

Central Presbyterian Church

Hanley Road and Davis Drive

Rev. Theodore S. Smylie, D.D. - - - Minister

Ninetieth Anniversary

APRIL 22nd, 1934

*"Our Father's God, from out Whose Hand,
The centuries fall like grains of sand,
We meet today united, free,
To thank Thee for the era done,
And trust Thee for the opening one."*

1844-1934



Home Coming Service 11 A. M.

Prelude, "Chorale in A-Minor".....Cesar Franck
Processional No. 196, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
Doxology—Apostle's Creed—Invocation
The Lord's Prayer
Responsive Reading, Psalm 48
Anthem, "Lord, We Pray in Mercy Lead Us" ("Finlandia").....Sibelius
Hymn No. 529, "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"
Scripture Reading.....Rev. Walter M. Langtry, D.D.
Pastoral Prayer.....Rev. Theodore S. Smylie, D.D.
Choral Response, "Seven-fold Amen".....Stainer
Offertoire Anthem, "Sanctus".....Gounod
Sermon.....Rev. Henry H. Sweets, D.D.
Recessional No. 346, "He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought"
Benediction.....Rev. Walter M. Langtry, D.D.
Postlude, "Anniversary March".....Erb

WELCOME!

TO

CENTRAL

"THE FRIENDLY"

Presbyterian Church

Theodore S. Smylie, D.D., Minister

We take much pleasure in the presence of strangers. We wish to know you and will thank you to put your name and address on attached blank, break off and drop into offering plate or hand to Usher or Pastor.

MAY THE SERVICE BE A
BLESSING TO YOU

(OVER)

Name

Address

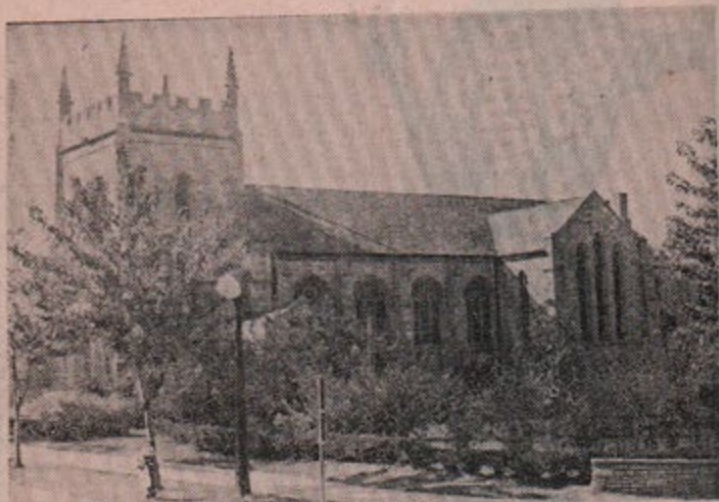
Church Membership:

Church

City



Central Presbyterian to Hold Centennial



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Hanley road and Davis drive, Clayton, where services marking the founding of the parish 100 years ago, will be held tomorrow and all through next week. The parish numbers 1090 members.

The 100th anniversary of the founding of Central Presbyterian Church will be held tomorrow in the new church, Hanley road and Davis drive. Dr. Donald W. Richardson, present moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, has been invited to be guest preacher at the 11 a. m. service tomorrow.

Former pastors of the church will address the congregation at other services to be held throughout the week. They are: Dr. Edward H. Mack of Orange, Va., who was pastor from 1895 to 1897; Dr. James L. Fowle of Chattanooga, Tenn., who was pastor from 1923 to 1929, and Rev. Dr. George Mauze of Winston-Salem, N. C., who is the son of a former pastor, Rev. J. Layton Mauze, who served the church from 1902 to 1917. Dr. Richardson has served his church as a minister and teacher both in America and in China. He is now professor of comparative religions and missions in the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

Eleven new deacons elected by the congregation will be installed and ordained at the service tomorrow. During the afternoon the young people of the St. Louis Presbytery will hold their annual spring rally in the church.

Monday at 8 p. m. an interdenominational service will be held. Dr. J. Francis Sant, rector of the Church of St. Michael and St. George, Dr. Charles M. Crowe, minister of Centenary Methodist Church, and Dr. Clark Walker Cummings, executive secretary of the Metropolitan Church Federation, will speak. A reception for the ministers and members of the churches of St. Louis will follow this service.

