A century of spiritual growth and inspiration

In 1872 through the efforts of two men dedicated to the cause of Christ, W. C. Lawson and Leander Jones, both members of North Street Baptist Church — now Union Baptist, a Sunday school was started in an old stable loft in the 200 block Vincent Street near Saratoga Street.

Through faith and prayer the Sunday school began to grow, parents as well as children soon came to worship here.

Union Baptist Church accepted this small band of worshippers as a mission on September 24, 1874, granting letters of dismissal to those desiring to become a part of this mission. Twenty-three (23) letters were issued. The group was named Macedonia Baptist Mission.

September 24, 1874, with the stable now remodeled, floored and seats provided through the kindness of S. S. Tyler and others, a meeting was called to organize the new mission. Words of encouragement were given by the Reverend G. W. Saunderlin, pastor of Franklin Square Baptist Church and the Reverend Harvey Johnson, pastor of Union Baptist Church (our mother church).

November 5, 1875 a council representing nine Baptist Churches met and approved of the mission becoming a church. The name Macedonia was selected. Deacon Lawson was licensed to preach. Macedonia became a member of the Maryland Baptist Association. On June 24, 1876 a new church built on Saratoga Street near Mount Street at a cost of $3,000.00 was dedicated.

August 25, 1878, W. C. Lawson was ordained and elected pastor. The Reverend William Charles Lawson, one of the founders and first pastor, was born in Sumpter, S.C. May 27, 1836, the son of the Reverend Charles and Louise Lawson. Coming to Baltimore in 1863, he became a contractor, digging cellars, and a dealer in coal and oil. With limited education he entered the ministry. Through his business contacts he encouraged his customers to send their children to Sunday school. The Rev. Lawson was married in 1865. He made many friends among the white Baptists and both he and Macedonia were helped by them. During the pastorate of the Reverend Lawson the membership increased, the debt reduced.

One of the best schools for colored children was held in Macedonia ending with the building of Waesche Street School.

Sharon Baptist Church (our daughter), corner of Stricker and Pressman Streets, was founded in 1885 through the efforts of the Reverend Lawson and members of Macedonia. There continues to be a beautiful Christian fellowship between Macedonia and Sharon, meeting each year in a Union Service on Thanksgiving Day.

The Reverend Lawson, having laid a firm foundation for Macedonia to build upon, was called from labor to his eternal reward on November 16, 1893.

The Reverend Augustus B. Callis, the second pastor of Macedonia, was elected May 20, 1894. He was born in Mathews County, Virginia in 1862, learned to read in a Quaker School in Yorktown, Virginia; came to Baltimore in 1869; attended night school at the First Baptist Church, attended classes at the Douglass Institute; and prepared for the ministry at Wayland Seminary, Washington, D.C.

In 1885, the Reverend Callis was ordained to the work of the Gospel Ministry at Union Baptist Church, the Reverend Harvey Johnson, pastor. The second son of Union to become pastor of Macedonia, the Reverend Callis led the church in completing the payment for the building and ground purchased during the Reverend Lawson's pastorate.

The membership continued to grow and it became necessary to erect a larger building on the same site at a cost of $12,000.00. The Willing Workers, a missionary group, was organized by the Reverend Callis. On April 20, 1903 the Reverend A. B. Callis resigned as pastor of Macedonia.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH, Lafayette and Fremont Aves., was bought at a cost of $80,000. Rev. Daniel Glasco Mack led the congregation from its edifice on Saratoga St., to its present location in May 1925.

The Reverend Daniel Glasco Mack, the third pastor of Macedonia, was born in St. Mary's County, Maryland, son of Thomas and Betty Mack. He was a graduate of Petersburg Institute and Wayland Seminary, now Union University of Richmond, Va. Later the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon the Reverend Mack by Union. He was licensed and ordained by the Trinity Baptist Church, now at Druid Hill Avenue and McMechen Street. His first sermon as pastor of Macedonia was Macedonia and editor of October 9, 1943.

Dr. Mack was an energetic leader possessed with rare abilities. In 1904 Dr. Mack organized the Willing Workers Committee into the Ladies Missionary Society with Mrs. Lucy Patterson as president.

In 1905, Mrs. Eliza Mack was elected president and served until her death in 1924. Mrs. Mack was the wife of Dr. Mack, mother of their four children, Elbert, Glascoe, Dorothy Mack Richards and Nimrod; a consecrated worker in Macedonia; and editor of the Women's Column of the Maryland Voice.

