

THE following article is one of a series setting forth the historical background of churches and congregations of all denominations in St. Louis.

On Hanley road at Davis drive stands a commodious stone edifice, the home of the Central Presbyterian Church. This handsome structure, situated in a beautiful section of St. Louis County, is the fifth home and the fourth edifice erected by a congregation which for eighty-nine years has followed the growth of the city westward.

Central Church looks back with pride upon years of service in the local religious field. It has welcomed almost 5,000 persons into its fold and has contributed more than \$300,000 to benevolence. Its mission undertakings have been many and varied. Perhaps its most significant token of spiritual health is the stream of young men and women, sixteen in number, that have gone from its portals into the ministry and missionary field.

The church became a spiritual entity in 1844, at a time of great religious revival in St. Louis. It was founded as a mission enterprise of Second Presbyterian Church under Dr. William S. Potts, who was assisted by the Rev. William Gilbreath. It was first called the Fourth Presbyterian Church, which in 1845 was changed to the present title.

The initial congregation of thirty-two persons held services in a small frame building at Sixth and St. Charles streets. The pulpit was supplied by the Rev. Joseph Templeton until May, 1845, when the first pastor, the Rev. Alexander Van Court, was called. Among the men prominent in the movement were John M. Wimer, Taylor Blow, David W. Wheeler, John Huyman, Oliver Bennett, Thomas Osborne and Othell Cannon.

Cholera Took First Pastor.

Four years after its inception, Central moved into the basement of its first permanent home under construction at Eighth and Locust streets. The following year the church lost its first pastor, the Rev. Van Court, who fell a victim to the cholera plague of 1849. The congregation was leaderless until late in 1850 when the second pastor, Dr. S. J. P. Anderson, took up his duties.

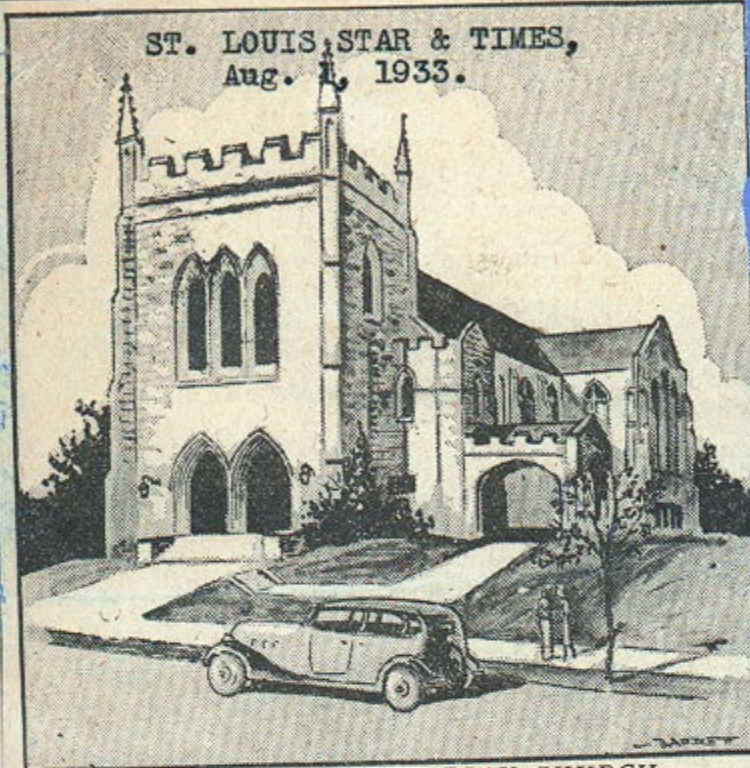
Under Dr. Anderson the church prospered and the membership grew to 343. Much of this was lost during the turbulent Civil War period, but with the end of hostilities happier conditions again prevailed. In the late 60s Dr. Anderson resigned because of poor health and was succeeded by Dr. Robert G. Brank.

The congregation worshiped at its downtown locality until 1873, when a chapel was erected at Garrison and Lucas avenues, then the center of church life. Services were held in this building for three years until an imposing edifice of English Gothic design was completed at a cost of \$145,000. A heavy debt incurred with this venture, brought on dissention, and even talk of selling the church. Difficulties, however, were ironed out and for thirty years Central flourished at this location.

