individuals or organizations; and that the one and only superintendent is Christ, through the Holy Spirit; that it is scriptural for true churches to co-operate with each other in contending for the faith and for the furtherance of the gospel; that every church is the sole and only judge of the measures and method of its co-operation; on all matters of membership, of polity, of government, of discipline, of benevolence, the will of the local church is final.

### XIV. Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper

We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer; into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Saviour, with its effect in our death to sin and the resurrection to a new life; that it is a pre-requisite to the privileges of a church relation and to the Lord's supper; in which the members of the church, by the sacred use of bread and wine are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination.

### XV. Of the Perseverance of the Saints

We believe that such only are real believers as endure to the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto eternal salvation.

### XVI. Of the Righteous and the Wicked

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only, as through faith, are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in His esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death, in the everlasting felicity of the saved and the everlasting conscious suffering of the lost.

### XVII. Of Civil Government

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society; that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed; except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ; who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the coming Prince of the Kings of the earth.

## XVIII. Of the Resurrection, Return of Christ and Related Events

We believe in and accept the sacred Scriptures upon these subjects at their face and full value:

- a. The Bodily Resurrection.
  - b. The Ascension.
  - c. The High Priesthood.
  - d. The Second Coming.
  - e. The Resurrection of the Righteous Dead.
  - f. The Change of the Living in Christ.
  - g. On the Throne of David.
  - h. His Reign on Earth.
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### DIPPING INTO THE DIARY—*Continued from page 8*

April 30/47. — Real revival spirit in prayer meeting — 4 groups meeting in different parts of building and praying simultaneously. Could not stop spirit of prayer — continued until ten o'clock.

June 15/47. — Sunday School continues to grow. King's Daughters' Class had 24 out. Very crowded and warm but much blessing as "The Purple Robe" and the "Crown of Thorns" considered. Much brokenness as we considered and obeyed the command: "Behold! Your King!" Is He?

Nov. 8/47. — Corner-stone of new building laid. Impressive ceremony. Sunday's text "Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone."

Dec. 27/47. — F.B.Y.P.A. Meeting. Constant increase in numbers and interest. Spiritual stimulant to see building filled with young people ranging in age from 15 yrs. to 30 yrs. Mr. Ken Bickerton, as President, is humbly aware of his great responsibility to keep each meeting Christ-centred, as he looks to God for the spiritual development of these young lives. Theme of meeting "What does the Lord Jesus Christ mean to me?" Number of young men took part, sincerely, convincingly. Invitation for those wishing to yield their lives in the Master's service — fifteen responded.

Dec. 31/47. — Watch-night service. Again capacity house. Great pean of praise swelling in hearts and bursting forth in words. Noticeable these days how conversions are occurring with a steady consistency, without need of special evangelistic services. Spirit of God constantly "adding to the Church such as are being saved." It was pointed out that God could not fail to bless a Scriptural programme.

Jan. 21/48. — During prayer service, Mrs. Loveday read numerous sample letters received from radio audience, recounting blessing through the weekly "Faith of Our Fathers" broadcast. A number have been saved, and many blessed. Prayer was centred around opportunity to continue this ministry.

April 11/48. — Record Sunday School attendance today, exceeding the objective of 200 for the first time. Able to use the new extension for accommodating some of the Classes as the partition is now removed. Evidently the 10 o'clock Sunday School hour is no deterrent when young people are taught the Word of God by consecrated earnest teachers.

# CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on 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 expense of the church, the relief of the poor and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to educate our children in the Christian faith; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; 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 one another in prayer; to aid one another 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, if possible, unite with a church where we can carry out the articles of this confession and the spirit of this covenant.

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## FORMER PASTORS

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| REV. JOHN HAY . . . . .       | <i>March 1931 - Sept. 1931</i> |
| REV. E. P. LAWS . . . . .     | <i>July 1933 - Dec. 1934</i>   |
| REV. JAMES OSTEMA . . . . .   | <i>Oct. 1935 - June 1936</i>   |
| REV. C. P. VANDUZEN . . . . . | <i>Oct. 1936 - Apr. 1940</i>   |
| REV. K. L. MILES . . . . .    | <i>July 1940 - Aug. 1943</i>   |

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On behalf of Central Baptist Church, we wish to express our thanks to all who have worked on the new building and those who have helped with their gifts and prayers. While it is not possible to mention all by name, we appreciate the help of each one.

## BUILDING COMMITTEE

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| PASTOR LOVEDAY               |                           |             |          |

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