Dr. Mack was one of the founders of the Baptist Aged Home, 1620 W. Lexington Street, now at 2801 Raynor Avenue; and served as the first president of the Board of Managers. Macedonia made the first contribution of $1,000 toward the purchase of the home.

In 1919 The Speed Memorial Baptist Church was erected by Macedonia on land donated by Mr. C. C. Speed, at Robert Avenue and Winters Lane, Catonsville. The Rev. Thomas Bagwell was ordained by Macedonia and placed in charge. In 1930 the building was sold to the Morning Star Baptist Church of Catonsville.

In 1913 Dr. Mack organized the first Scout Troop in Macedonia and served as the first Scout Master for the COOOL OLD Troops of Baltimore.

The membership continued to increase, a larger building was needed; the beautiful marble church at Lafayette and Fremont Avenues owned by the First Baptist Church (white) was bought at a cost of $80,000. In May, 1925, Dr. Mack leading his congregation, marched from their dearly beloved edifice on Sarat aStreet to the present building at Lafayette and Fremont Avenues.

Many organizations were formed during the pastorate of Dr. Mack. Those still active are the Missionary Society (now Missionary Department), Shower Circle, Flower Circle, Choir No. 2, Gospel Choir (now No. 3), Male and Female Ushers, Ladies Guild and Men's Club.

On December 10, 1926, The United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland was organized at Macedonia Baptist Church. Dr. Mack was elected the first president.

Dr. Mack married his second wife, Miss Beatrice Lee of Kilmarnock, Virginia, on December 28, 1927. Mrs. Mack was a loyal worker in Macedonia before and after Dr. Mack's death, until she left the city in 1947.

Dr. Mack, a consecrated leader, gave generously of his time and talent to Macedonia and the community until he was called from labor to his eternal reward on October 9, 1943. He has pastored Macedonia 40 years.

Following the death of Dr. Mack, the deacons and trustees held a joint meeting. Bro. Charles Morris was appointed chairman of the Deacon Board and Bro. J. H. Nicholas, chairman of Trustee Board. A Ways and Means Committee was formed to coordinate the work of the organizations of the church. The late Mrs. Fannie Gilles and Mrs. Martha Pulley were leaders of this committee. Through the combined efforts of these groups plans were set up for the liquidation of the indebtedness of $61,158.85.

In an arrangement made possible by the meeting of the Deacon and Trustee Boards of the First Baptist Church and the officers of Macedonia, the church was saved $10,685.58 in bonuses and refunds.

The Reverend H. L. Penn served as acting pastor from November, 1943 to April, 1945.

The fourth and present pastor, the Reverend Willard L. Clayton was born in Westmoreland County, Va., the son of James and Cora McKenney Clayton. On September 4, 1934 he married Miss Evelyn F. Morrison. Of this union they are blessed with four children, Mrs. Colyn C. Harrington, Mrs. Carlethea C. Johnson, Mrs. Laura C. Jones and Willard Jr. He came to Macedonia with his family from the Union Baptist Church, Malden, Massachusetts, where he had pastored for twenty years.

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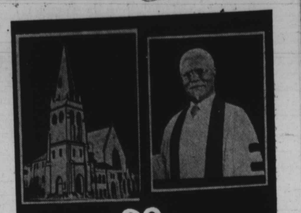
REV. AND MRS. WILLIAM L. CLAYTON



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A century of spiritual growth

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The Reverend Clayton took his preparatory training at the Virginia Seminary, Lynchburg, Virginia. He holds the degree of B.Th. and B.D. from Gordon College and Gordon Divinity School, Boston, Massachusetts; also studied at Harvard and Boston Universities.

On January 28, 1926 the Reverend Clayton was ordained to the Gospel Ministry at the Union Baptist Church, Malden, Mass. While in Malden he held many distinguished positions. He was president of the Malden Ministerial Conference, vice president of the Boston Baptist Ministers Conference and the second minister of color to serve as moderator of the Boston East Association. He was the first colored counselor at the Royal Ambassador Boys Camp at Ocean Park, Maine. These were predominately white groups. He also served as president of the United Baptist Convention of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, president of the Suburban NAACP and was active in many other organizations.