In 1906, under the administration of Dr. J. Layton Mauze, a third move was under way and a new site was chosen at Delmar boulevard and Clara avenue. Here a commodious brick building took shape and again the congregation shouldered a burden of debt. Twenty years later the last obligation on this structure was paid and the church was dedicated.

Church That Grew With the City

Central Presbyterian, Hanley Road at Davis Drive, for 89 Years Has Been a Leader in the Local Religious Field.



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ST. LOUIS STAR & TIMES,
Aug. 1, 1933.

Union With Clayton Church.

Central Church remained at this site for twenty-three years. In 1930 conditions arose that made it expedient to re-locate in St. Louis County. At that time negotiations were opened for the consolidation of Central and Clayton churches, both under Southern Presbyterian control. The merger was completed and Central sold its Delmar boulevard home to the B'nai El Jewish congregation, which occupies it today.

The Clayton Presbyterian Church was founded in 1886 by Dr. J. Addison Smith, then in charge of the DesPeres Church. Meetings were held in Clayton until 1891 when the first edifice was erected. This was wrecked by the tornado of 1896. It was rebuilt and served until 1913 when Clayton's last home was completed at Hanley road and Forsythe boulevard. The church was served by five pastors, the last of whom was Dr. Walter M. Langtry, whose term extended over thirty-one years. When his congregation joined with Central, Dr. Langtry became pastor emeritus.

The present site on Hanley road was chosen early in 1930 as a home for the amalgamated churches. For several months prior to the completion of the building combined services were held in the University City Masonic Temple. On November 15, 1930, the cornerstone of the church was laid and construction begun.

English Style of Architecture.

The structure, costing approximately \$300,000, was designed in the English country church style of the late fourteenth century. The architects were Jamieson and Spearl. The outer walls are of local limestone trimmed with Bedford. The auditorium has a trussed chestnut ceiling and is well lighted by specially stained windows. Other interior woodwork is of oak. Adjoining the church is an educational building, three stories high, which has rooms and facilities for all church activities.

The site is exceptionally well suited for this type of building. The church stands high on a sloping and irregular terrain making the complete picture one of beauty. The site is near the intersection of Hanley and Clayton roads.

There are four memorial windows. Two are the gifts of the children of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Shapleigh, in memory of their parents. Another is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Rolla Wells in memory of Mrs. Wells' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lloyd Parker. The fourth was contributed by the widow and children of Mr. D. G. Tutt.

On various committees active in the erection of the edifice were John F. Green, L. P. Rexford, L. Wade Childress, David E. Woods, Tom K. Smith, H. I. Riemann, Irving Smith, John Barron, A. B. Lansing, Webster Colburn, Robert Duncan, William H. Stentz and William H. Bronaugh.

Has Had Nine Pastors.

During its long career, Central Church has been guided by nine ministers, all men of distinction. In addition to the aforementioned Revs. Van Court, Anderson, Brank, Mauze and Fowle, there were the Revs. Edward Mack, Archibald F. Carr, Donald C. MacLeod and the present pastor, Dr. Theodore S. Smylie.

The Woman's Auxiliary of Central Church, led by Mrs. Louis Richey, devotes its time to missionary and charitable work in addition to other activities. There are two Christian Endeavor societies, the Intermediate guided by Miss Mary Elizabeth Mitchell and the Senior Young People's governed by a council of which Raymond Greuning is chairman.

The Sunday School has four Bible classes mingled with other departments. It is directed by a committee composed of Dr. Langtry, chairman; W. H. Bronaugh and Lee Mernagh. The youngsters find interest and pleasure in the Boy and Girl Scouts and the Brownie Pack, directed by Raymond Miller. Mrs. Monroe Lewis and Mrs. Alfred J. Cone, respectively.

The church music has for years been under the direction of the organist, Mrs. Doyne Neal. Leaders in this department are Walter Hornaday, Frank Ingalls and Miss Mildred Adams.

The present pastor, Dr. Smylie, assumed his ministry in January, 1931. He came to St. Louis from the Evergreen Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tenn. During his administration, the membership of Central Church has increased about 250, bringing the roster today to more than 900. In addition to his ministerial duties, Dr. Smylie is moderator of the church session.

Finances are managed by the board of deacons of which D. E. Wood is chairman. The financial and general secretary is Mrs. Burton Evans.

SERVICE HONOR ROLL
Series of Biographies to be Published
in Church at Work

THIS is the second in a series of biographies to be published in the Church at Work telling of those who have served in St. Louis churches for a quarter of a century or more. The first in this series, Rev. J. Courtney Jones, D. D., appeared on March 16.

