

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIANS PLAN FINAL SERVICES

Arrangements are being made by the Central Presbyterian congregation for several days of homecoming services and programs, to be held June 3-5 at the old church, at Delmar boulevard and Clara avenue, before surrendering the building on July 1, according to the sale made some time ago. B'nai El congregation will have a luncheon on June 3, there is to be a service at the old church covering the closing of the Central church.

I. Mauze, for fifty years pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, will preach the sermon at the dedication of that church on Sunday, March 18. Although the church building was erected

CONFERENCE PERSONNEL



Dr. James Gray, President of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, has been so well known that he requires little special mention. As a pastor recently, "He has been one of the most effective men of the past half century." He is credited to be the originator of the Synthetic and His Christian Workers' Communion, a new piece of that art.



Mr. H. A. Ironside is one of America's greatest teachers and authors. He comes with a certain air of peculiar charm, and exhibiting a deep knowledge of Scripture with clearness and power.



Mr. James A. Sutherland was editor of California, the Moody Bible Institute, and Baptist Theological Seminary. A lifetime of experience insures knowledge of the problems of the modern pastor. His teaching and evangelistic expression have brought him into his present field of service at the Moody Bible Institute. With thorough training, a striking personality and unflinching conviction, he is moving, scriptural, clear, strong and simple.

Mr. Harry Davis is a typical Welshman, a man of wit and wisdom, and now, in his appreciation of Christian service, ardently devoted to a study of the Bible for the better understanding of its hidden meaning. He was an officer with the Third Cheshire Battalion, M. P., in service in the World War, being in engagement in France.

The Announcers' Trio, consisting of Messrs. J. L. Hermsen, tenor, Director of Radio Department, and William E. King, baritone, and William E. King, tenor, will be accompanied by those who have heard them frequently on WMBI, the Radio Station of the Moody Bible Institute.

PROGRAM ITEMS

All sessions will be held in the Central Presbyterian Church. Opening session, March 9; closing session, March 16.

Three services each day—3:00 P. M. and 7:00 P. M. for boys and girls.

You will profit by bringing your Bible and notebook. Music will be a special feature at each session. A song book will be used.

The 4:00 o'clock hour is not only for boys and girls who may be interested in young people, but also for teachers. It will be of the character of a clinic in Bible instruction tending to interest, instruct and inspire among the boys and girls.

Central and Clayton Presbyterians Merge in \$300,000 Edifice

Official Union Marked by Service at Which Every Seat Is Taken—Rev. Dr. J. Layton Mauze Preaches.

Every seat was taken and chairs extending through eighty-seven years and Clayton Church through thirty-seven years.

"Central Church," Judge Green said, "has had nine pastors. It has sent out thirteen young men who have engaged in ministerial work. It also has sent out several young women to the missionary fields. Clayton Church has had only three pastors, one being Dr. Langtry, who has served for thirty years. Within a radius of about twenty blocks of this new building there are some 1900 families, numbering probably 5000 people. Many of these people already have their church connections. Many of them have not, and to those we extend a most cordial welcome to make their church home with us. In this merged congregation there will be, I trust, that spirit of Christian fellowship that will make everyone, however poor and humble, welcome as he enters this building."

In the morning the sermon was given by Dr. J. Layton Mauze, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church of Kansas City. Last night the preacher was Dr. James L. Fowle, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga, Tenn. Both ministers are former pastors of Central Church.

Introducing the services of the day, Dr. Smylie said that for eighty-seven years this congregation had been welcoming worshippers, and the present edifice is the fourth which it has erected. He promised that the congregation will continue to make Central Church "noted for its cordiality and the friendliness of its people." He spoke of the merging of the two congregations and the two official boards. Special visitors were a group of elders from the Westminster Presbyterian Church, who sat together.

Keys of Church Presented.

The keys to the new church were presented by John F. Green, chairman of the Building Committee, who said, "May this church be a house of prayer, a place of worship and Christian fellowship." Judge James F. Green, representing the church session, received the keys and spoke of the notable history of the two congregations, Central Church

extending through eighty-seven years and Clayton Church through thirty-seven years. "Central Church," Judge Green said, "has had nine pastors. It has sent out thirteen young men who have engaged in ministerial work. It also has sent out several young women to the missionary fields. Clayton Church has had only three pastors, one being Dr. Langtry, who has served for thirty years. Within a radius of about twenty blocks of this new building there are some 1900 families, numbering probably 5000 people. Many of these people already have their church connections. Many of them have not, and to those we extend a most cordial welcome to make their church home with us. In this merged congregation there will be, I trust, that spirit of Christian fellowship that will make everyone, however poor and humble, welcome as he enters this building."

Key Received for Deacons.

David E. Woods received a key in behalf of the deacons of the church, for custody and control of the building, saying that he did so, "to the glory of God and the extension of His kingdom."

The ritual of consecration, with responses from the congregation, was given by Dr. Smylie. Beautiful anthems, "Thus Saith the Lord of Hosts," by Rogers, and "Open the Gates of the Temple," by Knapp, were sung by the choir, composed of Mrs. Katherine Cowan, soprano; Mrs. H. Carey Korndorfer, contralto; Walter C. Hornaday, tenor; Frank R. Ingalls, bass, and Mrs. Frank Neal, organist and director.

Dr. Mauze's sermon was a discussion of current opinion as to whether the organized church is essential

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in modern life. After pointing out the falling away in membership, and of the assuming of many works of benevolence by organizations outside the church, he showed nevertheless that the church is inevitably linked with Christ and cannot fall.

Dr. Mauze asked the question: "Why is it that church people give two and a half times more to work outside the church than they give for work in the church?"

"There are many things that in former years only the church did, which today are being done by extra-church organizations," he said. "Once it was only the lodge that first claimed the men, and then the women, but today the community is literally honeycombed with organizations, denominational, un-denominational, educational, cultural and political that are claiming the attention of church people."

A recent survey, he stated, showed that 90 per cent of the social workers of the country are church members, but many of them are not active.

Church and Christ Inseparable.

"Christ and the church are inseparable. A churchless world is a Christless world. But the church was never intended to be the ally of, or the annex to, all the new movements that have come into being. The church has serious business of her own, and she was never

designed to be the tail of any kite that any man desired to send into the skies."

The church's function, he said, is threefold: To proclaim the gospel, to present an ethic and to produce character.

A men's dinner will be held at the church tonight at 6 o'clock. Dr. Fowle, who is remembered for his singing voice, will give several musical numbers, and Dr. Mauze will speak on, "The Kind of Men I Want My Men to Be."

A woman's prayer meeting will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon, commemorating a sixtieth anniversary of this meeting. Mrs. A. L. Berry will speak, and Mrs. Walter M. Langtry will preside. Tomorrow at 11 o'clock the annual picnic of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held at the residence of Mrs. John F. Green in Hampton Park.

Only eighteen months after celebrating their twentieth anniversary at Clara & Delmar, Centralians again faced change. Because of a steady decline in membership and competition from Westminster Presbyterian Church just a few blocks away, they voted to move further west. Within a matter of months, the building on Delmar was sold to the Jewish congregation B'nai El and a new site was approved at Hanley Road and Davis Drive in Clayton. Plans for the new church were unveiled in May 1930 and the cornerstone was laid six months later.

The congregation worshipped at the Masonic Temple on Delmar until the new facility was completed.

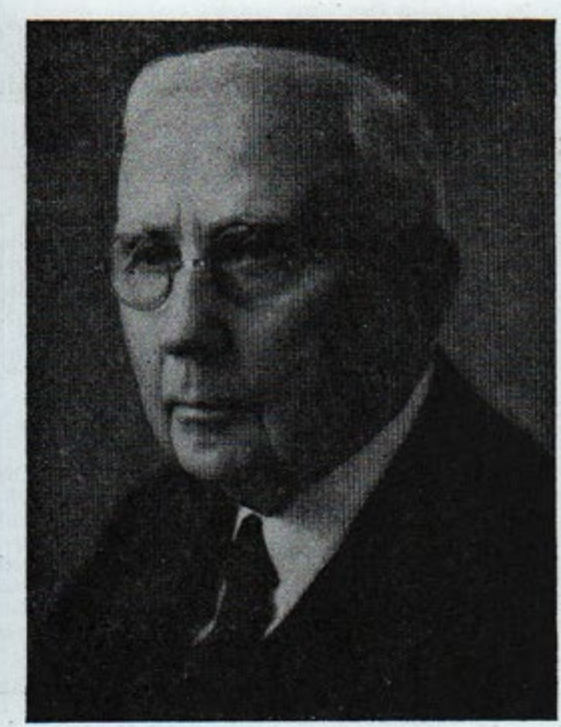
The New Central Presbyterian Church was officially opened with a week of special services beginning September 27, 1931. The *new* did not simply refer to the building, but also recognized Central's merger with the Clayton Presbyterian Church.



Dr. Walter Langtry, pastor of Clayton Presbyterian (1900-1931) and pastor emeritus of Central (1932-1947)

In Memoriam

Walter McAfee Langtry
1866-1947



"They that are with Him are called, and chosen, and faithful." Rev. 17:14

The Clayton Church was destroyed by a tornado in 1896, and rebuilt immediately as it was. This postcard was sent to Mrs. Osterwald @ 1912 from Mrs. Niedhalm. A new brick church was built in 1913.



CLAYTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Dear Mrs. Osterwald this is our little church which I hope will entertain our church some time in the near future when I hope to see you.
Mrs. Niedhalm

Corner Stone Laid by Presbyterians for Central Church

Edifice to Cost \$300,000
Under Way at Hanley
Road and Davis Place.

Corner-stone laying ceremonies for the new \$300,000 Central Presbyterian Church, now under construction at Hanley road and Davis place, St. Louis County, were conducted yesterday afternoon in the presence of approximately 250 persons.

The Central Presbyterian Church, which was founded in 1841 at Sixth and St. Charles streets, St. Louis, will be merged with the Clayton Presbyterian Church, Forey boulevard and Hanley road, when the edifice is completed in the early fall.

The structure is being built of native limestone, trimmed with Indiana limestone. Its general outside dimensions will be 125 feet by 167 feet. The church auditorium, to occupy the front part of the structure, will be 87½ feet by 46 feet, and will seat approximately 750 persons. Over this part of the building will be a roof of slate, with wood work and trusses exposed in the ceiling.

Accommodations for two Sunday School students will be provided in the rear part, which is to have three stories, including a ground floor.

History Is Recalled.

Yesterday's services opened with an invocation by Rev. Dr. Walter M. Langtry, pastor of the Clayton Presbyterian Church. Following the singing of the Doxology, John F. Green recounted a history of the two institutions. He recalled that the Central Church was originally founded by thirty-two persons as the Fourth Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, and that four years after its formation a new structure was obtained at Eighth and Locust streets.

In 1874, he said, the congregation moved to Lucas and Garrison avenues. He said, was founded in 1802, with a small congregation. He mentioned that corner stone laying services of the Clayton church's present building antedated yesterday's ceremonies by exactly seventeen years to the hour.

Other Pastors Speak.
Dr. William Crowe, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, extended felicitations on behalf of the denomination, and Rev. Dr. J. Layton Mauze of the Central Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Mo., delivered the principal address of the occasion.

"The laying of this corner stone is a declaration of our belief that material things of life have not surpassed the spiritual," he commented. "The greatness of a city is to be determined by its ideals, not its wealth nor influence."

"You of these two congregations are fortunate, for you have no alternative except advancement. History is a prophecy; what has been will be. The two churches have been tried and proven."

In the corner stone were placed a Bible, a copy of the afternoon's program, editions of the Globe-Democrat, the Clayton Argus and the St. Louis County Watchman-Advocate; a list of officers and members of the two churches and photographs.

Prayer of Dedication.
The prayer of dedication was given by Rev. Dr. Charles C. Carson, who for the last three months has filled the Central Presbyterian pulpit. Rev. Dr. Langtry pronounced the benediction.

The Central congregation has issued a call to Dr. T. S. Smylie, now pastor of the Evergreen Church, Memphis, Tenn. Its membership is approximately 600, while there are about 170 on the Clayton church's roster.

THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN CORNER STONE LAYING



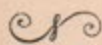
THOSE who participated in the laying of the corner stone for the new Central Presbyterian Church at Hanley road and Davis place yesterday afternoon. Left to right: Rev. Dr. J. Layton Mauze, pastor for the Central Presbyterian congregation; Rev. Dr. William Crowe, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Kansas City; Rev. Dr. Walter M. Langtry, pastor of the Clayton Presbyterian Church; and Rev. Dr. Charles C. Carson, supply pastor for Central.

