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—SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 1947

## GREAT CHURCH CENTENNIAL.

THE citizens of Shelby and Cleveland county will have the opportunity to enjoy a religious festival of extraordinary importance during the week of June 15-22. The occasion is the 100th anniversary of the First Baptist church of Shelby.

The occasion will be extraordinary for the number of top rank leaders in the Baptist denomination in the South who are scheduled to participate in the program with sermons or addresses during the week, two or more on each of the Sundays and one each evening between.

The list of speakers announced by the pastor, Dr. ZENO WALL, includes Dr. LOUIE D. NEWTON of Atlanta, president of the Southern Baptist convention; Dr. ELLIS J. FULLER of Louisville, president of the Southern Baptist Theological seminary; Dr. DUKE K. McCALL, secretary of the executive committee of the Southern convention; Dr. J. B. LAWRENCE and Dr. M. T. RANKIN, secretaries, respectively, of the Home and Foreign mission boards of the convention; Dr. CHARLES H. DURHAM of Lumberton, former president of the North Carolina Baptist convention; Judge E. YATES WEBB, a member of the Shelby church, who will present the history of the organization; Dr. SANKEY L. BLANTON, dean of Wake Forest college school of religion, and other distinguished churchmen.

The First Baptist church of Shelby is due the congratulations of people of all faiths upon its record of achievement during the 100 years of its life and service. Perhaps no other single local church organization in North Carolina has wielded greater influence on the life of the state. In membership, in equipment, in its educational and musical programs, and in achievements and influence, it ranks among the leading churches in cities many times the size of Shelby.