

In April of 1905, the church purchased a lot on the corner of 10th and Vestal Streets, and the church services moved to that location. The temporary building erected on the rear of the lot is referred to in the minutes as "the pavilion", but most of the older members of the church call it "the brush arbor", and by combining these two names we get a fair idea of the appearance of the temporary shelter. It served through the summer, but the leaves on the brush arbor were eaten by goats, and in October a committee was appointed to make the pavilion more comfortable. Consequently the pavilion was enclosed with a crude wooden shell which served until the new white frame building was completed, on the front of the lot. This building was largely constructed by the membership of the church, which was approximately 70 at that time. About 250 people crowded into the new building for the first service.

In 1929, the church had outgrown its quarters at 10th and Vestal, and a three-story brick auditorium and educational building was built on the corner of 13th and Parker Streets. M. A. Treadwell was pastor, and the membership numbered about 300. The church still occupies that building, although numerous additions and alterations have been made.

In October, 1936, a lot was purchased across the street from the church, and again the men of the church donated their time to build a parsonage. It was erected in April, 1937. L. O. McCracken was the pastor.

In June, 1939, under the leadership of the Rev. Taylor Stanfill, a three-story annex and a one-story primary education building were constructed. In July, 1948, when the Rev. Harvey A. Elledge was pastor, the church auditorium was enlarged and two more stories were added to the primary education building. In 1951, the seating capacity of the auditorium was increased to 1250 by the addition of balconies on each side.

Baring Cross Baptist Church supports one missionary in the foreign field, Mrs. Alvin Hatton. At the present time, the church has only one local mission, which is located at Camp Robinson. Other churches, now self-supporting, which began as missions of this church are Levy, Central, Pike Avenue, Amboy and Calvary, Rose City. Present membership of the church is approximately 2,400, of which 1,700 are resident members and 700 are non-residents. D. David Garland is pastor, and C. R. Vermillion is educational director.

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