The Reverend Clayton came to Macedonia as pastor May 17, 1945. He found the church busily engaged in raising funds to pay off their indebtedness. Under his guidance a four-year plan was started. It was to finish paying the mortgage in 1946; renovate the outside of the building in 1947; remodel the inside in 1948; and to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee in 1949. In September, 1946 the final payment was made, $5,633.36 raised in two years and eleven months.

On Sunday, October 20, 1946, the Reverend Clayton was installed. On Friday, October 25, 1946 the mortgage was burned.

From October, 1947 to October, 1949, many major improvements were made to the building. The white marble stone was cleaned; exterior woodwork painted; windows, roof and tower repaired; installation of new lights; complete redecoration of interior and installation of sound system, all at a total cost of $37,254.42.

Several new organizations and committees were added to enrich the life and work of Macedonia, namely: Boys' Club, Girl Scouts, Parsonage Committee, Pastor's Aid, Social Welfare Club, Teacher's Training Class, The 49 Club, Nurses Unit, Deaconess and Filing Committee; the last three are still active.

The Four-Year Plan was carried out on a pay-as-you-go basis. Seventy-five years of Service to God and Man found Macedonia paid for, United, membership increased, willing to work and thankful to God for all its blessings.

The Diamond Jubilee Celebration Program was held November 6-21, 1949.

Macedonia continued to move forward. The following groups were formed: the Youth Choir, Kaye Davis Chancel Choir, Men's Chorus and the Clayton Chorus made standard singing groups, the Social Action Committee and The Daily Vacation Bible School.

Since coming to Baltimore, the Reverend Clayton has helped to keep the name of Macedonia before the public by participating in a series of worship services broadcasting from the church; serving as president of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland, 1958-1962; vice president of Baptist Ministers Conference; a member of the Interdenominational Ministers Conference, Interfaith Ministerial Brotherhood; served on Executive Committees of the NAACP, Family and Child Welfare, General Board of the National Council of Churches and trustee of Provident Hospital. He was also a member of the Johns Hopkins Hospital Visiting Clergy Staff and recording secretary of the New England Baptist Missionary Convention for 15 years.

In 1948 Deacon Andrew Brown was ordained to the ministry by the Reverend Clayton. The Reverend Brown is the founder and pastor of the New St. John Baptist Church, 1106 W. Franklin St., Baltimore, Maryland.

In 1957 the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon the Reverend Clayton by Virginia Seminary.

The Tenth Anniversary of the pastor was celebrated April 17-29, 1955.

Macedonia, a strong believer in community service and education, contributes to the Community Fund; YMCA; Home and Foreign Mission; Gordon College; State and National Council of Churches; Virginia Seminary; Baptist Home for the Aged; Maryland Baptist Center; the NAACP; United Baptist Missionary Convention and others.

In the past decade, God has greatly blessed Macedonia to accomplish much and engage in many momentous events. Chronologically they are as follows:

The Sunday School and BTU convention held their annual sessions in July, 1974, at Macedonia.

On November 26, 1972 the Centennial Planning Committee, made up of representatives of each organization of the church and other Macedonians was officially appointed by the Rev. Clayton. Mrs. Lilly Stevenson was elected by the committee as general chairman. Mrs. Earline Ford and Deacon Charles Morris were named as general co-chairmen. Many centennial activities were planned and enthusiasm for the commemoration of Macedonia's one hundred years of existence and progress began to build. It was decided that the centennial should be celebrated from January, 1974 through November, 1974.

The centennial year was initiated by a sermon from our pastor, the Rev. W. L. Clayton on Sunday, January 6, 1974. During the week of January 20, 1974, a spiritual soul-stirring revival was conducted by the very dynamic Rev. Frederick G. Sampson, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan. This revival gave impetus to the spirituality of the centennial activities which followed. As Macedonia Baptist Church begins its second hundred years, we invoke the blessings of our almighty God to enable us to build upon the rich heritage which has preceded us.

The closing meeting of the 50th anniversary of the United Missionary Baptist Convention was held at Macedonia on Friday, May 21, 1976. This was in honor of the Rev. Mack, the first president.

