

DEDICATION

1 Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children: for the people wept very sore. Ezra 10:1

12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:

13 Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both. Zechariah 6:12-13

This Church History is dedicated to all that have the Vision, planning, labor in building this beautiful sanctuary, the House of God.

To Elder Virgil and Sister Marion Agan; Elder Maurice T. and Sister Nita Thomas; Deacon Joseph M. and Sister Lola Bagwell; Deacon John and Sister Essie Buie; Deacon Fred L. and Sister Julia Cannon; Deacon John T. and Sister Mary Dunn; Deacon Ollis and Sister Dorothy Elton; Deacon Mike and Sister Marie Everett; Deacon Enoch F. and Sister Gertrude Hicks; Deacon Langley and Sister Eugenia Irvin; Deacon A. Earl and Sister Irene McLendon; Deacon Bert L. and Sister Lattie Price; Deacon Willard H. and Sister Nell Price; Deacon Charles and Sister Eola Scott; Deacon Roger A. and Sister Alma Simms; Deacon Lonnie and Sister Loraine Warnock; Deacon Rufus and Sister Rena Williams; Deacon Joe John and Sister Jamie Wilson; Deacon Robert B and Sister Woodall; Dr. J. T. and Sister Eslye Lyon, Members and Friends who helped to build this beautiful House of God.

To all former Elders, Deacons and Members who had the vision to start planning a \$100,000 building for the permanent place of worship, to those who have the vision and labor of love to keep this beautiful House of God for us to worship in.

We apologize for any errors or omissions in this book.

May God Bless the Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church.

The Church History and Rededication Committee

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MINISTERS WHO HAVE SERVED THE ATLANTA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

ELDER WALTER M. BLACKELL	MAY 10, 1922	SEPTEMBER 30, 1925
ELDER VIRGIL F. AGAN	OCTOBER 1, 1925	SEPTEMBER 30, 1928
ELDER WILLIAM H. CROUSE	OCTOBER 1, 1928	SEPTEMBER 1, 1940
ELDER VIRGIL F. AGAN	SEPTEMBER 1, 1940	OCTOBER 15, 1942
ELDER MAURICE T. THOMAS	OCTOBER 30, 1942	AUGUST 31, 1946
ELDER PAUL O. REVELS	SEPTEMBER 1, 1946	SEPTEMBER 15, 1952
ELDER J. FRED HARTLEY	SEPTEMBER 24, 1952	APRIL 21, 1953
	(PASSED AWAY APRIL 21, 1953)	
ELDER CLAUDE OSBORNE	JULY 1, 1953	SEPTEMBER 30, 1954
ELDER VIRGIL F. AGAN	SEPTEMBER 1, 1954	AUGUST 31, 1962
ELDER HOYT B. SIMMS	SEPTEMBER 1, 1962	AUGUST 31, 1967
ELDER EMORY H. JACKSON	SEPTEMBER 1, 1967	JULY 1, 1970
ELDER CHARLES C. CARRIN	JULY 19, 1970	AUGUST 30, 1978
ELDER BILLY AKINS	SEPTEMBER 1, 1978	AUGUST 30, 1980
ELDER HEBERT CHAPMAN	JULY 1, 1981	AUGUST 30, 1984
ELDER LOREN WILSON	SEPTEMBER 1, 1984	JULY 31, 1988
ELDER LEE PRICE	SEPTEMBER 1, 1989	AUGUST 30, 1992
ELDER SCOTT RINER	JUNE 1, 1994	MARCH 31, 1998
ELDER HOYT B. SIMMS	JANUARY 1, 1999	DECEMBER 31, 2004
ELDER PAT McCOY	APRIL 1, 2005	

DEACONS WHO HAVE SERVED THE CHURCH

DEACON GEORGE D. MCLENDON	MAY 22, 1922
DEACON DR. W. W. HARDEN	NOVEMBER 27, 1922
DEACON E. G. AKIN	NOVEMBER 27, 1922
DEACON JOE J. WILSON	DECEMBER 20, 1925
DEACON W. A. MOORE	APRIL 2, 1926
DEACON T. J. DENMARK	JULY 17, 1932
DEACON JOE M. BAGWELL	MARCH 17, 1940
DEACON FRED L. CANNON, SR.	MARCH 17, 1940
DEACON WILLARD H. PRICE	OCTOBER 31, 1944
DEACON MIKE E. EVERETT	OCTOBER 27, 1950
DEACON BERT L. PRICE	OCTOBER 27, 1950
DEACON ROGER H. SIMMS	OCTOBER 27, 1950
DEACON J. RUFUS WILLIAMS	OCTOBER 27, 1950
DEACON LONNIE A. WARNOCK	JANUARY, 1928
DEACON FRED M. WILLIAMS	OCTOBER 19, 1947
DEACON JOHN BUIE	JULY 22, 1955
DEACON JOHN T. DUNN	JULY 22, 1955
DEACON ENOCH F. HICKS, SR.	JULY 22, 1955
DEACON ROBERT A. WOODALL	JULY 22, 1955
DEACON OLLIS ELTON	JULY 7, 1959
DEACON LANGLEY IRVIN	JULY 7, 1959
DEACON A. EARL MCLENDON	JULY 7, 1959
DEACON CHARLES H. SCOTT	JULY 7, 1959
DEACON JOE A. MASSEY	JUNE 10, 1962
DEACON JAMES A. BOBBITT	MAY 29, 1963
DEACON WILSON DYER	OCTOBER 13, 1972
DEACON JOHN R. STOKES	OCTOBER 13, 1972
DEACON VINSON TRIPPE	OCTOBER 13, 1972
DEACON HOWARD FORCE, SR.	JANUARY 29, 1977
DEACON GUY DASHER	JANUARY 29, 1977
DEACON GLEN CUNNINGHAM	JANUARY 29, 1977
DEACON MAX BOWERS	APRIL 4, 1986
DEACON CLAY COBURN	APRIL 4, 1986
DEACON ENOCH F. HICKS, JR.	APRIL 4, 1986
DEACON BILL STREVEL	APRIL 4, 1986
DEACON WADE BOWERS	MAY 1, 1992
DEACON RAYMOND L. MOTES	MAY 1, 1992

**TREASURER THAT HAVE SERVED THE ATLANTA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
CHURCH**

BROTHER E. G. AKIN	MAY 9, 1922	SEPTEMBER 1, 1925
BROTHER W. A. MOORE	SEPTEMBER 13, 1925	APRIL 1, 1931
BROTHER J. T. LYON	APRIL 17, 1931	AUGUST 21, 1932
BROTHER T. J. DENMARK	AUGUST 21, 1932	AUGUST 1, 1939
BROTHER EARL MCLENDON	AUGUST 1, 1939	APRIL 1, 1948
BROTHER ENOCH F. HICKS, SR.	APRIL 21, 1948	AUGUST 1, 1951
BROTHER EARL MCLENDON	AUGUST 6, 1951	SEPTEMBER 24, 1952
BROTHER MIKE E. EVERETT	OCTOBER 1, 1952	AUGUST 1, 1953
BROTHER EARL TALLEY	AUGUST 17, 1953	SEPTEMBER 15, 1955
BROTHER AL CONE	SEPTEMBER 21, 1955	AUGUST 15, 1956
BROTHER EARL MCLENDON	AUGUST 15, 1956	APRIL 30, 1966
BROTHER HOWARD FORCE	MAY 1, 1966	JULY 31, 1974
BROTHER VINSON TRIPP	AUGUST 1, 1974	JULY 31, 1981
BROTHER HOWARD FORCE	AUGUST 1, 1981	JUNE 30, 1989
BROTHER MARK MOBLEY	JULY 1, 1989	AUGUST 30, 1991
BROTHER RAYMOND MOTES	SEPTEMBER 1, 1991	

CLERKS WHO HAVE SERVED THE ATLANTA PRIMITIVE CHURCH

BROTHER A. EARL MCLENDON	MAY 9, 1922	SEPTEMBER 13, 1925
SISTER ETHEL SMITH	SEPTEMBER 13, 1925	JULY 1, 1926
BROTHER GROOVER ALDERMAN	JULY 2, 1926	SEPTEMBER 15, 1931
BROTHER W.H. SPILLERS	SEPTEMBER 20, 1931	APRIL 1, 1932
SISTER LORENA A. HOWARD	APRIL 15, 1932	AUGUST 30, 1946
BROTHER MIKE E. EVERETT	SEPTEMBER 1, 1946	NOVEMBER 1, 1947
BROTHER J. T. LYON	NOVEMBER 6, 1947	JANUARY 7, 1948
BROTHER J. RUFUS WILLIAMS	JANUARY 7, 1948	APRIL 1, 1949
BROTHER MIKE E. EVERETT	APRIL 6, 1949	AUGUST 30, 1950
BROTHER BERT L. PRICE	SEPTEMBER 1, 1950	AUGUST 6, 1951
BROTHER WILLARD H. PRICE	AUGUST 6, 1951	AUGUST 30, 1953
BROTHER LANGLEY E. IRVIN	SEPTEMBER 1, 1953	OCTOBER 15, 1953
SISTER BERT L. PRICE	OCTOBER 21, 1953	APRIL 15, 1954
SISTER GENEVA S. DICKEY	APRIL 21, 1954	MAY 1, 1955
SISTER EVELYN STOKES	MAY 25, 1955	MAY 30, 1962
SISTER EVELYN MANN	JUNE 1, 1962	FEBRUARY 28, 1967
SISTER BRENDA HICKS	MARCH 1, 1967	JULY 31, 1971
SISTER EVELYN MANN	AUGUST 1, 1971	AUGUST 31, 1972
SISTER GLADY PENNELL	OCTOBER 1, 1972	NOVEMBER 1, 1972
SISTER BETTY DASHER	DECEMBER 1, 1972	AUGUST 30, 1981
SISTER PEGGY CUNNINGHAM	SEPTEMBER 1, 1981	AUGUST 30, 1984
SISTER FRANCES COBURN	SEPTEMBER 1, 1984	AUGUST 30, 1987
SISTER TRESSA WILLIAMS	SEPTEMBER 1, 1987	AUGUST 30, 1991
SISTER ANGLIA BOWERS	SEPTEMBER 1, 1991	

ATLANTA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH HISTORY

**1922 - 1998 76 YEARS - Constituted
1958 - 1998 -- 40 YEARS - Present Building**

The constitution of the Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church was consummated on Wednesday night, May 9, 1922, by a small group, assembled in the Majestic Hotel on Peachtree Street. The Presbytery consisted of Elders George D. Godard and Walter M. Blackwell.

1. A hymn was sung and the Moderator offered prayer for Divine guidance in this work.
2. Call for the letters for all who wish to join into the organization and received the following letters. There were thirteen Charter Members, bringing letters from Boulevard, Cordele and Sasser Churches. Namely: Brother and Sister E. G. Akin, Sister Allie Warnock (H. B. Griffin), Dr. and Sister W. W. Harden, their son, Brother Alton F. Harden, and their daughter, Sister Lillian Harden Bean, Deacon and Sister George D. McLendon and their son, Brother A. Earl McLendon, Sister Lizzie Brown, and Brother Thomas Lee Brown
3. Dr. W. W. Harden was elected to act as spokesman for the church.
4. The Moderator asked for the Articles of Faith and on which they wish to be constituted.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, do, hereby, subscribe to the following declaration of faith.

FIRST: We believe in one only, true and living God, by whom all things were created and by whom all things exist.

SECOND: We believe that God created man good, able to stand but liable to fall, and that man, fell from this pure state and brought himself under condemnation and death, and that man is wholly unable to deliver himself from this condition.

THIRD: We believe that God chose a people unto salvation or eternal life, and that this choice was eternal, particular, and unconditional.

FORTH: We believe that God was in Christ and that, by the sacrifice of Jesus, all whom God chose unto salvation were forever redeemed from the curse of the law and made righteous in Him.

FIFTH: We believe that all who were redeemed by the Son will, in time, be effectually called by the Holy Spirit, born again, and made partakers of the Divine nature.

SIXTH: We believe that all who are regenerated (Effectual called) will be finally saved. Not one can be lost.

SEVENTH: We believe that the bodies of all men will be resurrected from the grave, and that the joys of the righteous will be eternal and that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting.

EIGHTH: We believe that all who are called of God are under obligations to do good works and that in the keeping of His commandments there is a great reward.

NINTH: We believe that Baptism, the Lord Supper and washing the saint's feet are ordinances of church and that believers are the only proper subjects for baptism and that emersion is the only mode, and that none except those who have been regularly baptized are to be admitted in the communion service.

TENTH: We believe that the Church is the highest ecclesiastical authority on earth, subject alone unto God for all her acts and that her form of government is congregational, each member having an equal voice in all her acts.

ELEVENTH: We are opposed to declarations of Non-fellowship against the Lord's people over matters in which no principle is involved, believing such to be unscriptural and destructive to the best interest of the Church.

TWELFTH: We believe it to be the duty of the church to freely and liberally contribute of their carnal things to the support of the ministry that they give themselves wholly to the work whereunto God has called them.

THIRTEENTH: We believe the scriptures of the old and new testament to be the Word of God and that they alone are to govern God's people, both in faith and practice.

SIGNED: G. D. McLendon, Mrs. G. D. McLendon, Mr. E. G. Akin, Mrs. E. G. Akin, and Dr. W. W. Harden, Mrs. W. W. Harden, Alton F. Harden, Mrs. Morgan Brown, Thomas Lee Brown, Morgan Brown, A. Earl McLendon, Mrs. H. B. Griffm, and Mrs. L. C. Bean.

