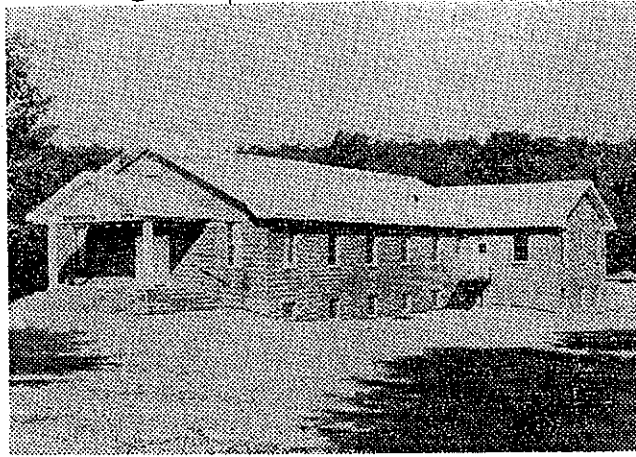


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FRIENDSHIP FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

. . . Dedication Service Sunday, October 13

On Sunday, October 13th, Friendship Free-Will Baptist Church will hold a Dedication and Mortgage Burning Service at the Church. This will be an all day service with The Joy-masters Quartet and The Kinsmon Quartet bringing the singing and former Pastors speaking. Lunch will be served at noon.

Members of the church gave this brief history of the events leading up to the building of the present church:

"Back in 1949, the members had a vision of seeing a new brick church with the name Friendship Free-Will Baptist Church across the front. In 1965 Rev. Wallace C. Patterson (Pastor) appointed various committees and charged them, 'Brothers, let us build the Church.' The building Committee, with Rev. Paul R. Davis as chairman, and the finance committee, with Deacon Calvin F. Barber as chairman, began at once to carry out this charge.

"On the 1st Sunday in June, 1966, Rev. Patterson brought the first message in the New Church. Many hearts were made glad at this occasion but one thing still remained, The Mortgage. In the fall of this same year, sickness overtook Bro. Patterson and he was un-

able to accept the church for another term because of his physical condition.

"At this time Rev. E. R. Mayo, who is well known in The Pell City area from his pastoral servings at Mt. Zion Free-Will Baptist Church and Wattsville Free-Will Baptist Church was called to assume the pastoral duties and has remained since that time.

"On August 24, 1968, the last item was eliminated when the mortgage was paid off.

"Though some of the members have passed away, the members remaining, after approximately 19 years, have seen their vision become a reality. This has been accomplished by the faith and untiring efforts of many people in and around Pell City, some of which are members of other Churches. The Church feels that every one should come and be in this service since so many had a part in making it possible."