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Groundbreaking Held Sunday At Midway Church

Around 500 persons gathered on the grounds of Midway Baptist Church on North Franklin Road Sunday at 12:30 p.m. to watch officials of the church use a special shovel to turn over the first earth in the church's program to erect a new, larger house of worship.

The Rev. Lee Meadows, pastor of the church, was joined by Kyle Shelton, chairman of the church's board of deacons, and Jerry Parker, chairman of the building committee, in performing the task of "breaking the ground".

There were 357 persons in Sunday School at the morning hour preceding the worship service. A homecoming planned for the afternoon day began to draw extra dozens of worshippers until about 500 were present by the time the groundbreaking ceremonies were

held.

The new sanctuary is to be erected by Tierney Construction Company of Winston-Salem. A recent bond issue totaled approximately \$125,000 in providing financing for the soon-to-be 715 seat structure.

Given a prominent place in the ceremonies Sunday was the Rev. Oscar Walker, a former pastor of the church.

Work on the new church is expected to begin in about a week, with the project scheduled to be completed in about six months. The building will include, in addition to the sanctuary, a pastor's study, a choir room, baptistry, will be air conditioned throughout and offer an attractive modernistic design in outward appearance.

The older structure will continue to be utilized for Sunday school classroom space.

Site of the new worship center will be on the south side of the present church building.

The structure has been designed so that an education plant may be

joined to it in the future if the need arises and the members decide.