

June 24, 1987

Dear Fellow Servants of Christ,

As Paul would begin, "Grace and peace" to each of you. You have lifted our spirits by sacrificing and traveling to us for our 75th anniversary celebration.

Here is a tentative schedule of events that we have planned.

July 4 - Float in the parade announcing our 75th anniversary in Polson.

August 5 - Wednesday (I thought this might be an opportunity to reaffirm our adherence to the Baptist distinctives by having you men bring a series on them. So, I have assigned a suggested topic for each of you. If you want to change it, fine - but don't take the other man's topic without speaking to him.) Merwin Burman - Autonomy of the local church.

August 6 - Thursday - Zane Bull - The Bible as our sole authority of faith and practice.

August 7 - Friday - Lawrence Zeltner - The Centrality of Christ (choosing or combining diety, sinlessness, resurrection.)

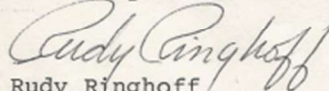
August 8 - Saturday - No services planned. A free day for side trips/visiting. No host picnic at the James Mapstons' at 3:00 p.m.

August 9 - Sunday - A.M. - Laurens Edwards - Soul liberty of the believer.

P.M. - Elvon Nelson - Two ordinances of the local church. Harry Buerer - leading during the communion service with the present and former pastors serving.

I am certainly open to changes in the topics, just so we don't conflict. Even as I write this, I am excited about this celebration. Thank you again for making it a reality.

Sincerely in Christ,

  
Rudy Ringhoff  
Pastor

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July, 1987

Dear Friends of First Baptist of Polson,

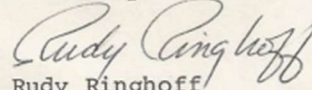
During the days of August 5-9, we are celebrating the 75th year of preaching God's Word in Polson, Montana. The theme of our celebration is "75 Years Anchored in the Word," based upon the verse in Hebrews 6:19a. We have already entered a float in the 4th of July parade and received an "Honorable Mention" in our category, to announce our celebration.

Six of our former pastors are returning to have a part in the celebration.

This letter is to inform you about and invite you to attend any of our services, Wednesday - Friday at 7:00 p.m. and then Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Also, we will be having dinner on the church grounds after the morning service on August 9.

We want you to come, but if distance or responsibilities make that impossible, pray with us that our ministry will continue to be unequivocally based upon the truth of God's Word and, if you will, send us a greeting from your church or place of ministry.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rudy Ringhoff  
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
75TH ANNIVERSARY FLOAT  
4TH OF JULY PARADE  
1987





















Float for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parade



Float beside Linderman gym



First Baptist church float on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. E



Church wall decorations for 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Don Link on 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary float



First Baptist Church parade entry.



First Baptist Church exhibit  
In July 4<sup>th</sup> 1987 parade



Scripture verse on First Baptist  
Church float 7/4/1987



Gathered former pastors top l. Zeltners, Buerers, Bermins, Nelson's, Bottom l. Edwards and Ringhoffs.



Pastors, Bermin, Ringhoff, Edwards, Zeltner, Buerer and Nelson



Elvon Nelson, August 1987







Pastor's wives: Vicky Buerer, Pauline Zeltner, June Edwards, Jean Bermin And Rita Ringhoff.



Elvon Nelson and Mrs. Wise



Jim Mergenthaler and Lauerns Edwards



Picnic at James Mapston home



Dinner at 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary



Picnic at James Mapston home



Burman's, Buerer's and Ringhoffs



L. to R. Vickie Buerer, Charlene Zeltner,  
June Edwards, Jean Burman, Rita Ringhoff  
8/9/1987 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary First Baptist  
Church in Polson



Don Link & boat at picnic for 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Jean Burman, Harry Buerer, Vicki Burer, Lawrence Edwards and Elvon Nelson at Mapstons, Aug. 1987



Amos Clemmons



Buerers 8/87



Lawrence Zeltner preaching at  
1<sup>st</sup> St. & 7<sup>th</sup> Ave East Church  
building Anniversary Celebration



