

North American Baptist Heritage Commission

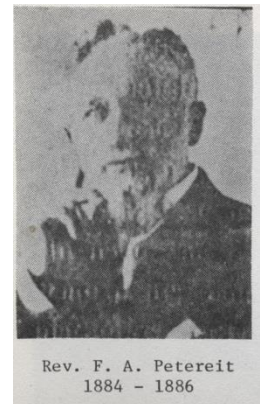
Church Histories



Building dedicated 1954

Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Early records show that Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Krienke settled in Maple Grove Township in 1875, becoming members of the First German Baptist Church of St. Paul. They gathered others about them, organizing Sunday School and prayer meetings. This group was the foundation of Faith Baptist, which was organized in 1885 with 35 members. The first pastor was F. A. Petereit. Soon after, a women's missionary society and a young people's society were started. In 1916, the church made a commitment to be self-supporting. Up until 1925, each person taking communion drank from a common chalice. In 1940, the name was changed from First German Baptist Church to Faith Baptist Church.



The church underwent location changes and construction programs. The first church was called "The Church on the Hill," at 712 20th Avenue N. (now W. Broadway) for twenty years, from 1885 to 1905, at which time a beautiful new edifice was constructed and dedicated to the glory of God. This building served the congregation for 45 years, by which time it was too small for the healthy, growing group. The construction of the present building, at 4350 Russell Ave. N, was completed in stages: by March 1, 1949 the congregation moved into the basement sanctuary; in 1951 the shell of the superstructure was

erected and dedicated on September 19, 1954; the third phase—the educational wing—was dedicated on December 8, 1968. In November 1985, Faith Baptist celebrated its 100th anniversary.

Sons and daughters who became pastors or missionaries include names such as Dr. Peter Fehr, Dr. Jerry Fluth, and Rev. Douglas Woyke—the list includes more than 48 persons who grew up in the church or were called to ministry while members of the church. Quoting from the Sept. 19, 1954 dedication program booklet, “By God’s help and grace we shall forge ahead trusting that He who led us to victory shall also lead us on to glory.”

Faith Baptist celebrated their 125th anniversary in 2010.

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Printed booklets:

Dedication Service: September 19, 1954

Dedication Service: December 8, 1968

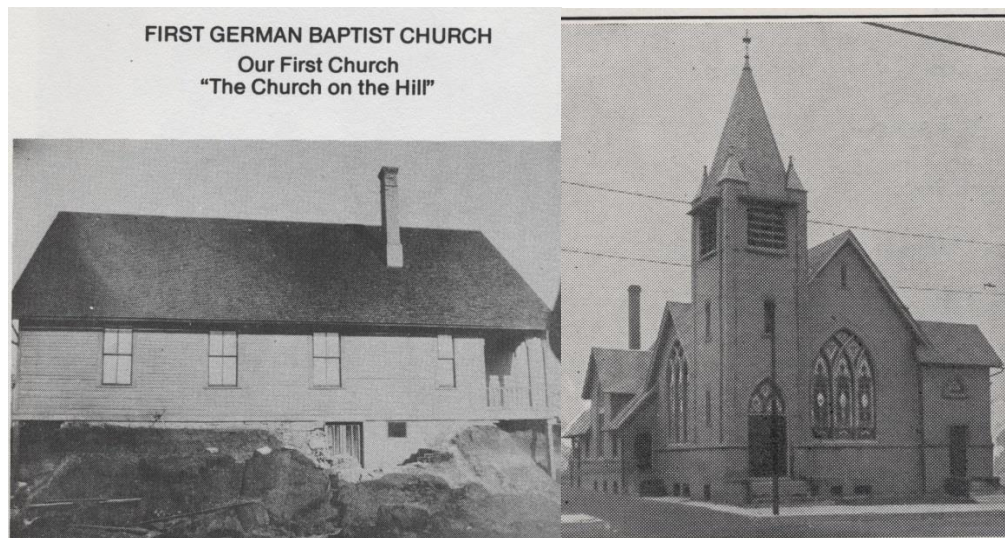
Sixtieth Anniversary, 1885-1945

Seventy-Fifth Anniversary, 1885-1960

“100 Years growing in Faith”—1885-1985

Assorted bulletins, correspondence, and reports

Assorted photos



First church 1885-1904

Second church 1904-1949