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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
of NEW BUILDING

June 19, 1938

**MADISON AVENUE
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Corner Madison and Robbins, Covington, Kentucky

HENRY D. ALLEN, TH. D., PASTOR

MABEL FIELDS, DIRECTOR AND ORGANIST



MORNING SERVICE

Devotional Period.....Congregational Worship

PRESENTATION OF MORTGAGE.....By the Trustees

Sermon, "CALLING TO REMEMBRANCE".....The Pastor



REV. T. H. PLEMMONS
1910-1915

"Tribute To Whom Tribute Is Due"

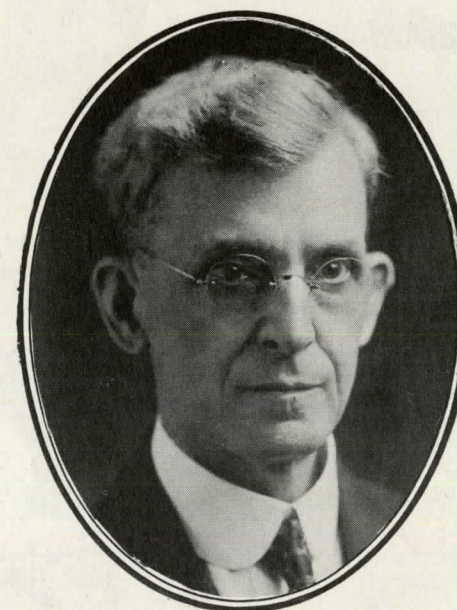
With this Twenty-fifth Anniversary it is fitting that we pay tribute to Rev. T. H. Plemmons, under whose splendid ministry and inspirational leadership this building was erected. He will long be remembered for his beautiful Christian spirit, winsome personality, and sacrificial labors. As your beloved pastor he rejoiced with you, a quarter of a century ago, in the dedication of this building. Today, he is in "a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens". From that innumerable cloud of witnesses up there we believe that he is looking on and rejoicing with us in this happy celebration. Blessings on the memory of Brother Plemmons! Many of us still cherish it. The influence of his ministry lives on.

EVENING SERVICE

Devotional Period.....Congregational Worship

Sermon, "OUR ESTIMATE OF THE CHURCH".....The Pastor

Baptism of Several Candidates



REV. HENRY D. ALLEN
1919-1938

Appreciation of Retiring Pastor

It has been our pleasure to assist in the payment of the original cost of the building and in the remodeling and erection of the addition. With peculiar satisfaction we share with you, today, the joy of seeing the cancelled mortgage which frees the building of all indebtedness. The pastor desires to express his deep appreciation of the privilege of serving this church for nearly nineteen years. Much of his success has been due to the loving labors of Mrs. Allen in her leadership of the women and girls. We are grateful for the kindnesses shown our entire family. We shall never forget you and the joyous fellowship and lasting friendships formed. May the Lord bless you, and keep you ever happy in his service!

History of the Present Building

The present building was erected during the pastorate of Rev. T. H. Plemmons. On March 1, 1911, the church appointed the following Building Committee: E. A. Burks, E. T. Settle, Dr. E. N. Estes, Wayne Rusk, and Rev. T. H. Plemmons. Over a year was spent in soliciting subscriptions and in perfecting plans. A loan of \$2,500 was received from the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, also \$1,500 from the Home Mission Board. These loans became gifts when the mortgages were cancelled in 1925, the church having become free of debt for its building.

The cornerstone was laid at a special service in the summer of 1912, the Masons taking part in the exercises. The construction of the building proceeded for about a year.

Dedicatory services were held on June 15, 1913. It will ever be a memorable day in the history of the church. The dreams, the hopes, and the aspirations of many years had come to fruition. With hearts overflowing with gratitude and joy the congregation entered the new building to worship and to serve. Dr. W. D. Powell, veteran Baptist minister, noted for the hundreds of dedicatory services he had participated in, delivered the sermon of dedication. Dr. John F. Herget, the popular pastor of the Ninth Street Baptist Church of Cincinnati for over a quarter of a century, gave an inspiring address in the afternoon. Dr. W. G. Everson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Newport, delivered an excellent message at the evening service.

Various improvements and additions to the building have been made during the pastorate of Rev. Henry D. Allen, 1919 to 1938. In the summer of 1921 a balcony was erected to accommodate the growing Sunday school and the increasing congregations. The cost of the balcony, with some repairs, was \$1,800.

On account of the continued growth of the Sunday school the first-floor rooms were remodeled and an addition to the rear of the building was erected in 1925, at a cost of \$22,000. Mr. C. L. Hildreth was architect and builder. Rev. O. J. Steger delivered the dedicatory sermon on October 25, 1925.

The indebtedness incurred has all been met and the mortgage cancelled by the final entry of full payment. The presentation of this mortgage, endorsed payment of all notes, and a clear receipt from the Bank, will be a chief feature of our program this morning. We rejoice and thank God for his goodness in enabling us to reach this long-desired goal. We acknowledge with gratitude the faithfulness and liberality of Dr. Allen G. Caldwell, our very efficient Building Fund Treasurer.

May this substantial and well-equipped building, erected by the loving and sacrificial labor of a noble people, ever be used to help meet the spiritual needs of this city in worship and service and as the background for the gospel message to all mankind!