“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

FIFTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY
of
DR. E. B. CARTER
As Pastor of
FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Haynes and Mitchell Streets
Sunday, April 20, 1941
CHURCH OFFICERS

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Organized in 1862

Pastors
Rev. Frank Quarles, 1862-1881. Dr. E. R. Carter, 1882–
H. M. Ivey Treasurer
Mrs. E. H. Keith Financial Secretary
Miss Carrie Taylor Clerk
Miss Florence Harris Organist

Auxiliaries and Clubs
Deacon Board. Mr. M. M. Dowdell, Chairman
Deaconess Board. Mrs. L. B. Thomas, Chairman
Choir. Mr. C. C. Shanks, President
Vigilance Committee. Mrs. M. Agnes Jones
Kings Daughters. Mrs. Sadie E. Powell, President
Uplifters Club. Mrs. Mae Harvey, President
West Side Club. Rev. C. W. Burson, President
Usher Board. Mr. E. H. Keith, President
Junior Ushers. Mr. John Turner
Junior Choir. Miss Peggie Turner, President
General Supt. of Sunday School. Mr. Wm. Driskell
Supt. of Advance Dept. Mr. T. M. Alexander
Supt. Primary Dept. Mr. O. L. Woodson
Chief Usher. Mr. L. E. Wise

THE CHURCH

During the dark and dismal days of slavery Negroes were encouraged and allowed to worship in the white man’s church. They sat in the rear or in the galleries during the service of their white masters.

This condition existed among the membership of the First Baptist Church (white) of this city until 1862. After freedom came to the Negroes the white man changed his attitude toward them. They were no longer welcome to worship with white people.

In 1862, a few colored members, with Frank Quarles as their leader, were dismissed from the First Baptist Church (white) of Atlanta, Georgia. They organized themselves and began what is now known as Friendship Baptist Church. The first place of worship was located on what is now Walton Street. The church was known as Walton Spring Baptist

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Dr. Carter To Observe His 57th Anniversary

April 23, Dr. E. R. Carter will have pastored Friendship Baptist Church for fifty-seven years. The church will celebrate this notable anniversary April 23-24 with two services, at which time Dr. John W. Davis, president of West Virginia State College, Institute, W. Va., will be guest speaker.

President Davis, one of the leading college executives throughout the country and a graduate of Morehouse College, will speak at the 11 o'clock Sunday morning services next Sunday. The concluding exercises will be held the following night, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Carter first came to Atlanta in 1879 from Athens, Ga. He joined the church in 1875, and accepted his first pastorate, the Stone Mountain Baptist church in 1880. Dr. Carter associated himself with Rev. Quarles who had organized Friendship Church in a freight car which served as a meeting house for the minister and his small flock. It was in this car box that Friendship began its history. As the membership grew the car box became overcrowded, which caused a new edifice to be erected in 1870 on the corner of Haynes and Markham streets. Being the faithful assistant pastor under Rev. Quarles who died in 1881, Dr. Carter was called to carry on the work of the church.

Today, Friendship Baptist church is one of the oldest and leading institutions in the city as well as the state. Its membership is represented with many leading personalities on its membership roll including the late Dr. John Hope, Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president of Howard university; the late B. G. Brawley and numerous members in business and the professions.

During the anniversary celebration of Dr. Carter, the new pastor's study will be opened for occupancy, which has been built as a memorial to the late Mrs. Willie Daniel, who during her life was head deaconess of the church.

The public is cordially invited to attend both services.
Rev. E. R. Carter
81 Years Old
3-16-39

REV. E. R. CARTER
—pastor of Friendship Baptist church, who on Wednesday observed his eighty-first birthday. The scholarly Atlantan is prominent in National Baptist affairs.
HIGH STATE OFFICIALS
INVITE CARVER TO
MISS.

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 9—Governor Hugh L. White, Mayor Walter Scott, Commissioner of Agriculture, J. C. Holton, and numerous other high State officials have followed the invitation sent by the Mississippi Progress Committee to Dr. George W. Carver to attend the celebration, "75 YEARS OF PROGRESS OF NEGROES IN MISSISSIPPI," which will be held in Jackson, October 17-21, 1938. Dr. Carver, who is at present confined to the hospital at Tuskegee has answered all invitations and promised to be present if his health permits.

A long list of other speakers of National renown have been invited to appear on the program, the first to accept being President Wm. H. Bell of Alcorn College, who will be the principal speaker on Education night.

Another feature of the celebration will be the State Band Contest, which will attract nearly two score College and High School musical groups to the celebration.