
M. P. Moller (Opus 10914, 1973)

HISTORY AND STATUS
by Kyle Townsend
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This organ was donated to First Baptist Church of Parsons, TN in 1973 by the Hobart Townsend family. The occasion of the donation was the construction of a new Church sanctuary. The new sanctuary measured approximately 70 feet wide by 100 feet deep and 24 feet high, with an additional rear elevated balcony measuring 70 feet wide and 30 feet deep. The sanctuary sat approximately 550 people.

Around September 9, 2020 the organ was professionally removed from the sanctuary by Barger & Nix Organs of Chatanooga, TN. This same company had also been responsible for the periodic maintenance and tuning of the organ. The occasion of the removal was a major renovation and modernization of the sanctuary. At that time, the organ was fully functional and reportedly in good condition for its age.

The organ was stored by First Baptist Church in a climate controlled environment for the next three years. Having made the decision that organ would not be reinstalled and that the modernized sanctuary would not have an organ, in 2023 the Church returned the organ to surviving members of the Townsend family who originally donated the organ.

The Townsend family continues to preserve the organ in climate controlled storage and wishes to place the organ in a new and appropriate venue, such as a Church or University. Interested parties should inquire of Kyle Townsend at the address given below.

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