

Timeline

1867: Prayer meeting started at the home of Celestia Ferris, 214 A St NE
1871: Sunday school started on corner of 7th and A St NE
1874: Metropolitan Baptist Association formed at 508 East Cap. St. NE
1877: Stephen Hervey Mirick called to serve as interim pastor.
1878: Metropolitan Baptist Church formed by 31 members
1879: Joseph W. Parker installed as pastor
1882: Wilbur H. Ingersoll installed as pastor
1885: William H. Young installed as pastor
1888: New building completed (second)
1891: Green Clay Smith installed as pastor
1896: Granville Williams installed as pastor
1901: Debt paid off for 2nd building
1903: John Compton Ball installed as pastor
1911: New building completed
1913: Childcare instituted on May 11
1919: 1000th member admitted to Metropolitan
1921: Mortgage for new building paid off
1944: Ball retires; Rev. Dr. K. Owen White installed as pastor
1950: Dr. J. Walter Carpenter installed as pastor
1951: John Compton Ball education building completed
1956: Dr. Walter A. Pegg installed as pastor
1961: Dr. R.B. Culbreth installed as pastor
1967: John R. Stuckey installed as pastor
1967: Name changed to Capitol Hill Metropolitan Baptist Church
1971: C. Wade Freeman, Jr. installed as pastor
1980: Walt Tomme, Jr. installed as pastor
1990: Harry Kilbride installed as pastor
1994: Mark Dever installed as pastor
1998: 9Marks founded as “Center for Church Reform”

Questions?

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Class 13 - Capitol Hill Baptist Church

‘Only a Prayer Meeting,’ 1867-1878

Celestia Ferris (1844-1924)

The Sunday School, 1871-

Metropolitan Baptist Association, 1874-

Church Formed (Feb. 27, 1878)

A Solid Foundation, 1878-1882

Dr. Joseph W. Parker

Divided by Debt, 1882-1890

Forrest Spofford (Treasurer, 1874-1884)

Church Split (October 23, 1884)

Moral Reformers in Washington, 1890-1903

Green Clay Smith (served January 4, 1891 to June 29, 1895)

A 'Metropolitan' Church, 1903-1944

John Compton Ball (1903 to 1944)

World War I and Fundamentalism

Congressman Asa Leonard Allen's testimony in 1936:

"I believe I have never seen a church that was any more spiritually minded than this church is."

Holding Forth the Word of Life, 1944-1961

Dr. K. Owen White (1944-1949)

J. Walter Carpenter (1950-1955)

Carl F.H. Henry and Walter A. Pegg (1956-1961)

Stagnation and Decline, 1961-1993

Suburbanization

John R. Stuckey (1967-1971) and Mrs. Margaret Roy (1969)

Bob Sorrels and Bill Vickers

Dr. Harry Kilbride (1990-1993)

Revival and Revitalization, 1994-)

What will it take for the Capitol Hill Baptist Church to remain faithful to Christ for another 150 years?

Preaching

Perseverance

Presence

Prayer