

# Jesus and Revolution

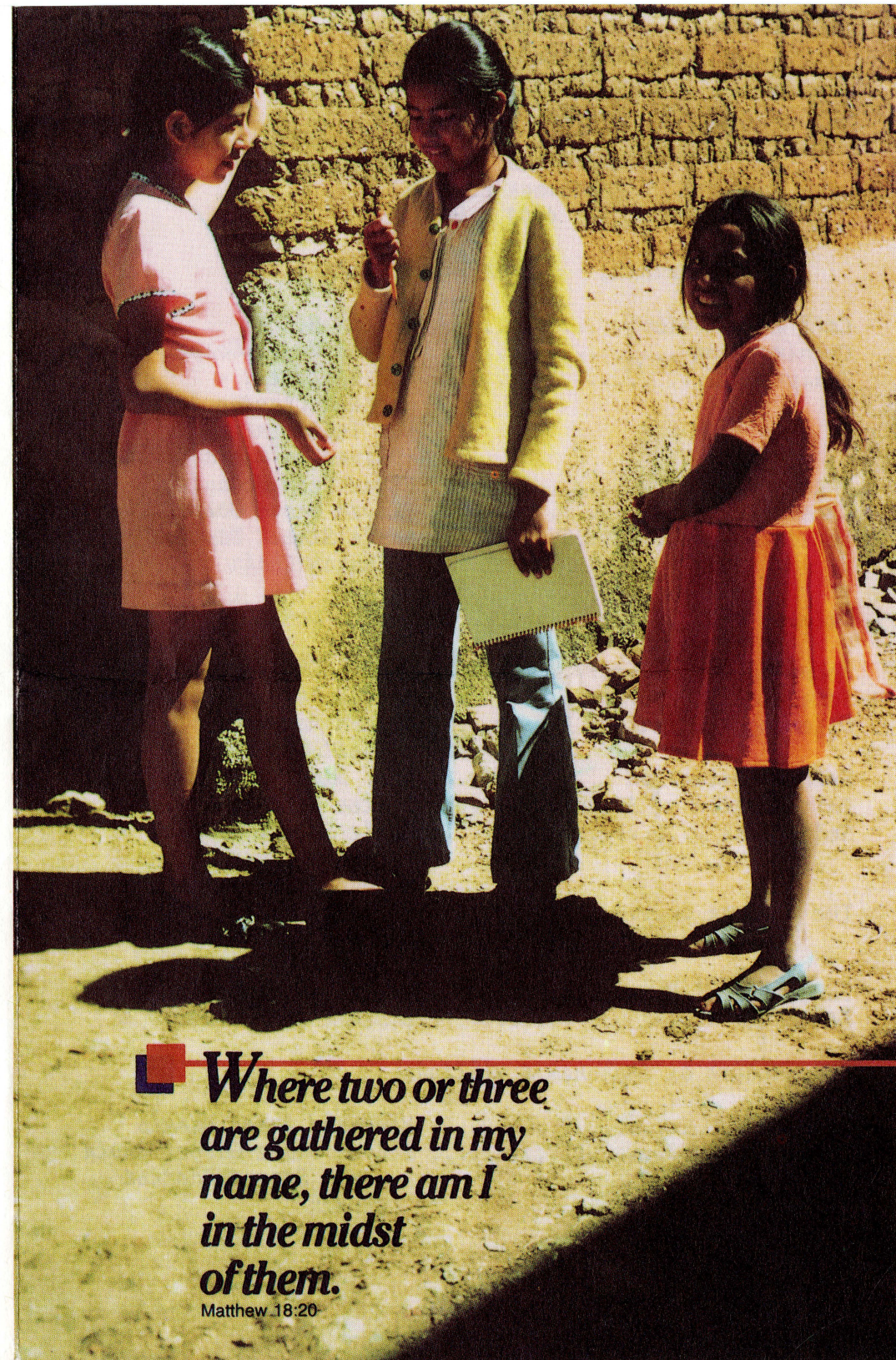
**O**ur century has seen many revolutions, such as the communist overthrow of the Russian czar in 1917. Political or military coups usher in new centers of power, always with the promise of ending tyranny and establishing justice. Rarely is the promise fulfilled. Fear and greed and lust make a place in the new group just as it did in the old.

Someone has said, "I invite you to a one person revolution, the only kind of revolution that is coming." Until the hearts and minds of people are changed, one by one, there is no real change. To replace one selfish group with another selfish group produces no utopia.

Jesus came not to overthrow governments or economic systems, but to redeem people, one by one. A person whose direction has been turned from greed to selflessness, from dishonesty to integrity, from sloth to industry becomes salt and yeast in society. The whole is changed because of the one.

