

North American Baptist Heritage Commission

Church Histories



From 125th anniversary cookbook cover – 2013

First Baptist Church, Minot, North Dakota

First Baptist Church of Minot, ND, had its beginning in 1888. A group of three couples had banded together to form a church. (One of these couples was the parents of Henrietta Mears, who founded Gospel Light Publications.) A church building was erected, and a parsonage was built in 1905. Membership grew over time and in 1959 a new sanctuary with Sunday School facilities was built. This continued to be a growing congregation and in 1973 a major building expansion was undertaken. A building dedication was held in June 1975. The total cost of that expansion was \$400,000. In 1982, a pipe organ was installed, the first in the city of Minot. The church celebrated its centennial in 1988. The theme for this event was “Celebrating a Century of God’s Grace.”

The church celebrated its 125th anniversary in August 2013, with the theme, “Loving God, Loving People.” During those years, 53 servants of God served the church as pastors, associate pastors, and youth pastors. During those same years, more than 125 people had been sent from the Minot church to work in Christian ministry.

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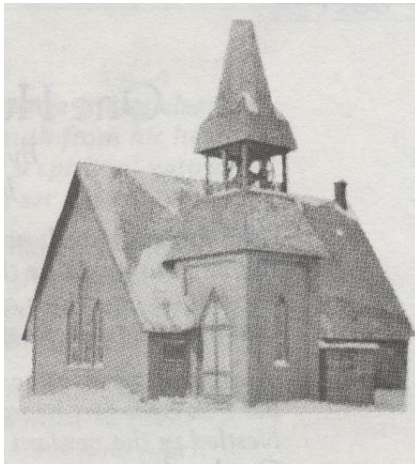
75th Diamond Anniversary. April 21-24, 1963 Program

1988 Centennial documents, correspondence, and booklet

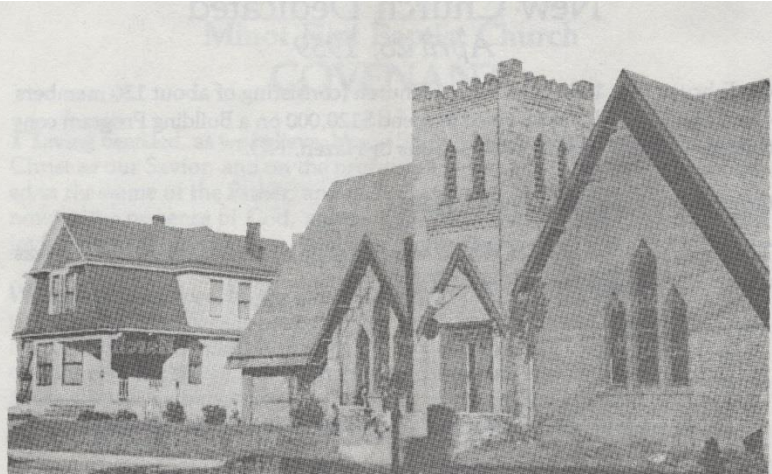
125th Anniversary Celebration, Aug. 3-4, 2013 materials

Assorted bulletins; "Visitation Outreach Manual"

Material printed from church website



Original building 1888



Original building with addition and annex 1913

