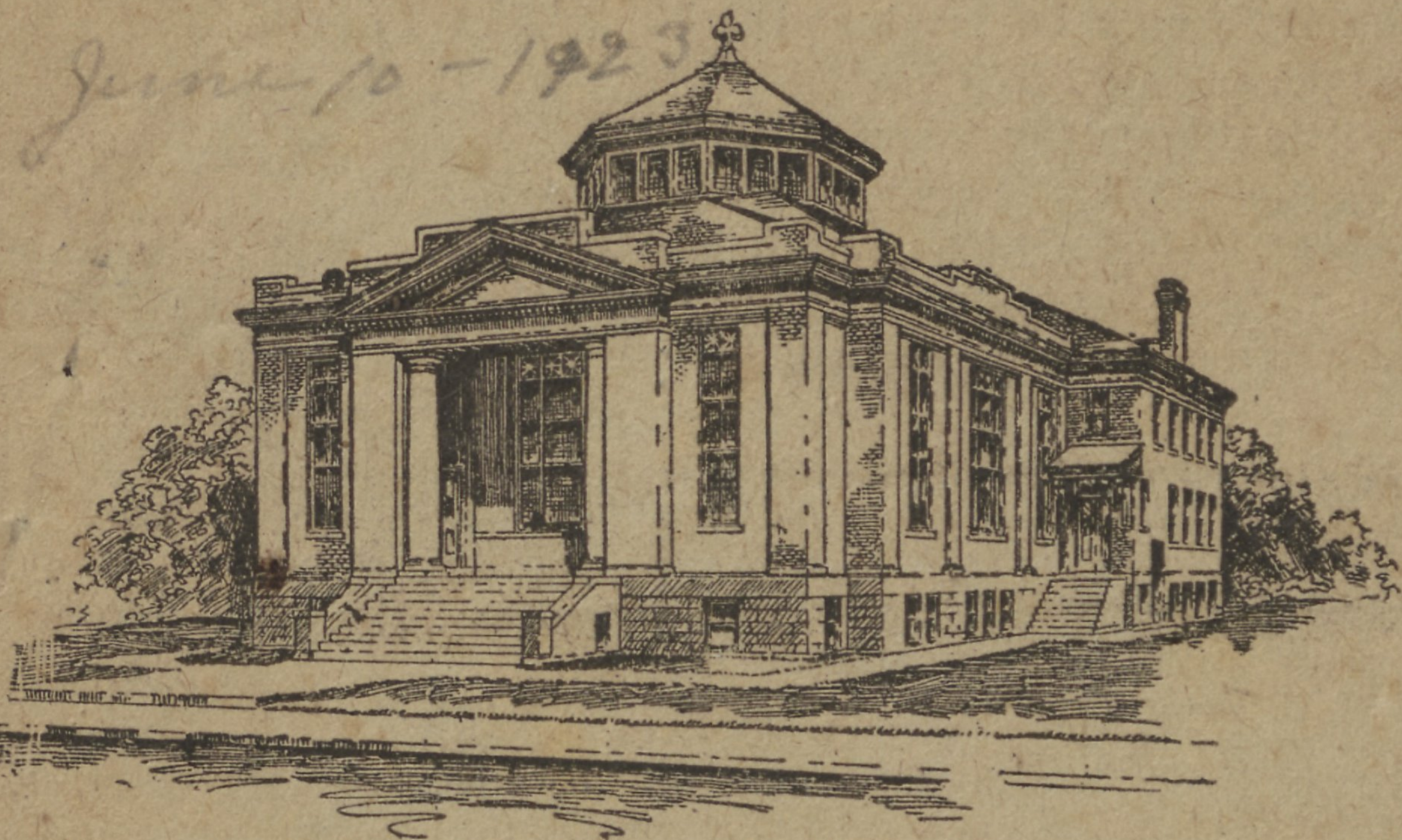


# CHRISTIAN CHURCH GROWTH IN 20 YEARS PROUD RECORD, DEDICATION SERVICES SUNDAY



## Greenville Christian Church

Special dedication services of the Christian church will be held next Sunday. The Rev. S. Lee Sadler, former pastor of the church, will deliver the sermon at the morning services at 11 o'clock. A splendid program of music will also be rendered. The Rev. Dr. W. P. Shamhart, pastor of the church, will preach the evening sermon.

The growth of the Christian church has been remarkable in the last 20 years. Organized with a membership of 23, it now has on its rolls 450 members. The structure is one of the finest in Eastern Carolina, and its auditorium one of the best in state, size considered.

The organization of the church is the result of a visit made to Greenville, in 1833, by the Rev. Thomas Campbell, who was a pioneer in unifying the believers and followers of Christ. His preachments and creed made a deep impression here at the time, historians say, but it was not until after the lapse of many years

that a move was undertaken to give his doctrine definite form. However, 23 years ago T. E. Hooker, E. A. Moye, J. A. Lang, together with a group of other citizens met in the home of Mr. Hooker and formed the church. The first building was erected at Church St., and Dickerson Ave. The structure was moved to the present site in 1916, and made the Sunday school unit of imposing edifice that stands as a memorial to the memory of its original members.

The last dollar of debt against the church was paid last May, and expert appraisers place a value on the church holdings today at more than \$90,000. It was built during the pastorate of the Rev. J. J. Walker. It is equipped with one of the finest, best toned and well balanced Hall pipe organs in this section of the state. It was donated by the T. M. Hooker estate, under the direction of the sisters and brothers of the man who did so much to expand the church during his life.