COVENANTS AND ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE ATLANTA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA

In as much as Christ, Our Savior has established a church here on earth, composed of baptized believers who are to keep house for God, and are, of all men, to be the light of the world, lifting up a standard to the people, the banner of King Emanuel, contending for truth and righteousness, and, in as much as He has ordained that churches should be established whenever his people are found, and that they should not forsake the assembling of themselves together for public service, and feeling that we, can better serve Him, and further His cause, by a Church organization in Atlanta, FULTON County, THEREFORE, We, the undersigned believers in Jesus and members of the Church of God, called Primitive Baptist, have this day May 9, 1922 been regularly constituted as a local Church Organization to be known as the Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church, and we have subscribed to the following Covenant and General Principles of Faith;

COVENANT

We solemnly promise that we will be faithful in the study of God's Word and in prayer and that we will attend all our Church meetings when possible to do so, and we will labor united and zealously for the Master's cause, and seek at all times His Glory and the advancement of His

Kingdom, that we will strive daily to crucify the flesh and live such lives that we may be a light unto the world and show forth the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. We promise that we will ever labor for the peace and fellowship so necessary for the best interest of the Church, making whatever personal sacrifice that may be necessary and that we will lovingly watch over each other for good, and whenever any shall go astray, either in faith or practice, we will kindly lovingly and faithfully seek to save such a one from the error of his way that he may enjoy richly the blessings of God's house and the joy of salvation, and that none of God's children be lost to our cause. We promise to contribute freely and liberal of our carnal things for the support of the Church, and that each \\111give as the Lord has prospered him, that our Ministry may give themselves wholly to the work whereunto God has called them. And for Grace to enable us to so live and labor we do most earnestly pray.

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SEE APPENDIX B FOR PEACHTREE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH ON PAGE 82.

Elder Walter M. Blackwell was chosen as the first pastor, serving full time.

The church had been holding their services in the Majestic Hotel, on July 1, 1922, the place of worship was moved to North Avenue School building.

August 8, 1922 the church being at the Jackson Hills Baptist Church for Baptism service, went into conference and appointed a building committee to buy a lot and erect a temporary Church building. Committee as follows: Dr. W. W. Harden, Brother E. G. Akin and Deacon G. D. McLendon. Advisory committee: Elder Walter M. Blackwell, Brother F. L. Cannon, Brother D. E. Blackwell, and Dr. W. K. Stewart.

Several meetings were held by the committee and the church in discussing different lots and raising funds on October 13, 1922 the committee met at the Ansley Hotel and decided to buy the lot at 766 North Boulevard, for \$3,000.00; and the building contract was let the same day for a temporary building. Brother Frank C. Blackwell, brother of the pastor, was the contractor, and most of the material came from the dissembling of Old Camp Gordon at Chamblee. In just one month, the building was sufficiently completed for Dedication Service in November 19, 1922, only six months after the Constitution of the Church. The house was filled with people. The sermon was preached by Elder W. M. Blackwell and special music by Sister James L. Key and Brother Harvey Farlow.

October 30, 1922 the Church recognized a gift in Dr. Stewart to the gospel ministry. The Church needed more Deacons Dr. W. W. Harden and Brother E. G. Akin was elected to be ordained at some future time.

The newly erected Church at Boulevard and St. Charles was completed and the dedication services were held Sunday November 19, 1922. The house was filled with people. The sermon was preached by Elder Blackwell and special music was by Sister James L. Key and Brother Harvey Farlow.

February 28, 1923 Dr. Stewart was ordained to the work of the ministry.

November 27, 1922 the church ordained Brothers, Dr. W. W. Harden, and E. G. Akin as deacons. Elder V. F. Agan preached the duties of the deacons; the ordination prayer was by Elder Blackwell.

Soon after organizing, there was an in gathering of new members, many of whom proved to be pillars of the Church; mentioning some of these --- Sister Lizzie Blackwell and daughter, Elizabeth, family of the pastor; also the Pastor's brothers, Brother and Sister D. E. Blackwell, Brother and Sister Frank C. Blackwell; Brother and Sister Fred L. Cannon, Sr.; Brother Roger A. Sims; Brother J. H. Alderman; Deacon and Sister H. C. Routon, Sister Julia McWilliams and daughters, Susan, Maude, and Sister Mable Moore; Brothers J. F. and T. F. Davis; Brother And Sister John D. Durden, (he later liberated to preach); Dr. and Sister W. K. Stewart, (he later ordained as an Elder); Sister E. J. Bass and Brother J. T. Lyon --- all of these becoming members in full fellowship during Elder Crouse's pastorate.

May 9, 1923, the Church met at the time stated above for the celebration of her first anniversary. The following program was carried out. After a delightful song service the pastor announced the purpose of the meeting, Elder George D. Goddard offered prayer, who was invited to be present. Sister Lena Gray sang a song. Elder Blackwell then read the Articles of Faith and Covenant and made a short talk about the progress of the Church in the past year. Dr. Harden and the reading of the poem composed by him made a very appropriate talk. Elder Goddard delivered a very profound and able message upon the subject of the Church. A useful souvenir, a bookmark, was given to each one present.

The service was closed with prayer by the pastor.

In thankfulness and gladsome praise,
Our first Birthday we celebrate.
May Holy Light through future days,
Our every step illuminate.

We need the Holy Spirit's light,
To shine within us and around,
To guide our faltering footsteps right,
To make our love the more abound.

We need God's matchless, sovereign grace,
As well, to keep us in the way,
As first to make us see His face,
Or lift us from the miry clay.

May His rich grace and Spirit's power,
As through life's journey we press on,
Abound, abide, and be felt each hour,
While closer each to each is drawn.

**But let us know that many harms,
Through fires that burn, through storms that blow,
Through Satan's snares, and earthly charms,
Shall e'er beset us as we go.**

**We'll march with courage, strength, and joy,
Through all the perils and the woes;
For nothing can our peace annoy,
Where hearts are warm and friendship grows.**

**Together let us live in love,
In union there is strength and health,
Let's praise our Lord, who holds above,
Our mansions of most glorious wealth.**

**Written and read at the first Anniversary of the Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church,
By Dr. W. W. Harden D. D. S. Dentist 705 Candler Building, Atlanta Georgia**

May 20, 1923 Elder Blackwell was called to be pastor for another year.

The Church began with extraordinary enthusiasm; and for quite a while, enjoyed unusual blessings of the Lord. At times, there were overflow crowds standing in the vestibule. There was an well-organized choir with Sister H. B. Griffin as pianist. Sister James L. Key, wife of then Mayor of Atlanta and a talented Musician, and Brother Harvey Farlow, a gifted singer, arranged special music. There was a wide-awake Bible School with two flourishing classes. The present Elder John D. Durden was teacher of the adult class. One Sunday the congregation raised funds for a new automobile for the pastor. But alas, after three years of such blessings, the devil slipped in and sowed seeds of confusion, and they could only gather up the fragments as they traveled on.

The church met in conference March 1924 and the following Brothers were elected trustees of this church, and invested with the authority to sign deeds and any and all papers necessary for the Church; Brother E. G. Akin, Brother J. D. Durden, Dr. W. W. Harden, Brother D. E. Blackwell and Brother Fred L. Cannon.

Elder Blackwell resigned from the Church July 15, 1925.

Elder Virgil F. Agan was called as second Pastor October 1, 1925 with services limited to two Sundays a month. Elder Agan moved to Atlanta and gave the church three years of intensive care, under which the church began to prosper again. After that time, Elder Agan felt impressed to go to other fields of labor. Deacon and Sister Joe J. Wilson, Deacon Lonnie A. Warnock and family, and Brother Charlie J. Stroupe joined during this period.

Conference December 31, 1926, a report on the financing loan of The Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church:

Obligation of church to Adair Realty and Trust Co. Principal., \$1,500.00

Interest.....\$ 15.67
 Paid in Full..... \$1,515.67
 Funds subscribed by Members and Friends \$ 328.00
 Amount still outstanding.....\$ 15.00
 Amount collected\$ 313.00

Paid to D. E. Blackwell
 Principal\$ 200.00
 Interest\$ 15.67
 Commission..... 50.00 \$ 265.67
 Balance in Bank\$ 47.33

Current expenses, Pastor, Lights, and water \$ 12.80
 Balance in Bank January 1, 1927 \$ 34.53

Present loan to run for three years, payable June and December 1927, and 1928, \$150.00 semiannually with interests from date. Payments in June and December 1929 being \$350.00 each will clear the loan

Respectfully submitted by Brother W. A. Moore, Treas.

Elder William H. Crouse, the third Pastor, was called September 6, 1928. Elder Crouse was probably the ablest preacher of our denomination at that time; however, living quite a distance from Atlanta and with services further restricted to one Sunday each month, his task was difficult. He pastored the Church eleven years and there were times of both prosperity and leanness.

Conference November 15, 1931 whereas the Church did on May 17, 1931 by official act, liberate Brother Daily W. Crouse to publicly exercise the gift which he felt the Lord had bestowed upon him as a minister of the Word and whereas, he has by his preaching convinced us that God has called him unto this work, therefore be it resolved, that the Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church calls for his ordination to the full work of the gospel ministry. And be it further resolved, that the ministry and deacons of the Lower Canoochee Association, in the bounds of which brother Crouse has spent nearly all his life, be and are hereby requested to sit as a presbytery to consider his fitness for this work and to ordain him if found qualified and worthy, and that the 5th Sunday and Saturday before in January 1923 be appointed as the time for such examination and ordination. It is also agreed that Brother Daily is at liberty to invite any other minister whom he may especially desire to assist in the meeting. And be it further resolved that in as much as Brother Daily has lived nearly all his life in and near Statesboro, united with the Statesboro Church when ten years of age, was a member there until a year ago, and as his and Sister Crouse's families reside in that section, it is agreed that this ordination service be held with the Statesboro Church in Statesboro, Georgia.

The Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church to be represented by such of her officers and members as may attend the ordination meeting.

December 18, 1931 there was a special discussion on the question of the Glazner Memorial Primitive Baptist Church and the Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church uniting. Moved and seconded and carried that the pastor be appointed to write a letter of explanation with reference to the appointment of the committee to consider the question of the two churches uniting.

The church was declared in conference June 19, 1933 after morning services and Brother W. A. Moore announced a congregation of Jews was interested in buying our church property. This having been mentioned a month ago, the brethren have had time for discussion. It was also mentioned they wanted the property for purpose of holding their services when we were not using it. Dr. J. T. Lyon suggested \$12 or \$15 per month rent. A committee including Brother W. A. Moore, Brother George McLendon and Dr. J. T. Lyon were appointed and given authority to fix said rent and also an option of possibly \$50 for sale of property, price not to be less than \$4,500 cash.

The Hebrew congregation being unwilling to worship in the building we use, requested building the entire time beginning August 1, 1933. They will pay an option of \$50 and a rental of \$15 per month up to November 1, 1933. They agree to pay to church the cash sum of \$2,000 or if able to raise entire amount of \$4,500 will pay entire amount November 1, 1933. Otherwise \$2,000 cash shall be paid November 1, 1933 with remainder February 1, 1934.

On August 19, 1933 began holding services in the Glazener Memorial Church Building, which had been very generously offered. This arrangement continued for six years, with the exception of nine months, beginning November 1934, when services were held in the Junior Order Hall on Capitol Avenue.

Conference October 13, 1933 Brother T. J. Denmark read a letter he had received from trustees of the Hebrew congregation in regard to our property stating they would be unable to buy our property as per terms of the option. They suggested we extend option 30 days or agree to rent said property at rate of \$250 per year, payable monthly. Motion was made and carried that the proposition to lease our church property for one year for \$250 is rejected. Second made and carried that the church declines to extend the option for another thirty days and insists that the church property be returned and the option canceled effective November 1, 1933 as originally signed unless the term thereof were strictly adhered to. Third, motion made and carried, Brother Denmark be added to the committee previously appointed to negotiate the trade of property for the purpose of securing return of same without legal entanglement.

Conference November 17, 1933 Elder William H. Crouse explained the action taken by the committee on our church property and ask if it was the desire of the church to ratify this act or not. Quick action being necessary to keep property from being vacated, and after taking into consideration the financial condition of the church, the committee deemed it wisest to rent at the rate of \$300 per year, to be paid in quarterly installments, \$75 being paid November 1, 1933 as per offer of Hebrew trustees. After much discussion motion was made and carried this act be ratified.

August 17, 1934, a letter was read from the Glazner Church to our church signed by Elder Riner as moderator and Brother's F. S. Newlin clerk, stating they had appointed a committee of five members including Elder D. H. Smith, Brother's W. P. Oxford, J. P. Warren, F. S. Newlin and R. M. Clark and requested our church appoint a similar committee to meet with them for purpose of discussing plans to merge the two Church's and calling pastor for the year. Those appointed to meet with their committee were Brother's T. J. Denmark, Chairman, Dr. W. W. Harden, Joe Wilson, George McLendon and H. C. Routon.

Sunday October 21, 1934 a called conference, Elder William H. Crouse moderator, a committee of five were appointed to act with full authority to sell, lease, rent or dispose of the property located on boulevard. The committee was composed of Brother Fred L. Cannon, chairman, Brother H. C. Routon, Dr. J. T. Lyon, Brother Lonnie Warnock, and Brother Charles Stroupe. The committee was also empowered to get a place of worship for the congregation.

Conference Sunday November 18, 1934, as announced friends and members met for our first meeting in Junior Order Hall on Capitol Ave. We enjoyed a nice size congregation and Gods Spirit seemed near as we joined our voices in song, prayers, and speaking. Brother Cannon chairman of committee appointed to look after property on Boulevard and find a place to worship, submitted two letters to be read to church. One to Glazner Church stating we had obtained another place to worship and thanking them for their courtesy extended us during our stay with them. Secondly, letter to our church saying property on Boulevard had been re-leased to Jewish congregation at \$20.00 per month payable in advance same to be applied on loan. Also committee had rented at \$5.00 per month Junior Order Hall on Capitol Ave. as a place to worship. As our church voted to abide by decision of committee to accept these letters and release the committee from their obligation, and carried.

April 1935 Brother Moore advised the church representatives from Hebrew congregation had been to see him in regard to laying matched floor and painting inside our building on Boulevard. They would do work and pay us two months' rent for privilege of staying there until first of year at which time they hoped to have the money to buy the building. This was voted and carried.

Sunday July 1935 motion was made and seconded after much discussion that beginning with our August meeting church should accept the offer of the Glazner Church to meet with them and shall continue to meet there as long as it's satisfactory with both churches to do so. The terms agreed on \$8.00 per month to cover all expenses with privilege of third Sunday services and Friday night before if desired.

Sister W. W. (Rachel) Harden (charter member) passed away suddenly August 18, 1935 at Nashville, Georgia while visiting her twin sister who was seriously ill. Sister Harden was born January 8, 1875 in Lowndes County near Valdosta, Georgia.

