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THE HISTORY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

IDIKAN IBADAN AND HER ROLE IN

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ABSTRACT

This essay is a historical documentation on First Baptist Church, Idikan, Ibadan. Events do occur in the lifetime of man, and institutions, but it is written history that put them in true perspective. Where written document is lacking chronological order of events can be muddled up. This on its own can create a problem for future generation.

Part of the experiences gained during the course of putting together the essay, are: the vital role geographical and cultural setting play in Church planting and future growth; and the importance of timely and , detailed recording of events as they occur in the life of the Church.

Chapter two detailed, the political and cultural setting of Ibadan with a view to understanding how these factors affect the life of a Church.

In chapter three, the early structural setting of the Church was looked into. These include the spiritual and secular development. Also in the same chapter, the role of the Church in the convention formation was focused on.

The fourth chapter takes a look at later growth of the Church as well as the emerging Church organizations and societies. The vital role each of these played were highlighted.

Chapter five, apart from concluding the essay also reveal the activities of all the Church officers from inception. A few observation of the author are expressed in the chapter.

CONCLUSION

There is a perceived need for the church to move forward in certain areas.

The changing demography of the area in which the church is located demand a special attention to inner city evangelism and outreach to the youth. There is an overwhelming yearning of the youth for the Holy Spirit power and it would appear any church that will ignore this important need will alienate her youth. The evangelical/Pentecostal experience has come to stay for now. Furthermore the church should seek to incorporate modern communication and information technology to her library in order to enhance record keeping.