

John's Presbyterian Church, was secured wherein to meet for public worship, and in that hall, on December 13th, 1874, the Tabernacle Baptist Church was organized, electing as its Pastor the Rev. J. F. Avery. David McPherson, Benjamin M. Hubley and Watson Eaton, Deacons; Treasurer, J. E. Irish; Clerk, T. A. Covey.

From its very inception the cause prospered and received manifest tokens of the Divine Approval. At the preaching services the hall was filled with earnest seekers after the truth, as it is in Christ Jesus. And during the first two weeks after the church was organized, ten adults, five men and five women, professed conversion and were added to the church. The cause continued to grow and develop and very soon it was apparent that the church, in order to carry on her work, required a larger and more up-to-date building. A Committee was appointed to take the matter in hand, and on their report, the church, on April the 11th, 1876, purchased the lot on which the house of worship, in which we now meet, was erected. The lot cost \$4,000.00, \$1,000.00 in cash with a mortgage of \$3,000.00 at 7% interest. The people now went to work with a will to raise money to build a house of worship and on June 21st, 1877, the corner stone was laid. On account of limited means, only the vestry was built at this time, and roofed over, at a cost of \$5,000.00, the inside being left unfinished. In May, 1883, the vestry inside was finished and completed, as we see it today, at a cost of about \$2,000.00. This amount was raised while the work was being done and the contractor paid when the job was complete.