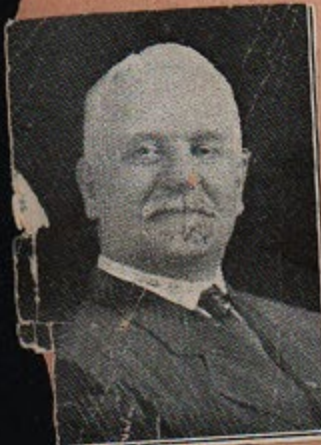


EDWARD CARD

On SATURDAY, April 14, Edward Card, gentleman, saint, evangelist, and big brother to homeless, wandering and friendless men, will celebrate the twenty fifth anniversary of the beginning of his unique work in St. Louis. Leaders for special forms of Service like this are conscripts of the Spirit and graduates of the school of life. Edward Card was born in Nova Scotia seventy-five years ago last October. He was converted in Pacific Garden Mission Chicago, to which he moved as a boy of fourteen. He came to St. Louis April



*A Merry Christmas
and
a God Bless you
from Mother and Me
Mel Trotter*



Central Presbyterian Church
Clara and Delmar

HEAR MEL TROTTER

Great Evangelist and Bible Teacher
Monday Services 11 A. M., 3 P. M., 7:30 P. M.
Tuesday through Friday, 3 P. M.—Bible Study
Sunday through Friday, 7:30 P. M.—
EVANGELISTIC SERVICES

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Soloists and Leaders of Gospel Singing.

MEL TROTTER
SPEAKER FOR
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AT 3:00 P. M.

Sunday, October 31st
CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Delmar and Clara Ave.

Come and Hear the Gospel of
Sunshine Mission

MY FREEWILL OFFERING

FOR

MELVIN E. TROTTER

Name

Address



MEL TROTTER.

Mel Trotter, of Grand Rapids Mich., a widely known evangelist will begin evangelistic services at Bible conferences at Central Presbyterian Church, Delmar boulevard and Clara avenue, Sunday, to continue two weeks. Homer Hammontree, of Chicago, Gospel singer, will assist him, with Herman Sweden as accompanist. Rev. McLeod is to be soloist and leader.

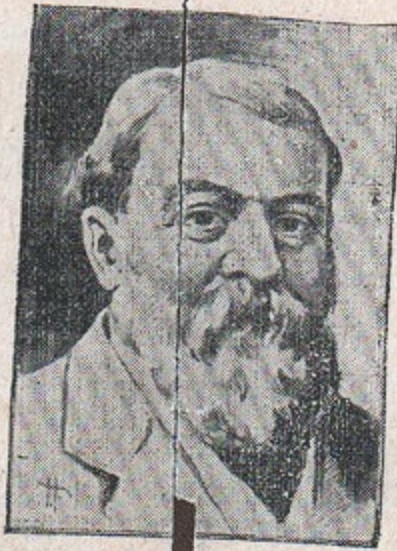
Daily services will be held afternoons at 3 o'clock and 7:30 o'clock, from September 7.

EVANGELIST MOODY DEAD.

Distinguished Preacher's Heart Weakened by Overwork.

THE REPUBLIC, ST. LOUIS, SATURDAY, DEC. 23, 1899. IT FINALLY FAILED.

"I See Earth Receding; Heaven Is Opening," He Said.



DWIGHT L. MOODY.

East Northfield, Mass., Dec. 22.—Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist, whose fame was world-wide, died at his home here at noon to-day. His family were gathered at his bedside and the dying man's last moments were spent in comforting them.

Early in the day Mr. Moody realized that the end was not far off, and talked with his family at intervals, being conscious to the last, except for a few fainting spells. Once he revived and, with wonderful display of strength in his voice, said in a happy strain:

"What's the matter? What's going on here?"

As the noonday hour drew near the watchers at the bedside noted the approach of death. Several times his lips moved as if in prayer, but the articulation was so

a year and applied again. This time he was successful because of his sincerity and earnestness.

He began at once to join in the revival meetings for which the church was famous, but his exhortations did not please his fellow-members, and the minister at last told him plainly that he could "serve the Lord better by keeping still."

Young Moody decided to try his luck in New York and went all the way from Boston to that city, where he did not favor him and

Secret of His Power.

"The secret of Dwight L. Moody's power lay:

"First, in a definite experience of Christ's saving grace. He had passed out of death into life and he knew it.

