

## **First Baptist Church**

*Excerpt from Centennial of the First Baptist Church in Paris, Maine: Observed October 1st, 1891 If now we had a letter, or a diary, written by some one of those engaged in that work. And telling something, even if not much, about it, we should deem it almost priceless. Something of this kind we have in a faded but still legible manuscript from the pen of Elder Hooper. It is dated, May the 30 day It is not a letter though, nor a diary. It is a part of Elder Hooper's Dedication Sermon. It contains the Introduction, and the first and part of the second divisions of the discourse. It ends abruptly in the middle of a sentence of the second division, the following pages having in some way become separated from these and lost. The Introduction precedes, instead of following the announcement of the text, thus having the place recently given to it by German preachers, instead of that which it has in English and American sermons. In it Elder Hooper spoke of the great changes made in Paris in the twenty-four years passed between the coming of the first settlers and the time when he was speaking; of the state of things then existing; of the movement which resulted in building the meeting-house; and of the raising of the house, which was a work of difficulty and danger, which those of the present generation, who have never seen such structures raised, and raised without the appliances and helps of modern art and machinery, - can hardly realize. Elder Hooper said In the year 1780 the first settlers came into this Town, the[n] called No. 4, the place being then entirely new and no roads. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at [www.forgottenbooks.com](http://www.forgottenbooks.com) This book is a reproduction of an important historical work.*

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*A Story of Being Lost and Found*

*The History of the First Baptist Church of Boston (1665-1899)*

*The Strength You Need*

*A Century for Christ*

*A Century in North DeKalb*

*Its Mission and Vision for the Future*

*History of the First Baptist Church of Festus-Crystal City*

*Mice engaged in spinning, leaping, dancing, and other playful activities invite the reader to count from one to ten. Suggested counting activities listed at back.*

*First Baptist Church, Ludowici, Georgia*

*A Sermon on Lynching*

*History of the First Baptist Church, Oviedo, Florida*

*A History of First Baptist Church, Brownwood, Texas, 1876-1966*

*History of the First Baptist Church, Keokuk, Iowa*

*A History of the First Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina*

### *The Place of New Beginnings*

"My vocation was supposed to be joy, and I was speaking at funerals." Less than a year after joining the Theology of Joy and the Good Life project at the Yale Center for Faith and Culture, Angela Gorrell got word that a close family member had died by suicide. Less than a month later, she lost her father to a fatal opioid addiction and her nephew, only twenty-two years old, to sudden cardiac arrest. The theoretical joy she was researching at Yale suddenly felt shallow and distant--completely unattainable in the fog of grief she now found herself in. But joy was closer at hand than it seemed. As she began leading Bible studies at a women's maximum-security prison, she met people who suffered extensively yet still showed a tremendous capacity for joy. Talking with these women, many of whom had struggled with addiction and suicidal thoughts themselves, she realized: "Joy doesn't obliterate grief. . . . Instead, joy has a mysterious capacity to be felt alongside of sorrow and even--sometimes most especially--in the midst of suffering." In *The Gravity of Joy*, Gorrell uses her search for authentic, grounded Christian joy to reflect on the larger societal need for joy as a counteragent to the despair all too prevalent in the twenty-first century. Inviting action in response to the tragedies of addiction and suicide, she articulates a vision for communities that yearn for joy and "walk together through the shadows" to find it.

Feeding the Lord's Flock

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A United States of America Bicentennial Project  
The History of First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, Virginia  
History  
Centennial Celebration August 20-23, 1933  
A History of the First Baptist Church of Albany, Georgia  
Late City

***Excerpt from A Brief History of the First Baptist Church in Cambridge: With the Declaration of Faith, the Church Covenant, and List of Members Baptist Church, by a council composed of ministers and brethren from the First, Second, Third, and African Baptist Churches in Boston, and from the Baptist Church in each of the following places, viz.: Newton, Charlestown, Maiden and Lynn. Rev. Thomas Baldwin, D.D., was moderator of tlns council, and Rev. Elisha Williams, clerk. The religious services connected with the public recognition of the church were, an Introductory Prayer, by Rev. Daniel Sharp, Reading of Select Portions of Scriptures, by Rev. James M. Winchell; Prayer before the Sermon, by Rev. Ebenezer Nelson; Sermon, by -dr. Bald win; Address to the Church, and Right Hand of Fellowship, by Rev. Joseph Grafton; Concluding Prayer, by Ensign Lincoln; Benediction, by Rev. George Phippin. Dr. Bald win's sermon, and Mr. Grafton's address, were afterwards re requested for publication. Simultaneously with the meeting which was held in March, 1817, to consult in reference to the formation of a church, pre liminary measures were taken to secure the erection of a house of worship. Such was the prejudice in the community, however, against the Baptist name,***

