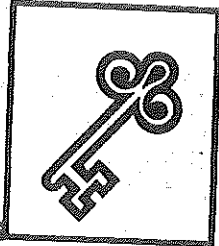


*Doraville
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Keynotes On DeKalb



ANGIE LEIGH CRITCHETT, a Decatur resident, recently completed sorority rush at Georgia College and pledged with Phi Mu. Ms. Critchett is the daughter of Joan Critchett and a graduate of Shamrock High School.

MR. AND MRS. W. W. ANDERSON of North Carter Road have returned home after a trip to Cancun and Cozumel, Mexico.

MR. AND MRS. WESLEY WILSON of Norcross announce the birth of a son, Wesley Glen Wilson, Jr., on Friday, October 13, at Shallowford Hospital. The baby weighed eight pounds, four ounces. Mrs. Wilson is the former Vivian Brown of Dunwoody. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown, Jr. of Dunwoody. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson of Dawsonville. The maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown and Mrs. Emily S. Carter of Chamblee.

STEVE AND MICHELE HILL of Loganville announce the birth of their second child, Lauren Hope, on July 20 at Douglasville General Hospital. Lauren weighed six pounds, one ounce, and was 20 inches long. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Andrew C. Dudish of Decatur and Mr. and Mrs. W. Barnaby Hill of Decatur. Lauren has a sister, Ashley Christine, two.

PRESTON AND LISA GRAHAM OF Hamilton, Mass., announce the birth of a son, Nathan Meador, on October 10 at Beverly Hospital in Beverly, Mass. The baby has a brother, Stephen Harris. Maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. William E. Harris, III, of Decatur and paternal grandparents are Preston Don Graham and Mrs. Jean Somers Woodruff of Atlanta. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Meador Graham and William E. Harris, Jr.

DR. SARA HELEN KILLGORE visited her son David Killgore and family in Augusta. Granddaughter Stephanie had her seventh birthday with a "spend the night party" for four children and young sister Elizabeth.

DORAVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH will celebrate its 40th anniversary November 14. DeWitt Cox, former pastor, will speak at the 11 a.m. service. Dinner in the Fellowship Hall will follow the service. Page Fulgham will speak November 12 at the 11 a.m. service as part of the anniversary celebration.

MR. AND MRS. C.L. STEVENS and family spent a week in the Great Smokies finishing up their tour picnicking with relatives in Cherokee, N.C.

SEVERAL DEKALB residents attended the celebration of the bicentennial of the ordination of the late Jesse Mercer, November 2 in Washington, sponsored by the Georgia Baptist Historical Commission. The day's activities included the dedication of an historical marker in Mercer Memorial park, marking the post where Mercer spent his last years.

MRS. LOIS WHALEY will speak and be the guest of the General Women's Missionary Union meeting of Decatur First Baptist Church, Tuesday, November 14. Mrs. Whaley and husband are Southern Baptist foreign missionaries in Japan, now on furlough. A luncheon will follow.

MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH plans to hold the dedication of its new facilities, 6015 Old Stone Mountain Rd., Stone Mountain, Sunday, November 19, at 3 p.m. An area-wide Thanksgiving service will be held at the church Thursday, November 23 at 11 a.m.

THE LIFE ENRICHMENT SERVICES community luncheon will be held Thursday, November 16 at noon, at Shallowford Presbyterian Church.

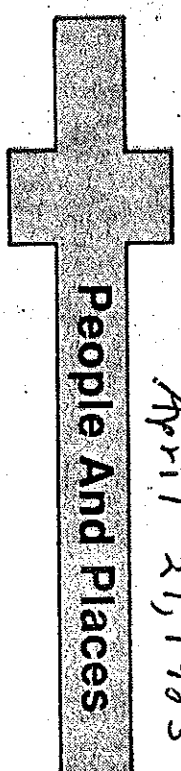
THE PINCKNEYVILLE ARTS CENTER, on Holcombe Bridge Rd. in Roswell will be the location of watercolor workshops. Members of the American Watercolor Society will come to Atlanta for this event. The 1990 Schedule is Frank Webb, January 9-13; Janet Walsh April 30-May 2, and Carol Barnes, September 14-16.

