



## First Baptist Church

NW Corner of Wolfe and Mason

This church was organized in 1871 under its first pastor, Reverend William Hill, on West Market Street. In August of 1872 Dewitt C. Jones and his wife, Cynthera A. Jones conveyed property to First Baptist Church at the corner of Wolfe and

Mason Streets at a cost of \$850.00. In 1878 the church was set back away from the street and a new church was built in front of it. The old church was used as a lecture and social hall. In 1963 the City of Harrisonburg purchased the Wolfe Street church for the Urban Renewal Program and it was demolished to make way for widening Mason Street. A groundbreaking for the present church on Broad Street was Sept. 17, 1963. While the Broad Street church was under construction, the congregation met at the Lucy F. Simms School under the leadership of Rev. T. C. Allen.

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