As we worship with Jesus in our midst, we are in the center of the most radical force in the world. Quietly, without armies or intrigue, without fanfare, Jesus invades this world's ethics and aesthetics, its politics and economics, its governments and culture. Jesus changes people's hearts, and marches on to change the world.

Jesus gave to his small group of followers the responsibility to spread the news that would change the world. Undaunted by the odds that faced them, they fanned out to spread the good news of God's love in Christ throughout the world. Christ was on the march. He still is.



**Where two or three  
are gathered in my  
name, there am I  
in the midst  
of them.**

Matthew 18:20

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First Baptist Church  
103 North Main Street  
Lexington, Virginia

120th Church Anniversary  
September 20, 1987  
4:00 P.M.

Presiding - Sister Brenda Miller

Call to Worship .....	Sister Miller
Opening Hymn .....	Silver Grove Gospel Chorus
Scripture .....	Old Testament - Elder Clayton Jackson
	New Testament - Reverend Michael Purdue
Prayer .....	Elder Leon McCauley
Choral Response .....	Silver Grove Gospel Chorus
Selection .....	Maple Street Baptist Church Choir
Welcome .....	Sister Donna Johnson
Response .....	Sister Charlene Thompson
Selection .....	Silver Grove Gospel Chorus
Offering & Offertory Prayer ....	Deacon Morrison & Guest Deacons
Special Selection .....	Mrs. James Harris
Introduction of Speaker .....	Sister Miller
Selections .....	Maple Street Baptist Church Choir
	Silver Grove Gospel Chorus
The Message .....	Reverend Michael Enzlow Maple Street Baptist Church Roanoke, Virginia
Invitational Hymn .....	Silver Grove Gospel Chorus
Financial Report .....	Brother John Douglas
Recognition of Churches & Visitors	
Remarks .....	Reverend James Harris
Closing Hymn .....	Silver Grove Gospel Choir Maple Street Baptist Church
Benediction	

Patron List

Mrs. Jane Alexander	\$ 5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wendell Baker, Sr.	25.00
Ms. Bertha Beale	10.00
Mrs. Leroy Beale	25.00
Ms. Ella J. Bowyer	10.00
Mrs. Mary Bowyer	10.00
Mrs. Elvia Brooks	120.00
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Mrs. Brenda Miller	120.00
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Mrs. Katherine Waller	10.00
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Mrs. Lotus Williams	15.00
Mrs. C. M. Wood	120.00
Mrs. Constance Woodford	25.00

## HISTORY OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The Negro membership of the Manly Memorial Baptist Church, (except one Nancy) having asked for and obtained letters of dismissal, organized a new church in Lexington on Sunday night, September 22, 1867. A Presbytery consisting of Elders J. B. Cowen and J. Williams Jones organized them into the Lexington African Baptist Church. The membership of the new church was one hundred and fifty-two. They were well counseled, best wishes extended them, and a friendly feeling prevailed.

Members and friends worshiped approximately twenty-five years in the first church under the leadership of the following ministers: Clergymen Smith, Elliott, Jackson, Troy, Barksdale, Howard, Moss and Johnson. The latter served in the present church.

Brave men recognized the need of a larger and more modern edifice. Brother David Humbles lead a march giving twenty-five dollars; he was followed by Brothers Lylburn Downing, Joe Edmonson, Harvey Harper, Hugh Harvey, Richard Osborne, Robert Price, Phillip Pryor, and Jefferson Shields. This was not the only gift: they were joined by other friends and paid laborers who dug the foundation for our present church after working all day. Many of their wives and good wishers held lanterns and gave them moral support. Later came the masons, Mr. Irk Poindexter, the Moores from Amherst, Virginia, and the carpenter, Mr. Richard Jones: hence, the church we now worship in became a reality.

Over eighty years have passed since we have occupied our present church and one hundred and twenty years as a group praising our Maker. The building has been furnished, decorated, the lower sanctuary has been divided into classrooms, the parsonage has been built, a lot on the corner of Main and Henry purchased, and numerous other undertakings achieved. Our work is not completed; many things are yet to be accomplished.

A large number of organizations have been started and do exist in First Baptist. The surroundings have been attractive, God's word has been proclaimed, therefore, many souls have been won for Christ.

The following ministers have been privileged to lead our congregation in the present edifice: Reverends W. T. Johnson, P. S. Lewis, J. W. Lucas, J. Carruthers, J. W. Tynes, J. A. Brinkley, S. A. Thurston, J. L. Gonslaves, P. W. Cook, J. W. Goodgame, C. O. Mitchell, E. L. Green, P. G. Crawford, J. Cooper, V. Simms, C. M. Cofield, J. E. Trotman, L. Rainey, T. Anthony, J. H. Scott and J. E. Harris.