"Secondly Mr. Moody believed in the divine authority of the Scriptures. The Bible was to him the voice of God, and he made it resound as such in the consciences of men.

"Thirdly, he was baptized with the Holy Spirit and knew that he was. It was to him as definite an experience as his conversion.

"Fourthly, he was a man of prayer. He believed in a living and unfettered God.

"But, fifthly, Mr. Moody believed in work, in ceaseless effort, in wise provision, in the power of organization, in publicity.

"I like to think of Dwight L. Moody in heaven. I like to think of him with his Lord and with Elijah, Daniel, Paul, Augustine, Luther, Wesley and Finney. Farewell for a little time, great heart; may a double portion of the Spirit be vouchsafed to us who remain."

The Reverend Mr. Torrey followed Doctor Schofield. His eulogy was based upon Mr. Moody's life exemplifying the grace of God.

Following Mr. Torrey remarks were made by the Reverend H. G. Weston of Crozier Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa.; the Reverend A. T. Pierson of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bishop Mallaleu of Boston and the Reverend J. W. Chapman of New York.

The body was then carried to the burial place at Round Top. The chorus sang "O God, My Father, My Friend, My God," and, after a benediction, the body was lowered to its resting place.

appled it to various religions. None of it went to Mr. Moody and no price and would take

as almost phenomenal, but at last. He was stricken the heart during a series of meetings in Kansas City on Nov. 22, and it was believed he died temporarily at least, and work. A change for the week, and he gradually died of his death.

INSIDER'S LIFE.

Our Chapman Relates Incident.

22.—The Reverend Wilbur Chapman of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, who knew Mr. Moody as a man in this city, was the news of the evangelist's death. "Persons look upon him as a successor in evangelistic

st lovable man I ever knew. Chapman to-night, "and father, he filled a larger place than any other man. His honesty was his honesty. He was a man as ever lived. Confidence in the Word of God was his stock in the trade." The only time I saw him was when he was talking to me, He

a man through and through. I saw him in prayer. I saw him in his Christian life, and I saw his sermons in times when he talked to God as if he were talking to me, He

money—\$5,000 or \$10,000—to complete Mount Hermon School, and he sat down and wrote for the money to a man in a large city, which I will not name. Before sending the letter he took it to his chamber, placed it in a chair, and, kneeling, prayed over it as only Moody could pray.

"The letter reached the man at breakfast. He read it and threw it aside as preposterous. But there was something peculiar about it, and he read it again and a third time, and finally went to his library and wrote the check, sending it in a letter which he explained the circumstances and said he listened to write before he went to his office for fear he might change his mind.

Mr. Moody practiced what he preached. He never did a mean thing in his life, and if he injured another unwittingly he was the first to make it right. He believed in the second coming of Christ, but he did not wish to give his belief prominence, because he did not think 'fads' should be put forward.

"He asked a St. Louis man for money and the man refused because he thought Mr. Moody did not say enough about the second coming of the Savior. Mr. Moody went to Colorado Springs, and, in preaching there, he mentioned the incident in touching on hobbies. He gave the man's name, and the papers made a sensation of it. The man wrote one or two letters to Mr. Moody, but the latter saw it was not a matter to be explained in letters. He stopped in St. Louis on his way back and held a meeting there.

"The man came, taking a seat in the rear of the auditorium. As soon as Mr. Moody saw him he called him to the platform and made an apology, saying he wished it to be as public as the words that had given the offense, though he had intended to give none.

"He had to raise \$200,000 a year to carry on the Northfield schools and the work in Chicago. Men rarely refused his appeals. One man in the West who had never seen him told him that it was a pleasure to give to him because he believed Mr. Moody would spend the money judiciously.

"His home life was heavenly. His wife and his daughter were literally devoted to him. He lived everything that he preached.

"His power of inspiring confidence and arousing respect was remarkable. It is possible, however, that he did so, and there may have been other consoling words for the members of the family. Doctor Wood says that Mr. Moody did not have the slightest fear of death. He was thoroughly conscious until within less than a minute of his death.

HIS LIFE SINGULARLY PURE.

Reverend T. S. Hamlin's Tribute to the Dead Evangelist.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Reverend T. S. Hamlin, pastor of the Church of the Covenant, when apprised of the death of Evangelist Moody, said:

"I had known Mr. Moody for more than twenty years, much of the time very intimately, and I regard him, on the whole, as one of the greatest men of the century; one who could easily have risen to the first rank in any walk of life. He was a man of singular purity of life—modest, humble and even retiring by nature, but always ready to undertake any work that came to hand. He has left a deeper and more enduring impression upon the English-speaking world than any other man of his generation."