Dates to remember

AUG. 28
"Lift Every Voice and Sing," written by Black scholar and composer James Weldon Johnson is often referred to as the Negro National Anthem

AUG. 29
The Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) was founded in Chicago in 1942

AUG. 30
Thomas Jefferson pens letter of praise to Black astronomer Benjamin Banneker in 1791

AUG. 31
Congress passed the Voting Rights Bill in 1965

SEPT. 2
Birth of James Forten in Philadelphia, Pa. He served as a powder boy aboard the naval vessel Royal Louis during the Revolutionary War

SEPT. 3
Henry McNeil Turner, black member of the Georgia Legislature, delivers speech entitled "Eligibility of Colored Members to Sit in the Georgia Legislature," in 1868

SEPT. 4
A slave and explorer named York accompanied Lewis and Clark on the Louisiana Purchase Expedition in 1803

SEPT. 5
In 1895 several black persons in Washington, D.C. organized the National Steamboat Company. They owned and operated an excursion boat called The George Leary

SEPT. 6
Death of black soldier Jordan Freeman, after killing British Major William Montgomery during the Battle of Groton Heights, 1781

SEPT. 7
Josiah Henson, born into slavery in Maryland in 1789 was the model of the character Uncle Tom in Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel Uncle Tom's Cabin

SEPT. 8
In 1884 black inventor Granville T. Woods received a patent for a steam boiler furnace

SEPT. 9
In 1965 Lawrence W. Bradford became the first black man to serve as a page in the U.S. Senate

SEPT. 10
John Mercer Langston was the first black person to win an elective office in the U.S. township clerk in Ohio, 1865

SEPT. 11
Black soldiers Brazaillai Lew and Sanford Talbert participate in the Battle of Brandywine in 1777

SEPT. 12
Birth of Prince Hall in Bridgetown, Barbados in 1748. He was the founder of the first Black Masonic Lodge in the U.S.

SEPT. 20
The National Negro Convention composed of free black persons, meets in Philadelphia for the purpose of working toward the abolition of all Blacks held in slavery in 1830

SEPT. 21
More black soldiers served in the Revolutionary War from the New England states than any other section of the country

SEPT. 22
By 1830 there were over 2,000,000 slaves in the United States

SEPT. 23
Birth of Mary Church Terrell in Memphis, Tenn. Noted civil and womens rights advocate in 1863

SEPT. 24
The Government sends federal troops to Little Rock, Ark. to protect nine Black students integrating Little Rock High School in 1957

SEPT. 25
The Secretary of the Navy authorized the enlistment of slaves in the Union Navy in 1861

SEPT. 26
Death of blues singer Bessie Smith in Clarksdale, Miss in 1937

SEPT. 27
Invisible Man a novel written by black author Ralph Ellison, won the National Book Award in 1952

SEPT. 28
Birth of David Walker in Wilmington, N.C. in 1785. Author of anti-slavery document David Walker's Appeal

SEPT. 29
The first marriage of Blacks in the U.S. to be officially recorded was that of Anthony and Lucie d'Angola in New York, 1644

SEPT. 30
In 1899 black inventor G. F. Grant received a patent for a golf-tee

AIRMAN ANDRE C. D. DERRILL, son of Mrs. Amelia A. Derrill, 5000 Clifton Ave., has been selected for technical training in the U.S. Air Force after completing basic training at Lackland AFB., Tex.

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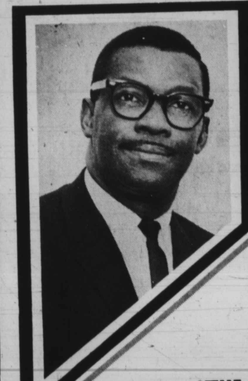

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The observance of the founding of Faith Baptist Church (March 22, 1891) is one of the memorable events in this Bi-Centennial Year; it is a time when our Christian fellowship can be strengthened by being aware of our heritage.

The dynamic leadership of the late Dr. Simon Williamson as Pastor of Faith (1913-1954) makes it difficult to realize that the origin of the Church was an outgrowth of a Sunday School.

Although little progress was made, we must acknowledge the pioneer Pastors: the Reverends G. Mayor, Gleason Davis, S. S. Wormley, Joseph Perry, J. A. Dennis and P. C. Young — who held the small group of faithful and persistent members together from 1891 to 1913.

Many dedicated members made it possible for us to build upon their foundation and the memory of those who have left us still lingers on.

And now, the record will also show that for almost twenty-one years (1955-76) Rev. Walter E. Paige has had the privilege with your loyal support to make a niche in the 85 historical years of Faith Baptist Church. Much has been accomplished and we treasure your invaluable services, for we all are making history every day of our lives. And, someone else will eventually pick up the torch and carry one. May the inspiration of the past enable us to serve more effectively; as we join together and honor Members for fifty years of Devoted Christian Service — giving God the glory and praise.

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