Tuesday at 9 a. m. the Presbytery of St. Louis, U. S. and the Auxiliary of Presbytery will convene for their annual spring meetings. Representatives of the Presbytery's 18 churches will be present. In the evening at a joint session of the two groups, an inspirational address will be brought by Rev. Dr. George Mauze. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed and Rev. H. H. Watson of Clayton will be installed as Home Mission Superintendent of the St. Louis Presbytery.



DR. B. F. HALL

Dr. Edward H. Mack will speak at 8 p. m. Wednesday; Dr. James L. Fowle will be guest preacher at the Thursday and Friday evening services, and again at the two services next Sunday which will close the centennial program.

Central Presbyterian Church was founded April 19, 1844, by a number of the members of the Second Presbyterian Church of St. Louis after they had received the authority to found a new church from the Presbytery of St. Louis. At that time the church was known as the Fourth Presbyterian Church and did not receive its present name until 1846. The church started with 32 members and for two years they worshiped in a frame building at the corner of Sixth and St. Charles streets. Rev. Alexander Van Court was called to be the first pastor in 1845. Since that time the church has had nine other pastors and four different locations—Eighth and Locust streets in 1848; Lucas and Garrison avenues in 1873; Clara avenue and Delmar boulevard in 1906, and Hanley road and Davis drive in 1931.

The church has been noted for its friendliness and its benevolence work. Its strength for service is indicated by the contributions of a single year. During 1928 the congregation raised for all causes \$59,685.88. It has supported several missionaries in Korea and China in its history. Moody and Sankey held afternoon Bible meetings in the church during the winter of 1879-80. Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, the great English preacher and Bible expositor, conducted a week of services in January, 1926.

In its present location the church is a merger of the Central Presbyterian Church and the Clayton Presbyterian Church. The Clayton church was founded in 1886, and for over 30 years preceding the union with Central was served by Dr. Walter M. Langtry. The membership of Central Church today is 1090 and is directed by a staff of six and a large number of lay workers. Dr. B. F. Hall, Dr. Walter M. Langtry and Rev. Herman Schuessler are the ministers. Mrs. Doyne C. Neal is organist and director of a choir.

Central Presbyterian To Hold Special Services On Centennial

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Dr. Donald W. Richardson, moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States and professor of comparative religions and missions in Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., will preach at morning and evening services tomorrow.

During the afternoon, the Young People of the St. Louis Presbytery, U. S., will hold their annual spring rally at the church, and in the evening, 11 new deacons recently elected by the congregation will be ordained and installed.

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The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed, and the Rev. H. H. Watson of Clayton will be installed as the home mission superintendent of the St. Louis Presbytery at the evening service.

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As it moved, its membership has fluctuated, but never has it had less than the original 32, and at one time it reached a total of 1,106. It has supported several missionaries in Korea and China, and in 1928 the congregation raised \$59,685.88 for all causes.

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DR. B. F. HALL

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN TO KEEP 100TH ANNIVERSARY

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Tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock the young people of the St. Louis Presbytery will hold their annual spring rally at the church. At the evening service tomorrow, 11 new deacons will be ordained and installed. Dr. James L. Fowle, pastor of the church from 1923 to 1929, will close the centennial week with two services next Sunday, April 23.

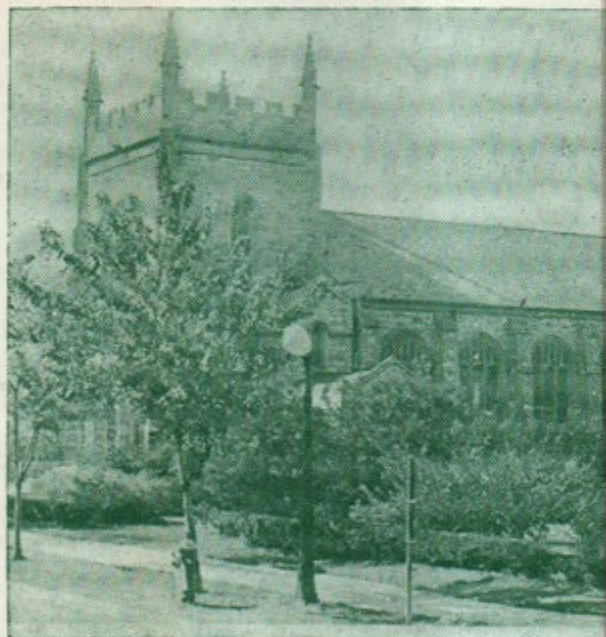
Central Presbyterian Church was founded April 19, 1844, with a membership of 32. Services were held in a frame building at Sixth and St. Charles streets. Today its members total 1090, served by a staff of six.