Participants: L to R, Rev. Charles Carson, supply pastor for Central; Dr. J. Layton Mauze, past of Central Church, Kansas City; Rev. William Crowe, pastor Westminster Pres. Church; John F. Green, Chm. of Building Comm. of Central; Rev. Walter Langtry, pastor of Clayton Pres.

Central Presbyterian Church

St. Louis, Mo.

November 6, 1930



You are cordially invited to be present at the laying of the corner stone of the new Central Presbyterian Church

Saturday, November 15

at 3:00 o'clock P. M.

Southwest Corner Hanley Road and Davis Drive



Corner Stone Laying

... of ...

Central Presbyterian Church

Hanley Road and Davis Place

St. Louis, Mo.



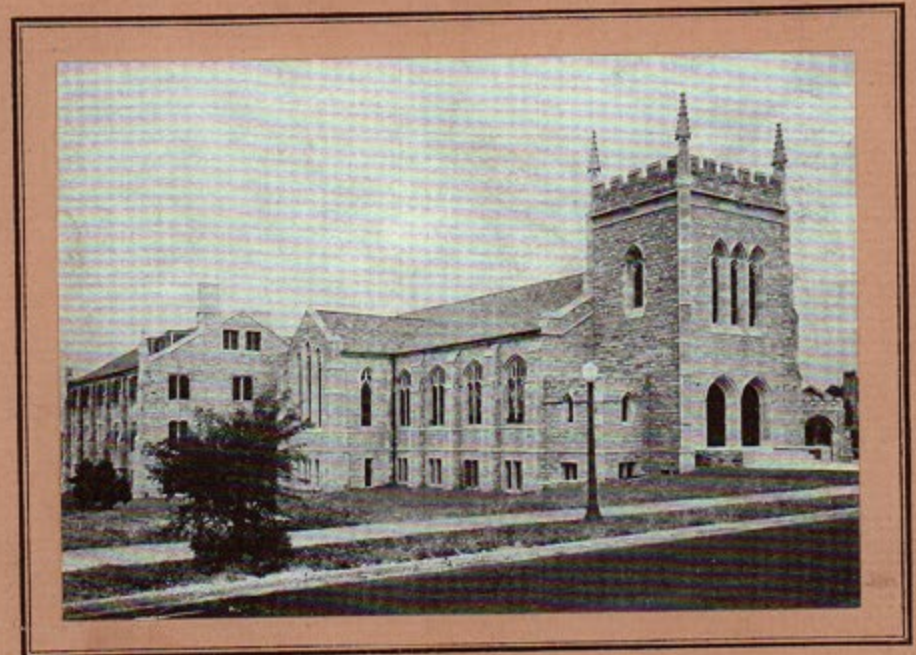
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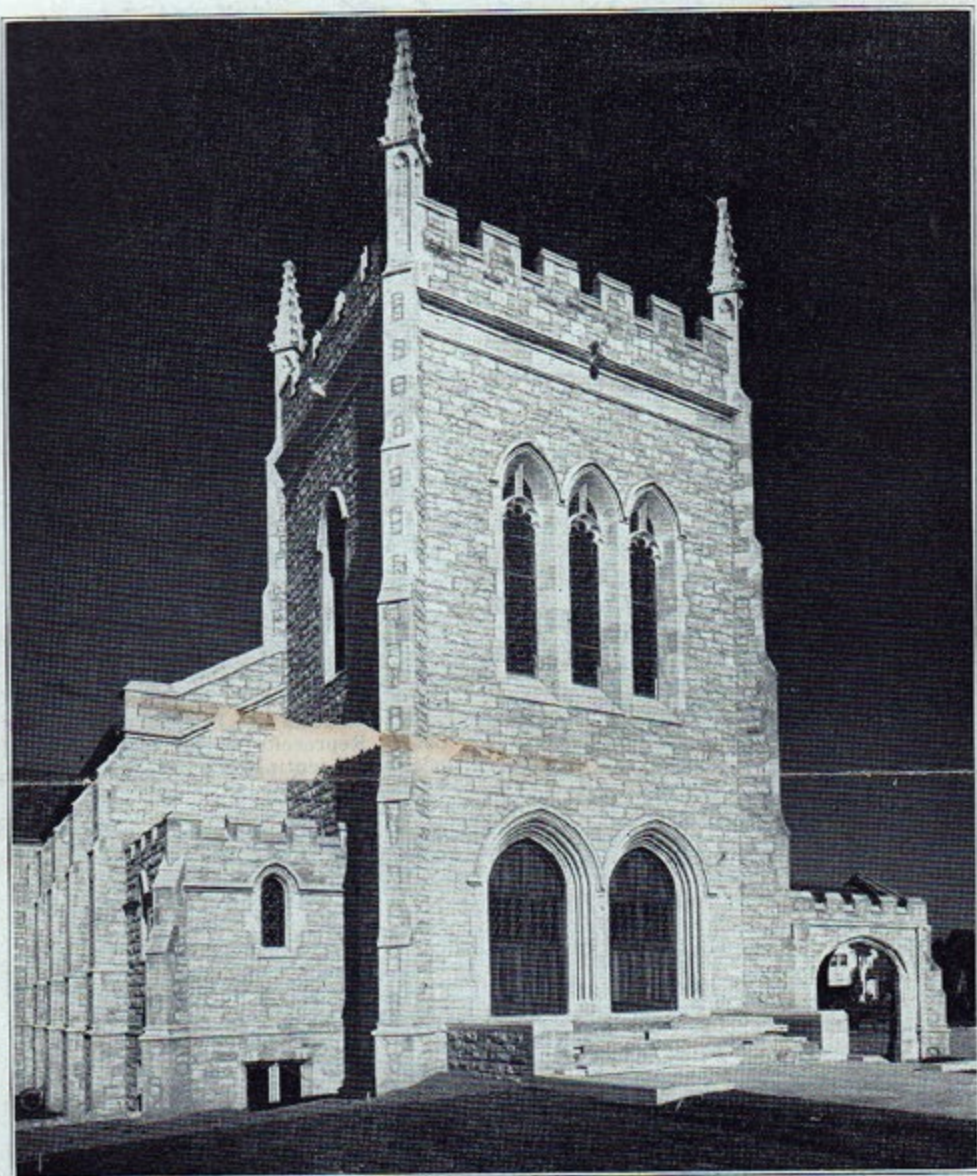
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Report of
BUILDING COMMITTEE
CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



THE NEW CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF ST. LOUIS



Central Presbyterian Church

THEODORE S. SMYLIE, D.D., Minister

Clayton Presbyterian Church

WALTER LANGTRY, D.D., Minister

September 27th, 1931

Hanley Road at Davis Drive

Parkview 2773

There's some wad like to speak to ye.

If after kirk you rise and flee
We'll all seem cold and stiff to ye.

The one that's in the seat with ye
Is stranger here than you, maybe.

All here hae got their fears and cares,
Add you your soul unto our prayers,
Be you an angel unawares!"

The
Central Presbyterian Church
of Saint Louis
announces the
official opening of its new building
Hanley Road at Davis Drive
on Sunday, September twenty-seventh
Nineteen hundred and thirty one
and invites
all who may desire
to enjoy its worship
and to participate in its ministries.

CONSECRATION WEEK

September 27—October 4

SUNDAY ~

9:30 A. M. First Assembly—Sunday School.

11:00 A. M. Consecration Ceremony.

Sermon—Rev. J. Layton Mauze, D. D.

8:00 P. M. Sermon—Rev. James L. Fowle, D. D.

WEDNESDAY ~

8:00 P. M. Inter-Church Night.

Address—Rev. William Crowe, D. D.

Felicitations—Prominent Ministers of St. Louis.

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9:30 A. M. Rally Day—Sunday School.

11:00 A. M. Consecration of Life.

Sermon—Rev. Theodore S. Smylie, D. D.

8:00 P. M. Sacred Concert—Mrs. Frank Neal and Choir.

New Home of Central Presbyterians to Be Consecrated Sept. 27

Congregation's Fourth Building in 87 Years
at Hanley Road and Davis Drive, While
Original Was at Eighth and Locust.

The new edifice of the Central Presbyterian Church at Hanley road and Davis drive, St. Louis County, the fourth house of worship to be built by the church in eighty-seven years, will be consecrated next Sunday morning. Dr. Theodore S. Smylie, the pastor, and two former pastors will take part in the services.

Dr. Smylie will conduct the consecration ceremony at 11 a. m., and Dr. J. Layton Mauze, now of Kansas City, who was the minister of the church from 1902 to 1917, will preach the consecration sermon. Dr. James L. Fowle, pastor of the Central Church of Chattanooga, who was at Central Presbyterian Church from 1923 to 1929, will preach at the services at 8 p. m.

Organized in 1844, as a daughter of the Second Presbyterian Church, and first occupying a frame building at Sixth and St. Charles streets, for three or four years, Central Presbyterian Church has regularly moved westward with the spread of the city's population in that direction.

At Eighth and Locust.

Its first church was erected at the corner of Eighth and Locust streets in 1848. Twenty-five years later another location seemed advisable and a lot was secured at the corner of Garrison and Lucas avenues. In 1873 the chapel was completed there and in 1876 the main building was completed. In 1908 the third church was completed at Clara avenue and Delmar boulevard.

The site of the new church has been chosen in a rapidly growing section adjacent to many of the finest residential developments of the city, where it is hoped it may serve the community for many years to come. The lot stands high with sufficient slope and irregularity of shape to give a commanding setting to the new building.

The style of architecture is that of the English Country Church of the late fourteenth century, and has been followed quite consistently throughout with but few noticeable wanderings into other periods of English Gothic. Jamieson and Spearl are the architects.

Edifice Described.

The church proper is entered from the east through a spacious vestibule extending across the front with a stairway at its northern end. Here also is an entrance from the porte cochere, or covered porch. The stairway leads down to the lower floor and up to the gallery, which runs over a portion of the vestibule, occupying, in fact, the area of the eastern tower.

The nave is 46 feet wide and 57½ feet long, and there are transepts and a chancel forming the usual cruciform plan.

The seating capacity, including the seats in the gallery, is 764, in addition to space for fifteen in the choir.

On the southwest of the church is the educational building three stories in height, containing seven large department rooms and many smaller rooms. To the north of the educational building and west of the church proper, are the pastor's studies and secretary's office.

Large Dining Room.

In the floor below the church is a large dining room and ample kitchen and other facilities. The dining room is arranged with a stage at one end and dressing rooms, so that it may be used for a variety of entertainments. The floor of this room is covered with asbestos tile in different colors, while the ceiling is of acoustical plaster, to assure a quiet room when in use for church suppers.

The windows of the church are of specially designed stained glass of the same period as the church with the exception of four memorial windows which were reset from the windows of the previous home of the congregation at Delmar boulevard and Clara avenue.

The exterior walls are of local limestone with Bedford stone at all openings and corners.

The tower at the east end rises to a height of 63 feet to the top of the pinnacles, which emphasize the four corners.

Oak and Chestnut.

The roof is of Vermont slate supported by trusses, purlins and rafters all of chestnut, finished in its natural color, giving a light effect to the interior.

The pews, chancel rail, pulpit, rearedos, organ front and other interior woodwork are of oak.

The heating was laid out by A. H. Vogel, and is of an especially superior type. Smoke abatement is

provided by the use of oil burners. The electric fixtures were made to architects' designs.

The stained glass was made from architects' cartoons. The pews and other furniture were specially made from architects' drawings.

Growth of City.

The history of the Central Presbyterian Church has portrayed the growth of the City of St. Louis, and during the march of eighty-seven years it has followed the westward moving population. Whether the new location will be in time outgrown remains to be seen, but the congregation is much in hopes that it is done with building for a long span of years to come.

The church at Garrison and Lucas, which cost \$145,000, was sold to a Jewish congregation for \$30,000. The church at Clara and Delmar was sold to the B'Nai El Temple congregation for approximately \$190,000.

During these years this congregation has contributed vitally to the moral and spiritual welfare of the city. The church has conducted many missions. One at Jefferson avenue and Adams street, with Mr. Beltheimer as superintendent; another, the Brank Mission Bible School at 600 South Seventh street, with Louis Phile (now deceased), as superintendent; the Union Avenue Mission at Union boulevard and Spalding avenue, with Fred Haverkamp and Lawrence F. Wood; a mission organized at the Park Hotel in University City, Dr. Fred Woodruff, superintendent, and a mission at Olive boulevard and North and South road, with Rev. R. C. Garrison as superintendent.

