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Ratcliffe

First Baptist Church. [Colored]

photographed 12/79

see Manassas Journal

19 May 1911 -

the church was organized in 1874 by

Marshall D. Williams\* and others, including

first minister, Rev. S. W. Madden.

Deacon W<sup>m</sup> Jackson was first deacon

the congregation met at The Freedman's Bureau which was located on Center Street

Miss Adeline Penn,  
1st clerk.

about where the Herbert Bryant grain

storage building is now.]

\* sent by home missionary society.

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Church was organized on Liberty St.

where old school house was. 5 yrs. or so built

used old school house for services for several years

1st bldg. on south side of Center St.

small single frame bldg.

part West St.

church was ~~the~~ built on land don. by Mr. Baldwin -

where they are now - land belonged to Mr. Baldwin

They bought it from him

This Ch. sr. in 1905

comat.  
check

1924  
1874  
~~1850~~

officiant -

man who founded the church. & saw the  
1405 church lived until 1924.

present bldg. has vinyl.

→ used to have ordinary weatherboarding.

2 stories inside - 1 room downstairs  
Sunday school room

main entrance - steps go up on  
both side & into and.

niche windows -

Trustees: does not know their names

"Let We Forget" - foundation was for bell tower maybe  
for some kind of spire. never completed

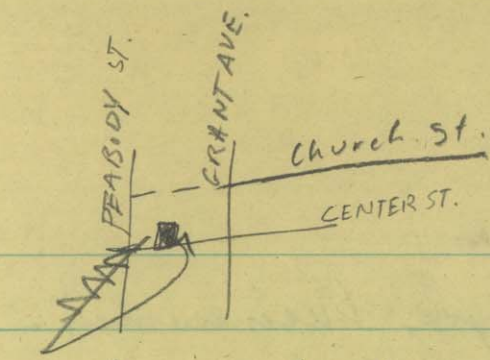
Bell Tower was in center of church - old steeple got water  
soaked & began to rot - Bell was down for a long time.

The steeple there now is aluminum. very light  
in about 1975 when vinyl siding  
was added.

1st steeple removed - new roof

The Bell is in one of the rooms downstairs.

to meet Friday a.m.



parcel  
3038 Center

church - property bounds

PRESENT OWNER - Board of Trustees 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
cl. 8 yrs. ago.

the fact sheet -

house that was demol.

Church St will go behind is

ROSCOE

A LEWIS PROPERTY - was a blacksmith.

Trustee  
Braxton was

<sup>ex heirs</sup> owned it before church bought it.  
Alexandra property - was a Trustee of Church, also  
a blacksmith. Shop + house are across street. } for parking lots

First Baptist Church recently acquired property on  
the east side of the church. A frame-built house dating  
to the early 1900s and built by a former Church trustee. Church  
was recently dismantled for a parking lot.

Street is being extended from Grant Ave.  
to Penbody St. directly behind First  
Baptist Church.

City is extending Church St.

Church gets some parking - city opening a  
parking lot.

Corner parcel is Lewis prop. was  
purch. by Mr. <sup>R.P.</sup> Thomas - surveyor, businessman -  
may erect a building there.

1905 present bldg.  
dedicated 29 July 1905. ✓

has a history.