Presbyterian
Church

Wm. C. H. M.

Central Presbyterian

Hanley Road and Davis Drive
Clayton, Mo.



One Hundredth Anniversary
Program

1844-1944



MINISTERS



A Century of Service

Since its founding on April 19, 1844, Central Presbyterian Church has had a distinguished record of ministry to the community and the Christian enterprise throughout the world.

We cordially invite St. Louis County to join with us in commemorating this significant century of service.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hanley Rd. and Davis Drive, Clayton

Ministers

DR. B. F. HALL

DR. WALTER M. LANGTRY

REV. HERMAN SCHUESSLER

Founded
April 19,
1844

CENTENNIAL PROGRAM

Sunday, April 16—
11:00 A. M. and 8:00 P. M.

Dr. Donald W. Richardson, Moderator of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Church, U. S., guest minister.

The Spring Rally of the Young People of the St. Louis Presbytery.

Monday, April 17th—8:00 P. M.

Inter-Church Night.

Dr. J. Francis Sant, Rector Church of St. Michael and St. George.

Dr. Charles M. Crowe, Minister Centenary Church.

Dr. Clark W. Cummings, Executive Secretary Metropolitan Church Federation of St. Louis.

Tuesday, April 18th—
9:00 A. M. and 8:00 P. M.

The Spring Meetings of the St. Louis Presbytery and the Auxiliary of Presbytery.

Dr. George Mauze, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, guest minister.

Wednesday, April 19th—
8:00 P. M.

Dr. Edward H. Mack, Orange, Virginia, guest minister.

Thursday, April 20th—
8:00 P. M.

Dr. James Fowle, Chattanooga, Tennessee, guest minister.

Friday, April 21st—8:00 P. M.
Young People's Night, Dr. James Fowle.

Sunday, April 23rd—
11:00 A. M. and 8:00 P. M.

Dr. James Fowle, guest minister.

Public Service and
County Bus to the
Church

AS ADVERTISED IN THE OBSERVER

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A TRIBUTE TO DR. HALL

This number of the Centralian is dedicated to Dr. B. Frank Hall, in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of his installation as pastor of Central Presbyterian Church. In order better to understand the anniversary, let us go back to events that preceded that day in 1937 when Dr. Hall first assumed the leadership of our church.

In the late 1920's the leaders of Central were keenly aware that they should move the church from its location at Clara Avenue and Delmar Boulevard. Ambitious plans were laid for a new building program, and work was started on the present edifice in 1930 for the combined congregation of Central and Clayton Presbyterian Church, the latter then located at Hanley and Forsythe Boulevard.

However, the men who wisely planned Central's expansion unluckily found their program caught in the vise-like grip of the 1930 depression. Their plight was the rule and not the exception for enterprises caught in the midst of an expansion program by the depression. Good company, however, did not lessen the church's burden.

A debt of \$265,000 hung over the church, and its troubles were further complicated by the seeming inability to find a pastor capable of taking care of both the spiritual and temporal needs of Central. As a result for a period of ten months the church did not have a regular pastor. The fact that the church held together at all during this trying period was due to the untiring efforts of the trustees, deacons and elders, supported by a congregation that made up in loyalty and effort what it lacked in numbers and financial strength.

