



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SAKS
(NEW HOPE)
ANNISTON, ALABAMA

Dedication Program

JULY 10, 1960

"Lead On, O King Eternal"



**DR. B. LOCKE DAVIS, Pastor,
Parker Memorial Baptist Church
Dedicatory Speaker**



**REV. J. R. AKINS
Pastor**

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM YOUR PASTOR:

Today is the day for which this Church has prayed. Because of the leadership of the Holy Spirit, your faith, your prayers, and sacrifices, you are able to look at these new physical surroundings in which we will seek to worship and serve the Lord. Surely we cannot but sing "To God Be the Glory"!

The cost has been great. But let us not think of the cost of the building, but rather of the souls and lives that will be used in the Kingdom of God because this Church responded to the challenge to build a building.

The spirit of faith, prayer, sacrifices, and willingness to be led of the Holy Spirit which has been shown in working together to complete this building will insure success in reaching people for Christ. The challenge now is greater than before. It is the challenge to seek and win the lost.

As we come today to acknowledge the goodness of God in leading us thus far, let our prayer be "Lead On, O King Eternal".

Yours in Christ,

J. R. Akins

LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL

Lead on, O King Eternal
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home:
Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong,
And now O King, Eternal
We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords' loud clashing,
Or roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy
The heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal,
We follow not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,
We journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.

—Henry Smart

Dedication Program

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

"The Day of March Has Come"

"To God Be the Glory" Hymn 41

Invocation Rev. Tom Brock

"Through Days of Preparation"

History of Church

Recognitions—

Charter Members

Former Pastors

Church Officers (Past and Present)

"Thy Grace Has Made Us Strong"

Building Committee

Building Fund Finance Committee

Bond Committee

Furnishings Committee

Others

"Lead On, O King Eternal" Hymn 417

Worship With Offerings

"We Lift Our Battle Song"

"Lead On, Lead On" Choir

"Lead On, O God of Might"

Dedication Sermon Dr. B. Locke Davis

Dedication Prayer Rev. J. R. Akins

Dedicatory Hymn Choir

Benediction J. H. Fuller

Postlude

MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH:

"Anniston, Alabama, Route Number 1.

"This letter certifies that on September 10th, 1927 that the people in the Saks School community came together and organized a Missionary Baptist Church, the organized membership thirteen (13). Missionary pastors present, who assisted in the organizing of this Church "New Hope" were as follows: Bro. L. N. Claxton and Son, Bro. J. H. Johnson, Bro. W. S. McDowell, Bro. Pope, Bro. Adams, and Bro. House. The following members united themselves to this new organized body by letters from other churches of same faith and order: Andrew Dickerson, Walker Feazell and Wife, Charlie Mange and Wife, Charlie Mange, Jr., Mammie Burgess, Lonnie Burgess, V. M. Cooper, S. H. Gardner and Wife, John Vaughn and Wife."

FROM THE MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE ON MARCH 4, 1959.

" . . . the building committee would like to make the following recommendation to the church: That the complete building be built at one time, (Sunday School, Educational and Auditorium).

"Motion was made that recommendations be accepted, and so carried . . . "

CONCERNING THE NEW BUILDING

The design of the building is Cathedral Arch construction, which is practical yet beautiful.

The auditorium has a seating capacity of 500 which includes 36 choir seats. Chandelier type lighting is used.

The educational building contains 10,080 square feet of floor space and will provide for approximately 500 people. The basement floor contains the kitchen and banquet facilities.

The Pastor's Study, General Church Office and Library are located behind the Choir Loft. Rest room facilities are on the first two floors.

The four large nursery rooms are located on the first floor at the rear of the educational building.

The building was built by W. M. (Jack) Bentley General Construction Company. The heating facilities were installed by the Anniston Sheet Metal Company. The auditorium furniture was purchased from the Hiawasseee Furniture Company of Madisonville, Tennessee, and are of oak.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Winford Griffin, Chairman J. H. Fuller
John R. Green Roger Dalton

BUILDING FUND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Leon Reeves, Chairman O. L. Medders
Carl Kenerly M. H. Cobb
 R. Gene Weathington

BOND COMMITTEE

Ed Chandler, Chairman	Roger Dalton
Russell Carlisle	Alvin Batchelor
Robert Childs	W. L. Hughes
M. H. Cobb	Carl Kenerly
J. H. Fuller	Rev. H. E. Keown
J. R. Freeman	Alex L. Kines
G. C. Freeman	O. L. Medders
John R. Green	D. M. McCown
C. Edward Pitts	W. E. Nelson
Leon Reeves	Earl Vaughan
Winford Griffin	Roy E. Weathington

FURNISHINGS COMMITTEE

Leon Reeves, Chairman Ernest Ridgeway
M. H. Cobb Russell Carlisle
 Robert Childs

TRUSTEES

J. H. Fuller	Alex Kines
Ernest Ridgeway	O. L. Medders
John R. Green	J. R. Freeman

BONDS SOLD:

Of the \$80,000 bonds sold, \$41,250 were purchased by members of the church: \$13,500 by people in the community, but not church members of this church: \$25,250 were sold outside of the community.

CHURCH OFFICERS

1959-1960

DEACONS:

J. H. Fuller, Chairman	Alex Kines
Floyd C. Aderholdt	L. Edward Chandler
Winford L. Griffin	Carl Kenerly
Leon Reeves	Guy Tucker
J. R. Freeman	

Sunday School Superintendent	Edward Pitts
Training Union Director	J. R. Freeman
Brotherhood President	Alex Kines
WMU President	Mrs. Alex Kines
Music Director	Manley H. Hess
Organist	Mrs. Alex Kines
Pianist	Mrs. Grace McKinney
Church Treasurer	Winford L. Griffin
Church Clerk	Alvin Batchelor
Superintendent of Visitation	L. Edward Chandler
Superintendent of Training	O. L. Medders
Librarian	Mrs. O. L. Medders
Custodian	Charles Feazell

MEMORIAL GIFTS

- One pew in memory of Charles Phillips Pitts given by Mrs. Exa M. Bradley and Dewey and Steve Pitts.
- One pew in memory of Joe H. Wilson given by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Champion.
- One pew in memory of Walker Feazell given by Mr. Charles Feazell.
- One pew in memory of Manley Eugene Hess given by Mr. M. H. Hess.
- One pew in memory of Shelia Diane Batchelor given by Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Batchelor.
- One pew in memory of Mr. T. J. Fuller and Mr. J. D. Blair given by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fuller.
- Baptistery Drapery in memory of J. E. Akins and A. P. Thompson given by Mrs. J. H. Cox.

HONOR GIFTS

- One pew in honor of their children given by Mrs. Mary E. Feazell and Mrs. Cora Lee Burell.
- One pew in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Martin given by Mrs. Ora Martin.

OTHER GIFTS

- Pews purchased by: Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Carlisle, Mr. O. H. Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Aderholt, Young Woman's Auxiliary, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Green, Mrs. O. H. Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Childs, Mr. and Mrs. Winford L. Griffin.
- One piano given by Mrs. John R. Green.
- Tile by a host of friends and members, whose names will be placed elsewhere in the church.

APPRECIATION

- The Church is grateful to each and every individual who has given of their assistance in making this building possible. We are aware that we cannot know nor list every prayer, every gift, every token of love and assistance, but how good is it to know that our Lord knows and has a complete record of it all!
- This building will stand through the years as a testimony of all who have helped in any way to make this vision become a reality.