



Centennial
Program

First Baptist Church

Ionia, Michigan

“A Century of Progress” in Ionia

June 24, 1834

to

June 24, 1934



REV. F. J. FITCH, B. D.
Nineteenth Pastor, 1929 —

Centennial Banquet

June 20, 1934

6:30 o'clock, Church Dining Room

- Processional Church School Orchestra
- Toastmaster Hon. Herbert E. Powell
- Music Church School Orchestra
- Song makes us merry.—Let us sing.
Miss Lucy Cull
- Greetings from the City of Ionia.
Mayor N. J. Spaulding
- Greetings from Our Guests.
- Greetings from Grand River Baptist Association.
Rev. C. W. Biastock, Belding, Mich.
- Ladies' Quartet—"Oh That Will Be Glory" (Gabriel)
—"The Golden Bells" (Dion Di Marbelle)
Mrs. Levantia Pearce, Mrs. Fern Johnson, Mrs. Mina Underwood
Mrs. Elsie Boltz
- Greetings from Michigan Baptist Convention.
President Lemuel F. Smith, of Kalamazoo, Mich.
- Duet—"Gently Lead Us" (Jerome)
Miss Lucy Cull, E. E. Wakefield
- Address Rev. Ralph Taylor Andem, of Lansing, Mich.
- Solo—"Open the Gates of the Temple" (Knapp)
Chandler Haight
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Historical Night

June 22, 1934, 8 o'Clock

"Backward, Turn Backward, O Time in Thy Flight"

Hon. Stanley Powell, Presiding

Song Service.

Prayer Ormison Hilborn, Chairman Board of Deacons

Piano-Organ Duet—"Pastorale, Opus 21" (Guilmant)
Miss Ethel Crispin, Mrs. E. E. Wakefield

Greetings from Friends—Absent.

Marimbaphone Solo—"Largo from New World Symphony" (Dvorak)
Rev. F. J. Fitch

Greetings from Friends—Present.

Lee M. Hutchins, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Duet—"My Redeemer Liveth" (Mendelssohn)
Miss Lucy Cull, Mrs. Mina Underwood

The Centennial Poem, original.

Miss Lucy Cull

History of the Church, illustrated.

Rev. F. J. Fitch

Quartet—"We Would See Jesus" (Mendelssohn)
Miss Lucy Cull, Miss Kate Benedict, Herbert Cooper, Chandler Haight

Benediction.

Refreshments served at the close of the program.

Historical display at rear of the auditorium.

Committees

General Committee

Hon. Stanley Powell, Chairman

Miss Kate Benedict
John Beattie
Mrs. E. W. Krainbrink

Miss Della Waterbury
Miss Ethel Crispin
Ormison Hilborn

E. E. Wakefield
Miss Lillian Wheeler

Invitation

Miss Della Waterbury
Mrs. E. W. Krainbrink

Program

Rev. F. J. Fitch
O. O. Hilborn
E. E. Wakefield

Music

Miss Ethel Crispin
Miss Lucy Cull

Finance

Claude Brockway
E. W. Krainbrink
John Beattie

Decorations

Mrs. William Pearce
Mrs. Hiram Darling
Mrs. Fred Boardman

Entertainment

Mrs. John Scheurer
Mrs. Ed. N. Lowrey
Mrs. E. W. Mason

Miss Kate Benedict in charge of relics.

Centennial Sunday

"O, Come, Let Us Worship Together"

10:00

- Organ Prelude—"Andantino in D Flat" (Lemare)
Miss Ethel Crispin
- Doxology.
Invocation.
- Hymn 373—"Faith of Our Fathers."
Scripture—Matthew 5:1-16.
- Solo—"O Divine Redeemer" (Gounod)
Miss Dorothy Krainbrink
- Prayer and Response.
Hymn 163—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."
Worship with our offerings.
- Offertory Solo—"How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" (Liddle)
Miss Lucy Cull
- Announcements.
Anthem—"Come Unto Me" (Schubert-Wilson)
The Double Quartet
- Sermon Rev. E. E. Branch, of Grand Rapids, Mich.
- Anthem—"Some Blessed Day" (Nevin)
Miss Kate Benedict, Miss Lucy Cull, Herbert Cooper, Chandler Haight
- Benediction and Response.
- Postlude—"Gloria from Twelfth Mass" (Mozart)
Sopranos—Miss Lucy Cull, Miss Winnifred Arntz.
Altos—Mrs. Mina Underwood, Miss Kate Benedict.
Tenors—E. E. Wakefield, Chandler Haight.
Basses—Norman Wakefield, Herbert Cooper.

Evening Worship, 7:30

Community Service

- Organ Prelude—"Eleventh Nocturne in G Minor" (Chopin)
Miss Ethel Crispin
- Hymn 271—"Lord Speak to Me."
- Invocation Rev. A. L. Bingaman, Evangelical Church
- Solo—"The Lord Is My Shepherd" (Liddle)
Miss Winnifred Arntz
- Scripture Rev. Paul L. Stewart, Church of Christ
- Anthem—"Hark, Hark My Soul" (Shelley)
The Double Quartet
- Evening Prayer Rev. E. H. Simpson, Presbyterian Church
- Hymn 364—"I Love Thy Kingdom Lord."
Let us worship with material things.
- Offertory—"Adagio" (Beethoven)
- Greetings from the churches of the city.
Rev. M. W. Duffy, D.D., President City Ministerial Association
- Anthem—"I Will Feed My Flock" (Simper)
The Single Quartet
- Sermon Rev. Duey L. Martin, of Tecumseh, Nebraska
- Hymn 25—"Saviour Breathe An Evening Blessing."
Benediction.
- Postlude—"Triumphal March" (Wachs)

Pastors

Rev. A. C. Sangster.....	1837—1840
Rev. H. D. Buttolph.....	1840—1845
Rev. Alfred Cornell.....	1845—1863
Rev. E. H. Morrison.....	1863—1865
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Rev. Levi Parmely.....	1868—1872
Rev. Jonathan Rowley.....	1873—1874
Rev. E. O. Taylor.....	1874—1876
Rev. John Donnelly.....	1877—1882
Rev. D. VanAlstine.....	1882—1886
Rev. T. S. McCall.....	1886—1888
Rev. J. J. Phelps.....	1889—1893
Rev. F. O. Dicky.....	1893—1896
Rev. E. M. Jeffers.....	1896—1899
Rev. D. L. Martin.....	1900—1904
Rev. E. E. Branch.....	1905—1922
Rev. Wm. T. Woodhouse.....	1922—1924
Rev. Alfred Trenerry.....	1924—1928
Rev. F. J. Fitch.....	1929—

Nineteen Pastors, Average Pastorate 63 Months.

From June, 1834, to 1837 the Church was under the pastoral care of Home Missionaries



HON. STANLEY M. POWELL, B. S.
Superintendent Church School.
Chairman General Centennial
Committee