ANN LEWIS, well-known editor and writer, recently received the "Career Achievement Award" from the Alumnae of Columbia College, at a ceremony and luncheon. Mrs. Lewis was the grand marshal of the parade at the Summer Festival, party in the Pines, in Whitmire, S.C. where she lived from 1925-52 and raised her five children. She also began the weekly newspaper there and established the Whitmire Public Library in 1949. At that occasion all but one of her 25 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren came from nine different states to their first family reunion since 1967.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM PEUSS and family are recent newcomers to the Decatur area from Wheeling, W. Va. He will be employed in the area.

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People And Places

Bill Baggett was honored on his fifth anniversary as music director at Doraville First church. He is dean of students at Georgia State University.

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Doraville First Baptist

Both adults and youths have planned Sweetheart Banquets for this week. The adult banquet will be Saturday, Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. with tickets at \$2 each.

The youth banquet will be Friday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Ramada Inn (I-85 and Shallowford Road) with reservations needed by Feb. 7. A fee of 60 cents per person will be charged and the cost of the meal will be \$4.16 each. Live entertain-

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ment is planned.

Church members are encouraged to bring small size apples and plastic bags to be deposited in boxes at the church for Stewart Baptist Center.

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Finding Joy in Retirement

How does a couple who spent 33 years on the mission field let go of that commitment when retirement comes?

John and Doris McGee haven't. They retired from missionary service in Nigeria in 1978, but their commitment to missions has continued—through volunteer service in Togo, through speaking engagements, and through missions giving.

The McGees live a simple lifestyle that enables them to give generously to missions and "have the joy of helping others to serve." But a simple lifestyle comes naturally, says Mrs. McGee. "John and I were brought up in large families during the depression and we learned to work and we learned to do with what we had. And since that was so deeply ingrained in us, we just never have changed. . . . All our lives, we've always been able to manage better than most people have."

Giving to missions is no sacrifice; it's an investment, she says. "If we're going to change our earthly possessions to heavenly riches, it's through this investment."

"I know the Foreign Mission Board. We've been a part of it. We were there on the mission field and we saw how the mission decided how to spend it (money). We've been on the receiving end of what people have been giving. We know we can have a real investment in God's kingdom as we give."

MARY JANE WELCH

Unlimited Use of Limited Resources

"Pastor, I can't do a lot of things for the Lord. But I can pray and I can put tracts in every letter I mail." The speaker was a widow in her eighties. Her health was very poor. Her pension meager, her hearing limited.

Nevertheless, she attended church more regularly than many healthy church members, and after her death the church treasurer told me, "Pastor, that woman gave more money to the Lord than many church members with many times her income."

Jesus said of the woman who poured the spikenard over His head, "She hath done what she could. . ." Mark 14:8. No doubt he will say the same thing of those who are unlimited in the use of their limited abilities and limited means for him today.

ARTHUR C. HELTON



HISTORY OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DORAVILLE
1949-1955

There was a great need of a Baptist Church in Doraville. After many months of investigating and praying by Dr. A. Scott Patterson, Missionary Emeritus, Foreign Mission Board, and Rev. R. F. Faires, Field Worker in the Lawrenceville Association, it was decided that a Missionary Baptist Church would be organized in Doraville by faith in God and cooperation of the people.

The first meeting was a prayer meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Humphrey on Peachtree Road in Doraville. The prayer service was led by Dr. Scott Patterson and Rev. R. F. Faires with 24 people attending. Beginning October 16, 1949, regular Sunday School and Church services were held by this group in the Doraville School Building. At 2:30 P.M., November 27, 1949, in the Doraville School Building, a meeting was held for the purpose of constituting a Baptist Church in Doraville composed of the group of people who had been meeting in the school building.

