



HFBC
Havville First Baptist Church

Morning Worship

August 23, 2009

We gather to worship . . .

Greetings and The Church Program

Tom Howard, minister of music

Prelude

“Cathedral Fanfare”
Gordon Young

Celebration of Baptism

Call to Worship

“God of Grace and God of Glory”
Paul T. Langston

Hymn # 3

“Worthy of Worship”
JUDSON
(*please stand*)

Invocation

Roy Gibson,
Deacon of the Week

(*please be seated*)

Hymn # 163

“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”
WONDERFUL GRACE

*O God,
our help in ages past . . .*

Special Recognitions

Bob Wiley

Presentation from the Georgia Baptist Convention

Frank Nuckolls, Specialist
Associational Missions
Ministries

A Look Back

Ronald Hinson

Choral Anthem

“We Are Surrounded”
Joseph M. Martin

our hope for years to come . . .

Worship Sequence

Responsive Reading

Leader: God has called us and
is leading into the future.

**People: Let us not wander on
our own, without a guide,
seeking our own way.**

Leader: See the Light! The
Light of God is shining for us.

**People: Journeying God,
pitch your tent with us, so
that we may not become
distracted by unfamiliar
landscapes and detours in
the road.**

Leader: At every turn we are
blessed and contained by your
ancient and steadfast love that

continually and insistently
sustains us.

**People: Through your Word,
give us strength to continue
our pilgrimage, searching
for your Light to guide the
way.**

Hymn # 101

“How Deep the Father’s Love
for Us”
TOWNEND

Hymn # 104

“Amazing Grace! How Sweet
the Sound”
NEW BRITAIN

A Look Around

Bob Wiley

*Be thou our guard while life
shall last. . .*

Hymn Medley

Hymn # 83

“Be Thou My Vision”
SLANE

Hymn #82

“Guide Me, O Thou Great
Jehovah”
CWM RHONDDA

(please stand)

Offertory Prayer

Usher

(please be seated)

Offertory

“How Dear to Me Is Your
Dwelling”
Robert Powell

Responsive Reading

Leader: O Lord, you have
always been our home. From
everlasting to everlasting, you
have been our refuge and our
strength, our dwelling place
for all generations.

**People: O Lord, you are the
home toward which our
ancestors traveled.**

Leader: You are the sanctuary
that called them from all
things familiar toward the
promise of a new country.
Through stars and clouds and
faithful attention to dreams,
you guided them through the
desert to the oasis of your
love.

**People: O Lord, you are the
home we know in Jesus
Christ who came to dwell
among us.**

Leader: You inhabit the very earth on which we live. With open arms of hospitality you invite us into your presence. You heal our wounds. You call us to the table, and extend our vision to see others who need your welcome.

People: O Lord, you are the home we know in the Spirit who guides us.

Leader: You are the memory of where we have been and the anticipation of where we are going. Though we are not yet in possession of all we have been promised, here and there along the way we catch glimpses of our eternal home.

People: O Lord, you are our home along the way and at the end of our journey.

Leader: For traveling with us, for rescuing us when we are lost, and for calling us into your holy place, thanks be to you, O God, our eternal home.

Choral Anthem

“Our Hope for Years to Come”
Mary McDonald

. . .and our eternal home

Message

David Hinson
First Baptist Church,
Frankfort, Kentucky

Invitation Hymn # 537

“Lord, Here Am I”
BECK

Benediction and Blessing

Bob Wiley

Choral Benediction

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”
Peter Lutkin

Postlude

“The Church’s One Foundation”
Hal Hopson

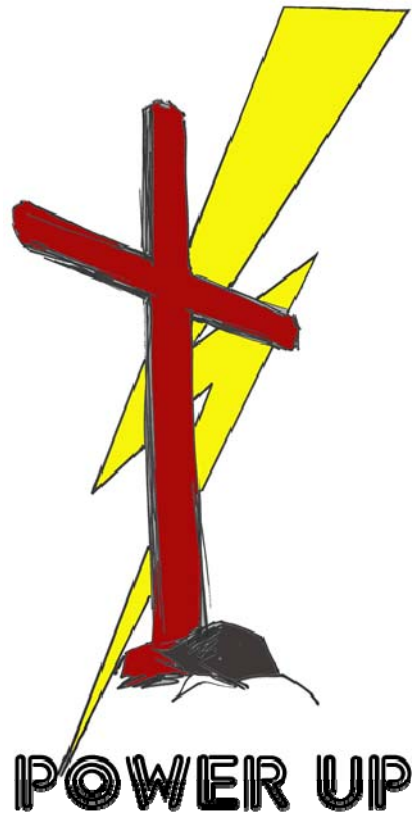
We depart to serve . . .