Miss Rachel Williams was married to Dr. W. W. Harden at Ty Ty, Georgia, October 6, 1895. Besides Dr. Harden, three children survive also four brothers and four sisters. Sister Harden joined China Grove Primitive Baptist Church near Sylvester, Georgia, at the age of 17 years, being baptized by Elder I. P. Porter. She and Dr. Harden moved to Atlanta, Georgia in 1911 joining the Glazner Memorial Church at its organization by Elder Simms and later becoming charter members of the Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church where her membership was at the time of her death. She loved her Church, Sister's and Brethren in Christ.

She was a faithful wife and a good mother. She was an understanding friend; always thoughtful of another was one of her beautiful characteristics.

We shall miss her and in Christian love we mingle our tears with those of her loved ones. Her funeral and interment were at Nashville, Georgia, conducted by her cousin Elder George Godard assisted by Elder R. H. Barwick. "And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me,

Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea; saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

We believe this includes her. " If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable, but thanks be to God, Which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord".

Sunday December, 1935 Dr. Lyon made announcement the committee appointed a month ago, rented our property to Hebrew congregation for another year for the sum of \$250, they to keep up repairs on place. The committees Dr. Lyon chairman, Brother Joe Wilson, Brother Charlie Stroupe, Brother T. J. Denmark and Brother H. C. Routon.

Conference August 1936 the church called Elder William H. Crouse for another year to be assisted by his son Elder Dailey W. Crouse, until such time his health might permit him attend all his duty. This seemed a satisfactory arrangement, as the vote was unanimous. Elder Crouse was sick often during the year.

Conference November 1936, Dr. Harden had bought a farm out of town and asked for his letter. Dr. Lyon stated time of renewal on our Boulevard property up and suggested Elder Crouse appoint committee to see Hebrew brethren and see if they were not ready to purchase property. He suggested others express themselves as to selling or moving back home if they are not now willing to purchase. All seemed to be of one accord so motion made committee be appointed to meet with Hebrew brethren for purpose of selling property or taking over same. Motion made by Brother Joe Wilson and seconded by Brother Joe Bagwell, and carried. Those appointed on committee Brothers Tom Denmark, Dr. Lyon, W. A. Moore, Stroupe, Earl McLendon, and George McLendon.

Conference December 1936 Elder Crouse asked for a report on the Boulevard property, Dr. Lyon as Chairperson reported nothing definite although Hebrew representatives had called saying they could not pay price requested and desired ninety days to look for another location. They would not lower price, and Dr. Lyon told them our price would play around \$4,700 to \$5,000. The committee was not released from their obligation to look after this matter. The property was rented for another twelve months.

Ruth Eleanor Howard was born May 6, 1937. Clerk was absent in May. (Daughter)

Conference August 1937 Elder William Crouse called for another year. Elder Crouse thanked all for the sweet spirit manifested and stated he did desire to stay with us and see us settled back in our own church home but then as soon as we could release Elder Crouse without hurting the cause he desired to be released.

October 17, 1937 after night services Dr. Lyon advised the church the committee and members deemed it unwise at present for financial reasons to move back to the church. Dr. Lyon asked for power for the committee to sell, release, rent the property, and report to the church in December.

December 6, 1937 God took the darling of our hearts away today, our little Mary Elizabeth, our precious baby. God give us grace to stand it. Mamma (Sister W. O. Howard, Clerk).

New members during Elder Crouse's pastorate included Sister J. W. Askew and daughter, Mildred; Deacon T. J. Denmark and family; Sister Lorena Howard; Sister C. 1. Stroupe; Brother and Sister Joe M. Bagwell; and others.

January 1939 the church in business conference. Dr. Lyon announced that the Glazener building had been sold. Brother Ephram Smith who also stated they were given six months if desired to find another location substantiated this. February 1939 Dr. Lyon as chairperson of the committee stated to rent our Boulevard property on a thirty-day basis. This was done in order that changing conditions could be taken care of more easily. The building was rented for \$22.50 per month the tenants to take care of and be responsible for any necessary repairs, wiring ECT.

Conference April 16, 1939 Dr. Lyon, chairman of property committee stated it was advisable give those now in possession of our property notice to vacate as we desired move back home. Brother Fred Cannon made a much appreciated talk in regard to reviving our church spiritually and financially and suggested we move back early as possible. Motion made; seconded and carried. The committee notifies Hebrew congregation we desired possession of property in sixty day's time. The Church took a rising vote on this.

June 1939 Brother Joe Wilson stated we were to move back into our Boulevard home in July, that Brother Fred Cannon had some plans to bring before the church and he ask Brother Cannon to explain them. Brother Cannon stated it was his idea something should be done about reducing the long-standing loan on the property. He also stated he personally was going to have the building painted and put into shape for our occupation. Discussion were had as to the manner indebtedness was to be taken care of and different members began to subscribe to fund for this purpose. It was finally left for the committee to act upon in the best possible manner with the Bank.

August 16, 1939 was celebrated as Homecoming Day. Elder H. C. Stubbs preached both services. The church was filled at the morning service. Elder William Crouse could not serve the church for another year due to his health. Brother Cannon made a short talk on finances and different ones subscribe to building fund, over \$7.00 was subscribed to pay light and water bills left by the Hebrews.

Elder Crouse did not return; and, for thirteen months, the church used supply preachers. During this period, the members seemed to feel closer and learned to work better together; and it was during this time that they paid off the old debt that had been hanging over them since their organization, leaving the church free of debt for the first time in its seventeen years of existence.

February 1940 Brother Joe Bagwell and Brother Fred Cannon were nominated and elected unanimously by the church to serve as Deacons. March 17, 1940 Elder Agan held the ordination services for brothers Fred Cannon and Joe Bagwell.

March 17, 1940 Elder V. F. Agan spoke to one of the largest congregations in the history of our church, The morning service beautiful in its simplicity was taken from Phil. 3rd chapter mainly 10th verse, subject being "The power of His resurrection". It brightens our hope in the Lord and strengthened our faith in the resurrection of these mortal bodies of ours. Visitors came from as far as 100 miles away to hear this man of God.

At the evening service Elder Agan was moderator of the presbytery ordaining brothers Joe Bagwell and Fred Cannon as deacons. Besides Brother Agan the presbytery consisted of Elder D. H. Smith and the deacons of our church, the only deacons of the church being able to be present being brothers George D McLendon and Joe Wilson. The church was called into conference and the ordination proceeded in the usual way.

Elder Agan read appropriate scripture from the book of Acts and also 3rd chapter 1st Timothy After admonishing these brethren as to their holy duty, Elder Smith presented appreciated thoughts to the wives of deacons and offered up a most beautiful prayer. As this body of people bowed in the presence of God, the Spirit of the Lord was much felt. Elder Agan then preached a most wonderful sermon using Galatians 5:16 "This I say then, walk in the spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh". May God help all to do so. After giving the new deacons and their wives the right hand of fellowship we were dismissed with prayer.

Elder V. F. Agan, moderator.
Sister W. O. Howard, clerk.

Conference Sunday April 21, 1940 Elder Agan was called as pastor. Sunday July 21, 1940 a letter was read that Elder Agan accepted the call and would start in September 1940. During this year 1940 we have paid all of our guest ministers \$25.00 per. Sunday plus their traveling expenses. Sister Lorena Howard, clerk.

September 29, 1940 through October 6, 1940 Elder Virgil F. Agan of Dawson, as our new pastor was installed with a sweet and prayerful service beginning his ministry with a week's meeting starting September 29th and going through October 6, 1940. The preaching and attendance was good all the week, especially on both Sundays when practically all seats were taken.

Brother and Sister Willard H. Price from Oaky Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Wrightsville, Georgia, brought letters and was gladly received.

Sister's Sarah McWilliams Davis and Annie Ruth McWilliams were baptized October 6th

By the lasts days of our service enough money had been raised to complete the payment on the church loan. Since a year ago, when under the leadership of Brother Fred Cannon, to whom the church is deeply grateful we have paid off a \$850 loan, put a roof on the building, installed four new gas heaters, bought one hundred new song books, besides other smaller incidentals, all paid for. We humbly acknowledge the goodness of our heavenly Father that made it possible for us to do this. The Deacons worked out a number of new committees, giving different ones some work to do.

Committees appointed for a six months period.

Finance: Brother Joe M. Bagwell, chairman, Brother Fred L, Cannon, secretary And vice chairman, Brother J. T. Lyon, Brother W. H. Price, Brother Earl A. McLendon, and Brother L. A. Warnock.

Building: Sister Mrs. F. L. Cannon, chairman, Sisters Frank Blackwell and Sister Mabel Moore,

Publicity, Visiting and ECT. : Sister Mrs. C. J. Stroup, chairman, Sisters J.M. Bagwell, Miss Loudie Matthew, Sister G. D. McLendon, Sister Milton Townley and Sister F. A. Traler.
 Music: Sister J. J. Wilson, chairman, Sister W. H. Price and Miss Loraine Zellner.
 Flowers: Sister J. T. Lyon, chairman, Sister Mildred Routon, Sister Gertrude Hicks, Sister E. J. Bass and Sister H. C. Routon.

Future Financial Schedule:

Support of pastor.....	\$40.00
Approx. Expense of pastor.....	\$10.00
Gas, Lights, Water.....	\$5.30
Bulletins, postage and etc.	\$5.00
Contingent fund	\$50.00

Financial Statement July 20, 1939 through October 20, 1940.

Total contributions for period..... \$1,774.83

Disbursements

Preachers	\$575.50
Lights	16.73
Water.	20.93
Insurance.....	11.52
Gas	12.06
Song Books	35.00
Printing and advertisement.	18.38
Flowers	5.21
Heaters... ..	45.00
Roof... ..	95.00
Interest on loan 18 mo....	89.25
Loan... ..	850.00
Total Disbursements. ..	\$1,774.58

Balance... .. \$00.25

Brother Fred Cannon stated to the church that recent winds had made it necessary to put a new roof on the church, the contractor making a very liberal allowance to the church. Where the roof would ordinarily have cost \$130 to \$150 he agreed to the cash price of ninety-five dollars. (Jan. 1940)

February 1940 at the morning services enough money was raised to finish paying for our new roof: which cost \$95.00. This was above other necessary expenses.

SEE APPENDIX K CHURCH BULLETIN SEPTEMBER 29, 1940 ON PAGE 128.

October 25, 1940 the church met in conference, Elder V. F. Agan as moderator. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Motion made and seconded that the financial statement and a list of committees appointed become a permanent part of church record.

The Object of the Primitive Baptist Ministers Corporation was explained by Brother Fred Cannon and discussed at length. The purpose of the corporation is the care of old disabled

ministers and their widows, young ministers, weak churches or such worthy things as might promote the cause of Primitive Baptist to be decided by an executive board of five deacons carefully chosen from different churches in different parts of Georgia, with Brother Fred Cannon of Atlanta acting as president. Each church desiring to become a member of this non- profiting corporation whose secretary and treasurer shall be under bond that shall increase as funds increase can do so by paying one cent per member per month or more of desired and each church shall elect one person to act as delegate to serve with executive board when changes in executive board for any reason becomes necessary. Motion made and second our church becomes a member of this corporation and that brother Willard Price act as delegate from our church. (Copied from the minutes as written).

This corporation is known as the Primitive Baptist Ministers Foundation Inc. is, later changed to Primitive Baptist Foundation.

Elder Virgil F. Agan was recalled for his second pastorate September 29, 1940, with the Church much revived in spirit and zeal.

During the morning services December 1. 1940, Sister's Bessie Clair and Margaret Alderman came with letters from Brooklet Primitive Baptist Church desiring a home with us. Sister Carolyn Clair came professing faith in God and her love for the Church desiring to be baptized.

Sunday April 6, 1941 the night service was mostly a memorial to our former beloved pastor; Elder William H. Crouse passed away April 2, 1941 at Crawford Long Hospital in Atlanta, following a heart attack. Many expressions of love and prayers offered, the whole congregation standing silently with bowed heads in prayer a moment or two. Elder Daily Crouse being present spoke of his family's appreciation for the kind deeds and the words of love, sympathy and esteem and ask we might remember him, his mother, brother and sister in prayer.

Sunday August 3, 1941 it was requested everyone be as liberal with contributions as possible as we expect it to take from \$900.00 to \$1200.00 to feed our folks alone.

On August 29, 30, and 31, 1941, the Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church, assisted by our sister church Glazener Memorial Church, entertained the Twenty -Third Session of the Primitive Baptist Bible Conference. These sessions were held in the Tech High School (Henry Grady) Auditorium. The meals were served by the Jennings Tearoom on Boulevard. God wonderfully blessed us in songs, prayers and speaking. About thirty ministers and probably eight or nine hundred people attended this conference; and Gods blessings were much in evidence. Thank God for His goodness to poor unworthy sinners. Sister Lorena Howard, clerk

The expense of the Bible Conference was \$1,497.70, Glazener Church \$25.00, Glazener Ladies Circle \$14.00, Atlanta Church and Friends \$565.43, and Atlanta Ladies Circle \$100.00.

SEE APPENDIX J PRIMITIVE BAPTIST BIBLE CONFERENCE AUGUST 29, 30, 31, 1941 ON PAGE 123.

October 4, 1941 Brother R. B. Brantley was License to teach and preach the Word.

The Twentieth Anniversary of the Church was observed May 3, 1942, with an appropriate program.

10:30 A.M. Song and Prayer Service

10:45 A. M. Lyric Quartette, Smyrna, Ga.

11:00 A. M. Invocation Brother R. B. Brantley

11:05 A. M. Dedicatory History Elder G. D. Goddard, Milner, Ga.

11:20 A. M. Reminiscences Rev. Walter M. Blackwell

11:35 A. M. Roll call Sister W. O. Howard, Church Clerk

11:45 A. M. History Deacon George D. McLendon

11:50 A. M. Report Finance Committee Brother J. T. Lyon

12:00 A. M. Plan for Future Brother M. E. Everett, Chairman Finance Committee.

12:15 P.M. Basket Lunch served at Church

2:00 P. M. Brother R. B. Brantley Preaching

3:00 P. M. Adjourn

Sunday June 7, 1942 Our Financial Plan For A New Church.

This plan has been adopted by the Church Body one hundred per cent.

M. E. Everett, Chairman Finance Committee.

THE PLAN

We propose in the next five years to purchase one hundred and twenty (120) Series F.