The Reverend Randolph H. McKim, rector of the Church of the Epiphany, said: "I admired Mr. Moody and his work very much. He has done as much good work in England and America, probably, as any man of this generation. He is mourned not only here, but abroad, and it will be a long time before his place is filled. There was in Mr. Moody a combination of religious zeal and strong practical common sense. He was remarkable for holding the ear of the solid people of the country for a generation, without any appreciable diminution of power. He was fortunate in being able to continue his great work almost to the end of his life, and his memory will be kept green in the hearts of scores of thousands of the people of America."

REMAINS OF EVANGELIST MOODY ARE AT REST.

THE REPUBLIC, ST. LOUIS, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27, 1899. SERVICES WERE HELD AT THE HOME AND CHURCH.

Rev. C. I. Schofield Officiated, Assisted by Rev. A. Torrey—Burial Place Round Top.

East Northfield, Mass., Dec. 26.—Funeral services over the remains of Dwight L. Moody were held at the Congregational Church to-day before a large audience. Men who for many years have been connected with Mr. Moody's work took part. The Reverend C. I. Schofield, D. D., officiated, assisted by the Reverend A. Torrey of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. There were services at the late residence of Mr. Moody early in the day, only relatives and close friends being present. Doctor Schofield read the Scriptures, and Mr. Torrey offered prayer.

When the family had withdrawn, the corpse, which had been permitted to remain upon a leather couch, was placed in the casket which was of simple design, black covered, and open at full length. The body was borne to the church on an oblong, black covered bier by about forty students from the Northfield Institute. Before the bier was raised white roses were sprinkled about the casket.

Doctor Schofield and Mr. Torrey led the procession, while following the bier came the following honorary pallbearers: Ira D. Sankey and George C. Stebbins of Brooklyn; R. G. Morse and D. W. McWilliams, New York; Reverend W. J. Herdman and Reverend George C. Needham of Philadelphia. The bier was placed in front of the pulpit and the lid of the casket was removed, showing a spray of palm and ivy extending from the feet to the breast. A large number of villagers and visitors then began to file past the body. Mr. Moody's face had every appearance of one enjoying peaceful sleep. The body remained on view in the church until 2 o'clock.

At the public funeral service the music was rendered by the choir of 150 students. An invocation was followed by the Scripture lesson, read by the Reverend A. T. Pierson of Brooklyn. Doctor Schofield then delivered the eulogy, in which he gave an estimate of the man and his work and made extended reference to the source of his greatness.

God Called Him Home.

Doctor Schofield said in part:

MOODY'S LAST WORDS.

"I'm Going," He Said, Half a Minute Before Death.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

East Northfield, Mass., Dec. 22.—"I'm going!"

These were literally the last words of Dwight L. Moody, and were spoken less than half a minute before his death.

Perhaps the most expressive words spoken by him shortly before his death, when he realized that he could not recover, were "Earth is receding, heaven opening."

During the forenoon Mrs. A. P. Pitt, his daughter, said to him:

"Father, we can't spare you."

Mr. Moody's reply was:

"I'm not going to throw my life away. If God has more work for me to do, I'll not die."

Early this morning Doctor Wood was called, and when he reached Mr. Moody's room found his patient in a semiconscious condition. When Mr. Moody recovered consciousness he said with all his old vivacity:

"What's the matter; what's going on here?"

Some member of the family replied:

"Father, you have not been quite so well and so we came in to see you."

A little later he said to his boys:

"I have always been an ambitious man—not ambitious to lay up wealth, but to leave you work to do."

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A History of Central Church

Following is the first of a series of articles on the history of Central Presbyterian Church. The background for these articles is taken from a number of Church documents and records, as well as historical documents concerning the city of St. Louis. This series is written as our nation celebrates its Bicentennial in order to document the rich and long heritage our Church has shared with our nation during its formative years.

By Pierre Baptiste
Editor of The Centralian

St. Louis, April 19, 1844—A city of contrasts. Here genteel Southern aristocrats and Eastern industrialists mingle with brawling riverboatmen, trappers and traders. Here the latest Parisian fashions can be seen along side of buckskin and homespun. Here slavery is a firmly entrenched institution and duels are fought with savage relish on Bloody Island in sight of steamboats plying along the Mississippi.

