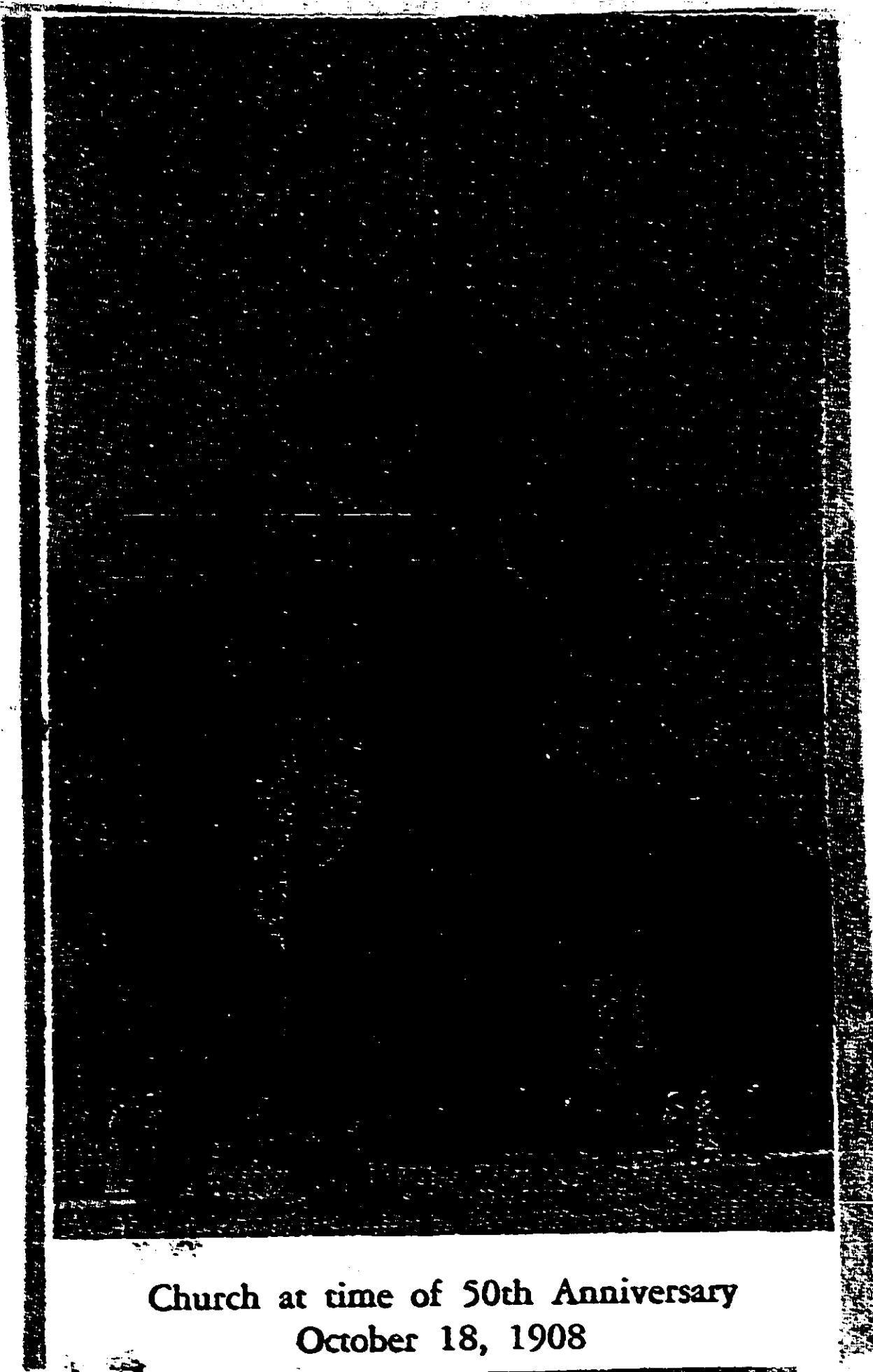


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Cor. Millburn Avenue & Spring St.
Millburn, N. J.



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The words of the prophet Samuel epitomize the history of the MILLBURN BAPTIST CHURCH - "Ebenezer - hitherto hath the Lord helped us". God has truly honored the venture in faith of the few loyal men and women who met in Washington Hall, Millburn, on Monday evening October 18, 1858.

The nine original members who formed this new assembly were: Samuel Edwards, Sidney W. Edwards, William Hastings, James James, Mrs. Sally Drew, Mrs. Catherine Green, Mrs. Isabella Lee, Mrs. Susan Marsh and Mrs. Julia A. Spangler. Articles of Faith were drawn for the church and Rev. Hugh C. Townley was called to be the first pastor.

A second step in faith was the decision by the brethren to construct a church edifice. Mrs. Lee donated the lot and construction of the present church building was started. The cornerstone was laid by Rev. Townley on Wednesday, August 10, 1859. A Sunday School had already

been organized on May 29, 1859, which also met in Washington Hall until the completion of the church. It was two years later during Civil War days that the building was dedicated with services held Thursday, October 3, 1861. The second pastor, Rev. Kelsey Walling, used Haggai 2: 7 as text for the dedicatory sermon, "And I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of Hosts".

The parsonage adjoining the church was built originally during the pastorate of Rev. Adam Chambers, 1870-1873.

The nineteen pastors who have served the church are: Hugh C. Townley, Kelsey Walling, John Dayton Merrill, Adam Chambers, A.B. Woodworth, Charles A. Babcock, Henry Westcott, W.E. Bogart (supply), Isaac B. Thompson, F.E. Osborne, Walter B. Pimm, Jacob Whitehurst, Henry A. Buzzel, Carey S. Thomas, Martin Brynildsen, LeRoy R. Lincoln, Homer Grimes and John W. Raley. The present pastor, Romaine F. Bateman began his pastorate on Sunday, October 4, 1931.

We are particularly thankful that the church has continued "to hold fast and earnestly contend for the Faith once for all delivered unto the Saints", that it is known as a gospel center where the Word is preached and taught.

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