Government Bonds, costing \$74.00 each, value in five years approximately \$87.00 each. If these bonds are cashed in five years we will have a cash total of approximately \$100,000.00 which at that time will go a long way in purchasing us the kind of lot and building we would like to have. We have set up a plan of purchasing at least two of these bonds each month and our first order has been placed for two bonds. In addition, Brother Willard H. Price is purchasing two of those bonds and presenting them to the Church for which we are deeply grateful.

We do not wish to work a hardship on anyone, but if you feel in your heart and you are able to make a regular contribution to our building fund, we wish that you would place on the enclosed envelope, up in the corner, the total amount that you hope to be able to give over a period of sixty months. Also put your name and address on the envelope and when you make your contribution to the building fund fill in the amount that you enclose in the envelope. By this method we will be able to file the envelopes as a record and do away with the necessary bookkeeping. Remember that the amount you subscribe is not compulsory and if anything should happen where you can not fulfill your obligation just notify us and it will be satisfactory.

It will be a great help to us in furthering our plan if you will also put on the top of the envelope the amount you feel you will be able to contribute each month to our regular expense. Of course, it will be very satisfactory if you do not feel that you are able to make this contribution.

This letter and a sample of the envelope mentioned are being mailed out, to our members and friends. The reason for this is that we want every member and friend of ours to know what our Church is trying to do. It is our further plan to keep every member and friend informed from time to time as to the progress we are making.

For your further information our Church is in fine financial condition, we do not owe anyone anything, and we are now receiving each month plenty of funds to carry on our regular expense. But it is the feeling of the church that now is an opportune time to accumulate cash to purchase a

lot and a new Church for some future date, as we feel that in the future by having the cash on hand we will be able to build a building that will be a credit to our Church and Denomination.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking each and every one for their splendid cooperation in the past.

Brother R. B. Brantley was ordained to the work of the ministry in October 2, 1942.

Plans were made for remodeling the Church building. In November 1942, the Church resumed services two Sundays a month, having been restricted to one Sunday a month for fourteen years. Elder Maurice T. Thomas assumed the pastoral care of the Church on January 3, 1943, coming each time from his home in Jennings, Florida. The Church went to two Sundays each month.

SEE APPENDIX C FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY JANUARY 3, 1943 ON PAGE 84.

December 5, 1943 Elder Thomas said that the Church should go forward in the plans for a new building.

SEE APPENDIX I FOR CHURCH BULLETIN JULY 2, 1943 ON PAGE 121.

Brother Mike Everett stressed the importance of the members making contributions in bonds to the building fund, conference may 7, 1944.

On Friday night June 29, 1945, Brother Everett as chairperson, met with a goodly representation of the membership, to see and discuss blue - print on the proposed new church. A good spirit prevailed throughout the meeting which ended with unanimous vote of the congregation to start remodeling at once so as to have ready for our weeks meeting last of September.

Brother Mike Everett made a report on bonds received at the morning service, stating they amounted to \$1,000 at redeemable value, August 6, 1944.

After a short discussion on our building, motion was made and seconded, our church treasurer, Brother Earl McLendon, be authorized from time to time as conditions necessitate borrowing money till completion of building.

Brothers Roger Sims, Eason Everett, and Willard Price are ordain as Deacons.

October 31, 1944 the Atlanta Primitive Baptist met in conference for the purpose of ordaining Brother Willard Price to the office as Deacon.

During the pastorate of Elder Thomas, the Church remodeled its building being conformed to the Colonial type of architecture, at a cost of \$18,000.00. The first service in the remodeled building was held September 23, 1945.

Brother Mike Everett stated the building committee felt no real progress could be made until a real church location was decided upon. He stated that they felt that sense the church was centrally located at present, it seemed best to erect the new church here. The

church was asked to express its option, and all were favorable. On motion and second the building committee was given the authority to purchase the place next door and to use the two lots for the site of our new church, April 1, 1946 conference.

March 27, 1946 Elder P.O. Revels was called as full time pastor for the church. Elder Revels stated his position clearly and his expectations of the membership as a church if his call and acceptance was for full time service. Elder Revels would serve Ramah church on second Sunday morning and Saturday before, if the church desired he would preach Sunday night. Brother Dr. Lyon made a motion seconded by Brother Mike Everett that the church call Elder Revels for full time service with exception of second Sunday morning. Motion was approved and Elder Revels made a short speech of acceptance.

It was brought to attention of church we should be on lookout for place of residence for our incoming pastor, every one ask be on alert and Brother Willard Price, Brother Roger Sims and Brother Enoch Hicks being appointed a committee. Anyone with information asks to report to the committee, May 5, 1946.

July 21, 1946 at the morning service Brother Roger Sims announced he and the committee appointed had located a house for our incoming pastor at 724 Woodland S. E. renting at \$65 a month. The church agreed on this by a rising vote at the same time expressing to committee and particular to Brother Sims a vote of thanks for their continued efforts to locate a place.

Elder Paul O. Revels was called to serve the Church as its Pastor; and he assumed the care of the Church September 1, 1946, moving into a home supplied by the Church at 724 Woodland Avenue, S. E. Atlanta, preaching three Sundays a month. September 1, 1946 also marks the Reorganization of the Bible School, with an enrollment of twenty-five, largely the results of Elder Revels' encouragement and the endless planning and praying of all the members, mentioning particularly Sister Lorena Howard, whose memory is still cherished. In November 1946, new pews, rugs, pulpit furniture and a new piano were installed. Elder Revels ask that we observe Sunday November 24, 1946 as a day of Thanksgiving and dedication to God for His manifold blessings to us.

The twenty-fifth Anniversary was observed in May 1947 as homecoming Day. Special guest for this occasion included Elder George D. Godard, moderator of the Constituting Presbytery; Elder John D. Durden, whom the Church had liberated to preach twenty years before; also charter members, Brother A. Earl McLendon. At this service, plans were formulated for the erection of an Annex for Bible Schoolrooms. This was approximately \$1,500 for the roughing in of the building, and sense this amount was necessary

July 20, 1947 Elder Revels was called to serve as pastor, except second Sunday. The church voted to have services each Sunday and the Deacons would secure a supply minister for the second Sunday each month.

Donations were sought from the membership. \$1,385.00 was subscribed for this purpose, to be paid within a period of 30 days, September 7, 1947.

The Bible School Annex was first used October 19, 1947. The School was one year old; the enrollment had increased from twenty-five to forty-nine; having four classes. Shortly after this date, a nursery was equipped and an attendant secured for the hour of morning worship. The nursery was sponsored by the Ladies' Circle.

At this time, also, the young people organized a Youth Fellowship, some of having attended, at Spence Field, Moultrie, Georgia, the first Youth Camp ever sponsored by Primitive Baptist. Those organizing were: Brother Fred Cannon, Jr.; Sister Jo Ann and Rebecca Mann; Brother Bill Meek, Sister Judy and Harriet Moore, Brother Bobby Shurling; Sister Loretta Towner; Brother Jerry and Sister Viola Tyson; Brothers Royce and Donald Williams; Brothers Joe John and Loren Wilson.

In September 1947, the Church started full-time services, having had part time services since 1925. However, it was necessary to use a supply preacher one Sunday each month for another year, inasmuch as Elder Revels could not assume full time pastorate until September 1948.

DEACON GEORGE DENNIS McLENDON

Deacon George Dennis McLendon, late of Atlanta, Ga., was born in Terrell County, Georgia, June 27, 1876, son of Martin W. and Eliza Jennings McLendon. He united with the Primitive Baptist Church May 26, 1894 and was baptized by Elder J. R. King.

He was married November 10, 1898 to Miss Annie Moreland, the ceremony being performed by Elder R. H. Barwick. One son, an only child, Alvin Earl McLendon of Atlanta survives this union. Sister Annie preceded her husband in death October 29, 1943.

Brother George was ordained as a Deacon very early in life, an office that he magnified through the many remaining years of a consecrated life. Having moved to Atlanta, Brother George, his wife and son were among the thirteen charter members constituting the Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church, May 9, 1922, and for these intervening twenty six years was an inspiration to his Church and fellow Deacons.

September 17, 1944 Brother McLendon was united in marriage to Mrs. Maggie Spier. Sister Maggie proved a great help meet to her husband who was very grateful to her for all her ministrations and especially during his last illness.

Besides his wife, Sister Maggie, and his son Earl and wife Irene, Brother George was survived by two sisters and three brothers, Mrs. W. E. Moreland, College Park; Mrs. Clara Johnston, Sasser; Mr. Alvin L. McLendon, Dawson; Mr. Martin C. McLendon, Lumber City; Mr. C. E. McLendon, Orlando, Fla ..

Though suffering much the last few months of his life, Brother George was able to attend his church services even the day before he died. He was stricken fatally April 26, 1948, dying that evening at the Georgia Baptist Hospital. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, Elder P. O. Revels, Elder V. F. Agan of Statesboro, and Dr. T. D. Cox.

But Thanks be to God, who gave him the victory through Christ, for as much as we know that his labor was not in vain in the Lord.

Humbly submitted Brother and Sister Mike E. Everett, and Brother Joe J. Wilson.
Brother George was the Church's senior Deacon.

APPENDIX W PICTURE OF MEMBERSHIP JANUARY 17, 1947 ON PAGE 156.

August 4, 1948, regular conference it was recommended that the church membership be divided equally among the building fund committee and that each try to raise all the money possible so the church will be able to build a home for the pastor during the next twelve months. Building fund committee Brother Fred Cannon, chairman, Sr.; Brother Willard H. Price, vice chairman, Brother Fred M. Williams; Brother Lonnie Warnock; Brother Joseph M. Bagwell; Brother Enoch Hicks; Brother A. E. McLendon, and Brother 1. Rufus Williams.

SEE APPENDIX H JANUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1949 ON PAGE 118.

August 10, 1949 Brother Willard Price and others discussed the building of the home for our pastor. After considerable discussion it was unanimously voted that the building committee be authorized to immediately purchase a suitable lot and proceed with the erection of a home for our pastor.

The Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church met in regular conference on Wednesday night, September 7, 1949.

The next order of business was a report by our clerk on the progress being made on the building of the home for our pastor, which report was supplemented by a talk by brother 1. R. Williams, in which brother Williams stated that it would be necessary to secure a permit for building and get water and light connections before anything could be done relative to the clearing of the lot or the beginning of construction of the building. The Church unanimously voted that Brother Williams be authorized to proceed immediately to secure these.

Next Brother Fred L. Cannon, Sr. made a talk on the construction of this building and stated it was his opinion that, due to the size of our Church, we could not and should not pay over \$10,000 for this building, as none of us knew what the future held, and if we burdened the church with a huge debt he was fearful we would not be able to make the payments on the loan.

Brother J. R. Williams stated that the home could not be erected for \$10,000, but he was not in position at that time to state definitely just what it would cost, although he did say it would be erected just as cheaply as possible.

Brother J. T. Lyon made a talk relative to the building and suggested that since Sister Fred L. Cannon, Sr. and Brother J. R. Williams were probably the two outstanding members of our Church on building matters, they should get together on anything in connection with the building that would be beneficial to the Church.

Next Brother L. A. Warnock made a talk and stated that he did not think the home could be erected for \$10,000, but it was his opinion that about \$12,000 would be enough for the Church to expend.

Brother J. T. Lyon stated that if the Building Committee had not been authorized to proceed with the erection of this building, they should be authorized to proceed at once to erect it as cheaply as was consistent with present building cost. This was unanimously voted.

Brother Fred L. Cannon, Sr. Made a talk on the finances of the church, stating that collections were not what they formerly had been and that we were not meeting our budget as agreed upon by the Deacons and adopted by the Church.

There being no further business to come before the conference, upon motion duly made and seconded conference was adjourned.

Elder P. O. Revels, moderator and Brother Mike E. Everett, Clerk.

On September 28, 1949, the Church was called into a special conference for the purpose of adopting a resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Deacons to obtain temporary financing for the erecting of a home for our pastor. After the reading of the resolution, upon motion by Dr. J. T. Lyon, seconded by Brother L. A. Warnock, the attached resolution was unanimously adopted. Elder P. O. Revels, moderator, Sister Mrs. L. A. Warnock, Clerk Protem.

SEE APPENDIX T PLOT OF 110 PARKWOODLANE ON PAGE 154.

On December 9, 1949, Elder Revels and his family moved into the newly finished Pastorium at 110 Parkwood Lane, Decatur, Georgia. This roomy brick home was the result of enthusiastic efforts of the entire membership; with Deacon J. R. Williams giving special attention to securing the building materials and supervising the construction.

Year ending December 31, 1949 collections \$7,325.33 plus balance \$274.19, plus donation of paint \$189.37 = total of \$7,788.89. Total expenses of \$7, 505.96 = a balance of \$282.93 and bonds of \$112.50.

At the conclusion of the morning service on Sunday, January 22, 1950, the Church was called into conference by the pastor, P. O. Revels, at which time the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

A motion was duly made by Brother J. R. Williams and seconded by Brother Burt L. Price that the church conveyor sell to the chairman of the board of deacons, Brother Willard H. Price, the house and lot which is owned by the church known as number 110 Parkwood Lane, Decatur, Georgia, for the price of \$10,000.00 and that a regular Warranty deed and all other necessary papers which might be required by law in order to convey said property to Brother Willard H. Price be signed in the name of the church, The Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church, by the Deacons.

Deacon Fred M. Williams was ordained to preach the gospel May 24, 1950, at the request of East Highlands Primitive Baptist Church, Columbus, Georgia, which had called for his services as Pastor.

The Presbytery consisted of Elders Carrin, Chapman, DeVane, Revels, Seckinger, Durand Smith, Stubbs, Thomas and York. Quite a number of Deacons and visitors were present, including a delegation from the Columbus Church. Elder Revels' pastorate of six years was concluded August 1952; considerable progress was evident.

Conference October 27, 1950 Brothers Bert L. Price, J. R. Williams, M. E. Everett, and Roger A. Sims was ordained as Deacons for the Church.

Conference April 4, 1951 Brother J. R. Williams brought to the attention of the church the matter of building an addition to our church, providing for a kitchen and an additional class room. He stated that he had a tentative drawing made of this improvement and he estimated the cost to be approximately \$1,750.00. The Sisters of circle No.2 who are sponsoring the building of the kitchen, reported that they had on hand \$310.00 to apply towards this project. Brother's L. A. Warnock and J. R. Williams subscribed \$100.00 each toward this building fund.

