

Northside Baptist holds first service in new church building on Faith Mountain

By Shirley Cox

Northside Baptist Church held its first service Sunday morning, May 25, in a new sanctuary off Hwy. 461 on top of a hill called Faith Mountain.

A spirit of thankfulness and praise was evident in the faces of church members who exchanged warm greetings and offered hugs and handshakes, along with love and acceptance, to visitors. "I think the new church is a great gift from God," said church member, Kay Singleton. The new church has a seating capacity of 700.

The emotion of fifteen months of praying, planning and working overflowed from Pastor Chad Burdette as he greeted the congregation of 350 before asking for a moment of silence for Bro. Jack Dixon, Bro. Dixon helped plan the new church building before he died several months ago as a result of an accident while driving Northside's church van.

"Fifteen months ago, we broke ground on Faith Mountain," Burdette said. "We've done a whole lot of praying and seeking the Lord. I can remember three years ago when there were thirty people in a church service at Northside Church and all thirty were on their knees at the altar. We've seen miracle after miracle, after miracle," he said.

"Construction finally began in October," Burdette said. "I believe we've only seen the beginning of what God is going to do. We have already claimed Rockcastle County for the cause of Christ, put spiritual markers on all four corners of the county. I believe that God is going to do a mighty work through this church," he said.

Praising God was the sermon topic of the church's first service in the new building. "If this church doesn't have something to praise about, then there is something wrong," Burdette said. "The Lord

dwells in the praises of His people."

Since Pastor Chad Burdette was called to Northside Baptist Church on December 3, 2000, the church has experienced phenomenal growth, baptizing nearly 200 new converts. The church has set records in both the Kentucky Baptist Convention and

Southern Baptist Convention as the fastest growing church in Kentucky and in the top 2% in baptisms in the nation. Pastor Burdette has spoken at several conferences and workshops on evangelism and church growth.

Sunday evening, June 1, First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon combined services with Northside for a gospel singing by the Perrys. Northside Baptist Church plans to have a dedication service for the new building at a later date.

History of Northside Baptist Church
(Submitted by Phillip Singleton)

Northside mission was organized at Horseshoe Bend, about one mile north of Mt. Vernon, as a mission of the First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, under the will of God and the direction of Pastor, Bro. Lee Hopkins and five hard-working leaders and two assistants.

The mission was dedicated on June 14, 1959 by Bro. Wendell Below in charge of the ceremonies. The five workers were Mr. and Mrs. Lance Dillingham, Mr. and Mrs. Asher Cummins, Mr. George Parrett, with Mrs. Nancy Cummins and Mr. Wesley Smith as assistants.

The first attendance was ten people of which seven were leaders. The Sunday School class grew from ten to thirty-five in a very short period of time. The teachers were Bro. George Parrett, who taught the age from twelve years old through the adults. Mrs. Lance Dillingham taught ages five through twelve years old.

Mr. Wesley Smith acted as Sunday-School superintendent for only a short time until the appointment of Bro. Asher Cummins who was the first official superintendent of Sunday School. Bro. Cummins held this position for several years. Bro. W. L. Reynolds, who was associational missionary at this time, held services with the assistance of students from Georgetown, Kentucky, who were paid about seven dollars for services and traveling expenses.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ziegler, a missionary, held two Vacation Bible Schools at Horseshoe Bend with the help of all leaders of the Mission and some members of First Baptist Church.

The attendance for the first Vacation Bible School was about twenty people including leaders.

The Mission grew here for God. Through the determination of workers and leaders involved in doing the will of God, the little two-room house the Mission started in at Horseshoe Bend would no longer meet the expansion of God's people and the Lord wanting to hear and learn of God's Word. With the great blessing that God had poured out on this Mission, it was necessary to move to a more

suitable building and location. With the attendance now at approximately fifty, the Mission moved to a better and more convenient location to meet God's will for the community. At this time, the Old Pentecostal Church building north of town on U. S. 25 was rented for the Mission. This new location was closer to town and yet still close enough to the original location to serve the needs of the people in that part of the community.