In short, the St. Louis of 1844 was a city in the process of finding itself.

And, as Charles Dickens wrote in 1842, St. Louis was a city where "The Roman Catholic religion, introduced here by the early French settlers, prevails extensively."

In this atmosphere, in 1844 a number of members of Second Presbyterian Church of St. Louis presented a petition to the Presbytery of St. Louis asking it to organize another old school Presbyterian Church in this city. The term "old school" relates to a split that had occurred in the Church over the issue of union with the Congregational Church, the old schoolers electing not to unite.

On April 18, permission having been granted by Presbytery, prospective members were examined and received into the new Church. The next day the new members elected "the first

Part I: The Early Years



Alexander Van Court was the first elected Pastor of Central Church. He served from 1844 to 1849 when he passed away during the cholera epidemic.

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The Central Presbyterian Church

Ministers:

J. Layton Mauze, Jr.
Donald M. Megahan
Donald L. Archibald

Dear Members and Friends

For 125 years Central
venturesome spirit, its vision
profound faith.

Today we face trying times
misguided leaders must abandon
true mission.

This brief budget brochure
Church for the year 1970.

To accomplish this end
will require the wholehearted
imperative that all of us give
achievement of our desired

I urge you to give thought
believe that in these critical
you to respond to this appeal
your ability.

Personally, I can see no

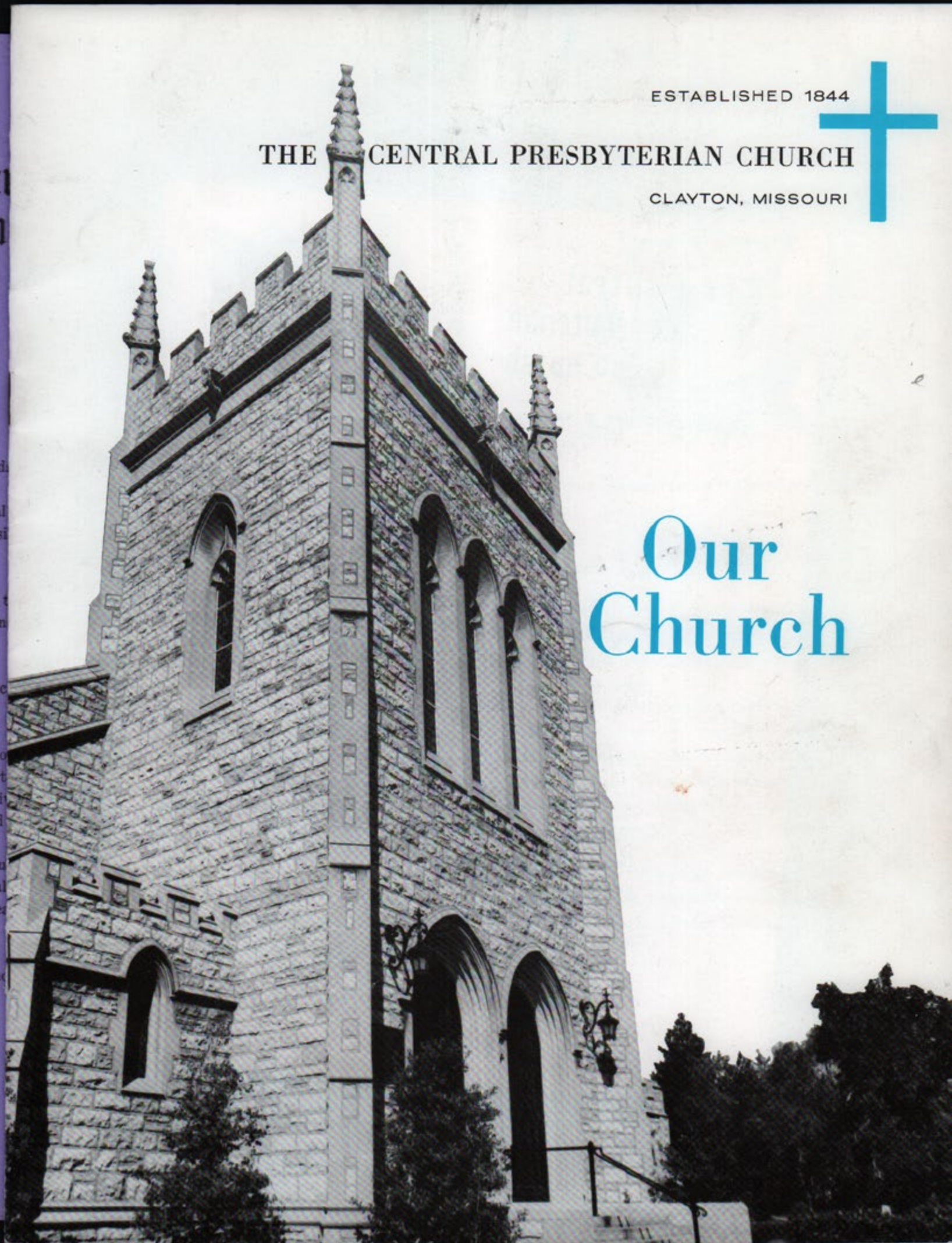
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ESTABLISHED 1844