Brother Shurling made motion, seconded by Dr. J. T. Lyon, that the church give the deacons authority to go ahead and handle this building project as they see fit. Motion was carried.

September 1, 1951 the budget for the coming year was 8,003.00

December 31, 1951 the amount spent was \$7,067.66; amount received was \$8,432.98, balance of \$1,365.32.

Conference May 7, 1952 the church called Elder J. Fred Hartley to be their pastor.

Elder J. Fred Hartley came from Tampa, Florida, as next pastor, September 1, 1952. He proved to be an Ambassador of Good will. The Church worked harmoniously under his leadership. A kitchen and another Bible School room were built on the Annex and the members were looking forward to the building of a *new Church*; but, alas, Elder Hartley's and the Church plans had to be temporarily abandoned; as on April 21, 1953, Elder Hartley answered a more urgent call to the Heavenly Kingdom. The Family and the Church were, of course, prostrated; however, our ministers were kind enough to come to our rescue, filling our pulpit each Sunday until our next pastoral year. Sister Hartley maintained her residence in the parsonage until September 1, 1953; and, with indomitable spirit, she continues active in the service and is at this time Assistant to the Superintendent of the Bible School, teacher of the young people's class, and is President of the Ladies Circle.

Conference September 24, 1952 the budget was \$8,493.00 paid out last year was \$7,996.52.

Conference October 22, 1952 Brother Everett stated that the Deacons desired to recommend that the church proceed as early as possible with the building of another Sunday School class room, a kitchen, properly equipped, and relocating the ladies' rest room in the rear of the building, then using the present rest room as a passage way to the Sunday School rooms; and, that we undertake on next Sunday morning to raise the funds necessary to do this work; and whatever amount is lacking, that the deacons be authorized to borrow said amount from the bank. The estimated cost of this work would be around \$3,000.00. Motion was made by Brother Sims, seconded by Brother J. R. Williams, that the above recommendation is accepted, and it was unanimously carried.

On November 1, 1952, the Church granted letters to twenty-one members, at their request, most of who lived in the West Side, in order that they might organize a church more centrally located for them. So the Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church was organized November 7, 1952, at East Point, Georgia with Elders Hendricks; Daniel; Hartley; Carrin, McArthur and Revels as the Presbytery. Losing this number of members was quite a blow; however, the Atlanta Church cooperated with them in every way possible and wished them God-speed in their needful venture. Twenty one members was given letters to "Fellowship Progressive Primitive Baptist Church"

Sister Paul R. Mann; Sister Rebecca Mann; Sister H. C. Routon; Brother H. C. Routon; Sister R. W. Patterson; Brother N. W. Johnson; Sister N. W. Johnson; Brother Sidney E. Smith; Brother A. J. Routon; Sister Vera Askew; Sister Vivian Z. Rader; Sister W. H. Andrews; Sister Alice Durden; Sister Maxie D. Payne; Sister Inez Durden McKees; Sister E. J. Bass; Brother T. B. Griffin; Sister T. B. Griffin; Brother J. F. Davis; Brother And Sister John C. Ramsey.

Conference December 5, 1952 the Deacons recommended that the membership see the Mormon Church. After lengthy discussion, it was agreed to forget the prospective purchase of this building. It was then suggested that a committee, the Board of Deacons investigate property for a building site well known to the Church located at Ponce de Leon Avenue and East Lake Drive, N.E.

Conference March 4, 1953 Brother Williams, reporting for the committee composed of himself, Brother Fred Cannon and Brother Willard H. Price, stated that to lot at 817 Briarcliff is the one that the committee had finally recommended to the Deacons and the one that the Deacons were now recommended that the Church purchase, if and when that property is zoned for a church. Brother Everett made a statement that he would like to have expressions from the members as to whether or not they were agreeable to having the money they had subscribed to a fund for the purpose of adding a room to our present church building diverted to a fund for the purchase of a lot for a new church building.

On the proposed site at 817 Briarcliff is a residence with the expenditure of a small amount of money could easily be made into a suitable parsonage.

Dr. J. T. Lyon made a motion that we authorize the deacons to purchase the property at 817 Briarcliff Road, with the provision in the sales contract that it will be closed if and when the property has been zoned for a church. Motion was seconded by Brother L. A. Warnock and unanimously carried.

Brother John T. Dunn made a motion that we authorize the deacons to sell the parsonage at 110 Parkwood Lane, Decatur, Georgia, if and when the property at 817 Briarcliff Road has been zoned for a church and purchased, but not until then. The motion was seconded by Sister Mable Moore and unanimously carried.

Called conference April 8, 1953 the purpose for the election of a pastor for the year beginning September 1, 1953.

Dr. J. T. Lyon nominated Elder J. Fred Hartley, seconded by Brother Roger Sims. Brother J. R. Williams made a motion that the nominations be closed.

Elder J. Fred Hartley was unanimously elected by a rising vote to continue to serve our church as pastor for the year beginning September 1, 1953. Elder J. Fred Hartley our very beloved and highly esteemed Pastor passed away Tuesday 1:00 o'clock P.M. April 21, 1953.

Conference Wednesday May 20, 1953 Brother Everett made a statement, it was decided that we would proceed with the building of additional rooms in the rear of our present church building at an estimated cost of \$2,500.00.

Elder Claude E. Osborne, of Huntington, West Virginia started his work September 1, 1953. Special conference February 1954, Elder Osborne stated that a lot had been found on Ponce de Leon Avenue, beyond East Lake Drive, that he felt would be suitable for a church location. He presented a drawing of the lot. He then asked statements from some of the members who had seen the lot. Brother's J. T. Lyon, R. A. Sims, and J. R. Williams stated as far as they were concerned, the lot was most suitable. A committee was appointed to investigate this property: Brothers C. G. Christian, Fred L. Cannon, L. A. Warnock, R. A. Sims, B. L. Price and W. H. Price.

Elder Claude E. Osborne, our eighth pastor, began his pastorate September 1, 1953, having moved down shortly before from Huntington, West Virginia. He and his gracious lady fitted into their new Southern environment immediately. They and their two alert children fit into all the programs, giving inspiration and leadership where needed. They have been helpful to the ladies in getting the Wednesday night Fellowship Suppers started. These suppers are proving invaluable, not only in increasing attendance at the Wednesday Night prayer Service, but also in promoting better fellowship and even acquaintanceship of a widely scattered membership.

On March 8, 1954, the Church purchased a beautiful lot on Ponce de Leon Avenue, on which is to be erected at the earliest possible time a new church building, of which we trust the denomination will be proud. An all out effort to this end is being initiated.

Conference March 24, 1954, Brother Everett reported on the recent developments with reference to the purchase of a lot for a new Church. He stated that a lot had been found on Ponce de Leon Avenue in a very suitable location and that a payment of \$200 earnest money had been made. He further stated that it was not definite that this lot could be zoned for the construction of a church building, because of objections of adjoining property owners, but that efforts were being made to have this approved by the Zoning Commission. Brother Everett said that the purchase price of the lot was \$8,800.00 and it was hoped that the church would be able to raise half of that amount by June 1, which is the date the transaction has to be closed. The balance would be borrowed and repaid as soon as possible to do so.

There was much favorable comment with reference to the finding and purchasing of the lot and it was suggested that a Finance Committee be appointed. Brother Lyon nominated Brother Everett as chairman of this committee and motion was seconded and carried.

Brother Everett announced that the board of Deacons at their last meeting had pledged \$2,000.00 on the fund for purchasing the lot and it was suggested that pledges be taken from the church membership to make up desired \$4,400.00 for the first payment. These pledges were taken and a total of \$3,300.00 was subscribed. It was asked that these subscriptions be paid in to the Finance Committee in plenty of time to close the transaction on June 1.

Conference April 21, 1954, Brother Everett announced that our church history had been completed by Brother J. J. Wilson. The deacons recommended that a committee, composed of Sister J. Fred Hartley, Sister J. T. Lyon and Sister L. A. Warnock. The Committee appointed to edit the history, and return it to the chairman of the board of Deacons in order that he may forward it for publication in the Birdwood College Special Edition of the Banner-Herald.

Elder Osborne read a letter from the Planning Commission of DEKALB County, advising that the church forwards to them a check for \$35.00. This would cover the necessary newspaper advertising to the effect that our building lot would be rezoned for a church, and notifying any persons having objections to the proposed rezoning to file their objections by a certain time and at a certain place. Motion was made by Brother Price, seconded by Brother Sims, that a check for \$35.00 be issued and forwarded. The Planning Commission advised that a board 4 feet by 3 feet be placed upon the lot itself, carrying a notice of the proposed rezoning. Elder Osborne recommended that the church authorize Brother J. R. Williams to proceed to erect the sign. Motion was made by Brother Everett seconded by Brother Warnock and carried.

Elder Osborne recommended that the services of a photographer be secured for the purpose of taking a photograph of a certain Lutheran Church on Peachtree Road, in order that it may

be presented to anyone registering an objections to the rezoning of this lot for a church, assuring them that our building would be similar to that church and one that would be in keeping with the community.

Conference May 19, 1954, Brother Everett informed the church that it would be necessary to appoint a Board of Trustees in order that the deed to the new church lot might be made to this Board of Trustees. Brother J. R. Williams, Brother Fred L. Cannon and Brother L. A. Warnock were appointed to the board. Motion by Brother J. T. Lyon and seconded by Brother Buie was carried.

Brother Everett called to the attention to the nice job Brother Loren Wilson had done in preparing and placing the required sign on the new church lot and a rising vote of thanks was given Loren for the time and effort he spent in making and placing this sign.

Regular Conference on July 14, 1954 the Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church voted unanimously to extend to you an invitation to serve as pastor for the coming year, September 1, 1954. Elder Agan came and made a talk to the church, and many members pledged their support and corporation of the Church as a whole in his pastoral work here. Elder Agan in a letter dated July 20, 1954; "Since this call came I have kept it in reverent supplication before God. My impressions are not as clear as I would have them but there has remained with me an inclination of mind and heart to serve you; it sometimes seems like a little cloud reported by Elijah's servant' about the size of a man's hand. We are to walk by faith; to see all clearly would be contrary to faith. The inclination of mind and heart has grown, sixteen days have passed and the time has come that I am constrained to give you my answer, which is, that, in the fear of God, I accept your call".

Brother Joe John Wilson, Sr. Deacon who departed this life September 2, 1954. He was born October 14, 1895, Thomas County Boston, Georgia the son of the late W. Henry and Hattie Wilson.

Conference September 22, 1954 Brother Fred Cannon made a motion in two parts.

1. That the church authorizes the Board of Deacons to proceed with securing plans for a church building that would be in keeping with the section in which it is to be located the cost of the building not to exceed \$100,000.00.
2. That the church authorize the Board of Deacons to draw a resolution for presentation to the Zoning Board which would show the intent of the church with respect to the type of building to be erected, and expressing appreciation of the Church to those who had cooperated in zoning of the lot. The motion was seconded by Brother Lyon and carried.

Joseph Rufus Williams in the passing of our dear brother in Christ and Deacon, on December 13, 1954. A great loss has been sustained by the Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church, even by our denomination at large. He was born November 9, 1899, in GWINNETT County, a son of the late Sara Parthenia Hanna Williams and Virgil Rufus Williams. In 1922 Brother Williams and his brothers founded the Williams Brother's Lumber Company.

Conference May 25, 1955 Brother Everett stated that the parsonage badly needs a carport. Motion was made for a committee to proceed with acquiring the garage was made by Brother Lyon, seconded by Brother Alcone and carried.

Conference June 22, 1955 Elder Agan made the announcement Brothers John Buie; Enoch F. Hicks, Sr.; John T. Dunn and Robert Woodall was elected and approved these Brothers to serve as Deacons of this church. Date for their ordination was set for July 22, 1955.

Conference July 20, 1955 Brother Everett reported on the Carport. This amount carport \$304.98, concrete \$84.00 and labor \$4.10 making a total of \$399.00. Brother's Buie and Woodall helped pour the concrete and a vote of thanks was given them and all the committee for accomplishing this improvement to the parsonage. Brother Warnock commented on the excellent care being given the parsonage by the Pastor and his wife, and especially their efforts in improving the yards.

Brother Everett announced that an option for \$20,000 had been offered the church for the lot purchased for the new building, and he asked for comment on this from the members. This was discussed at length with no definite decision being made, as no vote was necessary at that time. Brother Everett stated that Brother Fred Cannon had offered to assume all cost of employing an architect for designing the new Church. The entire Church appreciated this generous offer.

Special conference Friday night July 22, 1955 for the purpose of ordaining Brothers John Buie, John T. Dunn, Enoch F. Hicks, Sr., and Robert B. Woodall. Elder V. F. Agan was made Moderator of the Presbytery. Brother Joe Reeves was chosen Clerk. Elder J. E. Fuller was to conduct the examination. Elder Charles Carrin was selected to offer the Ordination Prayer. Elder William A. Mullis was appointed to deliver the charge. Right hand of Fellowship was then extended to the new Deacons and their wives by the entire body.

Conference August 24, 1955 the financial report was given by Brother Sims in which he announced the lot for construction of a new church was paid for in full, also the carport for the parsonage. Motion for approval of this report was by Brother J. T. Lyon, second by Brother Dunn and carried.

SEE APPENDIX S CHURCH BULLETIN AND DIRECTORY OCTOBER 1955 ON PAGE 152.

Conference October 19, 1955 final plans were made for the men of the Church to meet at the new Church lot Saturday morning, October 22 to clear it. The Ladies agreed to take over food and coffee for the workers at noon.

It is with sadness that we record the passing of our dear brother in Christ, Joseph M. Bagwell who departed this life October 25, 1955. He was born November 8, 1881, Meriwether County Georgia, the son of the late Elder J.M. Bagwell and Sophrenia Evans Bagwell. In July of 1932 Brother Bagwell joined the Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church. He was Baptized by Elder W. H. Crouse and remained a member until his death. Brother Bagwell was ordained as deacon of the Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church on March 17, 1940.

