



CAVE SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH
150 Years of Gospel Life in Southwest Virginia

Over the course of 1,800 months, the words that identify the band of believers that gather in Southwestern Roanoke County have changed, but its gospel commitment has held steady. Despite the occasional troubles and squabbles that are found in any large family, the command of Jesus to “Go,” “make disciples,” and “baptize” in “all nations” (Matt 28:19a) beginning at home in the heart of the Blue Ridge is seen as the congregation’s unifying purpose statement for all that its members do—and it always has been so.



Cave Spring Baptist Church was organized on August 12, 1875, with the support of the Virginia State Mission Board. Matthew A. Wilson, noted as a “pioneering preacher and church builder,” helped with its organization and was named as the congregation’s first pastor. He served on a part-time basis for just four years. The early church first worshipped in a brick Presbyterian church located on the hill above the spring from which the community and the church derive their name. The church worshipped there for thirteen years before buying land and building the above-pictured church in 1888.





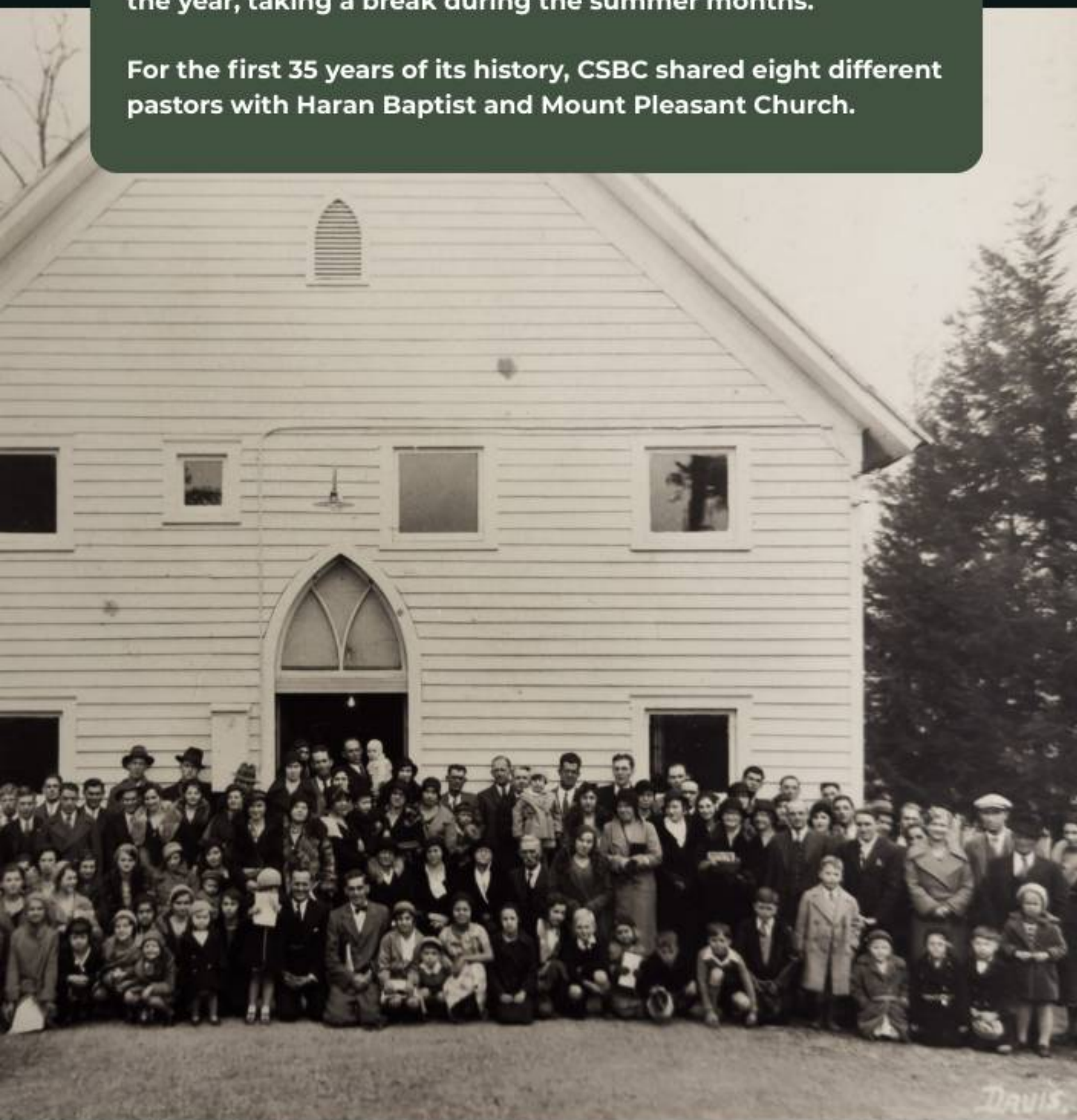
A Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year



1896 - Cave Spring Baptist purchased its first parsonage and shared it with two other churches.