THE CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CLAYTON, MISSOURI

Our Church



YOUR WHOLE LIFE *is a partnership with God—*

ABILITIES, TIME, POSSESIONS,
RELATIONSHIPS,

Your ABILITIES may include some special skill . . .
for . . . something you have learned by long experience
and leisure — Your POSSESSIONS and RESOURCES
. . . the property you hold . . . the land you own —
contact with people . . . at home . . . in business . . .

THE GOSPEL IS THE MESSAGE OF
GOD'S REDEEMING LOVE IN CHRIST
all these . . .

ABILITIES, TIME, POSSESSIONS,
RESOURCES, RELATIONSHIPS, THINGS
How you manage this total life . . . well or poorly,
is your STEWARDSHIP.

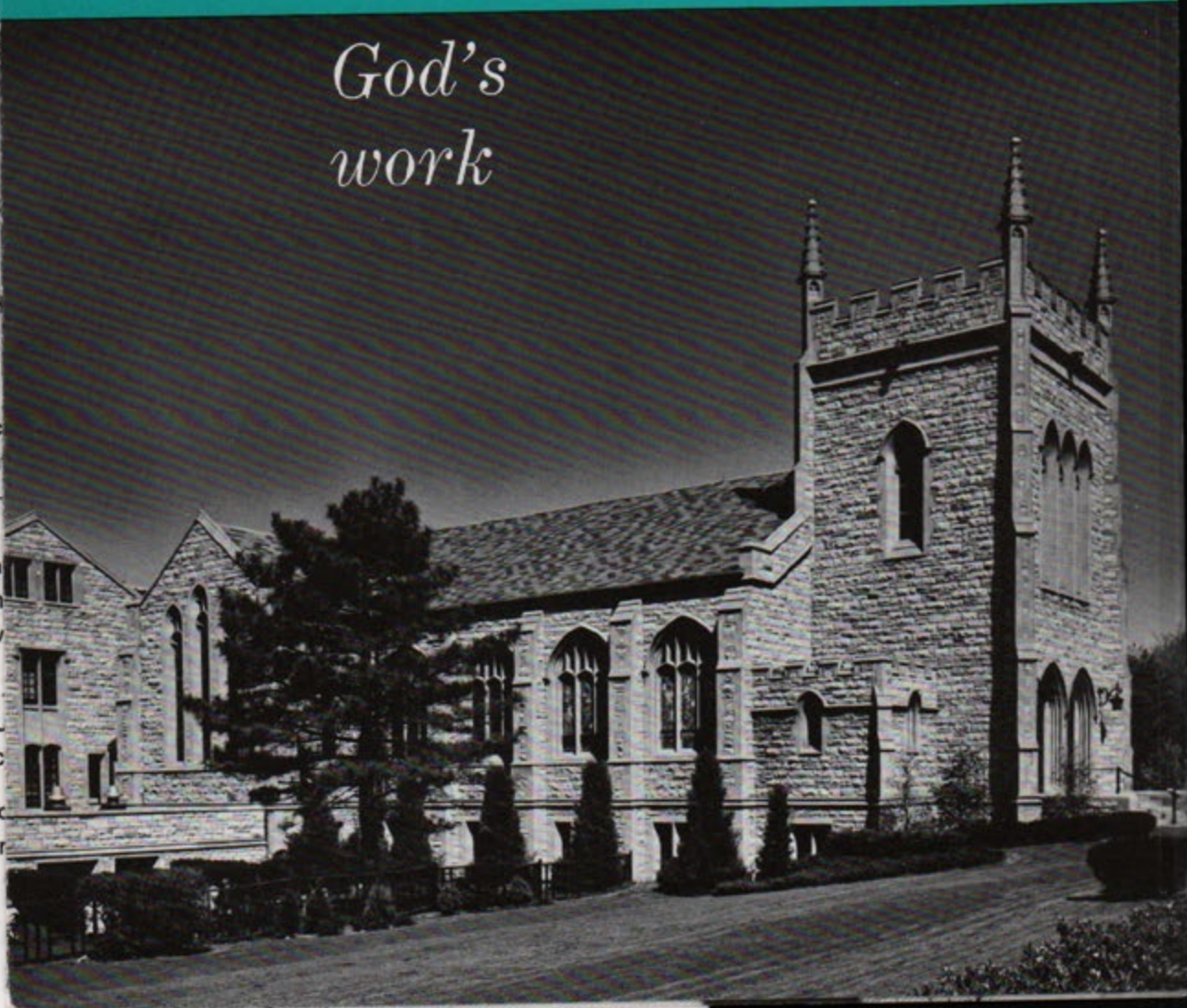
They all really belong to God, and you are taking care of them.
To be a good steward is to use your gifts
and share Christ's Gospel —
at home
in the community
in the nation
around the world

