Mr Ware

Second Baptist Church

THREE HUNDRED - THIRTEENTH STREET
LORAIN, OHIO

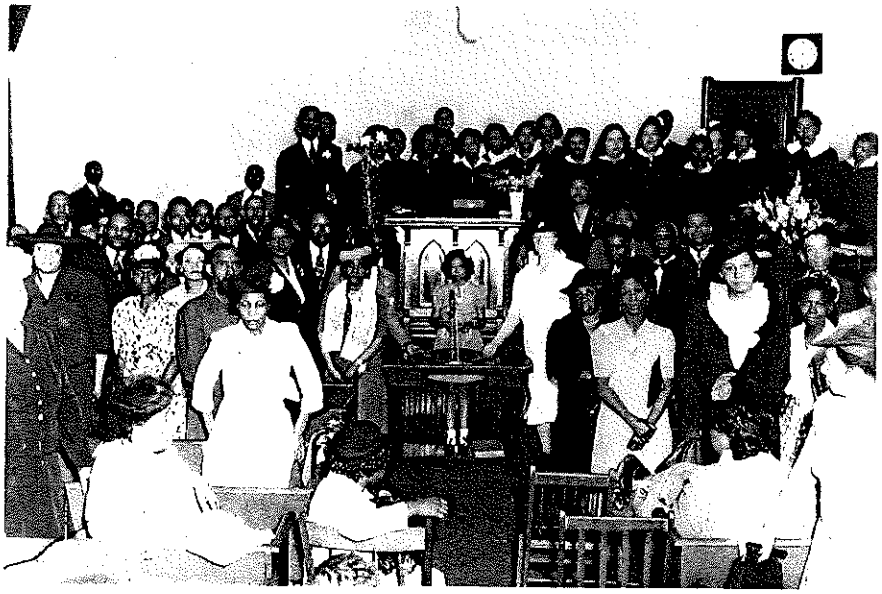
1899
1974

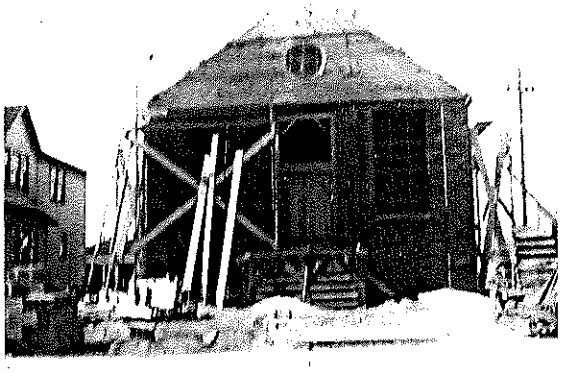
DAVID B. BANKS, PASTOR

The birth and history of the Second Baptist Church, as compiled by the Historical Society of the Second Baptist Church.

Mrs. Jennie Rouse, Chairman

In the year 1881, a few Christians met together and formed a Mission in the Charles Boing Hall on West Erie Avenue. Reverend Charles Goner was chosen as their Pastor. The Mission was later moved to West 12th Street, with Reverend Seymour then the acting pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Webster and Mr. and Mrs. Morris were listed as members. The Church was first listed in the city's record in 1899 as follows: Second Baptist Church, Reverend Seymour, Pastor. Membership 70, founders were listed as Nimrod Rainbow, Nathan Ward, Isiah Chinn and L. J. Morris. On January 16, 1902 the Church received their incorporation papers from the State of Ohio. Signers were: Richard Seymour, Major A. Straws, Nathan Ward, and A. C. Carroll. In 1904, the Church was moved from the north side of 12th Street to the south side of the street, where it remains until today, even though our membership was moved to the new Church edifice and location on the corner of 13th and Reid Avenue. During the Church's location on 12th Street, many ministers from all sections of Ohio were pastors of the Church, some listed names were Reverend Watson, Reverend B. K. Smith, Reverend O. R. Williams and Reverend Kelly, a student from Oberlin College.