1905 - CSBC first offered Sunday School during nine months of the year, taking a break during the summer months.

For the first 35 years of its history, CSBC shared eight different pastors with Haran Baptist and Mount Pleasant Church.



Cabe Spring Baptist Church
ROANOKE, VIRGINIA



YEAR BOOK
1955

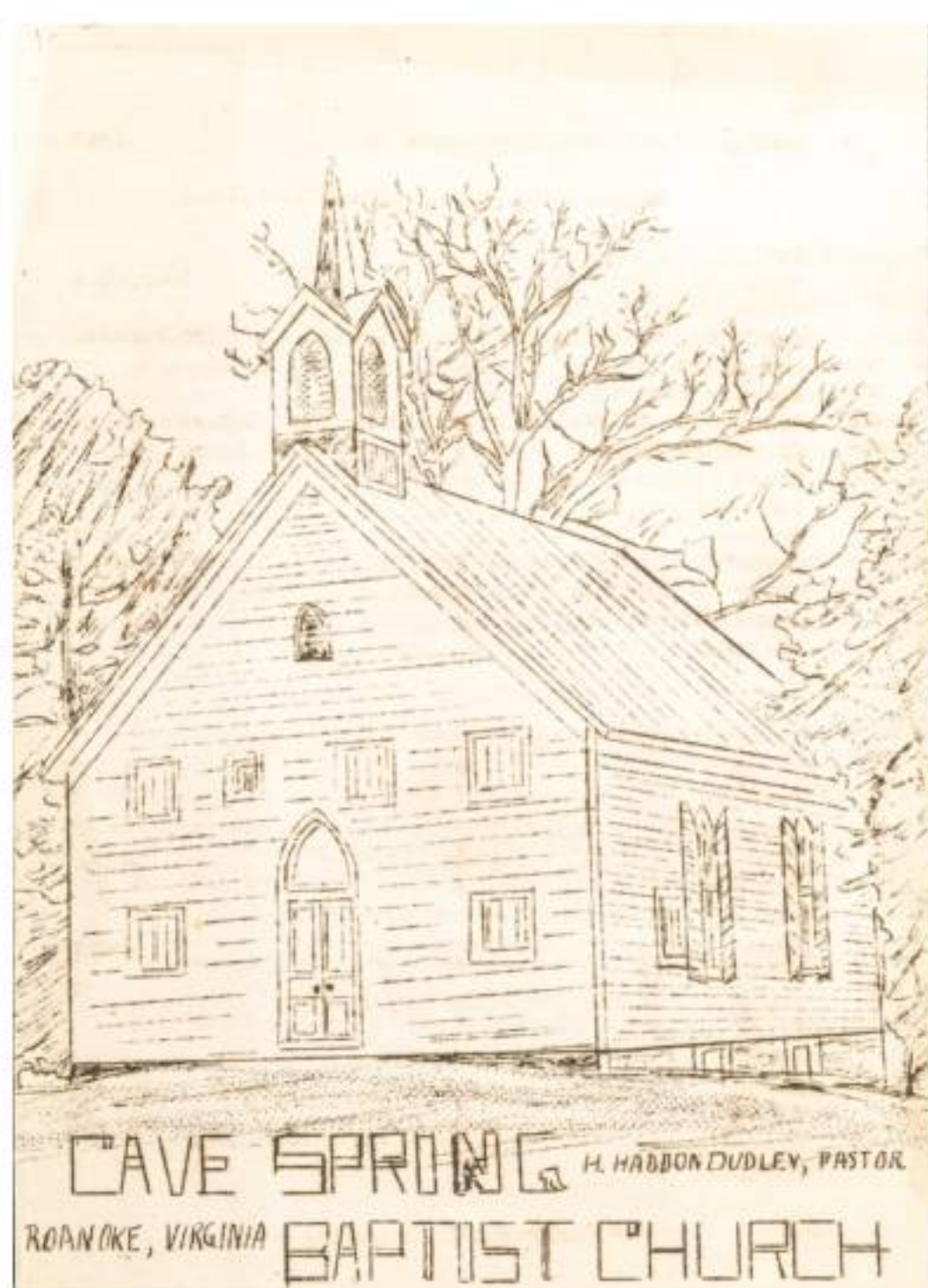
1948 - Purchased 1.5 acres on the west side of U.S. 221 and built a parsonage on the present church property.

1954 - After worshipping in the "old white church" for 66 years, a new church building was constructed.

1958 - Added first and second story Sunday School rooms in the back of the building

1930









1960 - CSBC calls Rolan Bailey as pastor.

1963 - Moved the parsonage from the church property to a new location on Rosecrest Road.