Produced 13 Ministers.

During these eighty-seven years, the church has had nine ministers. Three of these have died: Rev. Alexander Van Court, Rev. Dr. S. J. P. Anderson, and Rev. Dr. Robert G. Brank. Rev. Dr. Edward Mack served the church from 1893-1897. Dr. Mack is now a professor in Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. Rev. Dr. A. F. Carr served from 1898-1901. He is now preaching at Umatilla, Fla. Rev. Dr. Layton Mauze, 1902-1917, is minister of the Central Presbyterian Church of Kansas City. Rev. Dr. Donald MacLeod, 1918-1922, is now executive secretary of the Presbytery of St. Louis, U. S. A. Rev. Dr. James L. Fowle, who served from 1923-1929, is now minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga, Tenn. Rev. Dr. Theodore S. Smylie is the present minister, having assumed his duties on January 1, 1931.

The vitality of the congregation is indicated by the fact it is known that at least thirteen young men have gone into the gospel ministry from this church, and at least two young women have gone as missionaries to the foreign field. In spite of the fact that, for many years after its founding, the church was a small struggling body, in building and paying for three different houses of worship, the church has, according to the best records obtainable, averaged about \$4600 a year gifts to benevolences. During the past thirteen years, the church has averaged approximately \$15,000 a year to the benevolent funds.



CHURCH CONSECRATION WEEK END TOMORROW

Two Special Services Will
Complete Program at
Central Presbyterian.

Homecoming day tomorrow at Central Presbyterian Church, Hanley road and Davis drive, will complete the week of services consecrating this new church. At 11 o'clock a special service of "Consecration of Life" will be held, with a sermon by the pastor, Dr. Theodore S. Smylie, on "A Reasonable Service."

At night a musical service will be given by a quartet composed of Mrs. Katherine Cowan, soprano; Mrs. Cary Korndorfer, alto; Waller Hornaday, tenor, and Frank Ingalls, bass, under the direction of Mrs. Doyne C. Neal, who has been in charge of the Central Church choir for eleven years. Assisting soloists tomorrow night will be Mrs. Merleta Davis of the choir of B'Nai El Temple; Mrs. Charles Austin, alto; Gilbert Borreson, tenor, of the Webster Groves Presbyterian choir, and Frank Spahn, bass, of the Webster Groves Congregational Church choir.

An opening organ recital will consist of: "Nature Sketches"; "Flight of the Bumble Bee," Rimsky-Korsakoff; "Wind in the Pine Trees," Clokey, and "The Squirrel," Powell Weaver. An anthem, "List to the Lark," by Dickinson, will be sung, and the choral response to the prayer will be "At Thine Altar," by Hanscom. "Hymn of the Madonna," by Kremser, will be sung as the offertory anthem. The congregational hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign," will follow the pastor's address, and at benediction will be given the Gregorian number, "Nunc Dimitte." The postlude will be "Concert Variations" by Bonnet.

Consecration Week

SEPTEMBER 27—OCTOBER 4

SUNDAY

9:30 A. M.—First Assembly of the Sunday School in the new building. Clayton and Central will join Sunday Schools for the first time. Every member of both Schools will take great pride in being present for the first Sunday in the new building.

11:00 A. M.—Consecration of the New Church. An inspiring service lead by the Minister.

Consecration Sermon—Rev. J. Layton Mauze, D.D.

8:00 P. M.—Sermon, Rev. James L. Fowle, D.D.

Every member of the church will plan with special enthusiasm to hear these two well-beloved former ministers.

MONDAY

10:30 A. M.—Group meetings for prayer. No luncheon.

2:00 P. M.—Woman's Dedictory Service. Speaker—Mrs. A. L. Berry, of Tryon, N. C. Organ Recital—Mrs. Frank Neal.

6:00 P. M.—Central Men's Club Dinner. Musical Numbers—Rev. James L. Fowle, D.D. Address: "The Kind of Men I Want My Men to Be," Rev. J. Layton Mauze, D.D.

The dinner will be sixty-five cents per plate. This being the first Men's dinner in the new building, it is hoped that every man of the church will be present and bring his friends. Reservations at the church office. Make them early. Mrs. W. S. Bowmer, Chairman Dinner Committee.

TUESDAY

11:00 A. M.—Annual Picnic of the Woman's Auxilliary to be held at the home of Mrs. John F. Green, Hampton Park. Speakers: Mrs. H. I. Rieman and the Conference Delegates.

The summer Self-Denial Boxes will be taken up at this meeting.

Luncheon arrangements in charge of Miss Elizabeth Rodes, Parkview 1928.

Transportation arrangements for the Picnic and for the Dedictory Service in charge of Mrs. Paul Herriott, Riverside 5575-W.

The devoted women of this church will welcome these opportunities to usher in with enthusiasm their work for the first season in the new building.

6:30 P. M.—Dinner for the Young People.

There will be a delightful dinner and program. All of the young people of the church between the ages of 16 and 24 are urged to make plans to attend this dinner. Make reservations with Mrs. McKinney, Cabany 6968-J; Ray Grueninger, Clayton 745; or Fred Sternberg, Franklin 3723.

WEDNESDAY

8:00 P. M.—Inter-Church Night. Address—Rev. William Crowe, D.D. Special Music—The Quartette.

A number of the leading churches of our own and other denominations of the city have been invited to attend, or be represented at this service. It is expected that congratulations will be brought by a number of the leading pastors of the city. After the service, an opportunity will be given to inspect the building.

THURSDAY

6:30 P. M.—Dinner for the teachers and officers of the Sunday School. Mrs. W. E. Harper is in charge of arrangements.

FRIDAY

8:00 P. M.—Reception.

This will be the first formal gathering of the people of our own congregation, and friends, in the parlors of the new church. The arrangements are in charge of the Woman's Auxilliary. It is expected that this will be a most enjoyable occasion.

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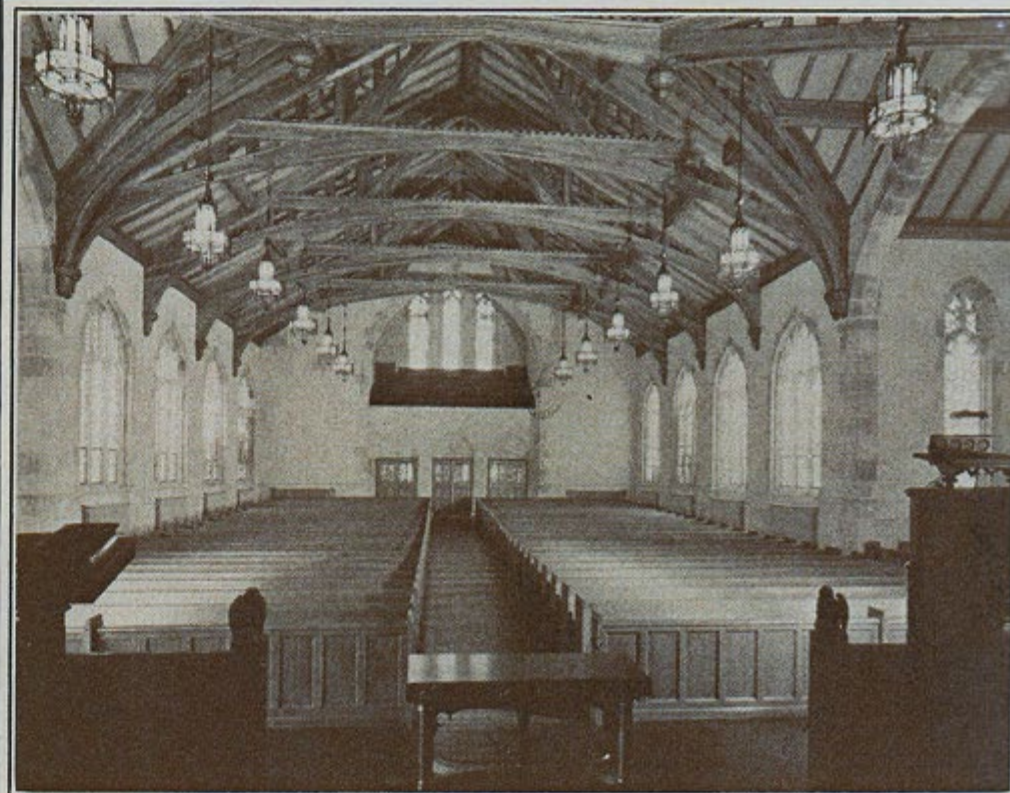
9:30 A. M.—Rally Day in the Sunday School.

A special program will be presented under the direction of Mrs. Wilson and a Committee. Every member of the Sunday School, old and young, should bring his friends, and work towards making the attendance at this Rally Day a record breaker.

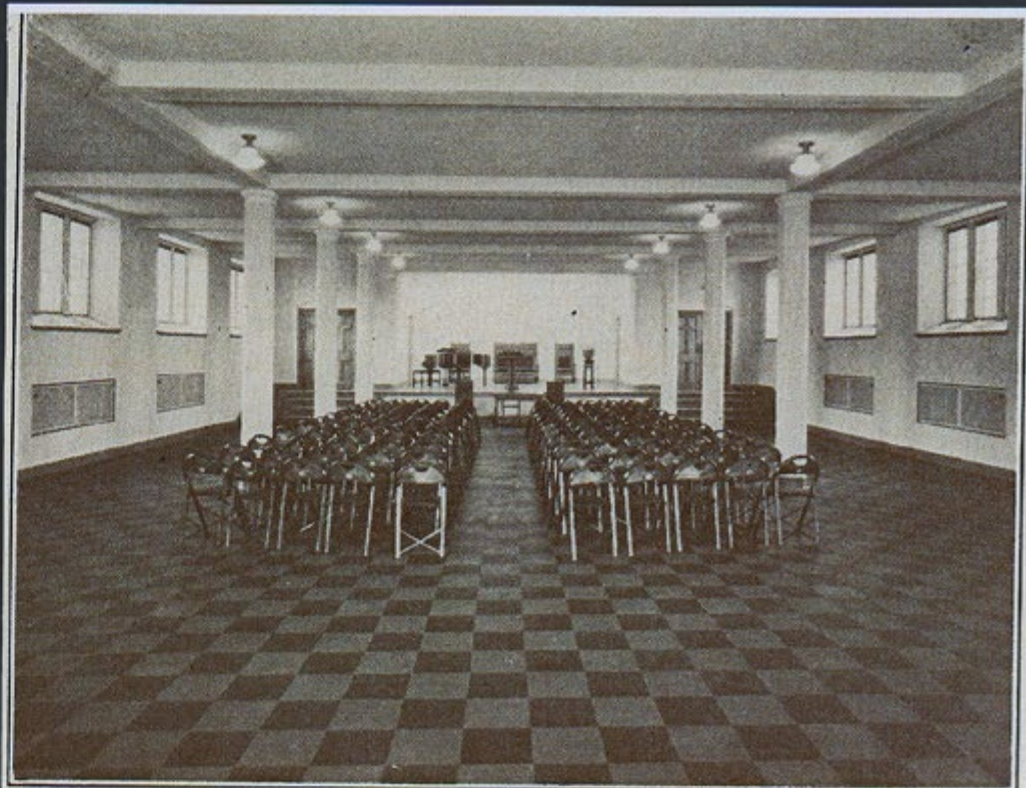
11:00 A. M.—Consecration of Life. Sermon—"A Reasonable Service," Dr. Smylie.

8:00 P. M.—Sacred Concert—Mrs. Frank Neal and the Quartette.

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Auditorium



Dining Room

1937 Theodore Smylie



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HANLEY ROAD AT DAVIS DRIVE
THEODORE S. SMYLIE, D. D., MINISTER
SAINT LOUIS

September 22nd, 1931

Faithful Member,
Central Presbyterian Church,
Saint Louis

Dear Friend:

At last The Day!

The new Central Church, a composite of the old Central and the Clayton Churches, begins to worship God in its handsome new building, at Hanley Road at Davis Drive, next Sunday, September 27th:

"Breathes there a man with Soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
'This is my own good Church?'"

A program of the special services of Consecration Week is enclosed.