It was about this time that a member of the congregation mentioned the name of a young minister not quite out of his twenties who, with the possible exception of his youth, seemed to have all the qualifications needed for the position. His biographical sketch mentioned that his name was Dr. B. Frank Hall, born in Wilmington, North Carolina, February 26, 1908. He was educated in North Carolina and Virginia, receiving the A. B. degree from Davidson College of North Carolina in 1929 where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa (scholastic), Alpha Phi Epsilon (forensic), and Sigma Upsilon (literary), honorary fraternities. He took his theological training at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, receiving the B. D. degree in 1932 and being awarded the Hodge Fellowship. In 1933 he received his degree of Master of Theology and of Doctor of Theology in 1937. Dr. Hall was ordained in 1932 and held a pastorate in Morehead City, North Carolina. He was the youngest minister (at that time) on whom the Union Theological Seminary had ever conferred the Doctor of Theology degree. Dr. Hall represents the eighth generation in his family in the Presbyterian ministry.

Dr. Hall was married to Adelaide Peiffer October 10, 1933, and they now have three children; John Tannahill born January 8, 1940; Michael Hoke born September 12, 1941, and Frank Peiffer born October 5, 1947. All three children were born at the Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis.

After careful deliberation B. Frank Hall was unanimously selected as pastor. He moved to St. Louis December 30, 1937, and preached his first sermon as minister of Central, on Sunday, January 2, 1938. His topic was "Marching Orders for a New Year," Scripture—Joshua 1.

On January 5, 1938, at 7:30 p. m. an informal reception was given in the church parlors to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Hall. (Sunday, December 21, 1947, a surprise reception was given to celebrate Rev. Dr. Hall's completion of ten years as pastor of the church.)

Dr. Hall's pastoral message in his first service on January 2, 1938, was as follows:

"Together we begin, with this New Year, a new era, in the life of

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... of ...

Dr. Benjamin Franklin Hall

as Pastor of

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 2, 1938 . . . January 4, 1948



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CENTRAL CHURCH IS DEBT FREE!

Oscar Rexford, Fielding Childress and John Raeburn Green burning the mortgage at the Annual Congregational Meeting, as Edwin J. Spiegel and Dr. Mauze look on. Also taking part in the ceremony were Robert C. Mare, William H. Bronaugh, and Robert Lee Mernagh. (The photographer did not get the latter three in the picture.)

“With grand ceremony, the mortgage was burned by Oscar Rexford, Fielding Childress and John Raeburn Green, sons of those who served on the Building Committee of the New Central Presbyterian Church back in 1930.”

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MRS. DOYNE C. NEAL HONORED

Last Friday evening, June 12, approximately 400 members of Central and friends of Mrs. Neal attended the reception given in recognition of her thirty-three years of service as Organist and Choir Director of Central Church.

The evening was climaxed with the presentation of a television set by Mr. W. H. Bronaugh, acting on behalf of the members of Central Church.

Marion Hocker Memorial to Be Dedicated

A group of stained glass windows, given by Mrs. Lon O. Hocker Sr. to Central Presbyterian Church in memory of her son, the late Marion B. Hocker, will be dedicated at tomorrow's 9:30 and 11 a. m. worship services at the church, 801 South Hanley rd., Clayton.

The windows, in keeping with the Gothic architecture of the sanctuary, consist of a large center window made up of three panels in the east wall of the tower over the church's main entrance, flanked by two smaller windows in the north and south walls. Behind and above the gallery at the rear of the nave, they are best seen by the congregation leaving the church after worship.

The windows were designed by Francis Deck of the Emil Frei Studios here and executed by the nationally-known St. Louis stained glass artisans.

Based on the general theme of "Teaching," the center panel contains a large figure of Christ. His hand upraised in the attitude of a teacher. A small medallion below shows the boy Jesus teaching in the temple at an early age.