Dr. Patterson, acting as moderator, explained the purpose of the meeting and an invitation was given to those desiring to become members to come forward at that time. Those presenting themselves for church membership that day were:

- Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Barrett, Jimmy Barrett, Marvin Barrett, Mrs. Hiram Bobo, Hiram Bobo, Jr., Johnny S. Bobo, Cholena Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Carter, Mrs. Roy Epps, Roy Epps, Jr., Robert Epps, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Holbrook, Owen Holbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holbrook, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Humphrey, Mrs. J. C. Jett, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lancaster, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller, Mrs. J. L. Norrell, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Oglesby, Mrs. John Shirley, Mrs. Lois Simmons, Mrs. R. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Vanzant, Mrs. John Avera, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Carlock, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Majors, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Voyles.

Dr. Louie D. Newton, pastor of the Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta, preached the organizational sermon entitled "I Will Build My Church". The name for the church "The First Baptist Church of Doraville" was accepted and the church called Dr. Scott Patterson as supply pastor.

The first officers of the new church were:

- Treasurer.....Mr. F. C. Barrett
- Church Clerk.....Mrs. L. G. Humphrey
- Sunday School Superintendent.....Mr. L. G. Humphrey

Shortly after the organizational meeting, the following men were elected to serve as deacons:

- Mr. H. A. Holbrook
- Mr. F. C. Barrett
- Mr. C. F. Bellam

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Part 1 - continued

Mr. D. G. Humphrey, one of the charter members of the church and one who had felt the call to preach, was licensed as a preacher by the Church on January 11, 1950.

The First Baptist Church of Doraville presented itself for membership in the Lawrenceville Association at the annual meeting held August 30-31, 1950 and was accepted.

In December 1949, application was made by the Church to the Executive Committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention for aid in building. The Executive Committee granted the Church \$2,000.00 which was used by the Church to apply to the cost of the lot for the original church building. On January 11, 1950, Dr. Patterson informed the Church that he had assumed all responsibility for closing the contract for the lot and that he felt absolutely sure that God wanted this property for this church.

During the first year, the Woman's Missionary Society with its auxiliaries was organized as well as a graded Training Union. The organization of a Brotherhood in June of 1952 gave the Church a complete program enlisting all age groups, male and female, in missionary work.

The original church building was erected by members of same at a cost of approximately \$5,000.00. The Board of Trustees consisting of Mr. C. F. Kellam, Mr. P. C. Barrett, Mr. H. A. Holbrook, Mr. Roy Holbrook and Mr. H. W. Vanzant, served as the Building and Planning Committee and were responsible for the building of the church. The first services were held in the new building on May 6, 1951. The Church then had a membership of 113 and Sunday School enrolment of 216. Dr. Scott Patterson served as Supply Pastor until the Church was in a position to call its first pastor. The first pastor was Rev. C. E. Sneed who was called by the church on June 29, 1951. Rev. Sneed served in this capacity until December 14, 1952, resigning to enter the service of the United States Army as Chaplain. Our present pastor, Rev. J. M. Mooten, was called by the Church on February 11, 1953.

During the same year, the church became free of its indebtedness for the original building and lot. The building was dedicated on November 29, 1953 with Dr. Scott Patterson preaching the dedicatory sermon and Rev. K. F. Fairies offering the dedicatory prayer.

By the fall of 1953, the Church had grown in membership and in Sunday School attendance to such an extent that it was decided to add to the church building. Six additional class rooms and a baptistry were added at a cost of \$10,000.00 in the early part of 1954.

Our Church continued to grow and at a called meeting of the Church on September 25, 1954 it was voted to buy, install and equip a barracks building from the Lawson General Hospital for use as Sunday School rooms. Mr. J. C. Preser was responsible for carrying out the wishes of the Church as to the barracks building.

In June of 1954 the Church agreed to purchase an additional lot adjacent to its property to be used for future expansion. The lot was purchased from Dr. J. M. Mooten, as were the others.