*that considerable difficulty was encountered in obtaining a suitable location. A Baptist Church was not considered a desirable addition to the religious institutions of Cambridge, although there was not, at that time, more than one exclusively Evangelical Society in the whole town. But the difficulty of obtaining a suitable location was at length overcome, and the work of building, which was commenced in the month of June, was prosecuted with so much vigor, that the house was finished in December, and dedicated to the worship of God on the same day that the church was publicly recognized, and by the same services. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at [www.forgottenbooks.com](http://www.forgottenbooks.com) This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.*

*Since 1776*

*The First Baptist Church in America, Not Founded Or Pastored by Roger Williams  
Washington, the National Capital*

*Life Story of Dr. J. Frank Norris*

*The Papers and Addresses Delivered at the Dedication of a Granite Memorial on the Site  
of the First Church Edifice, September 23, 1934 and "A Discourse Delivered at the One*

### ***Hundredth Anniversary" of the Church in 1843***

### ***The Story of the First Baptist Church of Chamblee, 1875-1975***

### ***A History of First Baptist Church, Bartow, Florida (1875-200)***

A 115-year-old man lies on his deathbed as the 2016 election results arrive, and revisits his life in this moving story of love, fatherhood, and the American century from Pulitzer Prize winner Robert Olen Butler. A visionary and poignant novel centered around former newspaperman Sam Cunningham as he prepares to die, *Late City* covers much of the early twentieth century, unfurling as a conversation between the dying man and a surprising God. As the two review Sam's life, from his childhood in the American South and his time in the French trenches during World War I to his fledgling newspaper career in Chicago in the Roaring Twenties and the decades that follow, snippets of history are brought sharply into focus. Sam grows up in Louisiana, with a harsh father, who he comes to resent both for his physical abuse and for what Sam eventually perceives as his flawed morality. Eager to escape and prove himself, Sam enlists in the army as a sniper while still underage. The hardness his father instilled in him helps him make it out of World War I alive, but, as he recounts these tales on his deathbed, we come to realize that it also prevents him from contending with the emotional wounds of war. Back in the U.S., Sam moves to Chicago to begin a career as a newspaperman that will bring him close to all the major historical turns of the twentieth century. There he meets his wife and has a son, whose fate counters Sam's at almost every turn. As he contemplates his relationships—with his parents, his brothers in arms, his wife, his editor, and most importantly, his son—Sam is

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amazed at what he still has left to learn about himself after all these years in this heart-rending novel from the Pulitzer Prize winner.

History of the First Baptist Church, Chicago

A Sermon Delivered at the First Baptist Church in Chattanooga on March 25, 1906  
Centennial Memorial of the First Baptist Church of Hartford, Connecticut, March 23d and 24th, 1890

History of the First Baptist Church of Wantage, Sussex, New Jersey

100 Year Tribute to First Baptist Church Brandon, Florida

With a List of Its Present Members

The First Century of the First Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia. 1780-1880

**This book is unique. There is no other tribute like it. The church is the people. The people who are "true" Christians are listed in God's Book in heaven. This church has survived for 100 years because of small groups of people. There is no church history book that lists over 100 pages of testimonies from people about how their church has blessed them. Their testimonials are a book in itself. One cannot read the testimonial section and not be blessed. "True" Christians, for the first time, have been given the opportunity to speak for God as a testimony to the world**

about one of His universal churches. This book lists some of the great sermons of the ministry leaders of the church. The many problems that God's people and the church must face the next hundred years are listed. The churches in America are in a spiritual decline in influence and numbers. The people must act! Probably the only known course for this to happen is in the summary of this book. There is only One Church that will be exalted and glorified during the End Times. God's church, founded by Jesus' Apostles 2000 years ago, is based on the teachings of Christ Jesus. The First Baptist Church of Brandon was brought into existence by men of God based on New Testament teachings. 700 years before Jesus was born there were fifty prophecies about Jesus in Isaiah alone. Some scholars call Isaiah "The Fifth Gospel" after Matthew Mark, Luke, and John. (46, p. 187) "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Lev. 19:18) was written 1400 years before Christ. John describes Jesus at the Creation. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1)

**This tribute is a model for any church.**

**The Gravity of Joy**

**With the Articles of Faith and Covenant, and a Catalogue of Its Members, December, 1889**

**Inside the History of First Baptist Church, Fort Worth, and Temple Baptist Church, Detroit**

**History of the First Baptist Church of Pomona, California With the Declaration of Faith, the Church Covenant, and List of Members (Classic Reprint)**

