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MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Greenwood, S. C.

J. D. ANTHONY, PASTOR

25th Anniversary

December 1, 1939 - December 6, 1964

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Order of Service

Carrilon 10:10 - 10:30—Judy West

MORNING WORSHIP—10:30 A. M.

Prelude

Processional

Gloria Patri

Invocation The Pastor

Choral Response

Hymn, No. 382: "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord"

Greetings from the Pastor

Hymn, No. 412: "Onward Christian Soldiers"

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Doxology

Special Music

Sermon Dr. John K. Durst
Director, The Sunday School Dept. of South Carolina Baptist

Special Music

Personal Reminiscing Paul Owings and John Snipes

Sermon Rev. J. E. Willis
Former Pastor of Callie Self Memorial Baptist Church

Benediction

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Dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall. All Guests are invited to stay for dinner.

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Hymn

Prayer Deacon Roy Gibson

Special Music

Sermon Rev. C. E. Smith, Graceville, Florida

Special Music

Sermon Rev. Carroll Spivey, Wakeforest, N. C.

Benediction.



DR. JOHN K. DURST

Dr. John K. Durst is director of the Sunday School Department of South Carolina Baptist Convention, Columbia, S. C. Mr. Durst graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science degree in architecture, in 1932. He entered Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and received his Master's degree as well as his doctorate. He was a member of the faculty for nine years at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Durst came to his present position in South Carolina December, 1958. He is a native of Greenwood and the son of Mrs. W. P. Durst and the late Mr. Durst.



REV. J. E. WILLIS

The Rev. J. E. Willis served Callie Self Memorial Baptist Church from February 2, 1943 to July 1, 1959. He is now retired from the active pastorate. He and Mrs. Willis reside at Travelers Rest, S. C.



GREETINGS

This Twenty Fifth Anniversary comes during the sixth year of Mr. Anthony's pastorate. These have been years of blessed fellowship. The congregation joins with the Pastor in extending a cordial welcome to our Guests on this day of observing our Twenty Fifth Anniversary as The Callie Self Memeorial Baptist Church.

This church owes much to those who have entered her doors over the years. Many have gone on to a place in the "heavenlies" while others are here today, if but for a little while, still adding, "Precept upon precept line upon line" to God's kingdom.

REV. C. E. SMITH

Rev. C. F. Smith is a student at the Baptist Bible Institute of Gracevill, Fla. He is married to the former Helen Bledsoe. They have two sons, Cornelius and Ira. Mr. Smith is also pastor of a Baptist Church in Alabama. Mr. Smith accepted the call to preach after he was forty years of age and is making further academic preparation to better fulfill this call to service. He will preach during the afternoon service.



REVEREND CARROLL SPIVEY

Rev. Spivey is pastor in North Carolina. He is attending Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, N. C. Rev. Spivey attended North Greenville College and Graduated from Furman University. He is married to the former Miss Glenda Wilson of Graanwood and they have two sons.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The beginning of Callie Self Memorial Baptist Church dates back to 1912 when loyal baptists organized the first church, known as Grendal Mill Number Two Baptist Church. The exact date and number of charter members is not known.

The Rev. G. W. Bussey organized the church and became the first pastor. It was 1914 before the records showed the number of members to be (27) twenty seven. The Rev. E. G. Ross became pastor in 1917 and the membership within the next three years was increased to (57) fifty seven. In 1919 the Rev. E. P. Driggers became pastor at which time there were (67) sixty-seven members. The Rev. Paul Batson and the Rev. A. L. Flury each served the church for a period of three years. In 1928 the Rev. H. Clyde Smith became pastor and served for a term of two years. The church membership grew during this time to (176) one hundred and seventy six members. The next pastor was the Rev. Lewis M. Smith who served from 1930 to 1937 during which time the membership grew to (185) one hundred eighty five members. The Rev. J. A. Hunnicutt of Cliffside, N. C. became pastor February 1, 1938. From the date of the organization up to 1938 there had been (465) four hundred sixty five additions to the church.

On March 21, 1939 with Mr. R. L. Thomas of Spartanburg, S. C., as foreman of construction, a new building was started under the direct supervision of J. C. Self. This building was later to be named the Callie Self Memorial Baptist Church; so named to honor the memory of Mrs. Callie Holloway Self, mother of J. C. Self. It was given later through the generosity of Mr. Self to the local Baptist body. This edifice was completed in the fall of 1939. The congregation moved from the Union church building December 1, 1939 into the new church.

At a later date a carillon tower was added to the rear of the church. This tower is (87) eighty seven feet high, made of red brick and topped with a lime stone coping. These bells were sent to America by the government of the Netherlands, and placed in the arcade of the World's Fair in New York in 1938. They were purchased from the Netherlands Government by Mr. Self and brought to Greenwood in January 1940. There are (37) thirty seven bells in the carillon.

The new church and carillon were dedicated to the Lord's Service on February 2, 1941. Dr. George W. Truett, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas Texas preached the dedicatory sermon. Dr. Truett was a past president of The Southern Baptist Convention and The Baptist World Alliance. This service was broadcast over several radio stations. It is estimated that there were over (2,500) twenty five hundred people present for this service. The service was amplified over a public address system to other rooms in the building and even on the church grounds due to the overflow crowd. Many churches in the area used a radio at their worship service to hear this program.

The Rev. J. A. Hunnicutt resigned the church in 1942 and the church records show that the Rev. J. E. Willis became pastor February 2, 1943. He had a very fruitful ministry and retired during his (17) seventeenth year of tenure. The exact date was July 1, 1959. The Rev. J. D. Anthony of Charleston, West Virginia was invited to become pastor and moved to the city of Greenwood, September 1, 1959 to become the third pastor of The Callie Self Memorial Baptist Church.

April 23, 1962 The Callie Self Memorial Baptist Church again underwent a building program to meet the needs of a growing and demanding community. Cannon Construction Company of Newberry, S. C. was awarded the contract and Fant Architects of Anderson, S. C. did the designing and supervision. The new additions consisted of an education building and administration building. These facilities were designed to care for 500 persons in the church school. These new buildings cover approximately 15,000 feet of floor space.

Soon after the contract was awarded to Cannon Construction Company, Mr. Joe Chalmers, on behalf of Greenwood Mills and the Self family made a presentation of the deed to the church property as well as the property being used at that time for a parsonage. The parsonage was later removed and the new education building now occupies that site. April 7, 1963 was the date the church was given the keys to the new building by the architect. The building was dedicated on that date and a large number of people were present for the service of dedication. The Rev. J. E. Willis, former pastor preached the dedicatory sermon.

In the past twenty five years The Callie Self Memorial Church claims seven "ministerial sons" which have gone out from her membership to full time gospel ministry. These are as follows: Ralph Brewington, Kenneth Lawson, Glenn Kelley, Carroll Spivey, Grady James, Martin Willis and C. E. Smith.

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