January 18, 1956 brother Mike Everett, reporting on the Deacons meeting, stated that the Church was about to start building the new church and various plans were suggested for Soliciting funds. A building Council to be headed by Brother Enoch Hicks was agreed on, with Brother Hicks to select two members to work with him. On Brother Hick's request, the church approved his selection of Brother Christian and Brother Lyons to help him. It was also agreed to advance brother Hicks enough money to start with building arrangements. A plan for raising money to build with suggested by brother John T. Dunn was referred to the committee.

Regular conference of February 22, 1956, brother Warnock reported that with great assistance from Brother Enoch Hicks, Sr. The sign identifying the new church lot had been erected. Reporting for the building Council, Brother Hicks stated he was contacting architects and would soon have something concrete to report on and that at this time he needed a plat of the lot. Minutes of regular church conference March 14, 1956 Brother Enoch Hicks, Chairman of the building Council introduced Mr. Bothwell, an architect, who in a general way, discussed plans and estimates for the new Church. It was agreed that Mr. Bothwell be authorized to draw up a preliminary set of plans at a flat rate for submission to the Church; the design to be appropriate to the neighborhood, adequate in size and not too formal in appearance.

Minutes of regular conference April 11, 1956 Brother Hicks, Chairman of the Building Council reported that he had not proceeded with the preliminary plans for the new church until he could know what the cost would be, and that he now had a price of \$500 and he would like approval for spending this amount. On motion of Brother Everett, seconded by brother Warnock and carried, Brother Hicks was authorized to proceed with the preparation of the preliminary plans. He told the conference he was also in need of a building fund Treasurer and Finance Committee. On motion of brother Hicks, seconded by brother Warnock and carried, brother Everett was named Chairman of the Finance Committee, and on motion of brother Hicks, second by brother Everett, and carried brother John T. Dunn was named Treasure of the Building Fund. Brother Everett was authorized to select any help he might need. The conference also approved transfer of the account to Brother John T. Dunn and authorized Brother Everett's signature. Minutes of conference June 17, 1956 Brother Lyon announced that it was the desire of the architect employed to draw up the preliminary plans for the new church that the wishes of the Deacons and the Pastor in what they wanted for a church are brought to him for incorporation into his plans, so that when completed they may be submitted to the church for rejection or approval.

Minutes of the Deacons meeting the Chairman called to the attention of the Deacons statements made by certain of the Deacons from the Glazener Primitive Baptist Church, stating it was their opinion the two Churches should unite, selling our present properties and building a new church on Ponce de Leon. It was the consensus of opinion of all the Deacons that the idea was good and, upon motion by Brother John T. Dunn and Seconded by Brother Roger Sims, Brother Mike Everett and Brother Enoch Hicks were appointed as a Committee to investigate this matter and report back to the Deacons in August.

The October meeting of the Deacons, Brother Robert Clark of the Glazener Church about the consolidation of the two churches and it appears from the information we have been able to obtain that this is a closed matter and will not be pursued.

Minutes of conference September 19, 1956, Elder Agan encouraged the church to go forward with its building plans by presenting to the Building Fund a check for \$200. Elder Agan said that upon his acceptance of the pastorate, he and his family agreed that in the event a building program they would endeavor to participate in the amount of \$1,000 and that, quote: "being strong in their joy, faith and hope, God will bless us to accomplish it".

December 19, 1956 Brother Everett announced that several donations had been received on the building fund and the clerk was instructed to write letters of thanks to each of them and all donors in the future. Among the named were Brother Cecil Arledge, Brother and Sister Joe John Wilson, Jr., Brother Jimmy Dunlap, Brother and Sister Stiles Martin, and Brother and Sister John Holcomb.

January 23, 1957, Brother Johnny Dunn gave a statement of the building fund, stating that there was a balance on hand of approximately \$8,000.00, with about \$2,800.00 unpaid pledges still outstanding.

Elder Agan announced that the Board of Deacons had agreed to establish a "Brotherhood" organization, and that first meeting of the Brotherhood would be held at the church from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M., Friday evening, February 1, 1957.

The Building committee composed of Brother Hicks, Dr. J. T. Lyon and Brother Christian, reported on the progress they had made on the plans for our new church building. They had studied the two plans previously mentioned, had combined the two, with the result that they soon be able to submit more detailed information. They stated that the cost of the building would be approximately \$100,000.00, with seating capacity of about 300.

Brother Cannon made a motion, second by Brother Hicks, which the Board of Deacons begins immediately to see about the financing of a \$100,000.00 building. Motion carried. As a starter the following pledges were made:

Sister Gladys Brock	\$1,200.00, payable \$120 per year for 10 years
Brother Fred L. Cannon	\$1,000.00, payable \$100 per year for 10 years.
Brother Enoch Hicks	\$1,000.00, payable \$100 per year for 10 years
Brother L. A. Warnock	\$1,000.00, payable \$100 per year for 10 years.
Brother And Sister C. G. Christian	\$1,000.00, payable \$100 per year for 10 years.
Sister Rebecca Mann	\$1,000.00, payable \$100 per year for 10 years.
Dr. J. T. Lyon	\$1,000.00, payable \$100 per year for 10 years.
Brother And Sister Robert Woodall	\$1,000.00, payable \$100 per year for 10 years.
Brother Johnny Dunn	\$1,000.00, payable \$100 per year for 10 years.
Sister Evelyn Mann	\$1,000.00, payable \$100 per year for 10 years.
Sister Geneva Dickey	\$1,000.00, payable \$100 per year for 10 years.
Brother Cecil Arlege (by Fred Cannon)	\$2,000.00, payable \$200 per year for 10 years.
Sister Mattie Clara Chambliss	\$500.00, payable \$ 50 per year for 10 years.
Brother Loren Wilson	\$500.00, payable \$ 50 per year for 10 years.
Brother And Sister Dan D. Huff	\$1,000.00, payable \$100 per year for 10 years.
Sister Ludie Mathews	\$1,000.00, payable \$100 per year for 10 years.
Sister F. C. Blackwell	\$100.00
Brother John W. Young	\$100.00
TOTAL PLEDGES	\$16,400.00

The total pledges of \$16,400.00, together with the amount in the bank to the credit of the Building Fund, together with previous pledges yet unpaid, will amount to approximately \$25,000.00.

February 20, 1957 conference Elder Agan announced that the first meeting of the Brotherhood was a great success and he asked a continuance of interest in this new Church organization. Brother Everett and Brother Hicks both spoke on plans for building the new Church and stated that a majority of the deacons had agreed that the Church should proceed with plans for spending \$100,000 if necessary on the building. A conference for March 5, 1957 was agreed on when the church will make a great effort to have a good representation present and definitely decide on the type structure to be built.

March 20, 1957 brother Enoch Hicks mentions the need for a Committee to work on disposal of the present Church. On motion by Brother Lyon, seconded by brother Huff, the Board of Deacons were authorized to proceed in finding a purchaser of the property.

To the membership of the Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church, March 29, 1957:

In our regular conference on Wednesday night, March 20, 1957, it was unanimously decided that the first Sunday in April 7, 1957 be set aside as Roll Call Day. Extending a special invitation to the entire membership, seeking an attendance of 100%. In addition to calling the roll of the membership, each member would be asked to give the date and church when they joined. Think what it would mean to have our entire membership together - it is possible - make your plans to attend.

That is not all - we are going to have a covered dish dinner - you know what good ones we have. If not convenient for you to bring something, come anyway, as we will have plenty. An excellent musical program has been arranged to be led by Brother Whitworth - come it will do you good - you will enjoy it.

Last, but not least, did you know about our plans to build a new Church? We have raised thus far approximately \$12,000 - this is good, but not sufficient to do the job. Have you subscribed? Have you given in proportion to the income the Lord has blessed you with? Do not say we are not able to build a Church. We are, if all of us will do our individual part. We bought and paid for our lot \$8,800 and raised another \$12,000. Which is deposited in a savings account at 3% interest. You, no doubt, have paid a portion of this money - have you missed it?

When our present building was erected I understand it was to be a temporary building. Has it been temporary long enough? We as individuals generally have what we desire. We do not hesitate in buying high priced automobiles, etc. obligating ourselves for many months, are you willing to obligate for a few years in building for the worship of God - which you will look upon with pride and joy and tell the world, "This is my Church"?

Final plans and specifications have not been approved - therefore; we do not know exactly what the Church will cost. WE are assuming it will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000. We hope to reduce this if possible. If we sell our present building for \$20,000 and raise \$20,000 in cash and the church should cost \$100,000, that would necessitate a 60% loan. As to whether we can obtain a 60% loan is problematical and it could be in the final analysis that it would be necessary to raise 50% of the cost of the building.

At our meeting on Sunday, April 7, 1957, we will undertake to raise additional money. It might be that you are not in position to give anything. If this were true, attend the service anyway. We believe you will get a blessing from it.

In the event you are unable to attend this meeting, we feel confident it is your desire to be of every aid you can in the building of this new church. Please write us and advise how much you can give over a ninety-day period.

Our week's meeting to be conducted by Elder John Shelton Mikell begins on Monday night, April 8, 1957, and we trust nothing will prevent your attending this series of services.

Submitted in Christian love and fellowship.

**Board of Deacons
Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church
Brother Mike E. Everett, Chairman**

Minutes of conference May 22, 1957 a report of the building committee was requested and Brother Hicks stated that there was nothing to report except that some minor changes had been made to the choir section of the drawing, and that it had been discovered that the basement was lower than the sewer line, which would be corrected. It was also reported that nothing definite had been done with request to the sale of the old building.

Minutes of conference July 24, 1957 Brother John T. Dunn made a report of the building Fund. Brother Everett stated that Brother John T. Dunn had previously requested the Deacons to relieve him of the duties of Treasurer of the building fund. The Deacons had recommended that Brother Earl McLendon take over these duties in conjunction with his duties as Treasurer; and, on motion, duly seconded, it was so voted.

Brother Everett stated that Mr. Dan O. Gunter, representing the Providence Church Plan, Inc., of Atlanta Georgia. It was the unanimous recommendation of the Board of Deacons that this Church issue \$50,000 in bonds using the services of the Providence Church Plan, and that we authorize any and all legal papers and acts as required by law to issue bonds. Motion made by Brother J. H. Alderman, and seconded by Brother Enoch Hicks, this recommendation was adopted by a rising vote of the body.

SEE APPENDIX G CHURCH BOND PROGRAM EXAMPLES ON PAGE 115.

Minutes of conference July 29, 1957 Brother Everett stated that the first step would be to appoint a Board of Trustees, the following members were made the Board of Trustees; Brother's Enoch Hicks, Sr., Fred L. Cannon, Sr. And Mike E. Everett. The purpose of setting up administration of the Providence Church Plan for raising \$50,000 towards cost of the new Church building.

**PETITION FOR CHARTER
GEORGIA -- DeKALB COUNTY**

Mike E. Everett, 124 Peachtree Memorial Dr., Atlanta, Ga.; E. S. Hicks Rt. No.3 Dixieland Motel, Marietta, Ga. And Fred L. Cannon, Sr. 3114 Clairmont Road, Atlanta, Ga. Petitioners here shows.

1. Petitioners desire for themselves, their associates, and their successors to be incorporated as a Church and Religious Society as provided by law under the name and style of: ATLANTA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, Inc.

2. The Church has already been established in Fulton County, Georgia but said church, when incorporated, shall move to DeKalb County, Georgia and petitioners wish to corporate authority to establish the good order, receive donations, make purchases and alienate real and personal property and to do and perform on the acts and to possess all powers of corporations under the Laws of the State of Georgia.

3. Petitioners desire to be incorporated under the name and style aforementioned for a period of thirty-five (35) with the privilege of renewal enjoyed by like corporations and permitted by law. This corporation shall maintain an office in DeKalb County, Georgia.

4. Said corporation shall not exist for pecuniary gain to any person or persons solely as a religious association and Church under the Laws of the State of Georgia. Wherefore petitioners pray that they be incorporated for themselves, their associates and their successors as aforementioned.

Walters & Roberts
Attorneys for Petitioners
By R. A. Roberts
101 112South Main Street
East Point, Georgia.

ORDER

GEORGIA - DeKALB COUNTY

The foregoing supplication for charter, having been examined and found within the purview of the Laws of this State, and In appearing that the application complies with all provisions of Law related to granting of charters; It is ordered and adjudged that the application be granted and that the charter be issued under the name and style of: Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church, Inc. with all the powers and privileges paid.

This 2nd day of August 1957.
Frank Guess, Judge, Superior Court,
Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit.
Filed this 2nd day of August 1957.
8-8-4t Ben B. Burgess, Clerk.

Minutes of conference August 21, 1957, Sister J. T. Lyon, reporting on collections of bonds funds, reported that to date \$21,000 had been paid in and she urged that the remainder be remitted at the earliest possible date.

Brother Enoch Hicks asked that the advisory committee on building the new church is relieved and that a new Permanent Committee is elected. On motion of Brother Sims, seconded by Brother Dan Huff and carried, this was agreed to. Then, on motion of brother J. T. Lyon, seconded by brother Huff and carried, Brother Enoch Hicks, Sr., was made Chairman of the Building Committee and Brother Mike Everett was elected to assist him. Brother Hicks stated that the following committees would be needed during the construction of the new building and they were established as follows:

On motion of Brother Roger Sims, seconded by Brother J. T. Lyon and carried, the Grounds Committee for the new church was elected as follows: Elder V. F. Agan, Chairman, and Brothers Lonnie Warnock, Brother John T. Dunn, and Sister Rufus Williams.

On motion of Brother Lyon, seconded by Brother Enoch Hicks and Carried, a Committee to Advise on the Interior Finishing of the new church was elected, its membership to be as follows: Sister Fred Cannon, Sr., Chairman, Sister V. F. Agan and Sister J. T. Lyon.

On motion of Brother J. T. Lyon, seconded by Brother Dan D. Huff, Brother Fred Cannon, Sr. was selected to head a Committee in Charge of Disposing of the Old Church. Brother Cannon was authorized to select any of the membership he desired to aid him.

Conference September 18, 1957, the Treasurer called attention to the fact, inasmuch as an additional \$10,000 in bonds had been authorized, the bank will require a weekly deposit to the Bond Redemption Fund of \$125, instead of \$100, in order that sufficient funds may be on deposit to pay interest when due and to retire the bonds as they mature. In view of this, it was agreed that the monthly transfer of \$100 be made from Operating funds to the Bond Redemption Fund instead of the Building Fund, as has been done in the past.