**The Twelve Great Strength Passages of the Bible 1890-1965**

**A chronological history from 1859 to 2009.**

**Observed October 1st, 1891 (Classic Reprint)**

**A History of First Baptist Church, Opelika, Alabama, 1859-2009**

**First Baptist Church, Brownsville, Texas, 1904----- 1952**

**Historical Sketch of the First Baptist Church, Camden, N.J.**

**A History of the First Baptist Church of Romeo, Michigan**

**The History of the First Baptist Church, Toccoa, Georgia, 1872-1966**

**Manual of the First Baptist Church in Providence, May, 1890**

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It is my conviction that people are fed up with not being fed in church. People want to be fed from the Word of God. The apostle Paul gave a charge to Timothy to "Preach the Word!" (1 Tim. 4:2a, NKJV). That same charge was given to me when I was ordained by my home church, First Baptist Church, Pittsburg, Texas. When I accepted God's calling on my life to be a pastor and preacher of His Word, I took seriously my responsibility of Feeding the Lord's Flock. It has been a daily labor of love for me to pray for the leadership of the Holy Spirit as I've prepared my sermons and then for His enablement to present it to our congregation with clarity and conviction each Lord's day. In his first volume of *The Bible Exposition Commentary*, Warren W. Wiersbe reminds us that the Greek word for "sheep" at the end of John 21:17 means "dear sheep." He then writes, "Our Lord's sheep are dear to Him and He wants His ministers to love them and care for them personally and lovingly . . . A pastor who loves the flock will serve it faithfully, no matter what the cost" (Page 398). These sermons were preached from the pulpit of First Baptist Church, Nacogdoches, Texas, where I have had the privilege of Feeding the Lord's Flock for thirty-five years. They are presented here that they might continue to be a source of spiritual nourishment for all who read them. I dedicate this book of sermons to the beloved members of our church for their encouragement and support through the years. It is still written in the Bible, "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (1 Cor. 1:21, KJV). In his book, *How to Make Your Church Hum*, Dr. Paul W. Powell writes: "If you want to see the church come alive, become excited, begin to grow, preach the Word. If that won't do it, it's not worth doing."

A Brief History of the First Baptist Church in Boston

In Commemoration of a Record of One Hundred and Fifty Years, 1809-1959 and a Building of

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One Hundred Years, 1859-1959

First 100 Years, 1869-1969

First Baptist Church, North Stonington, Connecticut

A History of First Baptist Church of Medina, Ohio

John Smith the Se-Baptist, Thomas Helwys and the First Baptist Church in England; with  
Fresh Light Upon the Pilgrim Fathers' Church

Sermons from the Pulpit of First Baptist Church, Nacogdoches, Texas

Look for Rob Morgan's new book Worry Less, Live More fall of 2017

Why are we feeling so depleted when God has promised us strength equal to our days? Pastor Robert Morgan leads a busy life as a pastor and is also a multitasking caregiver to his disabled wife. Most days he feels exhausted, yet over time God has shown him how to build himself up when he's worn himself out. He has learned to fully embrace Psalm 84, as he moves from strength to strength. The valleys and the weaknesses are inevitable. Our task is to embrace these as we wait for God to take us to our next time of strength. After reviewing the 232 occurrences of the word strength in Scripture, Pastor Robert discovered twelve clear passages that drop anchor in God's Sea of Strength.

Among the kinds of strength available to every believer are: Lifelong Strength: your strength will equal your days (Deuteronomy 33:25)

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Lasting Strength: they go from strength to strength (Psalm 84:5-7)

Imparted Strength: the eyes of The Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him (2

Chronicles 16:9) Joyful Strength: the joy of The Lord is your strength

(Nehemiah 8:10) Timely Strength: God is our refuge and strength

(Psalm 46:1) Tranquil Strength: in quietness and trust is your strength

(Isaiah 30:15) Renewed Strength: those who hope in the Lord will

renew their strength (Isaiah 40:31) Recurring Strength: the Lord will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden (Isaiah

58:11) Durable Strength: the Sovereign Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, He enables me to tread on the heights

(Habakkuk 3:19) Unwavering Strength: Abraham did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his

faith and gave glory to God (Romans 4:20) Innermost Strength: I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power

through His Spirit in your inner being (Ephesians 3:16) Riveting

Strength: I can do all this through Him who gives me strength (Philippians 4:13)

Heritage

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Centennial of the First Baptist Church in Paris, Maine

History of First Baptist Church of Canton, Georgia, Organized August 23, 1833

History of the First Baptist Church, Griffin, Georgia, 1841-1941

Being an Account in Picture and Prose of the Struggles and Triumphs of One Hundred Years

A Brief History of the First Baptist Church in Cambridge

History of the First Baptist Church, Mount Vernon, New York