

More History of First Baptist Church Spearman



Mother Wilson



Pastor Sam Malone

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Sam Malone, Pastor

DIRT BREAKING CEREMONIES MARK BEGINNING OF CONSTRUCTION OF MODERN BAPTIST CHURCH HOME

Dirt breaking ceremonies, that marked the beginning of construction of the new Baptist Church for Spearman, were held on the building site Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The ceremonies were in charge of the Pastor, who read two passages of scripture, one from the 7th chapter of Acts, "The place where thou standest is holy ground." The other from the second chapter of Nehemiah, "Let us rise up and build." After a prayer by Mr Carl Hutchison, Fred Hoskins led the audience in singing 'To the Work.'

The honor of breaking the first dirt was given to Mother Wilson who told of how for the past seven years she had been looking forward to this eventful day when the construction of a new house of God would be started. Following the talk the audience sang, 'How Firm a Foundation Ye Saints of The Lord.'

Each member of the building finance committee present participated in the dirt breaking. Mrs Bob Bailey, who was the 14

member of the church established here long ago, represented the charter members of the church. The two charter members of the church still living here are Mrs R. E. Burran and Mrs Fred Brandt. The oldest member to handle a spade of dirt was Mrs Maggie Barnes, mother of Mrs Fred Hoskins. The ceremony was closed with a prayer by the pastor.

A roster was made of the church members and friends present for the ceremonies and these names, together with pictures of the scene will be placed in the cornerstone of the building.

Convention Host

The Spearman Baptist church is making preparation to entertain the annual meeting of the Canadian Baptist Association in its one day session on Tuesday of next week. Both the noon and evening meals will be served to those attending. The entire program for the meeting appeared in a recent issue of the Reporter.



NOTE BURNING CEREMONY held at the First Baptist Church here Sunday. Shown left to right are Craig Hutchison, Mrs. R. L. Baley and Everett Tracy who participated in the ceremony. The \$116,000 plus debt was incurred in 1970 when the church was completely refurbished.