Reverend W. H. Smith was then called to the pastorate. Under his leadership the membership was doubled and a foundation with sanitary facilities was installed. A very popular minister was chosen to lead the Church in the person of Reverend C. M. Smith, the year was 1930. Great progress was made during his administration. After his departure for a larger charge, Reverend A. T. Boldes, a local minister, was chosen pastor. The Second Baptist Church, all during its service to Christian stewardship, has contributed to the advancement of Christiandom. Second Baptist has helped locate and helped supply spiritual assistance to residents in, at that time, called outlying areas who would have been unable to have transportation to larger area Churches. We also have contributed to the ministry by ordaining many Christian men called by God to the ministry. Our Charitable contribution to both Home and Foreign Missions has been considerable. The bedrock of our Church is from many members who are descendants of three, four and five generation. Under the pastorate and administrations of Reverend Jesse Lee Sawyer, Reverend G. W. Henderson and Reverend J. W. Whiteside, our present Church was constructed, which was a lifetime dream of Chairman of the Deacon Board, Sandy Francis, who lived just long enough to see its completion. Our present pastor and his wife, Pastor David B. Banks and Mrs. Clara Banks, were chosen to the pastorate of the Church in 1969. Under his leadership, the Church has continued to grow and prosper. We have under Pastor Banks' administration prepared to announce plans for the erection of a three building religious complex adjacent to our present Church on land purchased for this purpose. This Historical Society with its members leave, with all who are members now and those who will come after us, these few words of wisdom: No horse gets anywhere until he is harnessed. No steam power drives anything until it is confined. No Niagara is ever turned into light and power until it is focused, dedicated and disciplined.

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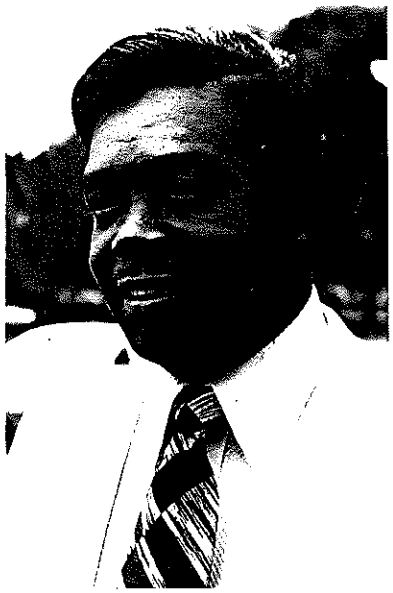

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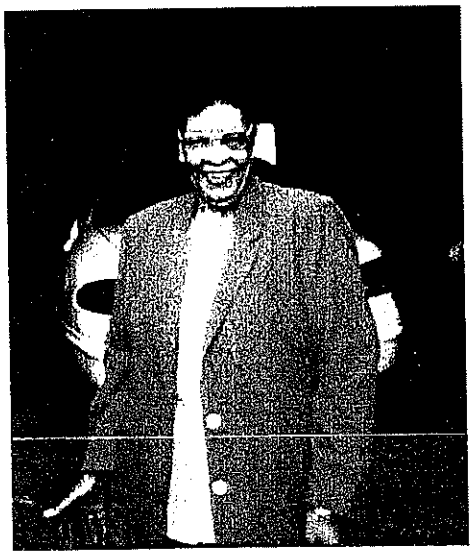

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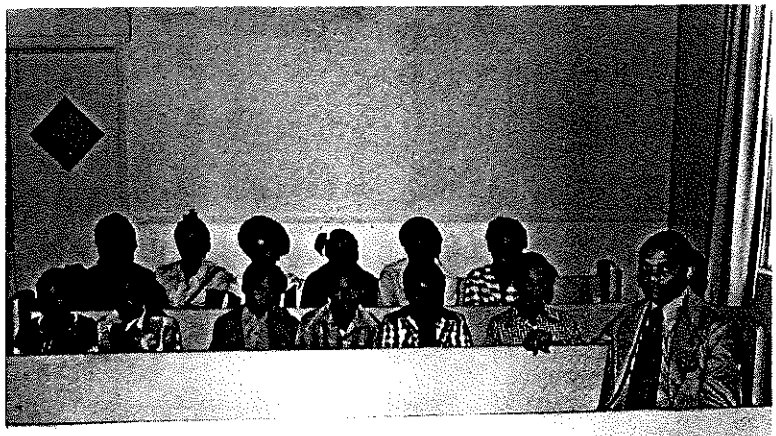