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The men appointed to the Planning, Building and Finance Committee for the new auditorium were: Mr. H. W. Holbrook, Mr. C. F. Kellam, Mr. R. R. Harwell, Mr. J. N. Beavers, Mr. H. W. Vanzant, Mr. H. A. Holbrook, Mr. Horace Lynn, Mr. B. W. Hughes, Mr. E. W. Morgan, and Mr. W. J. Holloway. The Planning Committee was authorized to secure working plans for the proposed auditorium by the Church in regular conference on February 17, 1955. Plans presented by the Committee were approved by the Church on Junly 10, 1955 and the contract for construction was signed July 11, 1955. Ground was broken for the new auditorium on July 18, 1955.

Two members of ^{the} Church have felt the call to give their life to full-time Christian service. ^{One} of them, Mr. Homer Brannon, is studying now in preparation for his seminary training. The other, Mr. Jack Venus, plans to enter college in the fall of 1956 to begin his training.

We are indeed grateful that God has prospered our work for Him in this community and pray for His continued blessings.

Handwritten notes:
The church is a wonderful place...
include a...
and an...
to H. B. Brannon,...

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LAWRENCEVILLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

DORAVILLE FIRST

First Baptist Church, Buford

August 30-31, 1950

First Day

- 10:00 Inspirational Singing led by J. Thornton Williams
Scripture and Prayer - J. H. McGee
- 10:10 Recognition of Churches
- 10:15 Adoption of Order of Business
- 10:20 Election of Officers
- 10:30 Application for Membership
- 10:35 Recognition of Visitors and New Pastors
Mission Program
- 10:45 Reports of Cooperative Program - Elry Cash
Missions - T. W. Jones
W. M. U. - Mrs. Scott Patterson
- 11:00 Discussion by messengers led by Elry Cash
- 11:20 Denominational Representative
- 11:40 Report of and Message by R. F. Paires
- 12:00 Special Music by Buford Church
- 12:05 Missionary Sermon - L. Earle Fuller
(Alternate - J. Frank Barton)
- 12:30 Adjourn for Lunch
- 1:30 Inspirational Singing led by J. Thornton Williams
- 1:40 Report of Sunday School - G. W. Craig
- 1:55 Report of Baptist Training Union - Everett Norton
- 2:10 Report of Brotherhood - Dewie Ashworth
- 2:25 Report of Evangelism - Joe Frank Barton
- 2:40 Report of Executive Committee - E. M. Holt, Chmm.
- 3:00 Report of Law Observance and Temperance - J. H. McGee
- 3:15 Message by Rev. Norman Lovein, Sec. Georgia Temperance League
- 3:30 Adjourn

Second Day

- 10:00 Inspirational Singing led by Thornton Williams
Prayer - John Carter
- 10:10 Report on Relief and Retirement - Carl Buice
- 10:20 Report of Hospitals - Lester Buice
- 10:30 Report of Christian Education - Mrs. J. F. Barton
- 10:55 Report of Children's Home - Heard Summerour
- 11:20 Music by Children's Home
- 11:30 Report of Ga. Baptist Foundation and Endowment - A.A. Graves
- 11:50 Report on Music - Ray Jordan
- 12:00 Special Music by Chestnut Grove Church
- 12:05 Associational Sermon - Herbert Hyde (Claude Healan, Alternate)
- 12:30 Adjourn for Lunch

Miscellaneous

- 1:30 Inspirational Music led by Thornton Williams
- 1:40 Report of Christian Literature - Thornton Williams
- 1:55 Report of Every Member Canvass - J. L. Yeoman
- 2:05 Report of American Bible Society - Gerald Smith
- 2:15 Miscellaneous Matters
- 2:30 Announcement of Committees - Lester Buice, Chmm.
- 2:35 Report of Deceased Members - R. W. Eaves, Chmm.
- 2:40 Report of Finances - G. B. Moulder
- 2:45 Report of Resolutions Committee - Bolden Puckett, Chmm.
- 2:50 Report of Committee on Nominations Bolden Puckett
- Special Music by Noncross Church