The building which would house Northside Baptist Mission was rented from the Nicely heirs for fifteen dollars a month and the rent was sent directly to the Pentecostal Orphanage at Barbourville, Kentucky in memory of Luther Nicely. The gratitude at this new location was approximately fifty people.

Bro. Eugene Bradley was the first officially called pastor of Northside Mission. Bro. Bradley stayed only a short period of time. The second pastor called was Bro. James Mitchell. He was paid fifteen dollars per week.

At the beginning of services at the new location, there were two Sunday School classes. Bro. George Parrett taught the young people through adults. There were approximately thirty-five to forty in his class.

Mrs. Lance Dillingham taught the other class with approximately fifteen in attendance. The enrollment grew and there was a definite need for more classes. Four more Sunday School classes were established with these teachers, Bro. George Parrett, Asher, Mrs. Lance Dillingham, Junior Girls, Mrs. Dewey Alcorn, Young People and Bro. Archie Howard, Junior Boys.

Bro. Eugene Bradley held the first revival at this location. The Mission hit a depressing slump with several problems. Some of the reasons were lack of interest of people of the community, severe disturbance inside and outside of the church, land being sought, but unable to obtain. At this time, God sent a hard working and determined man to work under very difficult conditions. With his determination and the Will of God,

Northside Mission began to move for the Lord. Bro. Wilford Brown was this man. Bro. Brown was called on May 27, 1962, for a salary of one hundred dollars per month. Bro. Brown was a student at Clear Creek Baptist School at Pineville at the time he was called to Northside Mission. He held services on the weekends.

The church began to move and grow for the Lord with a great amount of success. Membership grew to 72 and Sunday School attendance 75-80. Training Union averaged seventy to eighty.

Members decided to try to purchase a lot to construct a new building, to meet the needs of the congregation and the loss of the community. The Mission contacted Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burnett about some land located on High Street in Mt. Vernon. Mr. Burnett first priced the tract of land for two thousand dollars, but Mr. and Mrs. Burnett decided that because the land would be used to construct a church, he would sell it for fifteen hundred dollars.

A building fund was established for the purpose of purchasing the lot on August 8, 1964. Approximately twelve hundred dollars was donated for the purchase of the lot in a very short period of time.

Then the money and grant was made available to build the new building and a building fund was established. Several contractors were called to bid on the construction of the building but the lowest bid was by Amos Owens of Burr, Kentucky for the amount of approximately nine thousand dollars.

After the building was completed, the State Women's Missionary Union bought the pews for the church for a total of seven hundred and nineteen dollars and sixty cents from Clear Creek Furniture Factory in Pineville. The pulpit was purchased by Bro. George Parrett from his selling of a dollar gold piece and an old dime. The Sunday School, Training Union boards and table were purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Asher Cummins. Again, through the blessing that God poured out on Northside Mission, they were now ready to move to High Street in the city limits of Mt. Vernon to the beautiful new building for the purpose of furthering God's Kingdom. This move to the new location on High Street was made in March 1965.

A dedication service was conducted at 2:30 p.m., May 23, 1965, with Bro. J. William Hall, pastor of First Baptist Church, bringing the dedication message.

The membership at the time the Mission was moved to High Street was approximately eighty members.

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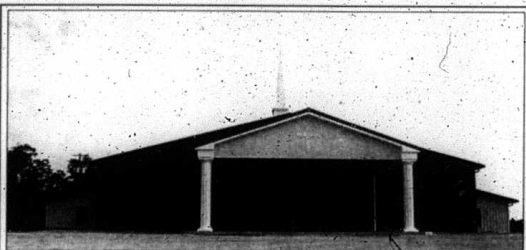
The former Northside Baptist Church building.



Jon Burdette, Youth Minister at Northside Baptist Church, recognized graduating seniors at the first service in the new building.



The Perrys sang at evening services at Northside Baptist on June 1st.



New Northside Baptist Church at Faith Mountain Road in Mt. Vernon.



Northside Baptist Church Pastor Chad Burdette preached the first sermon in new church building on Faith Mountain.

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