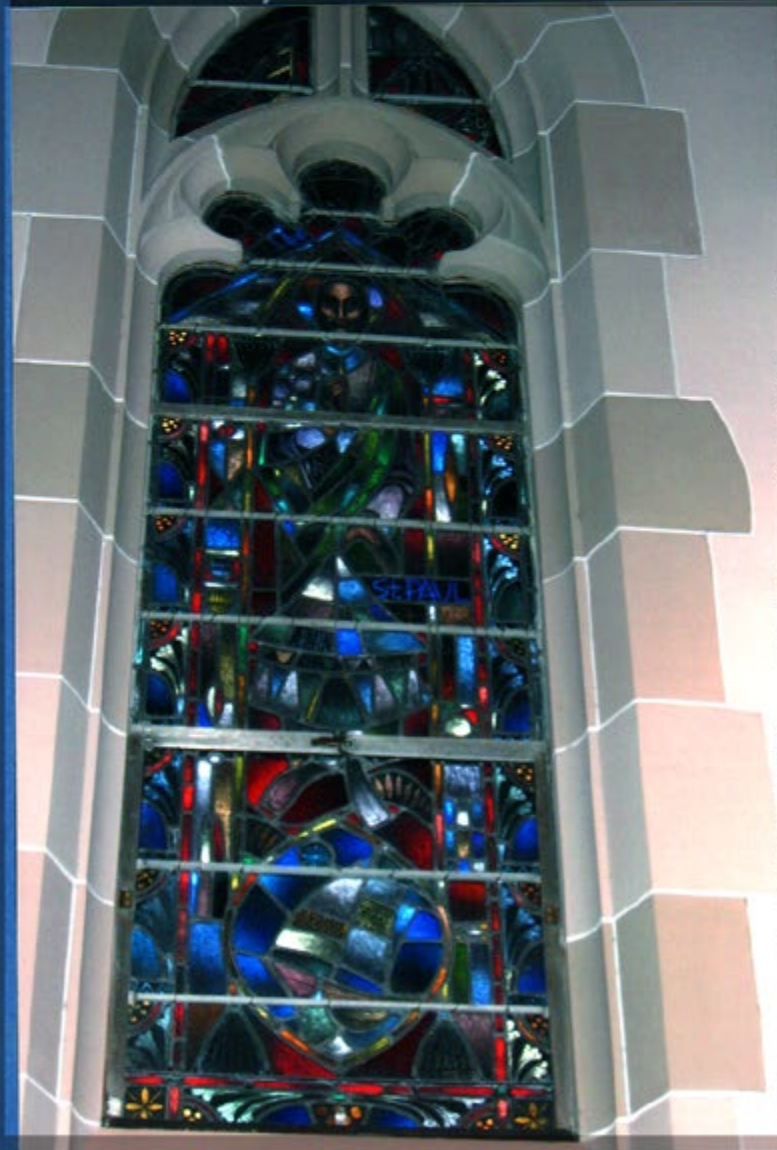
The adjoining panels contain the figures of the four Gospel writers, Matthew and Mark on the left, Luke and John on the right. The two smaller windows on the side walls of the tower show the Apostle Paul on the north and the Apostle Peter on the south.

A St. Louis attorney, Marion Hocker was a member of the Board of Deacons of Central Church at the time of his death in 1954. He was a son of the late Lon O. Hocker, attorney and former president of the St. Louis Board of Police Commissioners.

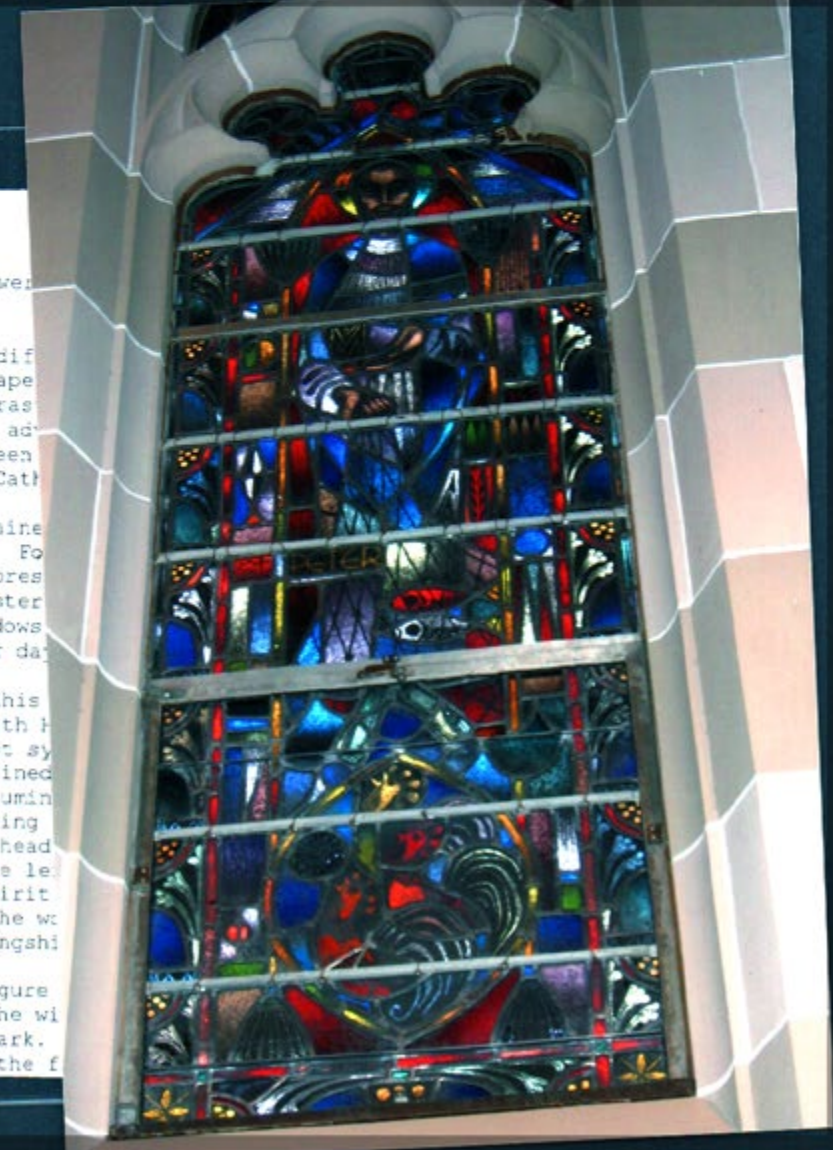
Balcony
Windows
designed
by
Francis
Deck of
Emil Frei
Studios