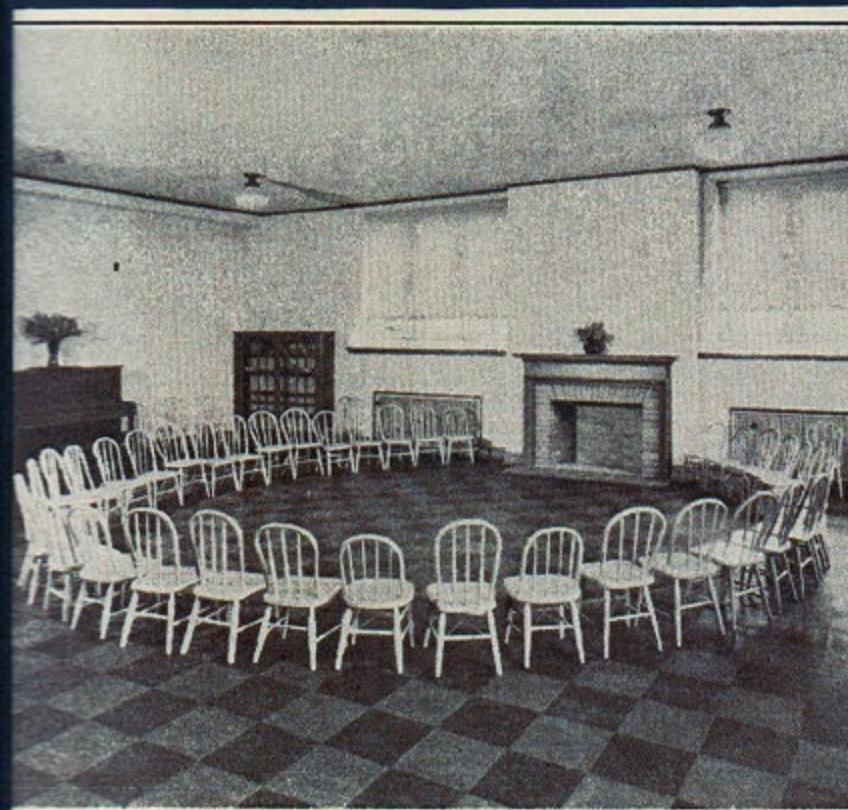
This new era in the history of the Church requires a fresh measure of loyalty on the part of every member of the Church, - loyalty to its Sunday School, its preaching services, its prayer meetings, its service of promotion and organization, its ideals and programs, its Lord; loyalty expressed in church attendance; loyalty expressed in service; loyalty expressed in prayer; loyalty expressed in giving.

As your minister, I write to lay the success of the Church in its new environment upon your heart. Central tomorrow will be what its members make it! Brethren, I beseech you that, "by the mercies of God, you present your bodies a living sacrifice wholly acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service".

Yours in the Master's Name,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Theodore S. Smylie".



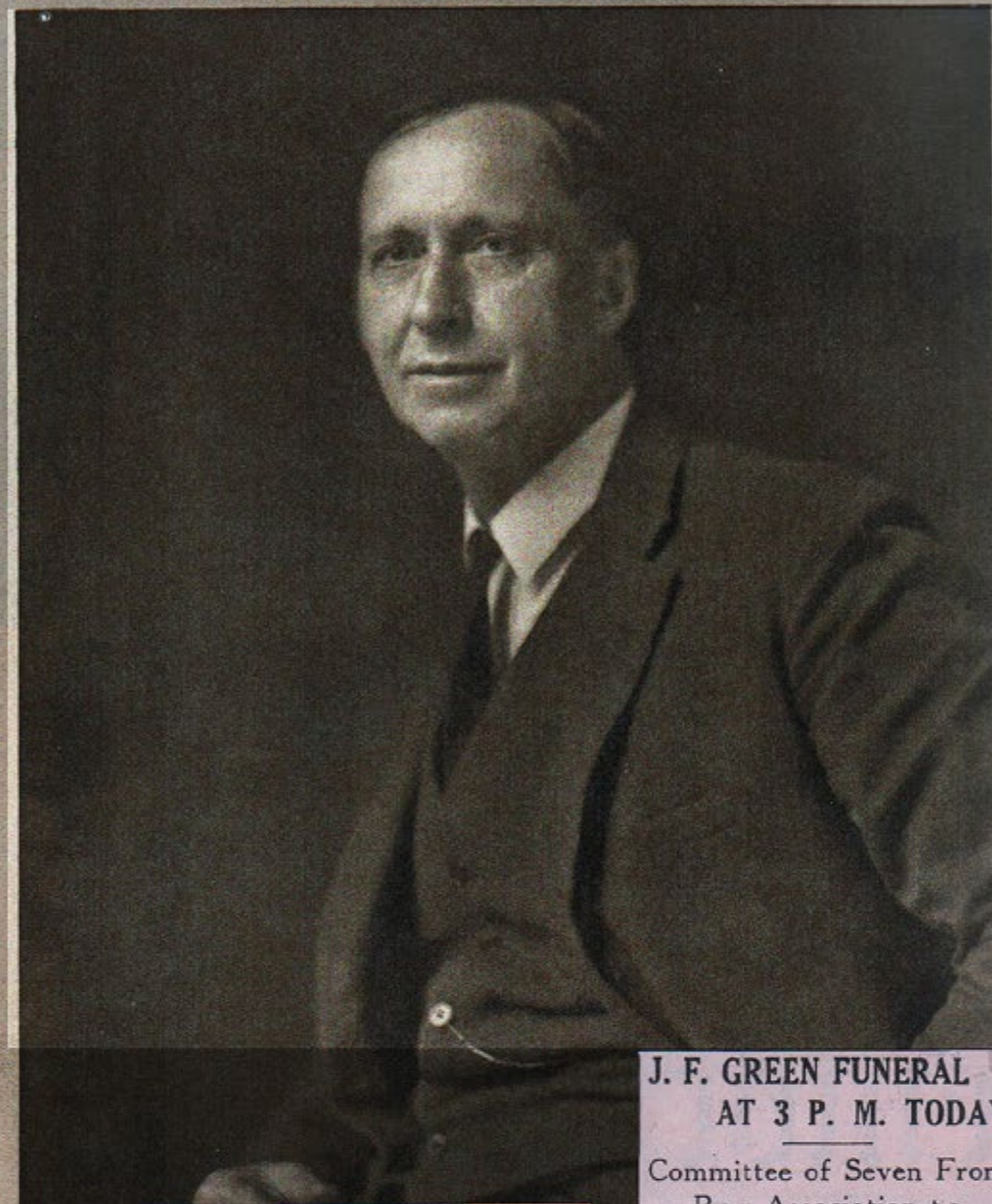
Beginners' Department

John F. Green, Chairman of the Building Committee

“The chairman of the Building Committee and some few others of the congregation were in favor of building only a part of the new church, and waiting for the erection of the balance until some of the notes held by the church had been paid. But the overwhelming majority of the congregation decided in favor of the erection of a complete structure, and all of us, regardless of what our views then were, are now committed to the plans we have followed and must strive to the utmost of our ability to carry them through successfully.”

John F. Green, Chairman, 1932

Mr. Green's concerns proved well-founded. Church officers had originally planned to ask for subscriptions to the building fund on the first Sunday the congregation worshipped in the new building. “But when the time came, financial conditions were so terrible that it was deemed inexpedient to ask for such subscriptions.” The Depression left the church unable to meet its financial obligations. By the fall of 1935 it became evident Central was facing a major crisis.



JOHN F. GREEN, LAWYER.
The late John F. Green was a man who carried into the activities of the law the principles of a high-minded Christian character and carried also the highest citizenship standards of the law into a well-ordered private life. There was no sounder lawyer at the local bar. One of the branches of his profession in which he was a specialist was that of the law of libel and he was lecturer at St. Louis University on the obligations and restrictions as well as immunities of that branch. As a member of the old firm of Judson & Green he had much to do for some years with St. Louis newspaperdom in fiduciary capacity. His solicitude for and consistent effort in maintaining bar integrity were in part evidenced to the public in several disbarment proceedings and in important preliminaries to the Judge English impeachment in the East St. Louis federal district, in which he represented the conviction of the general profession.

In looking on the new church recently completed by the Central Presbyterian Society on Hanley road, one of the most beautiful houses of worship in the West End and suburbs, many of his friends will regard it as one monument, though not the only one, to his varied work of nearly forty-five years in this community. He was chairman of the Building Committee of that society and his funeral will be conducted from the new structure at 3 p. m. today.

The advance of higher learning in Missouri owes not a little to the sympathetic co-operation of this one of its distinguished alumni and he was for thirty years a trustee of his alma mater, Westminster College, and was also the treasurer of the institution.

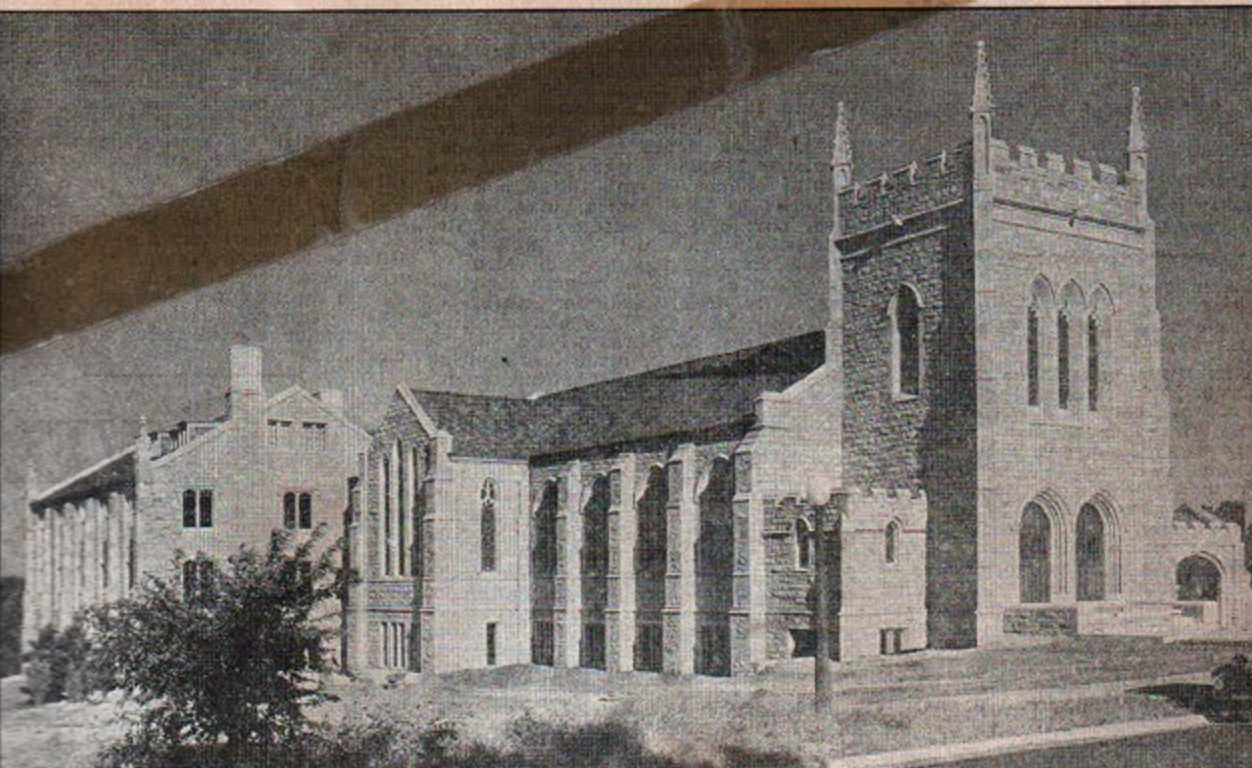
**J. F. GREEN FUNERAL
AT 3 P. M. TODAY**

Committee of Seven From
Bar Association to
Attend Services.

Funeral services for John F. Green, St. Louis attorney, who died Wednesday from heart disease, will be attended by a committee of seven attorneys appointed yesterday to represent the St. Louis Bar Association. The services will be at the Central Presbyterian Church, Hanley road and Davis drive, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Burial will be in Bellefontaine Cemetery.

The representatives of the association, selected by William T. Jones, president, are: Len O. Hocker, Charles C. Allen, Jr., Edward J. McCullen, W. Scott Hancock, Fred L. English, Jacob M. Lashly and Fred L. Williams.

