

Church Occupies New Worship Unit

After two years of saving their money and ten months of watching construction work in progress, the members of Mount Vernon Baptist Church Sunday morning conducted their first worship services in their new house of worship.

The structure is located on NC 89 about three miles east of Lowgap.

The first official use of the building came Saturday evening when the church conducted a special gospel singing.

"Even though we built a new church, there just wasn't room to get everybody inside and seated," reported Mrs. Sam Blevins, the church clerk.

The church, which now has about 75 active members, outgrew the former structure, which still stands on a site just west of the new building. The Rev. Robert Adams of Galax, Va., pastor of the

church, has led the effort in acquiring the new building.

A contractor was employed to do the heavy construction work on the 36 by 60 foot building. The members did a lot of the lighter work in helping see it completed.

A choir loft is located behind the pulpit. Sunday school rooms are located on the same ground floor level as the auditorium.

Established in 1946, the church conducts Sunday school and worship services each Sunday morning. In addition, worship services are held at 7 p.m. each second and fourth Sunday evenings.

Current plans are to retain the old church structure and perhaps use it as a church fellowship hall.

Visitors are welcome at all services, the church members reported.



... members of the church line up Sunday morning for their first picture at the new house of worship . . .

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