Theme is "Teaching" - Christ in center panel, Matthew & Mark on left, Luke & John on the right.



North tower window - St. Paul



South tower window - St. Peter

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ



THE CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MINISTERS: ANDREW A. JUMPER DONALD M. MEGAHAN

March 10, 1978

50 years

Mrs. Irving Smith
6159 McPherson Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63119

Dear Selma:

We understand that you have been a member of Central for more than 50 years. This means that you have a special place in this church. We appreciate you very much, and we want to say that in a special way.

On April 9 at 4:00 p.m. we will dedicate the new education facility on Hanley Road. At that time we want to honor you. We will have a red carnation for you and are asking that you sit with all the other "Special" people that day. We are reserving the first few pews on the north side of the sanctuary for all who have been members more than fifty years. Will you please be present and sit with this group?

So that we might know who will be present, we are enclosing a card for you to fill in and return. It will help if you send it back by return mail.

Again, let me say how much we are looking forward to having you as part of our celebration on April 9.

Yours in Christ,

Donald M. Megahan

P.S. Enclosed is the list of all those that we know about who have been members at least 50 years. If you know someone who does not appear on the list, please call us and let us know immediately.

Mariella Coe ↓ Stella Pettus ↓ Mary Dell Arthur ↓ Jane Stuedt ↓ Mrs. Momroe Lewis

Mrs. Raleigh Andrews
52 Middlesex Drive 63144

Mrs. Edmund Barker
80 York Drive 63144

Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Bercaw
6 Colonial Court 63124

Mrs. Florence Cambell
6220 Oakland 63139

Mrs. Valle Grossman
167 N. Bemiston 63105

Mrs. Leroy Hartt
425 Carswold Drive 63105

Mr. Alfred Nall
1095 S. McKnight Road 63117

Mr. Homer Rapp
311 Simmons Avenue 63119

Mr. Wesley Reed
15201 Olive Apt. 138a
Chesterfield 63017

Mr. Oscar Rexford
41 Tealwood Drive 63141

Mrs. Elzey Roberts
38 Glen Eagles Drive 63124

Mrs. Irving Smith
6159 McPherson Avenue 63119

Mrs. Tom K. Smith
709 S. Skinker 63105

Mr. Fred Sternberg
25 Narragansett Drive 63124

Mr. James Thompson
63 Aberdeen Place 63105

Mr. Peter Wetzel
14 Fleetwood Drive 63124

Mr. R. H. B. Thompson
807 S. Bemiston 63105

Mrs. Joseph White
43 Picardy Lane 63124

also Dr. Garland Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Hahn
Hattie Barron Lane

Oscar Rexford



Dr. Garland Smith Jim Thompson Dottie Barker Beulah Andrews Noel Kerth

Photo and names provided by Virginia Trovillian, daughter of Beulah Andrews.