Sister J. T. Lyon reported that of the \$50,000 in bonds first authorized, she still had on hand unsold \$5,900. These together with the additional \$10,000 authorized, make a total yet to be sold of \$15,900.

Conference October 1957, disposal of the present Church was discussed briefly, and it was agreed that a sign erected on front of the property might help.

Sister J. T. Lyon announced she still had bonds for sale and asked for cooperation and suggestions for selling them.

Brother Cecil Arledge gave 38 shares of stock, value about \$900, and Brother Carrington gave \$50 in December 1957.

Brother J. C. Pye made a gift of \$500 to the building fund, January 1958. Brother McLendon gave a very gratifying report, stating that approximately \$61,000 was currently available for construction. Brother Hicks, Sr., itemized the contractor's suggestions for reducing the building cost from approximately \$141,000 to approximately \$110,000. Brother Hicks asked for permission to proceed with his plans for starting construction as soon as possible. This was agreed to and with no further business, conference was adjourned, January 1958.

SEE APPENDIX M COMMITTEES FOR THE CHURCH ON PAGE 135.

SEE APPENDIX Q PLOT OF 2136 NORTH PONCE DE LEON ON PAGE 148.

Conference February 19, 1958 Brother Enoch Hicks, Sr. Announced that a meeting with the planning Board of DeKalb County would be held at the County Building March 5, 1958 at 7:30 P.M. regarding the zoning of the lot for the new church. All members were urged to attend. A modified design for the Church building was discussed with no decision reached on adopting it.

Conference March 20, 1958 Brother Earl McLendon was given the authority to invest the Church building funds as he saw fit for the best interest of our church. Brother Fred Cannon, Sr. Stated that the DeKalb Planning Board has refused to zone our lot for a church building because it was too small. Brother Enoch Hicks made a very humble apology for the mistakes of the building committee that had delayed the efforts of the committee.

Conference April 16, 1958 Brother Mike E. Everett then asked Brother Fred Cannon, Sr. To explain his offer to secure another lot for the erection of the new Church. Brother Cannon stated he had located a lot at Oak Dale and East Ponce de Leon Avenue which could be traded for \$15,000, with payment of the balance of \$17,000 to be assumed by Brother Fred Cannon, Sr. Brother Cannon answered all questions concerning the proposition and expressed his regret that Brother Enoch Hicks could not be present.

Elder Agan then said we all have appreciation for the blessings coming to Brother Cannon enabling him to make such a generous and Christian offer to the Church. He suggested that one amendment is made to the motion to accept the offer that the Church handles all payments on the Church obligation. The amendment was accepted.

After the offer was clearly understood by those present, on motion of Brother Lyons and seconded by Brother Warnock and carried it was agreed to accept the offer proposed by Brother Cannon.

Conference April 20, 1958 Brother Everett stated that we have approximately \$60,000 with which to go ahead with the building this amount, however, is not ample and it will be necessary that they have the authority to borrow \$40,000 additional. It may not take that much, he stated, but they would like to have that authority.

Brother Everett stated that we have every reason we can get \$25,000.00 for our present church building; we also have \$15,000 in unsold bonds, added to the sale of the present building for \$25,000.00, would make \$100,000.00, which we believe would be ample, but would like to have authority to borrow \$40,000.00 if we should need it.

Brother Everett further stated that we are proposing to buy a lot on South Ponce de Leon Avenue, between Springdale and Oakdale Roads, for \$32,500. We can trade in our present lot on Ponce de Leon for \$15,000 on the purchase price of the new lot, leaving balance due on the new lot of \$17,500, no interest to be paid for the first year. There has been or will be paid immediately in cash \$5,250.00; the balance of \$12,250 to be paid over a period of three years in equal installments. This balance is to be underwritten by Brother Fred Cannon, Sr. The Church will pay the amounts, but Fred Cannon will reimburse the church.

Brother Everett stated that they believe we can get \$25,000 for our present church building; and, if it is humanly possible, we think it is best to sell for cash.

Motion was made by Brother Langley Irvin, seconded simultaneously by Brother L. A. Warnock and Brother Enoch Hicks, that all the foregoing recommendations be accepted.

Opportunity was given for discussions. Brother Everett stated that this is a far better lot than the one we now have; that there can be no question as to ample parking space and other things that were objectionable to our present lot. He further stated that our agreement to purchase this lot is conditional upon this new lot being zoned for a Church and that a building permit is granted by then proper authorities. The deal does not go through unless the City of Atlanta approves a building permit. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Brother Fred Cannon, Sr., that the Building Committee, composed of Brother's Enoch Hicks, Chairman, Mike E. Everett, and Dr. Lyon, be augmented by the addition of Brother Fred Cannon, Jr., who he feels is particularly qualified to serve and would be able to relieve the members of the committee of some of their duties and responsibilities. Brother Fred Cannon, Sr., stated that he would relieve Brother Fred Cannon, Jr., of his duties at the bottling plant so that he might be of every assistance to the members of the Building Committee. This motion was seconded by Brother Hicks and carried.

Motion was made by Brother Cannon, Sr., that Building Committee begin their activities the next morning (Monday, April 21st), in negotiating with an architect, making all necessary contacts, looking toward the immediate erection of a building; provided, of course, that the lot is properly zoned and that a building permit is granted. This motion was seconded by Brother Hazel Alderman and carried.

SEE APPENDIX N CONSTRUCTION STANDARD FORM! OF AGREEMENT ON PAGE 136.

SEE APPENDIX O CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT OF THE ATLANTA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH ON PAGE 139.

Conference May 21, 1958 Brother Fred Cannon, Sr. made a statement on the status of the new Church saying, that as authorized by the church, he had closed the deal for procuring the said lot on South Ponce de Leon. The correct address of the new location being 1367 Ponce de Leon, N. E. The church write a letter to Sister Loudie Mathews thanking her for the gift of an organ for the new Church.

SEE APPENDIX P PLOT OF 1367 PONCE DE LEON SOUTH ON PAGE 147.

SEE APPENDIX U FLOWER PLOT OF 1367 PONCE DE LEON SOUTH ON PAGE 155.

Brother John T. Dunn reported on the Deacon's meeting and recommended that the Church Clerk write a letter to Sister Loudie Mathews thanking her for the gift of an organ for the new church. Brother J. T. Lyon made a motion that this letter be written and on seconding by Brother Enoch Hicks it was approved.

Brother John T. Dunn stated that it might be necessary to secure additional help for the Church Treasurer. To keep the Church financial records current, Brother Earl McLendon needed help. It was realized that the Treasurer during the construction of the new Church was assuming a greatly increased workload. It was agreed the Chairman of the Board of Deacons would talk to Brother McLendon and authorize more help if he felt it was needed.

Brother Enoch Hicks announced that the contractor for the new Church had erected his tool house and that the committee concerned would need to meet within a few days to select the type brick to be used.

At a call meeting of the members of the Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church, at 766 Boulevard, N. E., Atlanta, Ga. Held on the 1st Day of June, 1958, at which meeting a majority of the members were present; the following Resolution was unanimously adopted and passed: "RESOLVED, that the Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church sell its property at 766 Boulevard, N. E., and all personal furniture, fixtures and equipment, as specified in the attached "list of personal property", to Dr. Raymond W. Powell, Mr. Larry B. Oden and Mr. J. Caled Clark, as trustees, for the sum of Twenty Four Thousand dollars (\$24,000) cash. Said sale to be consummated as soon as practicable after June 1st, 1958, and possession to be given on or before August 31st, 1958.

Brothers M. E. Everett, L. A. Warnock and Fred L Cannon, duly appointed and acting Trustees of said Church, are given full power and authority to negotiate said sale and to close the matter on behalf of said church; they are clothed with full power to execute and deliver a warranty deed

conveying title to said property from said Church to the said Dr. Powell, Oden, Clarke, as Trustees and they are further authorized to execute any and all other documents necessary to consummate this sale, and to receive the proceeds of the purchase price, and give receipt therefor."

I, Secretary of the Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and at its meeting held on the 1st day of June, 1958, that the same has not been altered or revoked, and is now in full force and effect. This 1st day of June 1958.
Sister Evelyn S. Stokes, Secretary

Sister V. F. Agan
Parkwood Lane
Decatur, Georgia
Dear Sister Agan:

At the regular conference of the Church Wednesday night, May 23, 1958, the conference agreed that it would like to speak for all the Church Officers and the entire membership in expressing its appreciation for the very fine musical numbers provided by the Choir in recent months.

As Music Chairman, we feel you have certainly been the guiding hand in inspiring each Choir member and the young people in particular, to work and make the choir the real credit and cause for pride by the Church that it is. They have made spectacular progress - it is manifested every time we are fortunate enough to hear them,

We realize too, that no small degree of credit goes to the loyal and consistent support and help you have received from Brother D. D. Huff, Sister Wilson, Brother Whitworth, Sister Florine Cannon and others. The music we have been having reflects the cooperation and sincerity of your combined efforts. Their willingness and that of the young people, to share their talent and develop it in a way pleasing to the Lord is an inspiration to all of us.

The Choir is filling a need neglected too long by the Church and is assured that we feel very grateful for all your efforts, for the new organ and for all the hours you work to please us and to please God. We looking forward to many inspiring musical treats in the months and years to come when we are worshipping in our new sanctuary.

In Christian love,
Sister Evelyn Stokes, Church Clerk

Conference June 4, 1958, Brother Enoch Hicks informed the Church he had to know the kind of bricks we wanted to use in the new building by the next day. The types of brick available were discussed, and since the samples were at the Agan's home, all members were urged to go and make a decision, letting Brother Hicks know the next morning.

The need for Builders Liability insurance was discussed and Brother Fred Cannon, Sr. made a motion that Brother Earl McLendon be authorized to contact Brother Alvin Townley for the insurance to cover the new building. Brother Hicks seconded the motion and it was carried. The conference was advised that Brother Fred Cannon, Jr. had saved the church several hundred dollars on concrete blocks through the Southern Concrete Company.

Brother Fred Cannon, Sr. brought to the attention of the conference the necessity of all members clipping the coupons on the bonds and turning the money back into the church. The Trust Company of Georgia advised two weeks ago \$1,000 was still outstanding in interest and unredeemed bonds. Brother Cannon suggested that the Committee selling bonds contact

members and obtain coupons. Sister Eslie Lyons promised to clip coupons on \$5,000 other bonds and turn in the money.

Conference June 11, 1958, Brother Warnock stated that the water heater in the old Church was replaced at a cost of approximately \$90.00. On the advice of plumbers it was not feasible to repair the old heater. However, the church felt it had moral obligation to deliver the church to the purchasers in good condition.

It was announced that the old church was sold and the Treasurer had deposited that check for it. A check for \$22,723.60, being the balance due for the purchase of the above property, \$26.40 for revenue stamps and \$250 was deducted from the proceeds of the sale for termite damage, which these people secured a price for this amount, which is cheaper than any price we were able to obtain.

SEE APPENDIX L LETTER OF CHANGES TO CHURCH BUILDING PAGE 131.

Special conference June 22, 1958, the Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church met in called conference at the close of services Sunday morning, June 22, 1958. The purpose of approving an additional \$4,000 for combined heating and air-conditioning units for the new building, \$7,500 having already been set up for this purpose in anticipated \$110,000.00 total cost of the Church. The additional \$4,000 was requested to enable the Building Committee to take advantage of offer secured by Brother Fred Brantley through the Atlanta Gas Light Company for a combined heating and air-conditioning unit at a greatly reduced cost. A motion to approve this additional \$4,000 was made by Brother's L. A. Warnock and John T. Dunn, seconded by Brother R. B. Woodall and carried.

Mrs. Fred Cannon, Sr. asked approval for expenditure of \$3,518.10 for new pews for the new church and on motion by Brother J. T. Lyon, second by Brother John T. Dunn, this was also granted.

July 1, 1958

Mr. Enoch Hicks
Dixieland Motel
Marietta, Georgia.

Dear Enoch:

Some of our people might think I am trying to handle too much of the finances without letting the Church handles it in conference or by the deacons.

Frankly I think they are correct but you know how things delayed in the past, everybody talking but nothing being done. So I decided to help you build the Church.

I think it is best to drop back to our original plan. That is Church obligations \$110,000 and \$5,000 for the air conditioner (I stand for this \$5,000 for I got the Church to go ahead). When you have spent all of your money, then shut down until your Board of Deacons and the Church makes other funds available.

Under this plan it might be well as you suggested getting busy and selling those other \$15,000 in bonds. It might be good time to sell those bonds to our outside friends who like the five per cent interest.

Sincerely,

FRED L. CANNON

Fred L. Cannon

Conference July 9, 1958, Brother Lyon reminded the conference that there were additional bonds to be sold, that he thought it would be a good idea to get them all sold as soon as possible. Already appointed to manage the sales were Brother Charles Scott and Brother Langley Irvin.

The matter of a temporary meeting place for use after the present Church is released was discussed. A committee to secure a place was appointed to compose of the following: Sister Irene McLendon, Sister J. T. Young, and Elder V. F. Agan.

The Clerk of the Church was asked to prepare a letter for Brother Fred Cannon, Sr. For his unstinting help in securing the lot for the new Church and in every way possible expending the beginning of construction. A motion authorizing this was made by Sister J. T. Lyon, and seconded by John T. Dunn and carried.

Conference July 23, 1958 Sister Young reported her inquiry into the possibilities concerning our using the Decatur Woman's Club for a meeting place in September. Sister Irene McLendon reported investigating the Atlanta Woman's Club building, and also the YWCA building. Brother Warnock reported a very generous invitation from the Glazener Primitive Baptist Church for us to meet with them until our new building is finished. No decision was made concerning a meeting place.

Conference August 6, 1958 the matter of a temporary place for services was reported on, with some discussion on accepting the invitation of the Glazener Church to hold joint services with them. No action was taken, it being decided to wait until the committee could hear from Emory and Grady regarding their facilities.

