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1890-1965 Diamond Jubilee

Program

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Observance

O God, Thou source of all pure desire and holy affections; give us now quiet minds and reverent, responsive hearts, that, becoming aware of Thy presence, we may worthily worship Thee and go forth renewed in the service of Thy Kingdom. Amen.

THE ADORATION OF GOD

Organ Prelude—"Voix Celeste".	Batiste
Invocation and Choral Introit	
Processional Hymn—"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"	57

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Responsive Reading—Psalm 107:1-22.	.565
Anthem—"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" Geoffrey O'H	ara
Combined Choirs	

Silent Meditation		Choral Call to Prayer
Pastoral Prayer	Lord's Prayer	Gloria Patri

THE DEDICATION OF LIFE

The Registration of Members	s and Guests			
The Presentation of Tithes a	nd Offerings			
Organ Offertory—"Chorale:	How Brightly	Beams	the	
	Morning Star"			Bach
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Prayer of Dedication	The Doxology
Sextet—"Living for Jesus"	G. Harold Lowdeth
Mesdames: James Shrader, Paul	
John Ester, Elgon Wil	son, Cecil Perry

Sermon by Dr. Ralph Johnson"Yo	esterday's Dreams in Prospect"
The Invitation Hymn—"What a Frier	nd We Have in Jesus"281
Benediction	Congregational Response
Organ Postlude	Mr. James Shrader, Organist

Ministers Participating:
Ralph Johnson, Paul E. Howard, David S. Quiring
Director of Combined Choirs — Mr. Cecil Perry

EVENING SERVICE — April 25 — 7:00 P.M.

Message by Dr. Ralph Johnson —	
"Yesterday's Dream	s of Accomplishment"
Chancel Choir Anthem—"I'll Walk with God	'Nicholas Brodszky
Soprano Solo—"My King and I"	Mosie Lister
Miss Lonnita Howell	

Mrs. C. R. Strand, Organist Mrs. M. F. Bunnell, Pianist

WEDNESDAY BANQUET — April 28 — 6:30 P.M.

Address by Dr. Ralph Johnson — "Yesterday's Dreams and Fulfillment"

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 1965

11:00 A.M.

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O God, who didst give thy Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen thy faithful people, and to bind them into one fellowship, fill us now with the same Spirit, that our hearts may be on fire to love thee; and loving thee, to love one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ADORATION OF GOD

Organ Prelude—Prelude on "Hyfrydol"	Pritchard
Invocation and Choral Introit	
Processional Hymn—"My Jesus, I Love Thee"	245

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Responsive	Reading-Mat	thew 28:16-20; L	Luke 24:46-49;	
		1:6-9		53

Anthem—"Battle	Hymn	of	the	Republic"	arr.	by	Ringwald
				ned Choirs			

Silent Meditation		Choral Call to Prayer
Pastoral Prayer	Lord's Prayer	Gloria Patri

THE DEDICATION OF LIFE

The Registration of Members and Guests	
The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings	
Organ Offertory—"When Thou Art Near"	Bach
Prayer of Dedication	The Doxology
Vocal Solo—"The Prayer Perfect"Words—James	Whitcomb Riley
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Music—Ervine J. Stenson Mrs. John Ester

Ministers Participating:
Ivan B. Bell, Paul E. Howard, David S. Quiring
Director of Combined Choirs—Mr. Cecil Perry

EVENING SERVICE — June 13 — 7:00 P.M.

Message by Dr. Ivan B. Bell — "Tomorrow's Challenge to our Nation

"Tomorrow's Challenge to our National Life" Chancel Choir Anthem—"Let There Be Music"......Frances William Chancel Nonettes—"A New Name in Glory".........C. Austin Miles Julie Taylor, Donna Robinson, Debbie Bickel, Kathy Tobey, Lonnita Howell, Barbara Shattuck, Shirley Miller, Susie Miller, Lavonne Howell

Mrs. C. R. Strand, Organist Mrs. M. F. Bunnell, Pianist

WEDNESDAY BANQUET — June 16 — 6:30 P.M.