1968 - Constructed the education building located to the left of the main building

1974 - Richard Elmore is first called as pastor.

1974



1975 - CSBC celebrates 100 years of "Service, Brotherhood, and Concern."

1975 to 1978 - CSBC saw a growth in membership with about 200 new members in three years.

1979 - Purchased four lots south of the church, containing 2.1 acres, taking the church property to Rosecrest Road.



Cave Spring Church Celebrates 100 Years

Cave Spring Church, Roanoke, is celebrating the congregation's 100th year. Richard M. Stephenson was guest speaker for "Centennial Celebration and Homecoming Day," August 10. Activities of the day included rededication of the church, dinner on the grounds, costumes of the period and a birthday party with song fest.

Additional activities are planned for the remainder of the year, including Associational Activities Sunday in October with the former pastor, Rolen C. Bailey, as guest speaker.

A community-wide Thanksgiving service will be held at Cave Spring in November, followed by a Senior Citizens' Day and a second Chrismon Tree dedication in December.

The year of celebration will close with the Watch Night Service on December 31.

A history of the church is being written and will be distributed before the close of the celebration. Wayne O. Nienke has served as general chairman of the Centennial Committee.

In 1875, M. A. Wilson, pastor at Laurel Ridge Church, began serving a congregation of 43 members organizing Cave Spring Church.

Between 1875 and 1888, the congregation worshipped in a Presbyterian church located on a hill above the spring from which the church derives its name. Services were held monthly. In 1888, one and one-fourth acres of land was purchased, and a white weatherboard church building 30 x 40 feet, was erected.

In 1942, the church called its first full-time pastor, John M. Sykes. Sykes was succeeded by Edgar J. Tharpe, H. Haddon Dudley, Andrew L. Shumate, Marion E. Sliger and in 1960 by Rolen C. Bailey. He resigned last year to become director of missions for Roanoke Valley Association.

1980 - Purchased 4.77 acres north of the church, taking property to Roselawn Road.

1984 - CSBC hosts its first Fall Festival with help from members of Villa Heights Baptist Church.

1985 - CSBC calls Gordon Grimes as pastor.



1986



1988 - CSBC built a new worship center, fellowship hall, and added additional classrooms north of the original brick church building.

1993 - Rick Elmore returns as pastor of CSBC.

1997 - The Church purchased the J.W. Hall property where the Mission House is now located, adjacent to the church.

1999 - Built a Family Life Center and additional education space.

2000





2000 - Renovated the staff office and education building

2002 - Renovated the lower level of the Family Life Center to be utilized as a student suite.

2003 - Began hosting Faith Christian School with 96 students.

2004 - CSBC calls Pastor Chip Roberson as pastor

2007 to 2008 - CSBC partnered with the Southern Baptist Convention of Virginia to sponsor four church plants.

2010 - Pete Schemm called to serve as lead pastor of CSBC.





2011 - Chuck Stanley was called as Minister of Administration

2012 - Jon Rice was called as Minister of Worship and Music, Chip Baggett was called as Minister to Children, Students, and Families

2013 - Began a seven-year partnership with Redemption Hill Church in Medford, MA.

2015 - Allen James was called as Minister of Missions and Community. CSBC began a partnership with the International Mission Board in reaching the River People of China.



2015



2016



2016 - Serve Roanoke was launched with three community projects.

2017 - Renovated the worship center and built the commons.

2018 - After Hurricane Maria, CSBC began a church-planting partnership with Redeeming Grace Church in Vega Baja, Puerto Rico.

2020



2021 - CSBC commissioned Vince and Kara Oliveri to plant The Vine Church in Blacksburg.

2022 - CSBC commissioned Zach and Morgan Decker to revitalize Griffith Baptist Church in Winston-Salem.

2024 - CSBC sent Sam and Emily Copeland to plant Garden City Church in Chicago. CSBC also sent out Hoover and Karen Lee to serve with the IMB in Vancouver, Canada.

2021



These days it seems that Cave Spring Baptist Church offers something for just about everyone. Vibrant options abound for infants and children (including a weekday preschool), young adults and college students, families and seniors. An array of ministries and missions complete the picture of Cave Spring Baptist Churches as, by God's grace, it moves toward its bicentennial, in August 2075. As famed British missionary William Carey preached in a 1792 sermon, which he based on Isaiah 54:2-3, the members of CSBC pray that their church will continue to "Expect great things from God, and attempt great things for God."



2025

Since we have committed
ourselves to Jesus Christ and
have experienced the
acceptance, forgiveness, and
redemption of God our Father,
we covenant together as
members of this church that...
we will seek earnestly to live to
the glory of God, who brought
us out of darkness into His
marvelous light.



1988



1960



1975



1957



1963



2023



2016



**A People Changed
By The Gospel**