Special conference was held following services Sunday A. M. August 10, 1958, to advise the membership that arrangements had been made for services to be held at Bishop's Hall at Emory University until the new Church is completed. TEMPORARY PLACE OF WORSHIP: Third floor of Bishop's Hall, Emory University. Bishop's Hall is the first building on left of the Administration Building as you face the latter. EVERY SUNDAY: Worship 11.00 A.M. And 7:30P.M. Bible Study for all ages 10:00A.M. Youth Fellowship 6:30 P.M. PRAYER MEETING Every Wednesday 7:30P.M. , Jointly with Glazener Church on Highland Avenue. CONFERENCE Thursday, following Third Sunday, at Glazener Church on Highland Avenue. Place Bishop's Hall, rooms 301, 304, 307, 308, and 311. Dates September 7, 14,21,28, October 5, 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 1958. Rental checks in the amount of \$75.00 month should be made payable to Emory University.

Conference August 20, 1958, Brother Earl McLendon that \$27,960.91 had been paid the contractor as of this date. A general discussion of the sale of the remaining \$15,000 in bonds was held, and these bonds be sold at homecoming service, August 24, 1958. Motion by Brother Lyon and seconded by Brother Warnock and carried, it was agreed that this would be done. Brother Enoch Hicks stated some members of the church and friends of the Church who would like to contribute to the building fund had not been contacted. Brother Lyon made a motion that

the Board of Deacons appoints a committee to reach those people, seconded by Fred Cannon, Jr. and carried.

The matter of storing the furniture, pianos, etc., until the new Church is completed was discussed. Elder Agan announced the purchasers of present Church had expressed their willingness to keep the two pianos, well covered and protected, and that if this was the wish of the Church he would be glad to store the remaining items in his basement at the Pastorium. On motion by Brother Lyon, seconded by Fred Cannon, Jr., and carried this was agreed to. Brother McLendon asked that additional corporate signatures be authorized by the church to facilitate payments of church funds. On motion of Brother Lyon, seconded by Brother Warnock, the following were authorized: Brother Mike E. Everett, Chairman of Board of Deacons; Brother Enoch F. Hicks, Sr., Secretary, Board of Deacons; Brother A. Earl McLendon, Treasurer; Sister Eslie Lyon, Assistant Treasurer.

It was announced that the next conference would be held in the Glazener Primitive Baptist Church, Thursday Night, September 25, 1958. It was decided that in the future Special Conferences would be called only when a matter requiring immediate attention came up. Conference September 25, 1958 a short discussion of a scripture selection for the corner stone of the new Church was held with no definite decision being made.

At this time a letter inviting this Church to become a member of the Primitive Western Union was presented by Mr. Strickland. Mr. Clark followed this with statements encouraging the participation of this Church. Also, remarks were made by Elder Carrin, who stated he had often wondered why this Church was not already a member, saying he felt the organization needed the fine Deacons of our Church and the great fellowship our membership provided. They stated they did not expect a decision at this time but would be happy to have a favorable action after this Church had consulted the membership and obtained their desires. Accordingly, the matter was tabled for 60 days to enable the Church to consult and reach a decision.

Special Conference August 27, 1958 was called for the purpose of obtaining approval of a loan from the Citizen's and Southern National Bank up to the amount of \$40,000. Brother Enoch Hicks, Sr.; Earl McLendon, and Fred Cannon, Sr. had met on this date with officials of the bank and secured their agreement to make this loan. Each of them were greatly impressed with the cooperative attitude of the bank representatives and a motion to accept this loan was put before the Conference by Brother J. T. Lyon. The motion was seconded by Brother's Warnock and McLendon and carried.

Brother's Hicks, Lyon, and McLendon spoke feelingly of their great appreciation for this aid to final completion of the Church and especially thankful for the cordial manner in which they were received by the Bank Their appreciation was shared by all present and following the vote everyone rose and sang "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow". Truly, The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt as never before by all those fortunate enough to be present. Brother Cannon, Sr. stated that regardless of how incomplete our new structure was at Thanksgiving, we would certainly have a service of thanksgiving for all our blessings.

Suggestions for a quotation from the Bible for placing on the cornerstone were made but no definite quotation was adopted. Suggestions to be made by Elder Agan for a final selection. With no further business the conference was adjourned.

Those attending this conference were: Elder and Sister V. F. Agan; Brother And Sister Fred L. Cannon, Sr.; Brother Fred L. Cannon Jr.; Sister Evelyn Mann; Sister Nita Jo Williams; Brother Reeves; Sister Mable Moore; Sister Julia McWilliams; Sister Susan McWilliams; Sister Loudie Matthews; Brother And Sister Enoch Hicks; Brother And Sister L. A. Warnock; Sister Olive Andrews; Sister Mattie Claire Chambliss; Sister Jamie Wilson; Brother Loren H. Wilson; Brother Joe John Wilson; Sister Eula Durance (Scott); Brother And Sister J. T. Lyon; Brother And Sister A. Earl McLendon, Sister Inez Fanning; Sister Cora Adams; Sister Jerry Hood; Sister W. E. Bishop; Brother Lamar Bishop; Brother John T. Dunn; Brother And Sister John W. Young and Sister D. D. Huff.
Elder V. F. Agan, moderator Sister Evelyn S. Stokes, Clerk

On the fifth Sunday in August 31, 1958 the Atlanta Primitive Baptist met for the last Service in the building at 766 Boulevard N. E. The building having been sold to the Plymouth Brethren who we're giving procession on the First Sunday in September. It was a time for contemplation over many memorable occasions when God had blessed us there as we set together in "heavenly places" in Christ and we heard the precious gospel proclaimed from the sacred desk. Even on that Sunday as our Pastor was absent; we were blessed with an outpouring of the Spirit as one who was a stranger to proclaimed the Word with liberty that is rarely experienced. It could have been a sad time for us had we given ourselves to introspection but instead, we rejoiced that we were to have a new and commodious structure surrounded by ample space to park our automobiles which had become a major problem to our assembling.

The location at 766 Boulevard had been our meeting place sense November 1922 six months after the organization of the Church. It was built of lumber from the dissembling of buildings at old Camp Gordon and was meant to be only a temporary building. Confusion crept in however, and the congregation scattered and the few that remained could make no improvements. In August 1933 the property was leased with an option to buy and we met in the Glazener Church Building. The lessee bought another location after six years however, so in August 1939 we returned to our building. Brother Fred Cannon, Sr. was largely instrumental in repairing and painting the last time so it could be used for worship.

During 1945 a sum of \$18,000 was spent in remodeling the building and beautifying the sanctuary. In 1947 a Bible School annex was added and used October 19, 1947 for the first time. Later on a kitchen was added and equipped for serving meals, also a room to be used for a nursery. All along we were anticipating a new and better location and we are grateful to see its walls beginning to rise. We are grateful to God for the blessing of His presence with us, as we have met at this place, and earnestly pray that he will guide us into a larger and better service in our new location.

Those attending the last service in the 766 Boulevard were as follows: Elder M. C. Elmore; Sister Lillian Elmore; Brother Jerome Elmore; Brother Lamar Elmore; Brother And Sister John W. Young; Sister Alma Sims; Sister Loudie Matthews; Sister Paul Williams; Brother And Sister Eugene Gardner and Mary (31/2 months); Brother And Sister Dan D. Huff; Brother And Sister John T. Dunn, Sister Rosemary, Brother Al, and Sister Cathy; Brother And Sister Robert Woodall; Brother And Sister C. G. Christian; Sister Jamie Wilson; Brother And Sister Joe John Wilson; Brother John and Brother Steven Wilson; Brother And Sister Fred L. Cannon, Sr.; Sister Jerrie Hood; Brother Royce Jordan; Sister Mattie Claire Chambliss; Sister Olive Andrews; Brother And Sister L. A. Warnock; Sister Ima Birdsong; Sister Rena Williams;

Brother And Sister W. E. Bishop; Brother And Sister Earl Bishop; Brother Lamar Bishop; and others.

**September 30, 1958
Bothwell and Nash
208 Roswell St.
Marietta, Ga.**

Dear M. Bothwell:

Please find listed below all additions to date to the original estimate of the Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church.

September 30, additions

Original estimate		\$109,604.00
Air Conditioning	\$4,000.00	
Ground floor concrete Educational Building	\$1,500.00	
Limestone and setting	\$605.00	
Steeple	\$2,500.00	
Angle irons and change cornice	\$165.00	
Change in Choir area millwork	\$190.00	
Add electrical wiring to Complete ground floor Educational Building, except fixtures	\$400.00	

TOTALS **\$8,960.40** **\$118,564.40**

Note the above totals are not correct that is what is on the documents.

November 3, 1958

Dear Mr. Bothwell:

Please find listed all additions to date since my letter of September 30, 1958 on the Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church

September 30, 1958	Total \$118,564.40
Change rooftops Fire-chex shingles and copper flashing	1,150.00
Add acoustical tile to ground floor ceiling	902.00
Electrical panel – dimmer	200.00
TOTAL	\$120,816.40

Yours Truly Marcell W. Buttrill, Jr.

December 3, 1958

Dear Mr. Bothwell:

In accord with our discussion at the Building Committee meeting at the Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church on December 1, 1958, please find below our revised estimate of construction cost:

Paid to Date	\$90,379.16
Estimate to complete	\$25,645.00
TOTAL COST	\$116,024.16

We consider this reduction in our estimate has been made possible by having the full cooperation of the architect and the building committee.

Yours Truly Marcell W. Buttrill, Jr.

SEE APPENDIX R FOR COST OF BUILDING AND SCHEDULE COMPLETION OF THE CHURCH ON PAGE 151.

Conference October 23, 1958, Dr. J. T. Lyon made a motion that Brother Hicks serve on the Preaching Committee in place of our beloved late Brother Mike E. Everett. Motion seconded simultaneously by Brother's Warnock and Huff, and carried.

It was suggested that a proper memorial be prepared for Brother Mike E. Everett; the Publicity Committee, together with Elder Agan, will draw up such a memorial.

The members were reminded of the service to be held in the new Church building from 10:00 to 11:00 A. M. on Thanksgiving Day.

ROSWELL SEATING COMPANY
Manufactures Of "Southern Pride" Church Furniture
Roswell Georgia
November 25, 1958
Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church
Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. Fred Cannon, 2898 Clairmont Road, ME 4-4876

30 Pews, 13 feet, 8 inches	\$3,000.90
1 1102 pulpit	\$240.00
1 pew 14 foot	\$103.00
1 pew, 19 foot	\$128.65
2 communion and center chairs	\$278.10
TOTAL	\$3,750.65

Conference November 20, 1958 Brother Earl McLendon was authorized to borrow \$10,000 using Savings Certificates for collateral.

The matter of the Primitive Baptist Western Union was brought up and a motion to consider it not later than the March Conference was made by Brother Dunn, seconded by Brother Huff and carried.

The matter of our dedication service was mention and suggestions for the arrangements of it were invited.

The Publicity Committee, aided by Elder Agan, was instructed to prepare a memorial for Brother Roger Sims.

The first service in the New Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church was held at 10:00 A. M. on Thanksgiving Day November 1958. It was a cold day and the Church building was not completed, we had no power for lights or gas for heat, and every one had to keep their coats on. Elder Agan preached from the Psalms and the Spirit of God flowed to each and the love for each other keeps us all warm. We sure had a lot to be thankful for just to be able to have services in our new house of God. "Praise God, From Whom all Blessing Flow"

December 14, 1958 Sunday morning, the first sermon preached in the new church was Psalms 24: 9-10, by Elder V. F. Agan.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.

The Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church met in regular conference at the New Educational Building December 18, 1958 with pastor Elder V. F. Agan acting as moderator.

On motion of Bother Shurling, seconded by Sister Evelyn Stokes, it was agreed to present the Glazener Primitive Baptist Church with a check for \$35.00 as a small token of appreciation for the cordial, Christian manner in which it extended the facilities of their Church to us during the months our new sanctuary was under construction.

Since it seemed to be agreeable to those contacted to have the dedication services the second Sunday in January, plans for the service were discussed. Brother Agan announced he had already phoned Elder Maurice T. Thomas regarding his preaching the sermon and Brother Everett Williams regarding his making a layman's dedicatory address. Neither had accepted but had promised to notify the committee as soon as possible. Former Pastor P. O. Revels had been contacted and advised he would be unable to be present the second Sunday in January, as it would be time for his regular services at his pastorate. However, he offered to come up and preach the night of the first Sunday in January as his contribution to the Church this was agreed to.

Elder Agan stated that he had called Elder Walter Blackwell, Elder Claude Osborne, both former pastors, inviting them to be with us. All gave tentative acceptance. Under these conditions, the conference decided to defer any further planning until the invitations issued were definitely accepted.

Brother Fred Cannon, Jr. Mentioned the need for effective coverage of the dedication services and all future Church activities in the press.

Those present for the first conference, December 1958 in the new Church Building were: Elder and Sister V. F. Agan; Brother And Sister J. T. Lyon; Brother And Sister John Young; Sister Rufus Williams; Brother And Sister Robert B. Woodall, Sister Evelyn S. Stokes; Sister Mattie Clare Chambliss; Sister Olive Andrews, Brother James T. Shurling; Brother Enoch Hicks, Sr.; Brother John T. Dunn; Brother Mr. And Sister D. D. Huff; Brother Langley Irvin; Brother Fred Cannon Jr. and Sister Kitty W. LaGuinn

January 7, 1959 Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church held a joint Prayer meeting with Glazner Church in our new sanctuary. As they had been so gracious to us we extend them an invitation to join with us in prayer services which they agreed to do.

Sunday January 11, 1959 Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church dedication of our new building at 1367 Ponce de Leon Avenue. All day services were arranged at 11:00 A. M. and 2:00 P. M. with lunch at noon. The house was filled to capacity; extra chairs being required in both mornings and afternoon services. Elder M. T. Thomas preached the dedication sermon at eleven and Deacon. F. Everett Williams made the layman's dedicatory talk at 2:00 P. M. It was a glorious day, clear and pleasant, though we had been having rough, wintry days of freezing rainy weather. God was truly good to us in many ways.

Other ministers present with us were Elder George D. Godard who moderated in the constitution of this Church in May 1922, Elders H. Clayton Hays, Charles C. Carrin, Donald Lloyd, and pleas M. Watkins. Elder Walter M. Blackwell, also in the constitution, and the first pastor of the Church), but who later joined the Missionary Baptist Church) was present, also Dr. Louie D.