# 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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# ‘Only a Prayer Meeting,’ 1867-1878

## Celestia Ferris (1844-1924)

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## The Sunday School, 1871-

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## Metropolitan Baptist Association, 1874-

## Church Formed (Feb. 27, 1878)

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# 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

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## John Compton Ball (1903 to 1944)

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## World War I and Fundamentalism

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## 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

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

## Bob Sorrels and Bill Vickers

## Dr. Harry Kilbride (1990-1993)

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# 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*