Honorary pallbearers will be: Charles C. Allen, Jr., Thos. L. Anderson, Dr. W. S. Barker, M. Percy Black, O. K. Bovard, George Brownlee, B. H. Charles, L. Wade Childress, Thos. H. Cobbs, Alexander H. Crow, Dr. Wm. Crowe, Forrest C. Donnell, Arthur G. Drefs, Eugene Funsten, Ernest A. Green, E. W. Grove, Jr., W. Scott Hancock, Hord Hardin, Percy Jones, Wm. T. Jones, Charles R. Kalk, J. T. Keller, A. G. Lincoln, George B. Logan, James G. McConkey, Edward J. McCullen, Judge Jesse McDonald, Samuel B. McPheeters, John F. McFadden, Dr. M. E. Melvin, Robert L. Mernagh, Irvine Mitchell, A. J. Mummert, Isaac H. Orr, Joseph Pulitzer, E. Lansing Ray, Oliver T. Remmers, Elzey Roberts, Walter H. Saunders, A. L. Shapleigh, Dr. O. D. Skelton, Tom K. Smith, Frank W. Taylor, Jr., C. McClung Thompson, Guy A. Thompson, Thomas W. White, Charles P. Williams and Judge Fred L. English.



For the Christian Observer.

Activities of the Central Presbyterian Church,

St. Louis, Mo.

The Central Presbyterian church, of St. Louis, Mo., consecrated its handsome new building, located at Hanley Road and Davis Drive, on September 27. The building is of native stone, richly trimmed with cut limestone. The style is of the Old English country church. The main auditorium is in the cruciform shape, with transept chancel and choir. The Sunday school rooms, offices, etc., are on the ground floor, and in the rear. The auditorium will seat normally 750 people. The Sunday school is planned for a school of between six and seven hundred. Provision is made for a ladies' parlor, a splendidly equipped kitchen, excellent dining rooms, a stage with unusually fine equipment, special departments for the various age groups of the Sunday school, offices, etc. Janitor's quarters are provided on the fourth floor. The building is finished throughout in oak and chestnut. The floors of the lobbies are of terrazzo. The other floors are of flexed tile. The building is located on a spacious lot, and bids fair to be one of the show places in this section of the city.

In connection with the opening of the building, there were a number of most interesting features. This is the fourth building that has been erected by the Central church in the eighty-seven years of its history. The first was at Locust and Eighth Avenues, the second at Garrison and Lucas Avenues, and the third at Delmar Avenue and Clara Street. Each of these buildings has been in the nature of a westward expansion of the city towards the setting sun. The building committee consisted of Mr. John F. Green, chairman; Mr. L. Wade Childress, and Mr. David E. Woods. It is interesting to note that Mr. Green, chairman, was also chairman of the committee which built the church at Clara and Delmar.

Another feature of great interest was the union of the Central and Clayton churches. These two churches had been granted by the Presbytery of St. Louis permission to unite, the union to take place upon the occupation of the new house of worship. A good many of the activities of the two churches were actually co-ordinated before this time. However, the public worship of the two churches continued to be held separately. The Clayton church continued to worship in its building, with Rev. Walter M. Langtry, D. D., as its pastor, and the Central church to use

its temporary quarters in the Masonic Temple, University City, under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. T. S. Smylie, D. D. Upon the occupation of the building at Hanley Road and Davis Drive, the actual union of the two congregations has become a very happy reality. Rev. Theodore S. Smylie, D. D., is the minister, and Rev. Walter M. Langtry, D. D., becomes pastor emeritus of the new Central. The elders and the deacons of both churches unite to constitute the official boards of



Mr. John F. Green,

Chairman of Building Committee of Central Presbyterian church, St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Green was also chairman of the building committee that erected the third building of this church as well as the present one, which is the fourth.

the new church. One of the evidences of God's blessing upon this move has been the wonderful harmony, the unity of purpose and feeling with which these two churches have accomplished this merger.

Another interesting item connected with the opening of the new building was the special week of consecration services. Dr. J. Layton Mauze, a former minister, preached the opening sermon September 27. Rev. Theodore S. Smylie, D. D., conducted the consecration services, and Dr. James L. Fowle, a former pastor, and Dr. Walter Langtry participated in the program. Dr. Fowle preached at the evening services. On Monday evening Dr. Mauze addressed the men's banquet. On Tuesday evening Dr. Fowle addressed the

young people at a young people's dinner. On Wednesday evening Dr. William S. Crowe, of the Westminster church, addressed a congregation representing a number of the churches of the city. A number of other pastors were present to bring congratulations and greetings. Others who could not come wrote their felicitations. Thursday evening Rev. Edmund F. Miller, D. D., of the Tyler Place Presbyterian church, spoke to the officers and teachers of the Sunday school, at their first meeting of the fall. On Friday evening a very happy reception was held in the social rooms of the church. On Sunday, October 4, a special service was held at eleven o'clock, in which the people of the church consecrated their lives anew to the service of the Master. At the evening hour a double quartet rendered an inspiring program, beautifully instituting the ministry of music in the new building.

Another interesting feature in connection with this movement is the completion by Dr. Walter M. Langtry of thirty-one years as minister of the Clayton church. Dr. Langtry's thirty-one years ended with the month of October. His official retirement to the position of pastor emeritus was postponed until Sunday, October 25. At this time a special service in his honor was held, at which time Dr. Langtry preached. Many of his friends in the city and community were in attendance to do him honor.

The union of these two churches gives to the Central church approximately 775 members, with an able corps of officers, and a location second to none in its prospects for the future. The enthusiasm of the people at being in a church home again, after worshipping so long in a rented hall, is very marked. The interest of people in this section of the city in the new venture, is expressed on every hand. The future of this church is as wide as the promises of God, and the consecration of His people.

The ministers of the Clayton church have been: Rev. George L. Washburn, 1892-1893; Rev. B. H. Charles, D. D., 1894-1900; Rev. Walter M. Langtry, D. D., 1900-1931.

The ministers of the Central church from its founding in 1844 have been: Rev. Alexander Van Court (deceased), July, 1845-July, 1849; Rev. S. J. P. Anderson, D. D., (deceased), December, 1850-May, 1868; Rev. Robert Brank, D. D., (deceased), May, 1869-August, 1895; Rev. Edward Mack, D. D., July, 1893-May, 1897; Rev. A. F. Carr, D. D., March, 1898-March, 1901; Rev. J. Layton Mauze, D. D., February, 1902-July, 1917; Rev. Donald C. MacLeod, D. D., January, 1918-December, 1922; Rev. James L. Fowle, D. D., October, 1923-1929; Rev. Theodore S. Smylie, D. D., January 1, 1931.
St. Louis, Mo.

JOHN F. GREEN, ATTORNEY, DIES OF HEART DISEASE

End Comes at Home, 1155
Hillside Drive, Hampton
Park — Ill Since March 1
— Was 68 Years Old.

John F. Green, lawyer specializing in the laws of libel and taxation, died of heart disease at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at his home, 1155 Hillside drive, Hampton Park, Richmond Heights.

He had been ill since March 1, but appeared to be recovering until about two weeks ago. The ailment was diagnosed as thrombosis of the heart, a clot stopping circulation.

Mr. Green, who was 68 years old, was a partner in the law firm of Judson, Green, Henry & Remmers, Boatmen's Bank Building. He was born on a farm in Clinton County, Mo., on Feb. 14, 1864, and received his early education in the rural schools. In 1884 he was graduated from Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., and in 1889 from the old St. Louis Law School later a part of Washington University.

Admitted to the bar in 1890, he associated himself with the late Frederick N. Judson, in the firm of Judson & Taussig. In 1901 the partnership of Judson & Green was formed and 10 years later the firm became Judson, Green & Henry, with the addition of J. Porter Henry. Mr. Judson died in 1919, but his name has been retained because he wanted it perpetuated. The firm assumed its present title in 1923, when Ernest A. Green, who was not related to Mr. Green, and Oliver T. Remmers, president of the Police Board, joined it. Mr. Green's son, John Raeburn Green, also is a partner.

Expert on Libel.

Widely known as an expert in libel law, Mr. Green frequently was consulted by newspapers all over the country. He taught the law of libel at St. Louis University Law School about 1910-15. He was counsel for the Post-Dispatch for many years, succeeding Mr. Judson in handling this newspaper's legal affairs.

Mr. Green was counsel and a director of the McQuay-Norris Manufacturing Co. and the American Credit Indemnity Co. He handled many tax and probate cases. His courtroom manner was not impressive, compared with the ora-

NOTED LAWYER DIES



JOHN F. GREEN.

tory and characteristics of many trial lawyers, but he was well grounded in the law and when he had to appeal to the higher tribunals his preparation of briefs frequently brought successful results.

For a period, about 1915-19, he handled protracted litigation for the New York Life Insurance Co., in what came to be known as the case of the Kimmel claimant, a controversy over identity. He won some phases and lost others.

Executors of the estate of the late E. W. Grove were represented by Mr. Green in a will contest, which was decided in their favor in 1928. For several years after Mr. Judson's death Mr. Green represented the estate for the late Joseph Pulitzer, founder of the Post-Dispatch, in local matters. He was among counsel representing the late H. Clay Pierce in litigation with the National Bank of Commerce lasting a number of years. A. A. Rolleston was represented successfully by Mr. Green in a suit to establish an oral trust in Rolleston's favor, against the estate of the late John T. Milliken.

Mr. Green handled a number of suits for the disbarment of lawyers on behalf of the St. Louis Bar Association, prior to 1920.

Mr. Green was married in 1893 to Miss Eleanor Ibbotson of Montreal, Que. He is survived by Mrs. Green; two sons, John R. Green of 66 Arundel place, Clayton, and Estil I. Green, an electrical engineer of East Orange, N. J., and two daughters, Mrs. Paul S. Barker of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Mrs. D. A. Skelton of Montreal, Que. The family was with him when he died.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HANLEY ROAD AT DAVIS DRIVE

THEODORE S. SMYLIE, D. D., MINISTER
SAINT LOUIS

June 10th, 1932.

To the Officers,
Central Presbyterian Church,
Saint Louis, Missouri.

Dear Fellow Officer:

As you know, the congregation,
at its meeting last Sunday, elected to the office of Elder:
Messrs. R. C. Duncan, Charles McClung Thompson, and W. P.
Davies; and to the office of Deacon: Dr. Raleigh K. Andrews,
and Mr. Arthur S. Grogg. Mr. Wilson W. Keyser was reelected
to the office of Deacon.

The Session has set Sunday, at
eleven o'clock as the time for the installation of these
men. I am writing to ask that each officer in the church
make an effort to be present at this service. Let us give
these new Officers a cordial welcome to the Board of
Church.

Yours in the Master's Service

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Dr. Raleigh K. Andrews was head of the diaconate during the late 1930s. His daughter Virginia (later Mrs. Ralph Trovillion) was the first child baptized in the new sanctuary.

The church embarked on a "Save Central" campaign in 1936. Stories are told of members who pledged their homes and life insurance to keep the church afloat. As the Depression eased, the debt was gradually reduced, although the mortgage on the Hanley Road building was not paid in full until 1952.

Dr. Smylie was a casualty of those difficult times. A small but strategically placed group of officers lost confidence in his leadership and, many believed, forced his resignation in 1937.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP PRINCIPLES

Stewardship is Fundamental

The recognition of our responsibility to God as stewards of everything we are and have—life, time, talents, possessions and spiritual resources—is fundamental to a wholesome Christian faith and experience.

Stewardship is primarily spiritual. Its great objective is character. It is the principle on which daily life must be organized in order to be fully Christian.

Stewardship is Not Optional

Stewardship grows out of our obligation to God as Creator, Owner, and Giver of all things, material and spiritual, and is indispensable to a life of obedience, love, and gratitude.

Stewardship Solves Problems

Stewardship, in its full New Testament meaning, involves responsibility to man, and provides a solution for the social, racial, industrial, and economic problems which confront the modern world.

Stewardship Must Be Acknowledged

Suitable acknowledgment of our stewardship can be made only as we set aside for God's service such measure of time, possessions, and vital energies as a Scripturally enlightened judgment demands.

Stewardship and Money

Stewardship involves both the beneficent use of money and the spirit and method of its acquisition, investment and expenditure.

The Christian's total attitude toward material things is of great importance to himself, the Church and the world, in this time of social reconstruction.

Proportionate Beneficence

Stable provision can be made for the support of kingdom enterprises only through the systematic, proportionate and adequate contributions of Christian people.

System should be adjusted to the needs involved; proportion should be relative to personal income and agreeable to the Scriptures. The dedication of the tenth of income offers a basic principle of beneficence supported by centuries of religious custom, Biblical teaching, and joyful experience. While emphatically recommended to the people of our churches, it must not be regarded as exhausting the meaning of stewardship, but rather as the beginning of our service to the kingdom.