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HIGHLIGHTS OF CHURCH YEARS*

Year	Bap- Church		Enrollment					Total Gifts	Amt. for Missions
	Bisms	Members	S.S.	VBS	T.U.	W.M.U.	Bhd.		
1950	18	80	153	0	0	23	0	\$ 5,202.00	\$ 187.00
1951	9	113	216	107	75	81	0	9,990.61	798.24
1952	18	163	266	136	82	32	25	9,028.54	1339.95
1953	11	209	308	123	93	70	26	12,600.94	1841.94
1954	35	276	379	172	109	160	42	19,530.85	3303.95
1955	25	312	502	239	99	109	91	27,169.93	4501.76

* Figures given here were taken from the annual letters of the Church to the Lawrenceville Association.

CHURCH OFFICERS 1955-1956

Paster.....Rev. J. M. Wooten
 Sunday School Supt.....Mr. Melvin Lundy
 Training Union Director.....Mr. C. W. Coke
 Choir Director.....Mr. E. W. Morgan
 W. M. U. President.....Mrs. H. R. Swafford
 Brotherhood president.....Mr. Horace Lyan
 Treasurer.....Mr. Terrell Howard
 Church Clerk.....Mrs. E. W. Morgan
 Pianist.....Mrs. S. D. Morrison

BOARD OF DEACONS 1955-1956

Mr. Calvin Barnett	Mr. J. C. Fraser	Mr. H. W. Holbrook
Mr. Travis Cagle	Mr. E. D. Harlan	Mr. Roy Holbrook
Mr. S. D. Chandler	Mr. F. F. Harris	Mr. W. C. Messer
Mr. C. H. Clement	Mr. R. R. Harwell	Mr. H. R. Swafford

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FIRST

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CHURCH

Doraville Roof's Building

The First Baptist Church, Doraville, now has the roof on their building. Since the beginning of this church, her cash offerings have amounted to more than five thousand dollars. The membership is now approximately 85. It is hoped that before long the church will be able to hold the mid-week prayer service in their new building. Dr. A. Scott Patterson continues to lead this work in a praise worthy manner.

Doraville Purchases Building Lot

The First Baptist Church, of Doraville, has closed a deal for the purchase of a plot of ground on which to build a house of worship.

This lot is a very desirable location and is almost two acres in size. Doraville Church is very happy that they have a lot on which to build. Pray for them as they face the problem of paying for a \$6000.00 lot and erecting a building on it.

Doraville Baptist Revival Planned

Revival services will be held at the First Baptist Church of Doraville, Sept. 16-23, with the pastor, Charles E. Sneed preaching. Clyde Waters of Tucker will direct the musical program. Mr. Sneed came to the Doraville church in July from the St. Marys Baptist Church in St. Marys, Ga.

Buford Donates Seats To Doraville

The First Baptist Church of Doraville has received sixteen good seats for which they are very grateful. These will take up their new services in the new building. This is a gift from the First Baptist Church, Buford.

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DEWITT COX looks at the charred pulpit Bible of Doraville First church. Nothing else in the church was burned or removed.

Vandals Burn Pulpit Bible

Vandals broke into Doraville First church and burned the large pulpit Bible on the sanctuary communion table.

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in celebration

of

TWENTY FIVE YEARS

of service

"To The Glory of God"

1949 - 1974

WHEN as a Christian church we
cultivate a Spirit of
mutual trustfulness;

When each esteems others better
than self; When the strong
delight to recover and support
the weak;

When the wise are patient and
gentle toward those of fewer
attainments;

When we are careful of each
other's reputation and gentle
toward one another's Infirmities;

When we are pitiful, long suffering,
condescending, unsuspecting and
self Sacrificing;

THEN will men remember the words
of Jesus: "A new commandment
I give unto you, that ye love
one another!"