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We welcome all who worship with us today. If you are visiting with us today, we rejoice that you are present and hope that you will come again soon. If you are returning "home" today, we welcome you back. It is always good to see familiar faces and to renew dear acquaintances. If you worship with us regularly, we welcome you once again to God's house. For all who worship with us today, it is our prayer that you have experienced the presence of God and a warm welcome from our church family during our worship time together. Thank you for celebrating our 125th anniversary at Homecoming 2009 with us today!

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Following the worship service, everyone is invited to join us in the fellowship hall for our annual homecoming covered-dish dinner. Please allow our former staff and their families to lead the way to the fellowship hall as we join together for a time of fellowship around the dinner tables.



September 20 - 23

6:00 p.m.

Levi Skipper, evangelist

Music by:

Jefferson Avenue Baptist
Church Ensemble (Sunday)

Cross Ties (Monday)

Edenfield Band (Tuesday)

The Harbormen (Wednesday)

First Baptist Church, Hapeville, Georgia:

First Baptist Church Hapeville, Georgia: The First 125 years (1884-2009)

Early in the 1880s, the thriving little city of Hapeville numbered only one hundred and fifty inhabitants. The only organization for religious worship was a Union Sunday School which met in the second story of Lane's store.

Among the inhabitants were three men: William Lowe, Nathan Massey and Robert S. Ozburn who were Baptists. With the Spirit of the Lord moving upon their hearts, these men drew together a little band of worshipers of like faith and order, namely, Brethren W.M. Lowe, N. Massey, H. Witcher, R.R. Ozburn, Sisters H.C. Lowe, B.A. Witcher, N.A. Ozburn, Kate Ozburn, Ella Ozburn and Myra Ozburn who formed the Hapeville Baptist Church on August 31, 1884. A church covenant and Articles of Faith were adopted.

Brethren Massey, Lowe and Ozburn were ordained deacons

and Brother H. Witcher elected clerk. The second Saturday and Sunday were appointed for services; application for membership was made to the Stone Mountain Association; an offering was taken for missionary purposes and the blessings of the Lord were asked upon the church at this organizational meeting.

Soon new members joined and the question of a permanent place of worship arose. William Lowe offered a beautiful lot on what is now South Fulton Avenue at College Street, and in less than a year a frame church building was erected at a cost of \$731.45 with a balance of \$17.80 in the treasury.

The first pastor was Rev. J.M. DeFoor, 1884-86. He was followed by the Reverends G.W. Garner 1886-87, J.L.D. Hillyer 1888-89, N.N. Edge 1890, and E. H. Walker 1893 who was ordained by our church. In July, 1893 it was voted to have Sunday School every Sunday; September 10, the Ladies Benevolent Society was organized and September

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13, the first weekly prayer meeting was held.

Rev. G.B.F. Stovall served 1894-96, Dr. I.J. Van Ness 1896-98, Dr. A.J. Beck 1901-03, Rev. G.W. Wood 1905-08 and in one service twenty-five children from the Georgia Baptist Orphans' Home, which had moved to Hapeville in 1899, united with the church. Rev. J.G. Hunt served 1909-10 during which a letter of dismission from the Stone Mountain Association was requested in order to join the new Association being formed, the Atlanta Metro Baptist Association..

Dr. J.C. Solomon served 1910-11, Dr. B.J.W. Graham was pastor 1911-16. The first B.Y.P.U. was organized in 1915.

Dr. C. Lewis Fowler served 1916-19 when Rev. H.N. Massey became pastor, held services two Sundays a month, published and sent to the two hundred and forty members "The Baptist Light." A later publication was "The Messenger" and the current one

is "The Witness."

From 1920 through 1923, Dr. Fred E. Smith served, not only as pastor of the church, but also as Chaplain for the Georgia Baptist Orphans Home. The Stone Mountain granite building was started and the cornerstone laid in 1923.