Address by Dr. Ivan B. Bell — "Tomorrow's Challenge to the World Community"

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ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Observance

O God, who in all ages hast sent thy power to sanctify the faithful; Let the flame of thy spirit so kindle and cleanse thy church, that in purity and strength we may present unto thee the glad oblation of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ADORATION OF GOD

Organ Prelude—"Nocturne"John	Field
Invocation and Choral Introit	
Processional Hymn—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"	8

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Responsive Reading—Psalm 119:1-16.	518
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Combined Choirs	

Silent Meditation	
Pastoral Prayer	

Lord's Prayer

Choral Call to Prayer Gloria Patri

THE DEDICATION OF LIFE

The Registration of Members and Guests	
The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings	
Organ Offertory—"Prayer"	Hiller
Prayer of Dedication	The Doxology
Solo—"How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings"	Liddler
Miss Kenna Thomas	
Sermon by the Rev. John E. Parrott —	
"Today's Commitment to	Christ in the Church"
The Invitation Hym—"Spirit of God,	

Ministers Participating:
John E. Parrott, Paul E. Howard, David S. Quiring
Director of Combined Choirs—Mr. Cecil Perry

EVENING SERVICE — May 16 — 7:00 P.M

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Message by the Rev. John E. Parrott —
"Today's Commitment to Christ in the World"
Chancel Choir Anthem—"Unto Thee O Lord"Francis Aulbach
(Psalm XXV: 1, 3, 4)
Soloist—Susie Miller
Accordion Solo—"The Lost Chord"
Miss Debbie Bickel
Mrs. C. R. Strand, Organist Mrs. M. F. Bunnell, Pianist

WEDNESDAY BANQUET — May 12 — 6:30 P.M.

Address	by	the	Rev.	John	E.	Parrott -	_				
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SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS SERVING CHRIST

What is 75 years? Among the far stars in their courses it is but a pulse-beat of light. Among the flowers in the field, a thousand lives and deaths. To men it is a life and a bit of sleep afterwards. To a city it's coming of age. To people of faith it's a great story with a cloud of witnesses who have gone before us and make up the church which is eternal.

The First Baptist Church of Yakima was founded in a bold venture of faith and compelling Christian



DR. PAUL E. HOWARD



REV. DAVID S. QUIRING

concern in 1890. For three-quarters of a century the church has witnessed in a vital and dynamic way in the heart of the city.

Now First Baptist Church has reached a mature stage in its life, when it can look with fresh vision on the changing needs and demands of our age; when it can reappraise, adapt and experiment in a new program of education, training, outreach and witness to meet new challenges in serving our generation. All who share the dreams of our founders have a meaningful role to play in this new day.

PASTORS

C. H. DAVIS	January, 1891, to May, 1891
C. H. DAVIS	
GEORGE A. FAIR	
C. A. SALYER	September, 1894, to February, 1897
A. H. LYONS	October 1, 1897, to July 1, 1900
R. A. THOMPSON	October, 1900, to spring of 1902
J. J. TICKNER	June 6, 1902, to November 10, 1904
E. F. PERRY (SUPPLY)	November 10, 1904, to April 23, 1905
F. O. LAMOREAUX	April 23, 1905, to January 1, 1907
F. C. WHITNEY	February 17, 1907, to June 3, 1909
H. L. BOARDMAN	November 1, 1909, to December 31, 1913
T. T. PHELPS	January 4, 1914, to June 1, 1915
L. J. SAWYER	September 1, 1915, to September 1, 1922
W. E. HENRY	September 1, 1922, to April, 1926
WALTER INGRAM	September 1, 1926, to September 1, 1929
EDWIN SIMPSON	January 1, 1930, to September 1, 1932
J. OSBUN PHILLIPS	November 15, 1932, to August 12, 1940
RALPH M. JOHNSON	September 23, 1940, to April, 1948
IVAN B. BELL	Cctober, 1948, to November 15, 1954
JOHN E. PARROTT	January 25, 1955, to January 1, 1961
PAUL E. HOWARD	August 13, 1961, to

THE GOOD SHEPHERD GIVETH HIS LIFE FOR HIS SHEEP

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THE HISTORY OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

THE EARLY YEARS

Early in the summer of 1890, the people of Baptist background living in the village of what was then North Yakima felt the need of a church home. Believing it to be God's will that they work to that end, they made a thorough canvass of the citizens. They found a number of people who were sympathetic and who had been members or friends of Baptist churches elsewhere but who had grown weary of waiting and united with other denominations. These people advised the seekers to "go and do likewise", but with the aid of Rev. A. M. Allyn, Assistant General Missionary for Eastern Washington, the First Baptist Church of North Yakima was organized August 10, 1890. Rev. Mr. Allyn assisted them in all ways and

secured the assistance of the Home Mission Board. The following named people became the charter members:

Mrs. Priscilla Lee Mr. and Mrs. G. M. McKinney Miss May McDermid Mrs. Frink Mrs. Piny Mr. Albert Fulkerson Miss Sarah Needham Mr. J. H. Needham

The church maintained an organized Sunday Church School, a Ladies Aid Society, weekly prayer meetings and preaching services whenever a Baptist preacher could be obtained. Services were held in various places. The school board kindly granted them the privilege of meeting in Central School during the summer of 1890.