Clayton Church Plans To Combine 1977 Skiing Trip With Spiritual Retreat

By JAMES E. ADAMS
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

Church-related recreational programs have been around for decades, but few Midwestern congregations can top a coming outing of Central Presbyterian Church in Clayton.

In two weeks, the Rev. Dr. Andrew A. Jumper and about 75 members and friends of the congregation will spend a week at a Colorado resort combining skiing with a spiritual retreat.

In addition to slope and cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, there will be fireside sermons, Bible reading, formal worship and informal group and family sessions.

"Fun, fellowship and worship," said the Rev. Dr.

Jumper, 48 years old, the gregarious Texan who became senior minister of the affluent Clayton congregation six years ago.

The Rev. Dr. Jumper and his wife, Sidney, emphasized that the outing has a serious intention of ministering and is not simply a higher-brow version of a church bowling team.

"We believe it is important to experience recreation in the context of the Christian faith," he said. "The church wants all of life—free time included—to be part of experiencing and sharing Jesus Christ."

The ski-retreat is a simple case of ministering at the socio-economic level of the majority of his congregation, the Rev. Dr. Jumper said.

Noting that his members have above-average wealth, the Rev. Dr. Jumper said he decided when he came to Central to minister where his people were, and not to interject a ministry alien to the Establishment culture strongly represented in the congregation.

Neither the ski-retreat nor the over-all program at Central is in any sense religious escapism, he said.

About \$160,000 of the church's annual budget of \$500,000 goes to a variety of community service programs that will match those of most congregations noted for social concerns, he said.

Social efforts of the 2000-member church, at 7700 Davis Drive, include a service pro-

gram at predominately black Euclid Plaza, support groups for the elderly and a youth and singles counseling program with part-time services of a psychologist. The church has a staff of 20.

Central has other church-related recreational programs. There is a church tennis tournament and, last week, Bruce Swanson, youth minister, accompanied about 22 college-age members on an annual winter vacation trip to Minnesota.

Headquarters for the ski-retreat will be Trail West resort in the Arkansas Valley area, 90 miles west of Colorado Springs. The trip, Feb. 1-6, is open to members and nonmembers at the \$200 a person.



Service of Praise and Thanksgiving

Unto The Lord

For The Ministry Of

DR. ANDREW A. JUMPER

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 4:00 p. m. October 7, 1979

THE ORGAN PRELUDE—"Allegro" (Baroque Suite) B. Williams

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN—"Holy, Holy, Holy" No. 323

THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP AND THE DOXOLOGY

THE INVOCATION Dr. Megahan

THE SINGING OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE ANTHEM—"Psalm 150" Cesar Franck

THE PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING Mr. Flanagan

THE SERMON Mr. Fenn

THE HYMN OF THE CHURCH—"The Church's One Foundation" No. 547

DECLARATION FROM THE SESSION Mr. Moore

DECLARATION FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS Mr. Denckhoff

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN—"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" No. 118

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Chorale" F. Peeters



In presenting Mr. REXFORD for election to the office of Elder Emeritus, the Nominating Committee thought that the congregation would be interested in knowing some of the highlights of his distinguished career of service to Central Presbyterian Church.

OSCAR WHITELOW REXFORD

February 9, 1919 - Joined Central Presbyterian Church

1936 - Served as a Captain in the "Save Central Campaign." The congregation which had brought our former church at Delmar and Clara Avenues had defaulted on its payments of both principal and interest on the loan we had granted them. This caused a severe financial hardship for us. In fact, the holder of our mortgage was threatening to foreclose and seize our property as we too were experiencing difficulty servicing our indebtedness. This campaign succeeded in preventing that.

May 8, 1938 - Elected to and installed as a member of the Board of Deacons.

November 19, 1938 - Elected President of the Central Men's Club.

April 13, 1947 - Re-elected to the Board of Deacons after returning from 4 1/2 years of service in the Army Air Corps.

1949 - Chairman of a 5 man committee consisting of one other Deacon and three Elders which was charged with formulating and instituting a plan for the rotation of the terms of office for members of the Board of Deacons.