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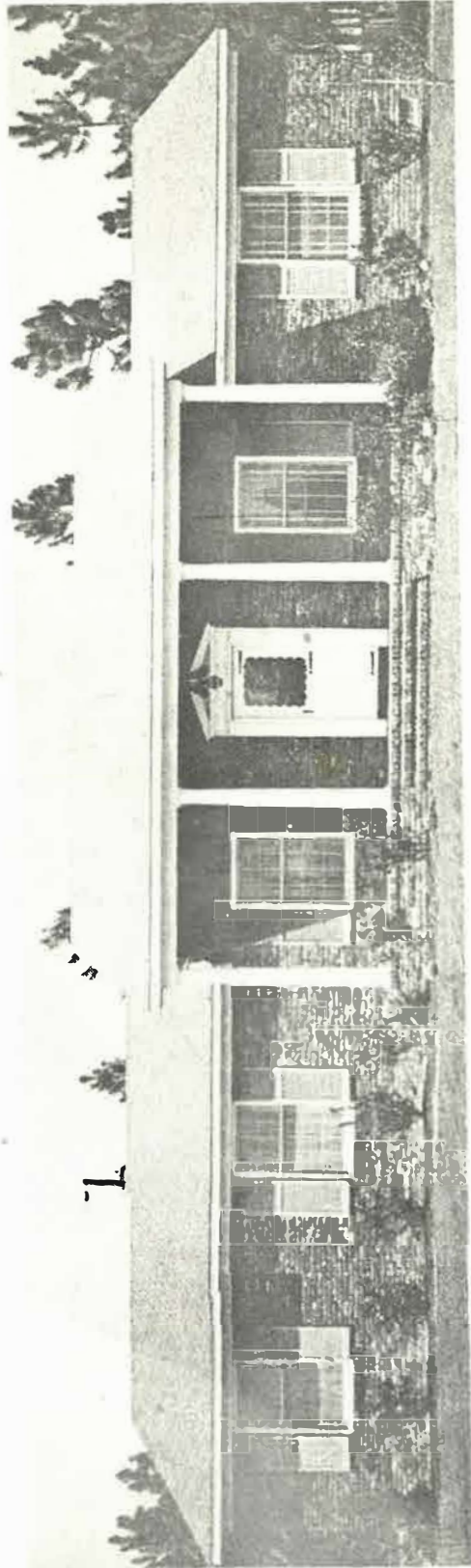


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President of Covington Ministerial Assn. has taken an active part in the Centennial program of Collins Chapel C. M. E. church.



I wish to thank the membership of Collins Chapel, C. M. E. Church and its friends for the heroic job that they have accomplished during our centennial celebration.

We can say for sure the Lord has been with us. Let us continue our trust in him who says "I am with you always."

Your Minister,
W. R. Johnson, Sr.



Rev. Willis Gilliland
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He and his congregation have aided us both financially and spiritually in a way that we shall never forget.

Centennial Services

MAY 27, 1973

First United Methodist Church
Rev. Willis G. Gilliland, Pastor

JUNE 10, 1973

First Baptist Church
Rev. Henry G. West, Pastor

JUNE 17, 1973

Shiloh and Plummer Grove C. M. E. Churches

JUNE 24, 1973

Collins Chapel C. M. E. Church
Rev. W. R. Johnson, Pastor

JUNE 30, 1973

Bake Sale

JULY 8, 1973

First Assembly of God Church
Rev. Herbert M. Yandall, Pastor

JULY 15, 1973

Antioch Baptist Church
Rev. S. T. Hill, Pastor

JULY 20, 1973

Fellowship Banquet

JULY 22

Final Services
Bishop B. Julian Smith
Presiding Bishop Of The First Episcopal District

COLLINS CHAPEL HISTORY

Collins Chapel C.M.E. Church of Covington, Tennessee was founded in 1869. It was known at that time as Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The first worship services were held under a bush arbor on the present site. Later a frame church house was built. At that time, the Reverend Jesse Cotton was the pastor.

On July 24, 1873 Mrs. Caroline Bledsoe sold to Dennis Collins, Wade Bernard and Shirley Fisher, Trustees and their successors in such trust, a church lot for their use to erect and build a house or a place of worship for the use of members of the C.M.E. South.

On June 2, 1898 Alexander and Eliza Sturgeon sold to Robert Talley, Henry Bethel, David Hobbins, George Williams, Trustees of Covington Colored Methodist Church, South a lot for \$75.00 for church use. Later a parsonage was built on this lot.

In 1901 the first church house was torn down and a new house erected by Reverend G. W. Morgan. It was remodeled as it now stands in 1925 by the Reverend B. F. Harris.

For many years the Collins Chapel Sunday School sponsored an annual Sunday School picnic about a mile east the church, at a place called Miller Springs. Along with the Sunday School department, all members and many friends were invited. This affair played a great part in the life and growth of the church.

