

Pr. 51:1, 2

[Centennial]

SUBJECT: A Century
7 Blessing

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A CENTURY OF BLESSING

Out of so much, the building of the church house.

I. 1872

First structure in Dallas. A block away, Louis Pastorek Wood, 35 x 65. Cost \$6,000.00 with volunteer workers.

(1) Pastor Abram US... ..

II. 1890

First structure in the settlement. The north side of... 1890. This building.

Cost \$90,941.00

(1) Pastor G. M. Simons. Just the 2 years' cost. With loan. Proposed.

III. 1908 and 1924

1908 Again, one first in the nation. The addition to San Jacinto. Remarkable, as though not the same.

1924 The present building: sanctuary and transept. (1) Building materials, 2000 million notes making much a part.

The depression, 1930s

By 1943, down to \$100,000.00.

Transept. Building present, May 6, 1944, 77-4. Some this is cancelled notes.

IV. 1953 Wisconsin Bldg. 2,000,000 with financing.
The foregoing 6 years from 1947-1953, ^{How can we} ^{deal with}
Mrs. G. Houston? Trusts? Sell paying net of
the sale? Sell out and sell will to us.

1958 (proceeds in 1961) Aunt Building 1,000,000
a maximum provision - elevator
- new
- addition.

(a) 1951 Pacific Banker, new, Trust Dept
Study in 1951, with
Fly & Bunker (Hayward structures)

- (a) Mrs. M. M. Slaughter (Mrs. T.) Vocal.
- (b) Changing by will
- (c) The trust property ...

V. To move me!
The two Bldgs. to build.

Abraham Weaver, 1872:

This is an important day in the life of our First Baptist Church. It is a day when we tell the people of Dallas that the Baptists are here to stay. It is a day when we show them that we have roots planted deep in the soil. And it is important for another thing, too; it is a day when we must recognize that

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begin construction today
of the city's First Baptist
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to make this church a
powerful force for good and
for God. Let us ask
the master to bless our
labor for Him and then
get to work."

OVER?

One thoughtful member said:
"From that date on, (the entry
of the new building) this has
been an active, growing
church."