Services were then held in Allen's Hall, the upper floor of a building at East Yakima Avenue and Second Street. Later meetings were held in the courthouse until the completion of the first church building.

Rev. Chas. H. Davis was called as the church's first pastor in December, 1890, beginning his work in January, 1891. After four months he accepted a call to Ellensburg, where he served for six months when he was called back to Yakima in November.

Rev. D. D. Proper, General Missionary for the Home Mission Society, informed the congregation it would be necessary to secure a lot and erect a building in order to continue to receive aid from the society. This became the most difficult problem faced by the church as it had few



REV. CHARLES H. DAVIS

members and little money. Following the Father's guidance, the congregation secured a lot on North Fourth Street, north of the Masonic Temple. The members gave liberally of their time, labor and means and soon the congregation had a church home. On April 23, 1892, the first Baptist church building in North Yakima was dedicated to God. The cost of the new building was between three and four thousand dollars.



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BUILDING IN YAKIMA

Rev. Mr. Davis remained with the church until late in 1892 when he resigned. In the interval elapsing between Rev. Mr. Davis' resignation and the coming of Rev. George A. Fair, in January, 1893, the pulpit was supplied by the Rev. Mr. Spoon. Evangelistic services were conducted by Rev. D. D. Proper and Rev. C. A. Bailey, which resulted in a number of conversions and additions to the church. Rev. Mr. Fair left in the spring of 1894. Rev. F. L. Pierce served as interim pastor for three months and upon his recommendation, the church called Rev. C. A. Salyer of Ballard, Wash., who began his work in September, 1894, serving until February, 1897. During Rev. Mr. Salyer's ministry the First Baptist Church was incorporated on November 26, 1894.

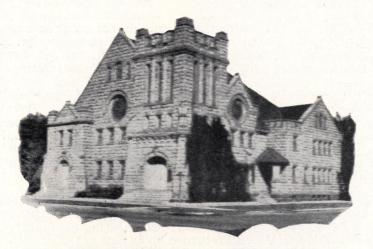
Mr. Leon Green, a licensed minister and lay member offered his service until Rev. A. H. Lyons of Pocatello, Idaho answered a call and began his work in October, 1897. During his ministry, the prosperity of North Yakima returned and a new era of growth came into being that was to last a number of years. With the increased growth of people and the general prosperity, a number of Baptists came into the valley and became members of the church. Under the direction of Rev. Mr. Lyons, two lots were purchased adjoining the church and a parsonage was constructed at a cost of \$1,000. Rev. Mr. Lyons resigned on July 1, 1900.

Rev. R. A. Thompson came to serve in October, 1900 and remained with the church until the spring of 1902. During his ministry much was accomplished in establishing work in several outlying districts.

Rev. J. J. Tickner came from Michigan June 6, 1902. Eightyseven members greeted him and he learned the church still received financial aid from the Home Mission Society. Under the leadership of Rev. Tickner the church building was enlarged and became self-supporting and when he left on November 10, 1904, the church had 226 members.

Rev. E. F. Perry, who was a member of the church, assumed the pastorate on November 11, 1904 and continued the work until April 23, 1905. On April 23, 1905, Rev. F. O. Lamoreaux came from Franklin, Indiana. Under his leadership plans for a new building were developed because the congregation had doubled in membership. Unfortunately, his health failed and he resigned after twenty months of service.

On January 3, 1907, Rev. F. C. Whitney of Rochester, Minnesota was called. He began in February with a membership of 347. By the following January, membership had increased to 395 which created a real need for the new building. A canvass of the membership resulted in pledges of \$15,000 to purchase the present site and lay the foundation. Ground was broken in November, 1907 and the cornerstone laid on May 2, 1908. On January 10, 1909, the



CHURCH DEDICATED JANUARY 10, 1909

building was dedicated. The \$52,708.50 building housed a membership of 468, all of whom were extremely active in every department and contributed generously to the building fund, current expenses and the mission field. It was at this time Mrs. B. F. Barge gave the church its Kimball pipe organ in memory of her husband, Professor Barge, an educator and founder of schools and colleges in the Pacific Northwest. Rev. Mr. Whitney concluded his work on June 3, 1909.

