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North American Baptist Heritage Commission

Church Histories



Dedicated January 31, 1971

Memorial Baptist Church, Parkston SD

Memorial Baptist Church of Parkston, SD had its beginning in 1893 as a part of a group of three churches which included Lake Church, Tripp, and Parkston. In 1894, the Parkston group rented a church building from the American Baptists, which they later purchased. A new church structure was erected in 1911. June 11, 1905 is remembered as a Sunday when 72 converts were baptized. A new church building, which was erected as a result of money received from an estate, was dedicated in January 1971. In 1972, a parsonage was purchased. Memorial Baptist celebrated its centennial in 1993. Several people who at one time were a part of this church have served the Lord as missionaries and pastors.

In 1993, Memorial Baptist celebrated its 100th Anniversary. An informative memorial book was produced for the occasion, containing some interesting observations: “Some of our people can remember interesting features of church life here from years gone by: women wore long dresses, high button shoes and hats held in place with hat pins.” “At one time a popcorn popper covered with material and fitted with a long handle served as an offering basket.” “The highlight

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of the year ... was the Christmas celebration. There was a big live tree in front ... with candles all over it. The candles were lit as the program started.” God has blessed us in so many different and wonderful ways down through the years.

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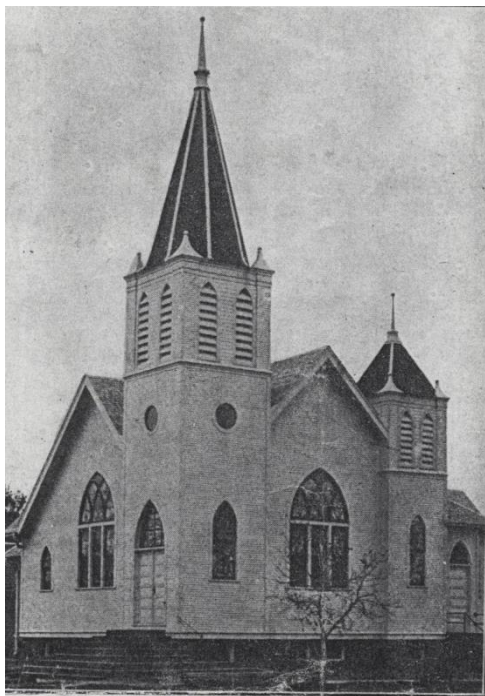
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60th Anniversary of the Parkston Baptist Church, October 30, November 1, 1953. Program.

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Service of Dedication, January 31, 1971. Program.

Assorted correspondence, bulletins, photos, etc.



Parkston Baptist Church
Erected in 1911