

Opening Service At First Baptist Church

First Baptist church will have its opening service in its newly-completed sanctuary Sunday at 10:50 a.m. Rev. Erik Madsen will preach on "The House of God."

The new church seats nearly 400 persons; construction began on it in June of 1966 following an April 1966 groundbreaking.

Architects are Leslie I. Nichols, A. I. A. and Edgar R. Zimmer of Palo Alto. Contractor was F. B. Stearns Construction company of Aptos. Total cost of the church plant is approximately \$258,000 which includes landscaping and furnishings. Current total indebtedness is now down to less than \$85,000 according to Rev. Madsen who credits all church committees with doing a fine piece of work.

The building committee consists of: A. W. Anderson, Frank Black, George Haney, Mrs. F. S. March, Mrs. Clarence Nielson, C. A. Rhoades, Ray Thomas, Steven A. Traylor and L. J. Thorp who served as chairman.

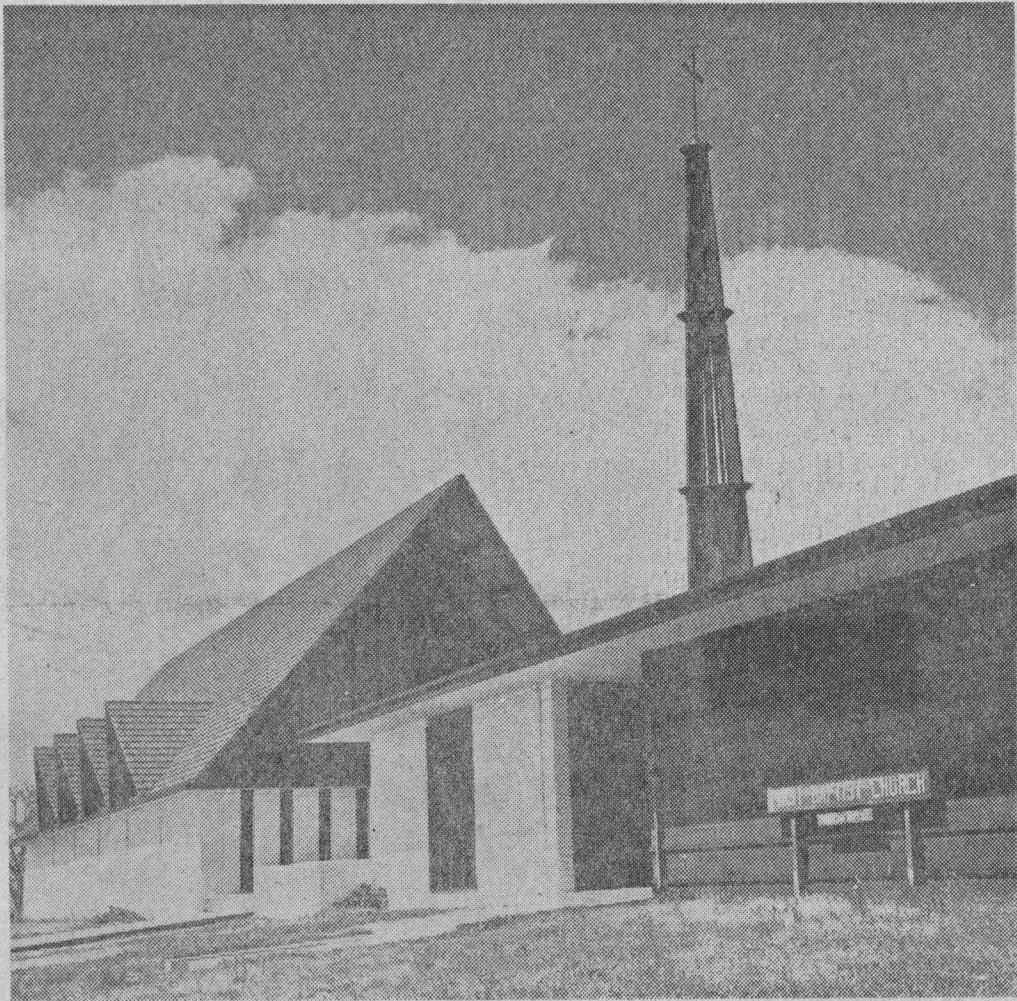
Capital funds director for the project was Rev. Harold Litsey of the American Baptist Home Mission society.

The new organ, being installed this week, is from Reid Organ company.

The church began as the Baptist Temple, organized in 1858 in Santa Cruz with Rev. C. Sprague as pastor. The 32 by 50-foot wooden building first stood on Locust street, was moved in 1887 to Walnut avenue.

In 1910 it was remodeled and was used until 1965 when the old building was demolished and the church moved to its new Fellowship hall at the corner of Roxas and Trevethan streets.

All members and friends are invited to the opening service Sunday, announced Rev. Mad-



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