--- Joseph Parker



First Baptist Church

DORAVILLE, GEORGIA 30340

DEWITT T. COX

PASTOR

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CELEBRATION PROGRAM: October 20 - November 24, 1974

*Beginning of Celebration: Morning Worship, Sunday, October 20, 1974
In Commemoration of First Worship Service
Sunday, October 16, 1949*

Rev. R. Edward Gilstrap, Missions Director of Atlanta Baptist Association.

Films of the Past - Each Sunday Evening - October 27-November 10.

IN COMMEMORATION OF OUR CONSTITUTION AS A CHURCH

Sunday, November 17, 1974
High Attendance in Sunday School
Morning Worship
Dr. Louie D. Newton, Guest Speaker

Dr. Newton spoke at the constitution of our church
November 27, 1949
(He will use same sermon)

Fellowship Dinner on Church Grounds
at approximately 12:45 (everyone bringing food)

Fellowship and Memorial Service
2:30 P.M.

Featuring Former Pastors and Staff Members
-No Evening Worship-

FOUNDERS SERVICE

*Sunday Evening, November 24, 1974
Featuring life story of Dr. A. Scott Patterson
After church fellowship with large birthday cake*

EACH FAMILY GIVING TO OUR BUILDING REMODELING FUND
\$1.00 for each year.

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John Egan

1st Revival
Revival Meeting

First Baptist Church

DORAVILLE, GEORGIA

August 13th Through August 20th

REV. J. THORNTON WILLIAMS,
PASTOR FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
BUFORD, EVANGELIST.

●
DR. A. SCOTT PATTERSON,
SUPPLY PASTOR



REV. J. THORNTON WILLIAMS

SERVICES AT USUAL HOURS SUNDAY, AUGUST 13th
MASS MEETING AT 3:00 P. M. SUNDAY, AUGUST 13th
OF LAWRENCEVILLE ASSOCIATION SUNDAY SCHOOL

SERVICES EACH NIGHT AT 8:00 O'CLOCK THROUGH
THE WEEK.

ALL SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE DORAVILLE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING

History of The First Baptist Church of Doraville.

There was a great need of a Baptist Church in Doraville. After many months of investigating and praying by Dr. A. Scott Patterson, and Rev. R. F. Faires, Field Worker in the Lawrenceville Association, it was decided that a missionary Baptist Church would be organized in Doraville, by Faith in God and cooperation of the people.

The first meeting was a prayer meeting at the home of Mr. & Mrs. J. G.

Humphrey Wed. evening 7:30, Oct. 12, 1949. Those present were: Mrs. Hiram Bobo Sr., Hiram Bobo Jr., John Bobo, Mr. & Mrs. F. C. Barrett, Jimmy Barrett, Wayne Barrett, Mr. & Mrs. Roy H. Epps, Mr. & Mrs. Denny, Barbara & Dail Denny, Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Humphrey, Vivian Humphrey, Mr. & Mrs. McCarty, Allen McCarty, Mr. & Mrs. J. O. Moore, Mrs. F. A. Oglesby, Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Lancaster Sr., Mr. & Mrs. A. W. Vanzant and Victoria Vanzant. The leaders in charge of the meeting were Rev. R. F. Faires and Dr. A. Scott Patterson.

After the singing of hymns, Rev. Faires

inspiring message pointing out the necessity of faith and cooperation in building a church. The meeting was closed with prayer.

A Revival meeting began Oct. 16, 1949. The first two sermons were delivered by Rev. Faires, and Dr. Patterson was the minister for the other services each evening in the school auditorium.

Services were announced for each Sun.

a. m. Sun. School at Ten o'clock The preach-
-ing service at 11:30, Sun. evening worship
7:30. prayer meeting wed. evening 7:30.

The Sun. school assembled Oct. 23, 1949. The following officers were elected to serve until the Church is organized. Supt. Mr. S. D. Humphrey - assist. Supt. Mr. B. W. Smith, Sec'y - Mrs. J. C. Barrett. Mr. B. W. Smith was appointed temporary Treas. for the Church.