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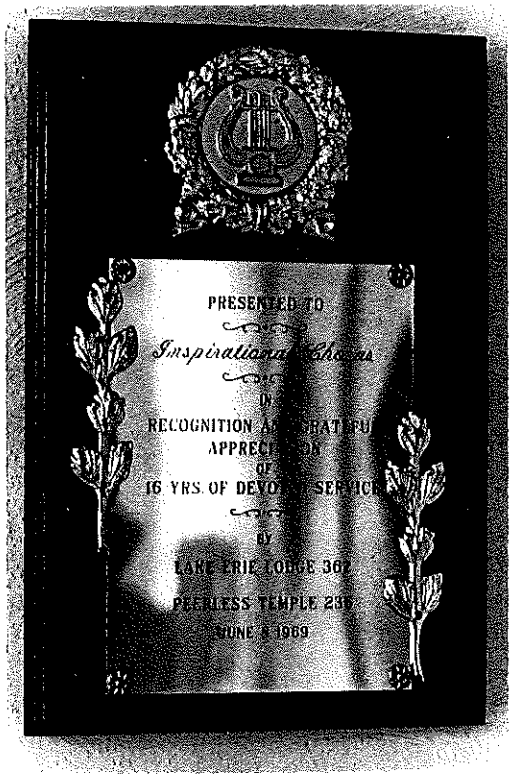
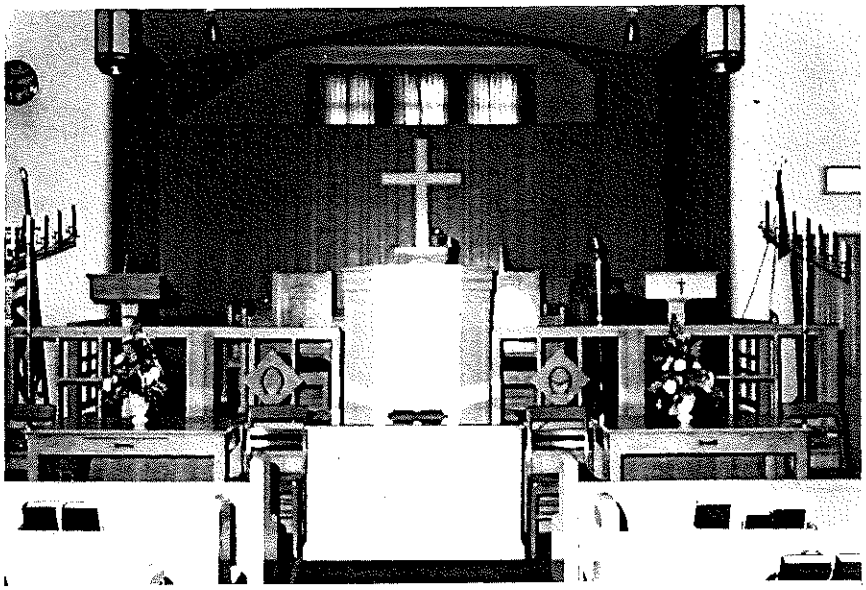
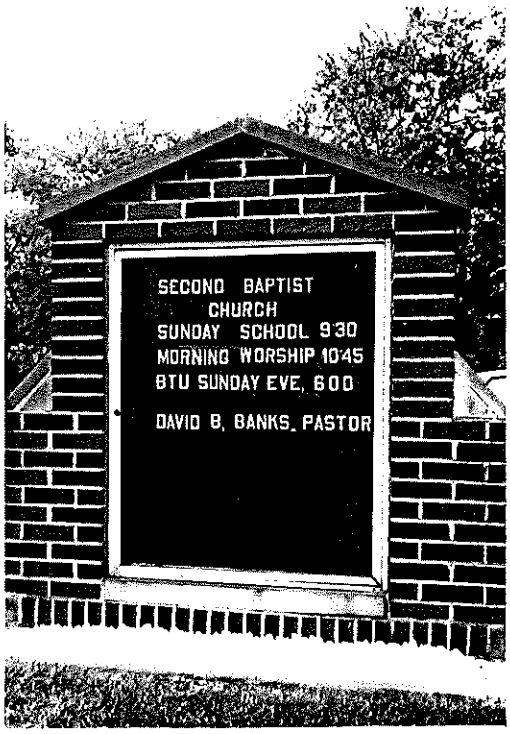
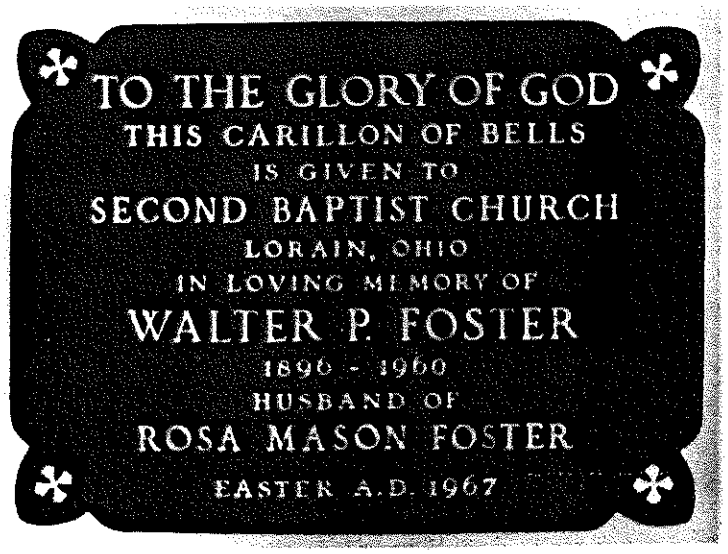
Church Scenes









