

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE BUILDING

The present addition is 36' x 50', including the auditorium, pastor's study and furnace room. The Mother's room extends out to the south and the foyer to the north. The interior mahogany woodwork has been finished in natural color, blending with the light oak floors and pews. A modern, oil furnace heating system was installed for both the old and new buildings. The exteriors of both buildings were matched with horizontal white siding. Though the actual cost has been something over \$11,000, much donated labor and materials make its worth considerably more.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

At the present time the church is looking earnestly for the means to acquire a new parsonage, either by buying or building for ourselves. This afternoon's offering is designated toward this need. When the present parsonage is vacated, it will be utilized for needful Sunday School rooms. In the not too distant future, we plan to add a Sunday School wing to the south of the new auditorium, providing also a kitchen, social hall and rest rooms.

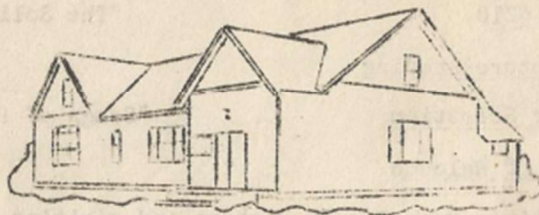
CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE AND TRUSTEES

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Ray Redeker, Chairman (to Dec. 1958); Harold Hyer, Chairman (1959); Walter Haack, Paul Metzger and Howard Orr. TRUSTEES: Bill Klar, Grover Parker and Duff Wagner.

APPRECIATION

Our sincerest appreciation to everyone who has labored and given for the erection of this beautiful building. The Lord has given us a blessing now, and yet He will give us an eternal reward. Our grateful thanks to those who have made the events of this Dedication Day possible, especially the women who have planned and provided the meal. When our hearts are knit together in Christ, it is joy to work together. The Lord bless you all!

First Baptist Church



SERVICES OF DEDICATION

Sunday, September 20, 1959

"Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the Lord God, even my God, will be with thee: He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord."
I Chronicles 28:20

First Street and Seventh Avenue West
Folsom, Montana
Ronald Stabbert, Pastor

DEDICATION SERVICE
3:00 P.M.

Piano Prelude Mrs. Eunice Cowman
Hymn #212 "How Firm a Foundation"
Invocation
Hymn #218 "The Solid Rock"
Scripture Reading
Choir Selection "Songs of Praises"
Word of Welcome
Greetings from former pastors and visiting pastors
Report of Building progress and acknowledgments
Prayer and Offering
Special Music Pastor Stabbert
Sermon of Dedication Rev. Elvon Nelson
Pastor, First Baptist Church
Pasco, Washington
Prayer of Dedication
Doxology
Benediction

Following the dedication service, a buffet supper will be served for all our guests and members--for the children at the parsonage and for the older folks in the rear auditorium.

During the evening service at 8 p.m. tonight, Bro. Elvon Nelson will bring us a narration with slides of the progress in putting up this new building. We trust to see many of you with us again this evening for this informal meeting. The Young People will meet at 7:00 p.m.

The rest room is in the parsonage next door.

SOME FACTS ABOUT OUR CHURCH'S HISTORY

The first meeting of the First Baptist Church of Polson was held on Dec. 12, 1912, with Rev. Thomas Huxley of Kalispell preaching, in the McIntyre Building on B Street. Bro. Fred Bruckman, who went Home with the Lord just a week ago, was instrumental in gathering this first group, and was the acting pastor for two months. After meeting in other churches and rented halls for 7 years, it was decided in May, 1919 to build a church on the present property "no less than 26' x 36'." Which they did! Bro. A. B. Morris, now of Puyallup, Wash., was the pastor during this period of growth.

In the intervening years from 1919 to 1939, however, there came many trying experiences: not enough money to pay the pastors, long periods when the church had no pastor and a period when the church almost lost its identity in union with the Presbyterian Church.

Under the direction of Rev. Victor Shirling in 1938, the First Baptist Church was reorganized, independent of the Northern Baptist Convention. It was in March of 1943 that the church voted to fellowship with the Regular Baptists, under the leadership of Rev. Zeltner of Kalispell. Through the ministries of Rev. Harry Buerer (1941-42, 1943-45), Rev. M. O. Burman (1946-49) and Rev. Frank Peterson (1949-1954) the church continued to advance in souls saved, the financial program and missionary vision. Shortly after Bro. Elvon Nelson became pastor, the church withdrew from FBHM support, assuming full support of their pastor.

Realizing the need of more space, application was made to the Baptist Builder's Club for help, with a grant of \$1500 approved. This provided the encouragement to go ahead with the plans for the present new auditorium. July 20, 1957 was the first workday and the greater part of the work was completed by the fall of 1958. Many folks, in and out of the church, donated materials and labor to make this building possible. It meant sacrificial giving for all the church members, but we rejoice in the Lord Who has given grace for this important step of advance in the life of the church.



First Baptist Church, Polson

Dedication Service at First Baptist

A dedication service was held last Sunday at the First Baptist Church of Polson with the Rev. Elvon Nelson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pasco, Wash., delivering the dedication sermon.

The new building that was dedicated is 36 ft. x 50 ft. and includes the church auditorium, pastor's study and furnace room. The mother's room extends out to the south and the foyer to the north.

Actual cost of the building — which has modern oil-furnace heating system for the old and new buildings — is about \$11,000 with much more in donated labor and materials. A grant of \$1500 from the Baptist Builder's Club gave the financial drive a good start.

At present the church is looking for means to acquire a new parsonage either by buying or building one. When the present parsonage is vacated, it will be used for Sunday school rooms. Also in future plans is the addition of a Sunday school wing to the south of the new auditorium. It will provide a kitchen, social hall and rest rooms.

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Dedication Service Held Sunday