The other ministers who have rendered their service during this time include Rev. Everett Norton Jr., Rev. Eldridge Cash, and Rev. J. W. Jones.

The week of Nov. 6th Rev. Faires taught a Sun. school Study Course to a group in Waverly using the book, "A Church

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Using Its Sun. School. The following were eligible for awards. Mrs. Bina Bobo Sr., Mr. & Mrs. F. C. Barrett, Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Holbrook, Mr. & Mrs. S. D. Humphrey, Mr. & Mrs. Pete Sexton, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Sexton, Lois Simmons, and Mrs. R. W. Smith.

There was a business meeting. The prayer service, Wed. evening, Nov. 2, 1949. Mr. H. A. Holbrook, Chairman of Finance Committee gave report, also Mr. S. D. Humphrey, Chairman of Census Committee reported progress made.

A committee named to ~~nominate~~ ^{appoint} church officers was Mrs. F. A. Oglesb, Mrs. H. A. Holbrook, and Mr. S. D. Humphrey. Mr. F. C. Barrett was appointed to act Clerk of the Church Sun. Nov. 27, 1949.

The finance committee appointed Mr. H. A. Holbrook, Mr. F. C. Barrett & Mr. R. W. Smith.

Two motions were made and approved to be recommended to the Church.

1. That the name of the Church be "The First Baptist Church of Decatur."
2. That we...

5.

Mr. J. C. Barrett - Treas.

Mrs. Humphrey - Clerk.

Mr. Newton prayed. The church sang a song of invitation. After which the members totaling 33 were given the Hand of Fellowship. On the evening worship there were 2 who came into the church by letter making a total of 35 Chatter members.

On Wed. evening Nov. 30, there was a business session after prayer service. A committee was appointed to go to the Lawrenceville Association to go under their watchcare. This Comm. was Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Holbrook, & Mr. Barrett. A Comm. was appointed to nominate Sun. School officers for church approval next Wed. mite. It was decided to have a business each Wed. evening after prayer service.

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Doraville Building Going Up

The First Baptist Church, of Doraville, is at work on their new building. Much of the materials are on the ground and the mason work is now being done. This church, led by Dr. A. Scott Patterson, is an inspiration to the other churches for they are certainly doing a magnificent work.

DORAVILLE STARTS BUILDING

The First Baptist Church, Doraville, has the foundation poured for the new building. Materials are being put on the ground, water pipe has been laid, and the electrical wires have been strung to aid in the building process. The offerings have amounted to more than \$100.00 a week since the church was organized.

Dr. Merritt To Speak At Doraville

Today, October 15, Dr. James W. Merritt will be the speaker at the First Baptist Church, Doraville. It is a joy to have Dr. Merritt in our Association, and to visit with this new church.

It was one year ago, on October 16, that the first service, which was a prayer meeting, was held with the hope of beginning a Baptist Church in Doraville. Since that time a church has been organized, more than \$5,000 has been raised (plus outside gifts), and a building has been begun. The walls of that building are now completed, and the rafters for the roof are being constructed.

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DORAVILLE ENJOYS STEADY GAINS

The First Baptist Church, Doraville, experienced one of her best months during December. The grounds have been graded and the revien filled. The downstairs floor has been poured, which is an excellent job. The ceiling for the overhead had been delivered, and progress is continuing in a notable way.

On last Sunday this church had their highest attendance in Sunday School, 124, all of whom stayed for the worship service. And there were several who came for the preaching hour, who were not in Sunday School. Surely the Spirit of the Lord is in this church.

(Field Worker's note:) Dr. Patterson has done a wonderful work with the Doraville church, for which we are all most grateful. He is hoping to be able to see the new building with chairs before he gives up the work. These chairs will cost \$6.00 each. Dr. Patterson is wondering if he has enough six dollar friends to seat the church. I believe he has hundreds of six dollar friends. If you are one of them, send \$6.00 to Bro. Pat, Norcross, to buy a chair in tribute of his services.)