During the latter part of May, 1961 the old frame parsonage was torn down and a 3 bedroom brick house was constructed in the southwest corner of the church lot. The pastor at this time was a young, enthusiastic, energetic man, known as a builder — Rev. Nehemiah Mitchum. Rev. and Mrs. Mitchum and their twin sons, Joseph and Jonathan (born February 14, 1962) were the first occupants of the new parsonage. Dudley Baskerville served as the chairman of

the Building Committee. The members of the committee were Hattye Yarbrough, secretary; Lucis Lewers, treasurer; Mrs. Chanza Townsend, P. B. Brown, Lester Holland and Thomas Bethel.

Rev. Mitchum was transferred to Bullock Temple Church at Little Rock, Arkansas in early January, 1963. The church was without a pastor until April, 1963 when Rev. Robert T. Fouse was transferred to us.

Rev. and Mrs. Fouse and four of their seven children moved into the parsonage in May, 1963 (Tim, Brenda, Verline and Vernita). Glenn and Claudiette were students at Lane College. The oldest daughter, Nola Jean, was married.

During Rev. Fouse's pastorate the parsonage was paid for and a building and expansion committee was organized for the purpose of buying an adjoining lot and planning and building a new church house. \$10,000.00 was raised for the construction of this house before Rev. Fouse was transferred to Smothers Chapel C.M.E. Church at Memphis, August, 1972.

Our present pastor, Rev. W. R. Johnson, Sr. came to us in August, 1972. Under Rev. Johnson's leadership the adjoining lot has been purchased and plans are being drafted for a new church house.

Rev. Johnson joined the Covington Ministerial Association and has worked diligently with its members to plan activities and worship services for all the people of Covington regardless of race, creed or color. His major concern is to create and establish better human relations in the community.

The church is now celebrating its 100 years of service to God and man in Covington and Tipton County.

During the 100 years life of the church the following named ministers have served the congregation of the church as pastor.

Some Of The Pastors Of Collins Chapel

Rev. W. P. Bell
 Rev. M. D. Partee
 Rev. Jesse Cotton
 Rev. Murcherso
 Rev. N. W. Sevier - 1894
 Rev. Mitchell
 Rev. Simmons
 Rev. J. H. Bell
 Rev. M. D. Partee - 1897
 Rev. Tom Tyus
 Rev. P. A. B. Walthawl
 Rev. G. W. Morgan - 1900
 Rev. W. H. Daniels
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 Rev. Charles Tyus
 Rev. D. W. Featherstone - 1903
 Rev. H. Winrow - 1906
 Rev. L. C. Jones - 1908
 Rev. J. S. Smothers - 1910
 Rev. E. F. B. Amos - 1912
 Rev. C. C. Townsend - 1923
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 Rev. R. W. Spearman - 1924

Rev. B. F. Harris - 1926
 Rev. Daniels - 1927
 Rev. J. L. Griffin - 1928
 Rev. R. T. Moody - 1929
 Rev. J. A. Foster - 1930
 Rev. J. W. Ovaltree - 1932
 Rev. H. S. Boyd - 1934
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 Rev. Brisco - 1942
 Rev. J. A. Montgomery - 1942
 Rev. S. S. Washington - 1942
 Rev. E. Atkins - 1943
 Rev. C. P. Raines - 1944
 Rev. M. C. Merriweather - 1946
 Rev. F. P. Griggs - 1946
 Rev. W. L. Love - 1947
 Rev. J. L. Griffin - 1948
 Rev. E. L. Strong - 1949
 Rev. J. M. Hill - 1952
 Rev. W. T. Keys - 1955
 Rev. C. M. Hawkins - 1956
 Rev. R. G. Elam - 1958
 Rev. N. Mitchum - 1959
 Rev. R. T. Fouse - 1963
 Rev. W. R. Johnson - 1972

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Groundbreaking for Collins Chapel's Parsonage, Early Spring 1961. From left to right the members of the building committee are: Francis Mitchell, Thomas Bethel, Lucis Lewers, treasurer; Mrs. Chan-za Townsend, Dudley Baskerville, Chairman. Mrs. Hattye T. Yarbrough, secretary, P. B. Brown, Rev. N. Mitchum, pastor and Lester Holland.



MORTGAGE BURNING, 1964, on the front steps of the parsonage. Mr. Baskerville, Chairman of the Building Committee, burns the mortgage. Pictured with him are other members of the building committee. Left to right:

Rev. R. T. Fouse, pastor, Mr. Baskerville, John P. Brown. Second row: Lester Holland, George McCadden, Lucius Lewers, P. B. Brown, Mrs. Chanza Townsend and Mrs. Hattye T. Yarbrough.