February 28, 1937



Benjamin Franklin Hall.

Dr. B. 1938 ~

THE SESSION IS HAPPY to announce that the
Rev. Julian Price Love, Ph. D.,
President
Louisville Presbyterian Seminary,
will occupy the pulpit of the Central Church, Sunday,
March 7, 1937. Please invite your friends.

SYMPATHY is expressed to Mrs. John Booth. Her sister-in-law, Mrs. Nancy Burd Garrison, passed away in Chicago, last Monday. Mrs. Garrison was buried in St. Louis, on Wednesday. Dr. Langtry conducted the service.

THE SERVICE TODAY, brings to a close the present pastorate, which began Jan. 1, 1931. During these years, Central Church has moved to a new location three or four miles west of its old location. Two separate organizations, Clayton and Central, have been harmoniously united. The church has sustained the loss by death of a number of its most substantial members. The Church and community have been through one of the worst financial depressions of recent history. Due to the depression, the church itself has been compelled to labor under a debt of more than two hundred thousand dollars, which necessitated the reduction of operating expenses, promotional funds, and office staff, to the very minimum. The records show that, during these years, 447 people have been received into the church (an average of about 75 per year), 162 of them on Profession of Faith. The pastor has baptized 85 babies, and participated in 71 funerals and 38 weddings. The total contributions as reported to the General Assembly, exclusive of Interest Payments by B'Nai El Temple, have been: 1932, \$29,046; 1933, \$33,667; 1934, \$28,129; 1935, \$30,214; 1936, \$30,173; a total of \$151,229. During these years, many people in Central Church and the community have shown the pastor and his family a great many courtesies. Dr. and Mrs. Smylie would like, through the bulletin, to express publicly their appreciation for all these kindnesses.

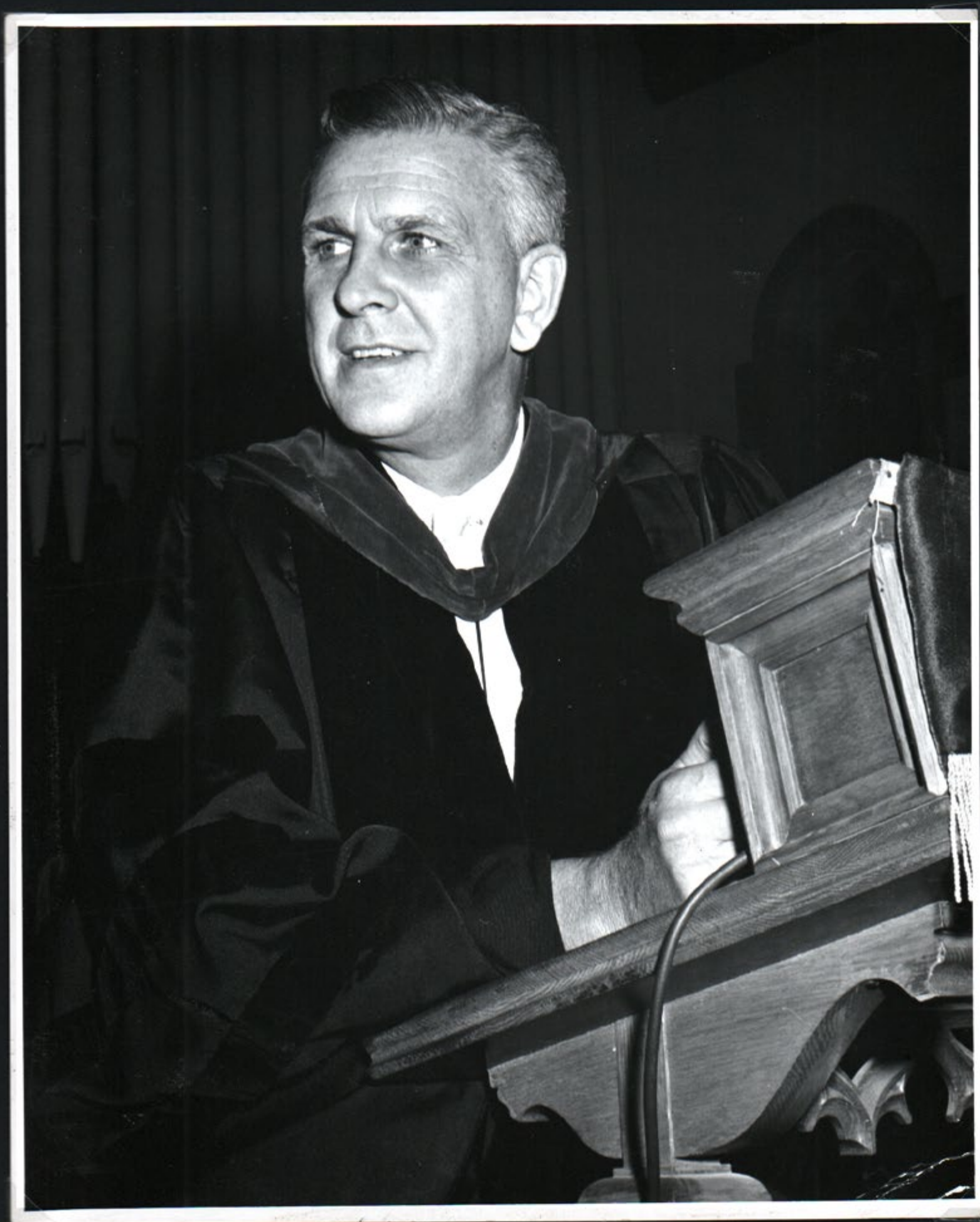
Dr. Smylie's personal papers show the extent of his efforts to overcome Central's debt. He contacted a number of churches and was interested in the "Belmont Plan" of Christian Stewardship. Stewardship was promoted, and the concept of pew taxes faded. His efforts didn't solve the problem, and Dr. Smylie resigned. Right, the Bulletin noting his final service, February 28, 1937.

Frank Hall

1948



J Layton Mauze, Jr.



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LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

Influence Of Elder Mauze Still Holds

BY JOHN T. STEWART
Star-Times Church Editor

*"Like father, like son;
every good tree maketh
good fruits."*

—"Piers Plowman."

IT CERTAINLY HAS in the case of the J. Layton Mauzes.

Forty-one years ago, J. Layton Mauze Jr. was born in St. Louis at the time when his father was minister of the Central Presbyterian Church. The family left in 1917.

But back to St. Louis—and to the same church—has come the son, following in a great tradition.

It is a moving, human story—this one of father and son.

For there was a time in his youth when Layton Mauze Jr. rebelled against his father's calling and started a career in the New York Stock Exchange instead.

But the influence of boyhood, and his father's example were strong indeed. There came the inner gnawings—to do as did his father.

So young Layton Mauze went back to school—to the Union Theological Seminary, where his father had also gone.

"I KNOW NOW," Dr. Mauze told me, smiling, "that Father was radiantly happy when my brother, George, and I finally decided to follow him in the ministry."

"You know," he added, "there was never any formal discussion of the subject between my father and us. Father would always say there were two decisions we had to make for ourselves—whom we should marry and what our vocations would be."

Dr. Mauze recalls what a busy place was the minister's manse when he was a child. It was in the 5600 block of Cates ave. The



THE REV. DR. J. LAYTON MAUZE JR. and his family break their customary hustle-and-bustle to pose for a "whole group" picture—quite an event in the life of the on-the-go Mauzes. Dr. Mauze is seated at the right, Mrs. Mauze at the left and between them is James, 10. Standing are J. Layton III, who is 12; Suzanne, 15, and George III, who is 11.

church—which now is at Davis dr. and Hanley rd.—was at Delmar blvd. and Clara ave. There were three other boys, besides Dr. Mauze and two daughters.

"THE BIG HOUSE," he laughs, was constantly overrun by visitors from early morning until late at night. As my father's

friends well recall, his average working day was 14 hours."

The Clayton minister paused momentarily for a sort of sheepish grin.

"I guess his example sticks with me," he added, "I have to work long hours, too."

As a child, Dr. Mauze said thoughtfully, his impulse was to

emulate his father. Not until later did he feel any rebellion.

The family remained in St. Louis until young Layton was 9. While here, he attended the Dugier public school. His father resigned here in 1917 to take over his Huntington, W. Va., assignment. It was there, in his teens, that young Layton decid-

ed to go into business instead of the clergy.

SO AFTER HIS graduation from Davidson College in Davidson, N. C., he went to the Stock Exchange and then later to a private brokerage firm.

Then came the tuggings of the spirit. And so he went back

Heeded Call After Brief 'Rebellion'

to school—but this time to Union.

His first church post, after completing his training in 1935 was as assistant pastor of the Huntington Church where he had lived and worshipped as a youth. His father had left the church in 1928 to become pastor of Kansas City's Central Presbyterian Church.

Like a remote, but powerful star, his father's influence continued. When his father died in 1937, the son heeded the Kansas City call to succeed him, remaining there until he was invited last January to the Clayton church in whose pulpit his father had held forth so many years before. (His brother, George, holds the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church in San Antonio.)

WELL OVER SIX FEET tall, poised, easy-speaking and efficient, Dr. Mauze said he used to play basketball and golf even after his entry into the ministry.

"But no more," he added with a sigh. "The only exercise I have time for these days is walking up apartment house stairs to visit one of our young couples."

Dr. Mauze is married to the former Sus Dunn of Kingston, N. C. They have four children who keep things humming in the Mauze mansion at 29 Crestwood drive.

In the pulpit, the minister accomplishes the same thing. More than 100 persons have joined the church since he took over.

To Dr. Mauze that is part of the great satisfaction he gets from the ministry.

"It is the most challenging opportunity any young man can have to render real and definite service. It carries with it many heartache—but there are great compensations."

I don't know whether Dr. Mauze had the Old Testament quotation in mind (from Proverbs) as he spoke, but I did. And I remembered it well:

"A wise son maketh a glad father."

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Man Can't Get Rid Of God—Clayton Minister

BY JOHN T. STEWART
Star-Times Church Editor

"Humanity has never been able to get rid of God," the Rev. Dr. J. Layton Mauze Jr. said yesterday in his sermon at Central Presbyterian Church, Clayton.

"There is something in the universe that answers back to human life," he said. "Always, men have felt that the world is alive and answering, not dead.

"And men have not been able to get rid of the human soul, either, with all its needs, which keep crying out loud from morning to night, so that only God can satisfy them. . . .

"If I were asked to describe the regnant vice of our day in a single phrase, I would call it the sin of Esau, who sold his birthright for a mess of pottage.

"We have been hearing a lot about being disillusioned. You might think, to hear some people talk, that it was the ideals and ideas and principles of Jesus that had been weighed in the balance and found wanting—love, mercy, unselfishness and purity. As a matter of fact, it hasn't been their presence in human life that has got the better of us and let us down, it has been their conspicuous absence. 'Verily, verily, I say unto you,' I can't imagine a soul bewildered once it really begins following that voice around."

Rev. J. Layton Mauze III Is Fifth In Family Line of Ministers

To Preach From Father's Pulpit

BY WALTER E. ORTHWEIN
Globe-Democrat Church Editor.

The Rev. Henri Mauze would doubtless sympathize with the trials and tribulations of today's escapees from the Communist sector of Berlin.

The first member of his family to wear the cloth, he too was a refugee — smuggled out of France in a hogshead, on a ship bound for England, during the seventeenth century persecution of the Huguenots.

A year later, in 1681, he emigrated to Virginia with his English bride. The family has flourished in this country ever since, but 10 generations passed before another Mauze entered the ministry.

That was three centuries later, in 1899, when the Rev. J. Layton Mauze Sr. was ordained in Richmond, Va. He began his ministry in the historic pulpit of Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church, founded in 1746 and antedating the American Revolution by three decades.

Third Generation

The ordination of Dr. Mauze began a tradition which has continued unbroken for 63 years, and is about to extend to the third generation. After three years at Timber Ridge, the elder Mauze emigrated to St. Louis, accepting a call to Central Presbyterian Church, then at Garrison and Lucas avenues.

His six children were born here, among them the present pastor of Central Presbyterian, Dr. J. Layton Mauze Jr., and another son, George, now minister of a Texas congregation, First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio.

This year, on July 22, a third generation descendant of the first St. Louis Mauze, J. Layton Mauze III, following in the steps of his father and grandfather, will be ordained to the Presbyterian ministry.