In Memoriam

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Deceased family of Mrs. Anna Mae Burnett

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Daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Crisp

Huntyce A. Franklin
Son of Martha Franklin

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Riley
Sent in by Daughters

Mother Mandy Smith and Brother Wilmon Smith
Mother and Brother of Mrs. Rose Newkirk
and Mrs. Bessie Daniels

Deacon A. D. and Lydia Williams
Parents of Jennie and Ellis Rouse

75th Anniversary Fellowship Dinner

AUGUST 10, 1974

Mary Baker
Jennie Francis
Barbara Cook, General Chairman

75th Anniversary Speakers

BISHOP C. L. MORTON Jr.
October 27, 1974
7:30

Born in Windsor, Ontario; son of Bishop C. L. Morton, Sr., a well known radio minister. Presently pastor of Mt. Zion Church of God In Christ, Windsor, Ontario and The Greater Mt. Zion Tabernacle Church, Detroit, Michigan.

Jurisdiction Bishop of the Dominion of Canada Church of God In Christ Inc. Bishop Morton has continued until this present time the radio ministry begun by his late father in 1929.

REVEREND GARDNER TAYLOR, D.D.
November 10, 1974
7:30

Reverend Gardner Taylor, A.B., B.D., D.D., was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the son of Reverend and Mrs. Washington M. Taylor. Reverend Gardner Taylor is a graduate of Leland and Oberlin Colleges. He has received several well-deserved Honorary Degrees and is recipient of Knight Commander Order of African Redemption and Order of the Star of Africa. A preacher and lecturer of international fame, Past President of the Progressive Baptist Convention. He is also very active in the community affairs of the New York area. He has contributed many works for publication. Presently he is the pastor of the Concord Baptist Church of Christ, Brooklyn, New York.

REVEREND FRED L. STEEN
November 17, 1974
4:00

Reverend Dr. Fred L. Steen was born in San Antonio, Texas, where he graduated from St. Phillips College, after which he graduated from Fisk University and Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, where he holds two Divinity Degrees. He received the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Divinity from Vanderbilt University. He has conducted "Steen Preaching Missions" throughout Western Canada. He served as moderator of the Lorain Baptist Association. He was selected by the American Baptist Conventions Foreign Mission Society to visit mission stations in Liberia, Nigeria and Zaire. He is also very active in Lorain County community affairs. He has traveled and preached extensively throughout Europe, the Far East and The Holy Land. Presently he is the pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Oberlin, Ohio.