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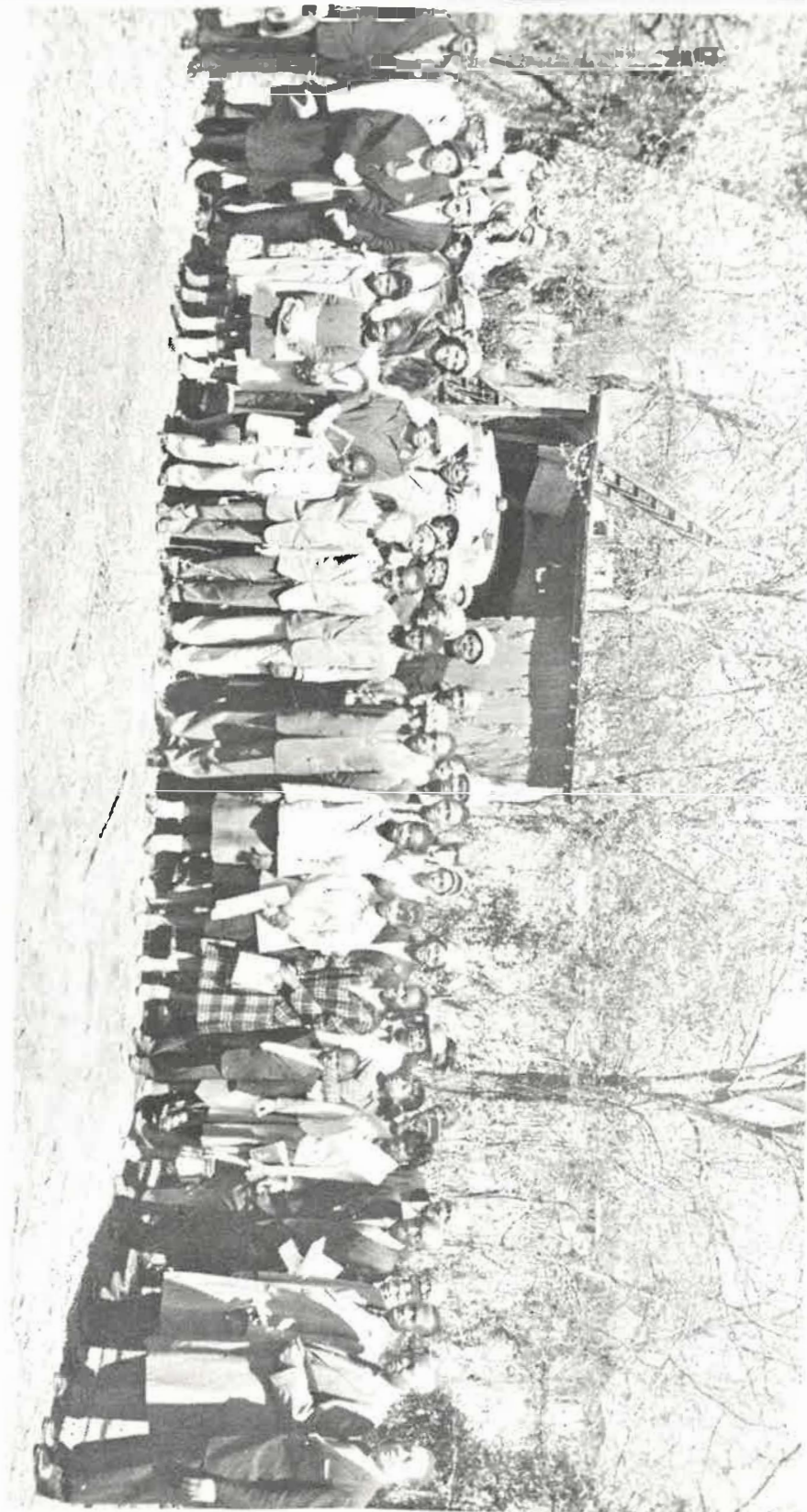
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MORNING SERVICES

July 22, 1973

**Church School
Morning Worship**

**9:30 A. M.
10:45 A. M.**

- Prelude (The People in Devout Meditation)
- Call to Worship
- * Processional
- Hymn of Praise
- * Affirmation of Faith (Apostle Creed)
- Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer
- Anthem
- * Responsive Reading
- Gloria Patri
- Scripture Lesson
- Benevolent Offering
- Announcements
- Recognition of Guest
- Altar Prayer (Offertory)
- Pastoral Prayer
- Hymn
- Message
- Invitation to Christian Discipleship
- * Invitational Hymn
- * DOXOLOGY BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

- * AUDIENCE STANDING

AFTERNOON SERVICES

**July 22, 1973
3:00 P. M.**

- Prelude
- Songs:
 - "O Rapturous Scenes"
 - "We've Come This Far By Faith"
- Scripture
- Prayer
- Song: "Nobody Knows The Trouble I've Seen"
- Introduction of Speaker
- Message
- Invitation to Christian Discipleship
- Invitational Hymn: "Precious Lord"
- Offering
- Remarks
- Benediction

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to our many advertisers, patrons and friends who helped make this publication possible;

to Rev. Willis G. Gilliland, officers and members of the First United Methodist Church for the services they rendered during our celebration and for a special gift of \$1,000.00 for our building program;

to Petie Watkins for a contribution of \$750.00 for our building program;

to all other churches and their pastors, who took active parts in our services during this Centennial observance in an attempt to create good will between all races by establishing unity, solidarity and peace upon the Christian principles on which the church was founded;

to the members of Collins Chapel C.M.E. Church for their faithful and untiring support and encouragement during our Centennial observance.

Rev. W. R. Johnson, Sr., Pastor

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