

As souls were won for Jesus via door-to-door evangelism, home bible classes, vacation bible school, good news clubs and ministries in housing projects throughout Atlanta, the fellowship grew. What was once a handful of believers was now a congregation, and the meeting was no longer the McNeal's living room but the chapel of Carver Bible College.

Atlanta Bible Baptist Church was chartered in October 1966 with Dr. John A. McNeal as pastor. The beliefs and practices were the same as that of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches. This independent Baptist church began to support missionaries, and, in 1969, started two bus routes to expand its outreach. Two years later, it joined the fundamental Baptist Fellowship Association.

Many members and years later, the Lord guided in the purchase of a church building. On the first Sunday of April 1973, the congregation marched jubilantly into the edifice at 2957 Glenwood Rd. The church continues to proclaim God's word through various ministries including a prison ministry, nursing home ministry, single adults, teen, bus, scouting and other evangelistic outreach ministries.

Atlanta Bible Church is now located at 1663 Bouldercrest Rd., and the membership continues to grow in numbers and spiritually through consistent expository preaching and teaching of the word of God.

The church supports more than 13 missionaries at home and abroad and eight new congregations have grown out of this fellowship located in Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and Louisiana.

The celebration will have services nightly at 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the Rev.

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Atlanta Bible Baptist Celebrates 25th Year

Box 6, Baptist Church

Aug. 14 to Aug. 20 are the dates for a weeklong celebration at Atlanta Bible Baptist Church, where the Rev. John A. McNeal Jr. is pastor.

The occasion is the fellowship's 25th anniversary. A quarter century of vision born during a time of conflict and change.

In the summer of 1964, as U.S. forces intensified the assault on North Vietnam and Congress enacted the most comprehensive civil rights bill in the nation's history, the Holy Spirit led John McNeal Jr. to this city. His vision: "Win Atlanta for the Lord Jesus Christ."

The young missionary and his expectant wife moved into the Vine City area, a small fellowship group was formed with the McNeals, Dan Orme, George Pace, the Rev. and Mrs. Herman Conley, the Rev. and Mrs. Leroy Griffin and the Rev. and Mrs. Maurice James.

Amid protests, rioting and demands for improved conditions in the impoverished neighborhood, this handful of believers spread the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ with the hope of substituting "sin power" with "Christ's power."



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Aaron Lavender of Grace Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo., and the Rev. George Joseph of Faith Baptist Church, South Bend, Ind. as guest speakers.

Regular Sunday services begin at 9:50 a.m. with Sunday school, with adult and junior worship services at 11 a.m. A special dedication and mortgage-burning service will be held at 4 p.m.