The ordination rites will take place at the ancient First Presbyterian Church of Front Royal, Va., where the younger Mauze has been serving as student minister since June 10. His father, Dr. Mauze Jr., will be on hand to preach the installation sermon.



REV. J. LAYTON MAUZE JR.

5600 block of Cates avenue, and followed his father in three churches. Graduating in 1935 from Union Theological Seminary (of Virginia, huh!) he was ordained that year and installed as assistant to his father, then serving the Huntington congregation.

Succeeds Father

Two years later, Junior took the pulpit of the Kansas City church, occupied by his father before him, and after 12 years there came to St. Louis in 1949. He is now in his fourteenth year as pastor of Central Church, which moved to its present location at Hanley road and Davis drive in Clayton in 1930.

The 110-year-old congregation, rooted in the genteel tradition of Southern Presbyterianism of the ante-bellum period, is not only one of the oldest but also one of the largest and most vigorous west of the Mississippi.

A total of 2599 persons have joined Central Presbyterian Church since Dr. Mauze Jr. became pastor, and the membership roll now stands at 1884. The church



REV. J. LAYTON MAUZE SR.

budget, around \$87,000 when he came to the pulpit in 1949, is \$275,000 for the current year. About half of this impressive sum is for operating expenses, and the other half for benevolences.

The descendants of the Rev. Henri Mauze are many. Dr. Mauze Jr. is one of his father's four sons and two daughters, and is himself the father of four.

In addition to his brother George, the San Antonio clergyman, there are Charles, an attorney, of Lexington, W. Va., and Jean, vice president of the United States Trust Company of New York City, who is married to the former Abby Rockefeller, daughter of John D. Jr. and sister of Governor Nelson, David, Winthrop and Laurence.

Dr. Mauze's sisters are Mrs. Sanford Conley of Columbia, Mo., and Mrs. Charles C. Carson Jr. of San Antonio.

Rusk Schoolmate

As an undergraduate at Davidson, (N.C.), College, Dr. Mauze Jr. was a class ahead of Dean Rusk, now Secretary



REV. J. LAYTON MAUZE III

of State, and played basketball with him. It was Dr. Mauze who introduced Secretary Rusk when the latter delivered the commencement address earlier this month at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo.

Dr. Mauze's own children, in addition to Joseph Layton III, are George Mauze, manager of the Granite City branch of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company; Mrs. Graham Barefoot Jr., Wilmington, N.C., and James Mauze, who has just completed his freshman year at Washington University law school. Their mother is the former Sue Duan of Kinston, N.C., whom Dr. Mauze married in 1931.

J. Layton III was born while his father was assistant at Huntington, in 1936. Moving to St. Louis with his parents in 1949, he attended Clayton public schools and McCaille School, Chattanooga, Tenn., graduating in 1959 from Westminster College and — this month — from Union Theological Seminary at Richmond.

While at Westminster, he

Tradition Began In 17th Century

met Harriet Hayes of Shreveport, La., a student at William Woods College in Fulton, and married her. The couple now live in Richmond and are parents of two more Mauzes, a daughter, Michele, 4, and a year-old son, J. Layton Mauze IV.

A Big Week

Altogether, there are seven Mauze grandchildren, five of them Barefoots. In addition to Layton III's impending ordination, on Sunday, July 22, another event in the Mauze family is scheduled for later in the same week. On Friday, July 27, Central Church will be the scene of a Mauze wedding, when James and Sondra Seeger of St. Louis will be joined in matrimony by Dr. Mauze Jr.

Before coming to the Front Royal church this month as student minister, Layton III served in that capacity at First Presbyterian Church in Shreveport, his bride's home city, and during the past year at Ginter Presbyterian in Richmond.

Following his ordination, Layton III and his family will motor to St. Louis for James's wedding, and Layton III will preach from his father's Clayton pulpit on Sunday, July 29, at both the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services.

"Did Layton III always want to be a minister, like his father and grandfather?" we asked Dr. Mauze Jr.

"As a matter of fact, he did," was the reply. "He has wanted to since early boyhood."

Then, as an afterthought: "He sometimes didn't act like — but then, I guess my father said the same thing about me!"

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Dear Brethren:

At our meeting today, following the morning church service, Elder James D. Francis read to us the recent newspaper article in the "Star-Times" about your church, now in its 108th year, describing with impressive statistics the marked increase in attendance, contributions and activities of your officers and members, under the leadership of your new pastor, the Rev. J. Layton Mauze, Jr., whose life-like picture accompanied the article.

Our joy in such good news about a well-known sister church is multiplied by our affectionate regard for your pastor, whom we remember as a boy and youth while his father, J. Layton Mauze, D. D., Senior, was our vigorous and beloved pastor, 1917 - 1928, and later when Layton, Jr., was our Assistant Pastor, June 7, 1935, to June 27, 1937.

Came Here in 1902

For the better part of a century, the Mauzes have been "shuttling" between pastorates in Virginia and the middle west, each generation faithfully repeating the pattern established by Dr. Mauze Sr.

The elder Mauze was born at Montivideo, Va., in 1873, and educated at Hampton Sydney College, near Farmington, and Union Theological Seminary at Richmond — not to be confused with the New York City seminary of the same name.

He came to St. Louis in 1902, remaining at Central Presbyterian for 15 years, when he returned east to become pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Huntington, W. Va., for 11 years. Back to the midwest in 1928, Dr. Mauze was minister of Central Presbyterian Church of Kansas City until his death in 1937.

Dr. Mauze Jr. was born during his father's pastorate here, in the minister's manse in the



Dr. J. Layton Mauze Retires As Pastor of Clayton Church

The Rev. Dr. J. Layton Mauze Jr., who led the Central Presbyterian Church through confrontations with black militants last summer, announced his retirement Sunday as minister of the Clayton church.

Dr. Mauze, 61, said he was taking early retirement because of ill health. He said he would remain as minister of the church until Aug. 31, if necessary, while the church found a new pastor and to facilitate the transition.

Dr. Mauze became pastor of Central Presbyterian in February, 1949. His father had held the same position from 1902 to 1917.

SINCE DR. MAUZE became pastor, Central Presbyterian has doubled its membership, debts have been retired and an extensive building program conducted.

During Dr. Mauze's tenure, Central Presbyterian has been extensively rehabilitated and a Children's Building built adja-



DR. J. L. MAUZE

cent to the church.

The church established and operates Central School for the Young Years, a nursery school at 700 South Hanley rd., Clayton. Central Presbyterian also has built Bonhomme, Des Peres and Kirk of the Hills Presby-

terian churches and assisted numerous other churches.

The church at 801 South Hanley rd. became a center of controversy last June when members of the Black Liberation Front entered the church to read a Black Manifesto demanding reparations from American churches and synagogues.

DR. MAUZE DISMISSED his congregation who then walked out before the militants could speak.

The church later filed a \$100,000 damage suit against the militants but dropped the request for damages when U.S. District Judge James Meredith issued a permanent injunction barring interruption of services at the church.

Dr. Mauze is a graduate of Davidson's College and Union Theological Seminary. He served as pastor at churches in Kansas City and Huntington, W. Va., before coming to St. Louis.

WHEREAS, the Reverend J. Layton Mauze, Jr. served with distinction as Pastor of Central Presbyterian Church from 1949 to 1970, and as Pastor Emeritus from 1970 to 1988, and

WHEREAS, during the period of his active ministry Central Presbyterian Church experienced extraordinary spiritual growth, as well as the doubling of its membership and a substantial increase in its physical facilities, and

WHEREAS, J. Layton Mauze, Jr. was not only a beloved and tireless pastor but also a dynamic and courageous preacher of the Gospel of Christ, and

WHEREAS, his many contributions toward the upbuilding of Central Presbyterian Church complemented the important contributions of his illustrious father, the Reverend J. Layton Mauze, Sr., who served as Pastor of Central Presbyterian Church from 1902 to 1917, and

WHEREAS, in obedience to Christ's Great Commission he was instrumental in building several Presbyterian churches in the St. Louis area, and

WHEREAS, his Christian commitment was further confirmed by the contribution of his enormous talents to the support of worthy community institutions, including his chairing of the Boards of both St. Luke's Hospital and Westminster College, and

WHEREAS, he was at all times a devoted husband and father,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Session of Central Presbyterian Church extends its deepest sympathy to Sue Mauze, her children and their families in their bereavement and rejoices with them in the knowledge that as a good and faithful servant of Christ he has been welcomed into the eternal presence of his Lord.

The Rev. J. Layton Mauze Jr.; Headed Church For 2 Decades

Private graveside services for the Rev. J. Layton Mauze Jr., former pastor of Central Presbyterian Church in Clayton, will be Friday at Stonewall Jackson Cemetery in Lexington, Va.

The Rev. Mr. Mauze (pronounced Mo-ZAY), died Wednesday of a heart ailment at a hospital in Stuart, Fla., where he had lived in retirement since 1971. He was 80.

He was pastor of Central Presbyterian, at 801 South Hanley Road, from 1949 to 1970. During his ministry, the church's membership doubled, and it became Missouri's largest congregation of the Presbyterian Church U.S. (Southern) with more than 2,000 members.

His father, the Rev. J. Layton Mauze Sr., was pastor of Central Presbyterian from 1902 to 1917, when the church was at Delmar Boulevard and Clara Avenue.

The younger clergyman at first pursued a career as a stockbroker in New York but then decided to follow his father in the ministry. He graduated from his father's alma mater, Union Theological Seminary in Rich-



Mr. Mauze
1969 photo

mond, Va. His first church post was as assistant pastor of the church in Huntington, W. Va., that his father headed after he left St. Louis.

When his father died in 1937, the Rev. Mr. Mauze succeeded him as pastor of Central Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, where he served until returning to St. Louis, his birthplace, in 1949.

The Rev. Mr. Mauze was chairman of the board of trustees of Westminster College in Fulton, Mo., and delivered the invocation that preceded Sir Winston Churchill's "Iron Curtain" speech there in 1946. He also headed the boards at the School of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, Mo., the Presbyterian Home in Farmington, Mo., and St. Luke's Hospital here. He also served as moderator of the Synod of Missouri of the Presbyterian Church U.S.

Surviving are his wife, Isabelle "Sue" Mauze; three sons, James F. Mauze of Ladue, the Rev. Joseph Layton Mauze III of Fort Smith, Ark., and George Mauze of Murray Hill, N.J.; a daughter, Suzanne Gould of Olean, N.Y.; a brother, the Rev. George W. Mauze of Rockport, Texas; two sisters, Eleanor Conley of Columbia, Mo., and Margaret Carson of San Antonio, Texas; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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IN MEMORY OF:

The Rev. Dr. J. Layton Mauze, Jr.

1908-1988

Former Central Pastor, Dr. J. Layton Mauze, Jr. died Wednesday, May 18 in Stuart, Florida where he had lived in retirement since 1971. He was 80 years old.

