

NEW JERSEY CHURCH TO MARK 200TH YEAR

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SCOTCH PLAINS, N. J., Sept. 27—Services commemorating the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Scotch Plains Baptist Church will be held tomorrow and will continue through Oct. 5. The Rev. Edward E. Peterson, pastor of the church for twenty-two years, will be in charge of the observance.

On Tuesday night a cast of seventy-five players will present a historical pageant depicting the history of the church. The anniversary fellowship dinner will be served Friday night. An exhibit during the week will be early Americana including historical papers, books and pictures.

The Scotch Plains church was organized on Aug. 5, 1747. The Rev. Benjamin Miller, the first pastor, served thirty-four years. On June 19, 1762, he helped to organize the First Baptist Church, New York. The Rev. John Gano, a former resident here, was the first pastor. James Manning, a former member of the local church, became the first president of the College of Rhode Island, now Brown University.

Eighteen ministers have served the church since organization. Four are buried in its cemetery.