Dr. Graham returned for a second pastorate, 1923-29. F. McConnell Davis served as assistant pastor and minister of music for eight months. The building was completed and services held the first Sunday in April. The church was chartered in 1923 as Hapeville First Baptist Church. A pastorium was built and a mission organized and later constituted as a church.

In January 1931, Rev. Z.E. Barron came, served until August 1947, the longest pastorate in the history of the church, during which time the church made remarkable growth and celebrated its golden anniversary.

Dr. Durwood V. Cason began his ministry, February 1948. A

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second mission was started and organized as the Fairfax Baptist Church August 1950. Two educational units were completed, the first occupied April 1949, the second October 1953, making it possible for the intermediates, young people and juniors of the now, Georgia Baptist Children's Home to join the youth of the community for the educational programs of the church as well as the worship services. In 1951, Rev. Fred B. Fisher came as Minister of Music and Education and Associate Pastor. He inaugurated the graded choir program.

Rev. Bob Hite was pastor 1956-63, bringing much business-like organization to the church. Plans were made for a new mission in the Pennington Park area which became the Empire Boulevard Mission and was later constituted as a church. The first Kindergarten was opened September 1958, a six room pastorium was purchased and the seventy-fifth anniversary was observed with a membership of 2108.

William J. Lacy was pastor from 1963-68. The high water mark of his ministry was the building of the new \$675,000 sanctuary and other facilities which were dedicated October 3, 1965. The Shantz organ was dedicated October 23, 1966. The Georgia Baptist Children's Home, Hapeville branch, moved to a new campus at Palmetto, Georgia August 1968

Rev. J. Ted Cosmato served 1969-72. The auditorium of the granite building was equipped for use as a gymnasium. The first youth mission tour was made. Dr. Durward V. Cason was proclaimed as pastor emeritus. The church provided transportation for the pastor to go to Darmstadt, Germany on a special evangelistic campaign.

Reverend Ronald M. Hinson served as pastor 1973-1992. With the church free of building debts, emphasis was placed on the growth of church members with such programs as Outreach, Lay Renewal Weekends, Daily Prayer Ministry, MasterLife, Children's Church, Ministry to Senior Citizens, Singles

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Fellowship and Men's Prayer Breakfasts. Interest and participation in mission activities grew with the bus ministry, youth and adult mission tours, partnership missions trips, sponsorship of an eight-member family from Laos, and providing travel expenses for the pastor to conduct a revival in Australia. During this time, the church sponsored a Vietnamese mission, pastored by Rev. Minh Truong, which, in 1996, became the first constituted Vietnamese Baptist Church in Georgia.

Rev. G. B. Howell, Jr. served as pastor 1993—2001.

Dr. J. W. Wallis served as pastor 2003—2005.

Dr. Bob Wiley began his tenure as pastor in 2008, and has led the church to move its ministry focus back outside the walls of the buildings. During this time, the church has focused on sponsoring and participating in community events in an effort to draw people to the First Baptist Church. A contemporary worship

experience, Worship Café, was begun on Sunday evenings in the fellowship hall. The current meeting time for this service is 6:15 pm.

Over the years, God has called more than twenty-five of our members to full time Christian Service, many to leadership in associations and state conventions and pastors to serve in denominational offices and on boards--association, state, south-wide.

During its history, First Baptist Church has been instrumental in planting other churches, including:

- Smith Memorial Baptist Chapel (Stewart Avenue Baptist Church)
- Fairfax Subdivision Mission
- Empire Boulevard Mission
- Vietnamese Mission (Vietnamese Baptist Church of Hapeville)

Worship Concert

Featuring piano/organ duets
based on classical themes and hymn tunes
arranged by Linda McKechnie

Kathryn Bannister ***Kay McWatters***
piano *organ*

October 4, 2009
3:00 p.m.

A Family Fun Time

For Children of all ages



Fun and Games, Prizes and Snacks

Children's Trunk or Treat
(At 7:00 PM)

For Further Information
Please Call Sue at FBC
(404) 767-8211 Mon.-Thurs.

~~Thursday, October 29, 2009~~

Starting at 5:30 PM until 7:30 PM

At Hapeville First Baptist Church
612 College Street
Hapeville, GA

A Fall Festival

Sponsored By

Hapeville First Baptist Church

And

Hapeville Dwarf House

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Information Form

If there is any possibility that we do not have current and correct contact information for you, please complete the form below and drop it in the offering plate or call the church office and let us update your information.

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