Dr. Mauze was the Pastor of Central church from 1949 to 1970. During his ministry, the church's membership doubled, and it became Missouri's largest congregation of the Presbyterian Church U.S. with more than 2,000 members. His father, the Rev. J. Layton Mauze, Sr., was pastor

The Church and Common Sense

A THOUGHT-PROVOKING SERMON ON MORAL SICKNESS

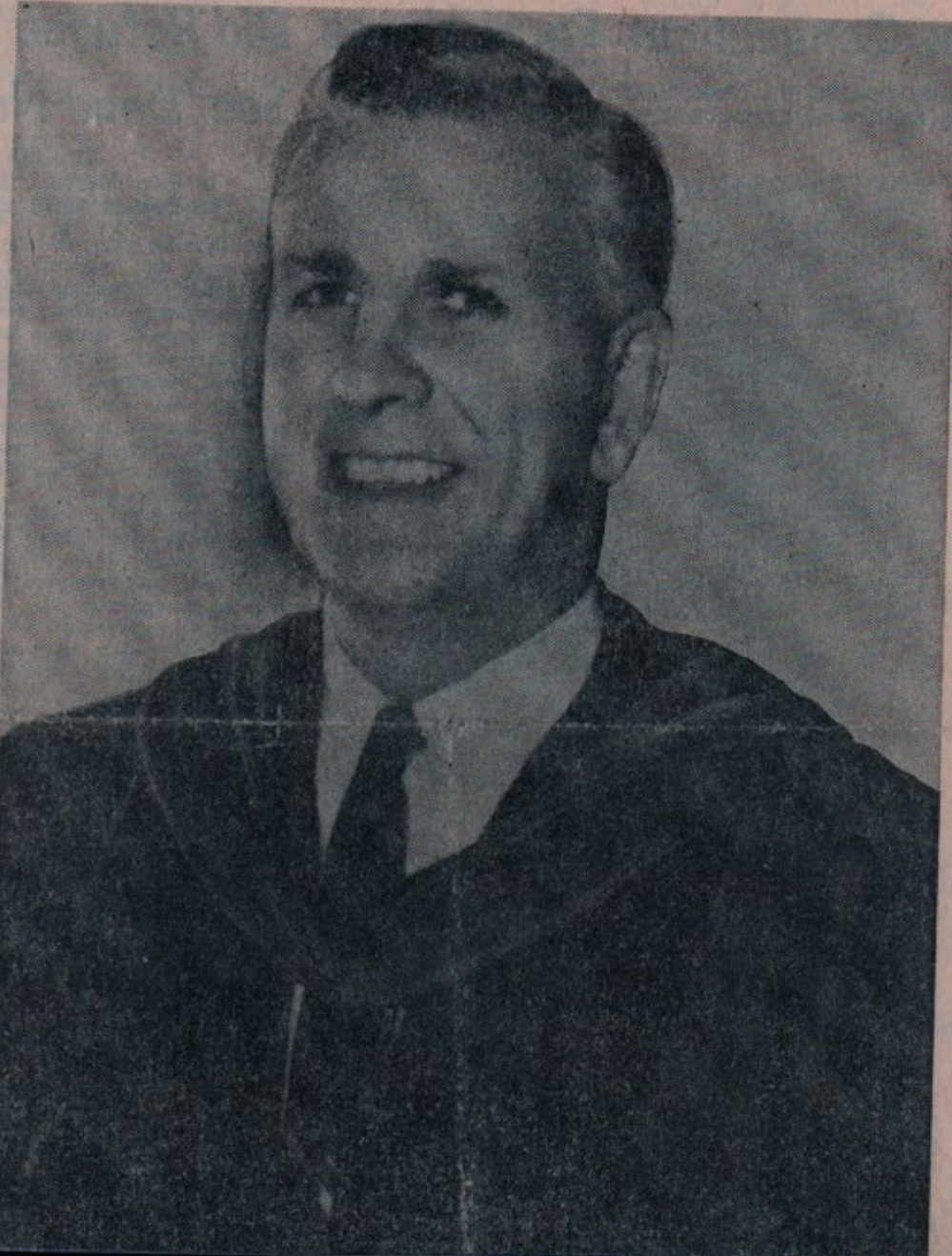
The following is the text of a provocative sermon delivered recently by the Rev. Dr. J. Layton Mauze Jr. pastor of Central Presbyterian Church Clayton.

American is in a state of crisis. This is not because the to paperbacks and the commentators say so, but because the of red-neck racists, the wild kids U on the beaches, the punks, the ta beatniks, the dope addicts, the w vandals, the sick readers of w sick books, the sick viewers of n sick movies, are saying so. p: Today, delinquency plagues v many American homes, crime p stalks the nation's streets, im- of morality struts in the gutters o of society, best-selling paper- b backs float at sewage-level, a the communists are still dedi- c cated to controlling this world p and burying the United States, ti and the Red Chinese have the c atomic bomb.

o But why worry about tomor- n row anyway, if tranquilizers d and barbiturates can get us t through today? Doesn't big government stand as a symbol of security? Don't politicians promise more and more dol- lars for more and more people with more and more speed? And, in any event, isn't the "good Lord" on our side?

Listen — the decay of a people's moral fibre has, all through history, been the prelude to the collapse of a civilized society. It was so in imperial Rome, and the rule still governs today. Surely, this is worthy of sober meditation — our spiritual slump and our moral madness!

Now, in this situation, what is the primary responsibility of the church? To preach the



highly motivated sense of patriotism on the part of the great bulk of our people, will effectively counteract the influence of those individuals who would vacate the American dream for a collectivist mirage.

We also need the common sense to have faith in individual, personal responsibility as a keystone to a free society—in face of a steadily encroaching paternalistic government. In our growing dependence on the federal government, or on social movements, we have all but overlooked the basic fact, that the responsible individual is the indispensable unit in a free and good society, and the secret of its upgrading. The underwritten man inevitably becomes the pawn of the state.

Something fine and strong goes out of him. The American dream has been pursued and advanced by men who stood on their own feet, and made their own way, paid the penalty for their own mistakes and reaped the reward for their wisdom, skills and energy. It must still be so if the American dream is to be fulfilled. Freedom brings responsibility. It is one thing to demand our rights, it's another thing to be worthy of them. And even the lowliest among us can do that!

Of course, this means, that religious faith lies close to the heart of the American dream. For it's faith in God that gives men the moral fiber and the high courage, to combat evil and oppression and tyranny.

The Church's Job

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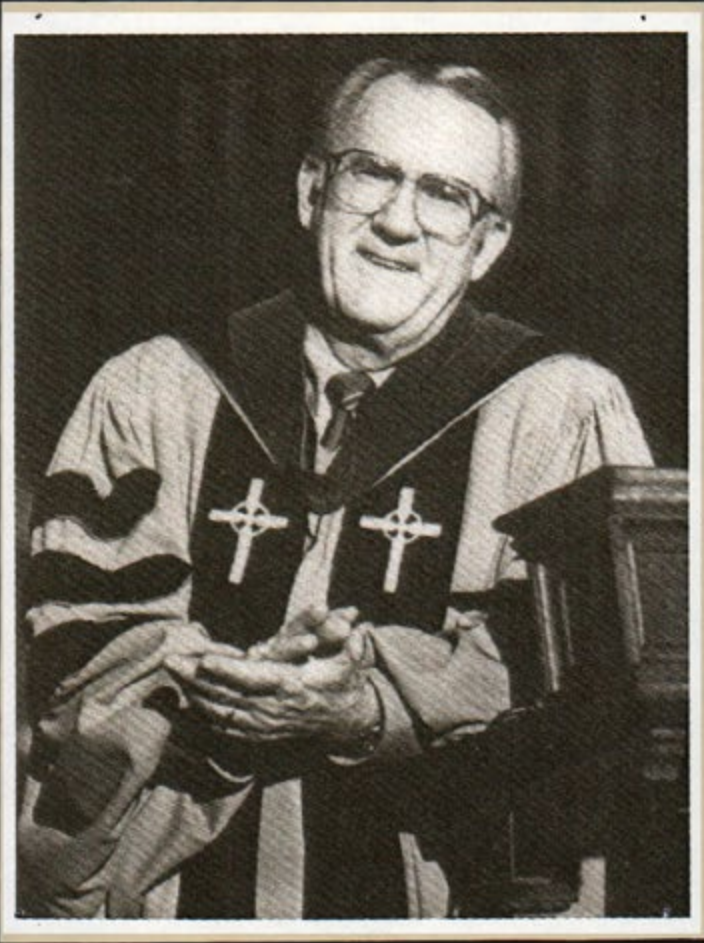
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Dr. Andrew A. Jumper



Mark, Kathy, Andy, Elizabeth, Carol & Peter Jumper

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As I think about Central - about its past and the things it has done; about its present and the things it is accomplishing; I pray for the future that the work we have begun together will remain and grow. After all, we have something to stand on, the Word of God, we have something to stand for, the laws of a just Father, and above all we have someone to stand with us. I want to say to you that whatever the days ahead may hold for me, I am counting on you to keep the focus on Jesus Christ. **The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.**

Dr. Andrew A. Jumper, September 1991



Andy, Carol, Sydney, Mark, Kathy, Peter & Amy

RELIGION & ETHICS

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Retiring: Presbyterian Pastor Helped Found Denomination

By Pamela Selbert

Post-Dispatch Special Correspondent

The Rev. Dr. Andrew A. Jumper says that cleaning out his office after 21 years as senior pastor of Central Presbyterian Church in Clayton "is almost like dismantling my life."

The other tough part, he added, is "stepping down from the pulpit. I'm a preacher. Long ago, that's what I was called to do. And if time permits me, that's what I want to do again."

The uncertainty about time is particularly compelling to Jumper, 64, because four years ago he was found to have cancer. He cited his prolonged illness as the reason for his retirement, which he announced several months ago. He bade farewell to his congregation after four services on Christmas Eve.

Jumper was one of the founders of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, formed as a moderate group before the merger of the nation's two big Presbyterian denominations: the Presbyterian Church in the United States (the southern Presbyterians) and the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (the northern Presbyterians).

The northern and southern churches were split by the issue of slavery in the 19th century. Jumper played a pivotal role in their reunification in the 1980s into the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). But Jumper provided what he called an "escape clause" in the merger agreement to let former southern congregations withdraw should they "find cause."

Jumper used that escape clause to lead Central Presbyterian out of the new church and joined the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, the moderate group. Other congregations followed Central Presbyterian, and the new denomination soon had more than 150,000 members in 50 churches throughout the nation, Jumper said. About six of the congregations are in the St. Louis area.

Jumper wrote the Evangelical Presbyterian's Book of Order, which set goals for the church, as well as the Book of Government and the Book of Worship.

"What we did was build a denomination from scratch, a major undertaking," he said. "We started out as a handful of people 10 years ago; now we're nationwide."

Jumper came to St. Louis because of his association with the Rev. Dr. J. Layton Mauze, senior pastor of Central Presbyterian for 20 years before his retirement in 1970.

Four years earlier, Jumper was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Lubbock, Texas. He formed and became president of the Covenant Fellowship of Presbyterians,

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The Rev. Dr. ANDREW A. JUMPER, retiring as senior pastor



which, he said, "served to block many liberal things in the southern church." Mauze joined the group, and Jumper later was asked to succeed Mauze at Central Presbyterian.

"When I came here, the number of church members was slowly declining," Jumper said. "Central had a membership of about 1,200 then, but they were mostly just names on paper, and only 600 were attending the two Sunday services. Now we have a membership of 2,600 and hold three packed services every Sunday morning."

Central Presbyterian has an annual budget of \$3 million and employs a staff of 65, including six associate pastors, a music director and two assistants, teachers at Central Christian School for kindergarten through sixth grade, office and maintenance personnel and others. Jumper said that the church's staff had increased tenfold since his arrival.

As the congregation has increased, it has changed also.

"When I came here, it was a much older group," Jumper said.

"But we began providing ministries to a variety of needs and to a number of specialized groups, particularly singles and youth, with the result that our congregation is younger now. One of our major

needs at this time is to expand the nursery."

Jumper says that Central Presbyterian's emphasis on evangelism has been the primary reason for its growth. Specialized ministries have targeted single people, divorced people and their children, elderly people and students in colleges, high schools and junior high schools. A telephone connection established by the church allows shut-ins to listen to Sunday services.

Central's "mission church," Emmanuel Presbyterian, was organized in 1987 in Grover, in rural west St. Louis County.

Jumper said that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has "blurred morality." He added that Central had grown steadily.

Jumper has been instrumental in developing missions in South America and has worked with the Presbyterian Church in Argentina and Brazil. He said he had learned Portuguese so as to be more effective in the work in Brazil.

Six seminaries of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church are operating in Sao Paulo,

Brazil, to train ministers.

In March, Central Presbyterian will open a Graduate Center in Sao Paulo staffed by professors educated in the United States, he said.

The center will be named for Jumper, who hopes that his health will permit him to attend its opening. Central Presbyterian is building a 10-story dormitory in Sao Paulo at a cost of \$150,000 to house the city's hundreds of seminary students, he said.

Jumper, a native of Mississippi, is a 1951 graduate of the University of Mississippi. He received a master of divinity degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1954 and completed a master of theology degree in 1960 with a major in pastoral counseling. He served as a pastor in Houston from 1954 to 1958, in Dallas from 1958 to 1962, in Lubbock from 1962 to 1970 and at Central Presbyterian from 1970 to 1991.

Jumper's first wife, Elizabeth, died of cancer in 1973. The following year he married Sydney Dicken Armistead. Together, they have five adult children and six grandchildren.

Central Presbyterian will begin a national search for Jumper's replacement soon. "They could find someone soon, but I doubt it," Jumper said. "More than likely, it will take at least six months."

And after beginning a series of chemotherapy treatments last fall, Jumper says his health seems to be improving.

He says his dream is to begin another mission church in West County in what he calls the "unchurched area around Highway 141 and Highway 40."

A new congregation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church would not be formed with the idea of drawing members away from Central, he said, but to serve West County.

"All my life, I've wanted to be doing new and different things," he said. "I don't know how much time I have left, but if it looks like a couple of years, I plan to help form the new church and serve as pastor."