DORAVILLE TO ENTER NEW BUILDING

The First Baptist Church, of Doraville, is making plans to enter their new building on the first Sunday in May. The church under the able leadership of Dr. Patterson, has made remarkable progress. We are eternally grateful for Dr. Patterson's service and for the response the people have given him.

They enter the new building with two pianos, chairs for the auditorium, and for the classrooms.

The church is free of debt on the building; however, they do still owe some on the building lot. They continue to receive gifts from their friends most gratefully.

Doraville Worships In New Building

On May 6, the First Baptist Church, Doraville, entered their new building. During the seventeen months of its organization, the Lord has led these people as he did the Children of Israel when they marched through the Red Sea, and Nehemiah and the people as they rebuilt the wall of Jerusalem. At the present time, the Sunday School enrollment is 197, with an average attendance of 137. Dr. Patterson has been used of the Lord in a magnificent way, but he has now given his resignation, effective the first of June. (Next month we plan to have a picture of the new building, and a more detailed report of the new building.)

The men appointed to the Planning, Building and Finance Committee for the new auditorium were: Mr. R. W. Holbrook, Mr. C. F. Kellam, Mr. R. R. Harwell, Mr. J. W. Beavers, Mr. R. W. Vanzant, Mr. H. A. Holbrook, Mr. Horace Lynn, Mr. R. W. Hughes, Mr. E. W. Morgan, and Mr. W. J. Holloway. The Planning Committee was authorized to secure working plans for the proposed auditorium by the Church in regular conference on February 17, 1955. Plans presented by the Committee were approved by the Church on June 10, 1955 and the contract for construction was signed July 11, 1955. Ground was broken for the new auditorium on July 19, 1955.

Two members of ^{our} the Church have felt the call to give their life to full-time Christian service. ^{As a result} One of them, Mr. Homer Brannon, is studying now in preparation for his seminary training. The other, Mr. Jack Venus, plans to enter college in the fall of 1956 to begin his training.

We are indeed grateful that God has prospered our work for Him in this community and pray for His continued blessings.

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Wednesday, November 23, 1949

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Dr. Louie D. Newton, pastor of the Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta, and member of the Executive Committee of the World Baptist Alliance and past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will speak.

Doraville Buys Lot for Building

The First Baptist Church of Doraville, organized last October and now meeting in the school building there, has purchased a lot where it plans to build as soon as funds are available.

The church is the only Baptist church in the town which has become an industrial center in recent months.

It has paid \$2,000 on the \$6,000 purchase price of the lot. The Georgia Baptist Convention has given \$1,000 toward construction of the church. Building plans will wait on payment of the lot debt.

Dr. A. Scott Patterson and Rev. R. F. Faires, field worker in the Lawrenceville Association, are serving the church until it develops enough for a full-time minister. Dr. Patterson is acting as pastor.

The Sunday school has an enrollment of 97 and there are 51 members in the church. A Training Union has been organized and a Woman's Missionary Union is to be formed at an early date.

DORAVILLE BAPTIST NAME SS OFFICERS

Officers for the Sunday School of the new Doraville Baptist Church were named this week.

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The First Baptist Church, of Doraville, has closed a deal for the purchase of a plot of ground on which to build a house of worship.

This lot is a very desirable location and is almost two acres in size. Doraville Church is very happy that they have a lot on which to build. Pray for them as they face the problem of paying for a \$6,000.00 lot and erecting a building on it.

DORAVILLE PLANS TO BUILD SOON

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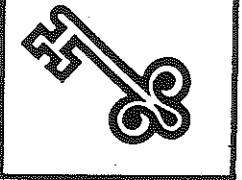
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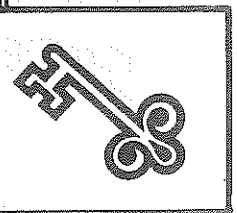
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