Rev. T. T. Phelps, Chicago, Illinois, came on January 4, 1914, but because of ill health he resigned on June 1, 1915.

THE MIDDLE YEARS

A call was extended to Dr. Louis J. Sawyer, Hamilton Square Baptist Church, San Francisco, who answered on September 1, 1915. On May 5, 1918 the church gave Dr. Sawyer a leave of absence so he could be pastor of a church at Palo Alto, California, and assist in military work at Camp Fremont. Rev. Harry C. Mitchell supplied the church during Dr. Sawyer's absence. In the church bulletin of April 13, 1919, we find these words, "It is with profound thanksgiving that we recognize that not one of the thirty-nine stars on our service flag has turned to gold. Three of our men have been severely wounded but all are recovering. We shall be happy to welcome them home again." In 1922 the last payment on the mortgage was made, four years ahead of the due date. Also in 1922 Mr. W. I. Huxtable gave the Degan chimes as a memorial to the late Mrs. W. I. Huxtable. Dr. Sawyer resigned on September 1, 1922.

Dr. W. E. Henry, Everett, Washington, accepted a call on September 1, 1922 and stayed in the field until 1925.

Rev. Walter Ingram, Moline, Illinois, came on September 1, 1926. He resigned September 1, 1929. During the interim that followed, Dr. Chas. A. Cook, Seattle, served as supply pastor.

On November 10, 1929 the church called Dr. Edwin Simpson, Green Bay, Wisconsin, who started his ministry on January 1, 1930. While in Yakima, Mrs. Simpson died. Dr. Simpson resigned September 1, 1932.

Rev. J. Osbun Phillips was called on November 15, 1932 and answered on January 1, 1933. He too, suffered the loss of his wife, who died July 7, 1939. During his ministry the church had a "Golden Jubilee" celebration with a special observance on August 10, 1940. At that time the members became aware of the many contributions that the church had made in fifty years and the devotion of its pastors and members working together for good. In spite of the great depression, the church was in a solid financial position due to the sale of the Olivet Mission building and other property handled in a wise manner by those responsible. When Rev. Mr. Phillips resigned August 12, 1940, church membership was 679.

THE LATTER YEARS

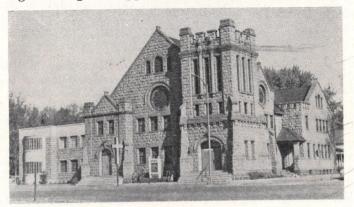


DR. RALPH M. JOHNSON

On September 23, 1940, Rev. Ralph M. Johnson became our pastor Shortly after his arrival the church learned of the death of Rev. Mr. Phillips in Bremerton. During the eight years Rev. Mr. Johnson served the church, the following served terms as either associate summer pastors, Directors of Christian Education, or Assistant Pastors: Mack McCray, Jr., Lynn Leavenworth, R. J. Kennedy, J. W. Bowles, and Miss Alice Huston. In 1945. Rev. Mr. Johnson conducted a memorial service for Douglas M. Jones, the only serviceman from our church to lose his life in World War II. In April, 1948, the church accepted Rev. Mr. Johnson's resignation so that he might accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Sacramento. He later became Director of the Council on

Missionary Cooperation for the American Baptist Convention, with headquarters in New York City.

A ground-breaking ceremony was held on July 19, 1948 for the new educational unit adjoining the west side of the present building. Dedication services were held on the 27th of March, 1949, using the anthem written by Professor Harry Sharpe in 1909 for the dedication of the church building. The total cost of the Educational Unit together with improvements, betterments and repairs to existing building cost approximately \$110,000.



PRESENT EDIFICE AND EDUCATIONAL UNIT

Rev. Ivan B. Bell accepted a call in October, 1948, coming from the First Baptist Church of Bellingham Washington. On March 24, 1949 a Service of Ordination was given William Lloyd Salverda and he preached his first sermon as an ordained minister at our evening service March 27. On June 22, 1950 a similar service was held for Harold Schock. Miss Dorothy Stannard was Director of Religious Education between January 1, 1950 and June 1, 1951. In the same capacity. Mrs. Eva Kevser served from late June, 1952 until September, 1953. In March, 1952, Marie Ball, State Convention Missionary, organized the Fruitvale Community Baptist Church. Nineteen members of the First Baptist Church were granted letters and moved their membership to give leadership in form-



DR. IVAN B. BELL

ing this new church, and the First Church also contributed in a special way to the financial support of Fruitvale. In June, 1954, Rev. James Ledbetter came as Associate Pastor. On November 15, 1954, Rev. Mr. Bell resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Phoenix, Arizona.



REV. JOHN E. PARROTT

Rev. John E. Parrott became pastor on January 25, 1955, also coming from the First Baptist Church of Bellingham, Washington, Rev. Mr. Ledbetter resigned on November 6, 1955, going to Richland, Washington. He was followed by Rev. Jack Dowers on October 7, 1956, as Assistant Pastor. Rev. Mr. Dowers resigned October 12, 1958 to become pastor of the yoked parish of Easton, Roslyn, and CleElum, Washington. On September 3, 1959, Rev. Herschell Daney became Assistant Pastor. On June 9, 1958 construction began on remodeling of the sanctuary, providing seating for 665 persons, and adding a new basement for needed classrooms. Total cost was approximately \$80,-000. Six months later on December 7, 1958, dedication was held. Rev. Mr. Parrott resigned January 1, 1961 to become Director of Evangelism, Washington Baptist Convention.

Rev. I. J. Brame became interim Pastor from January 1, 1961 until August 6, 1961. On May 28, 1961, Rev. Mr. Daney resigned as assistant to become Chaplain and Student Counselor at Bacone College, Bacone, Oklahoma.

On August 13, 1961, an Installation Service was held for Dr. Paul E. Howard, who came from the Atwater Park Baptist Church in Los Angeles, California. Rev. David Quiring came as Assistant Pastor on June 15, 1962. As we enter the "Diamond Jubilee" under the guidance of these two pastors, our membership stands at 1065 resident members.

In briefly outlining the first seventy-five years of our church history, we have used the material gathered by Mrs. Milo P. Lantz, and the "Golden Jubilee" booklet published in 1940, plus records and the memory of several members who have spent their lives in Yakima. It is impossible in this space to recount the gifts given by the Pastors, Assistant Pastors, Directors of Christian Education, and others who have each given in his particular way. Nor could we tell of the laity and their loving gifts, devotion and obedience. All who have worshiped here have imparted something of themselves to make this church what it is today. We do not know what lies in the future, but with Paul we say "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

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Church records reveal the following have been members for 50 years or longer.

50-YEAR MEMBERS

Mrs. J. P. Anderson Mrs. W. E. Hubbard Mrs. Pearl Budgell Mr. D. V. Morthland Mrs. Maude E. Cain Mrs. Nels Winberg Miss Maybra Tyler Mrs. P. I. Huxtable Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Druse Mrs. J. L. Boardway Mr. Wallace Druse Mrs. O. N. Waltz. Mr. Lee Johnston L Mrs. A. G. Colvin Mr. C. B. Jones Mrs. H. F. Marble Mrs. M. E. Hannify Mr. Will Medaris Mr. A. D. Paddison Mr. Howard Manning

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75th ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr Hobart Reeves, Chairman Mr. James Ryan, Vice-Chm. Mrs. Arthur Enbom, Secretary Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Griffith Mr and Mrs. Morris Wesselius Mr. and Mrs. James Shrader Mr. Marion Bunnell Mr. Julius Tobey Mr. A. D. Paddison Mr. Vernon Lutthans Mr. Lee Johnston Mrs. C. B. Jones Mrs. C. O. Perry Mrs. James Rvan Mrs Hobart Reeves Mr. Arthur Enbom

Members Ex Officio Dr. Paul E. Howard Reverend David S. Quiring

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DINNER

Mrs. Marion Bunnell Mrs. John Birkby Mrs. Armond Taylor Mrs. Hobart Reeves

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Mr. Julius Tobey Mrs. Marie Hood Mr. Elmer Huppman

COMPILATION OF BROCHURE Mr. Armond Taylor

HOUSING ARRANGEMENT
Mrs. Glenn Griffith
Mrs. Arthur Enbom

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Mr. Cecil O. Perry

DECORATIONS

Mrs. James Shrader Mrs. Harry Stoler Mrs. Homer Phillips Mrs. L. B. Swaffard

BANQUET TICKETS

Mr. James Ryan Mr. Vern Kirstein Mr. E. W. Rongren Mr. Glenn Griffith