To devote a responsible, creative share of these . . .
ABILITIES, TIME, POSSESSIONS, RESOURCES
to God's special purposes through His Church

To be able to come to His Church each week and
well spent . . . possessions and resources well distributed
the Gospel well proclaimed . . .

*Your
gift
to*

*God's
work*



*This is the task, the
goal, and the joy of*

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP!

Sunday, Oct. 11 8:45 a. m. Choristers 9:30 a. m. Church School 9:30 a. m. Morning Worship 10:45 a. m. Extended Church School 11:00 a. m. Morning	Worship 5:00 p. m. Pioneer Vespers 6:15 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. Group 6:30 p. m. Senior Vespers 7:00 p. m. Varsity Vespers	Monday, Oct. 12	Tuesday, Oct. 13 Women's Home Meetings	Wednesday, Oct. 14 6:00 p. m. Boy Scouts Father-and-Son Banquet 6:30 p. m. Circle No. 16 Dinner and Meeting 7:30 p. m. Circle No. 14 at 7430 Byron P	Thursday, Oct. 15 7:45 p. m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Friday, Oct. 16 6:00 p. m. Varsity Dinner	Saturday, Oct. 17
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CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF

We are indeed happy to list the splendid staff of Church School Teachers and Workers who were installed by Dr. Mauzé at the 11:00 o'clock Worship Service on Sunday, September 27.

- Mrs. William E. Hunter.....Director Children's Division
 - Miss Edith Kimmel.....Assistant to Youth
 - Mr. Charles Hoke.....Church School Secretary
 - Mrs. R. L. Mernagh.....Church School Treasurer
 - Miss Ann Heckemeyer.....Receptionist
 - Mrs. John F. O'Neill.....Receptionist
- Children's Division**
- Nursery Roll Supt.....Mrs. Lester E. Taylor
 - Infant Nursery.....Mrs. Edna Schulte
- Nursery Department...**
- Mrs. Julius Jameton, Supt.
 - Mrs. U. C. Dunaway, Asst. Supt.
 - Mrs. Marion Irland, Secy.-Treas.
 - Miss Kathy Hancock, Pianist
 - Mrs. O. F. Richardson, Assistant
 - Mrs. Thomas Parker, Assistant
- Kindergarten Department...**
- Mrs. Charles Hoke, Supt.
 - Mrs. John Hartwig, Asst. Supt.
 - Mrs. Paul Reitz, Secy.-Treas.
 - Mrs. Allan Zacher, Pianist
 - Teachers: Miss Ann Aldridge
 - Mrs. William Cullinane
 - Mrs. August Gilster
 - Miss Barbara Kalbfeisch
 - Miss Jean Kipp
 - Mrs. Florence Neuhoff
 - Mrs. Clifford Zell, Jr.
 - Substitutes: Mrs. I. W. Kurtz
 - Mrs. Richard O'Dell
 - Mrs. Wayne A. Simril
 - Mrs. L. Peter Wetzel
 - Mrs. R. Dale Wilson
- Primary Department...**
- Miss Charlotte Shelker, Leading Teacher
 - Mrs. Edwin Buford, Secy.-Treas.
 - Mrs. Sim Beam, Pianist
 - Assisting Teachers: Mrs. Harriet Lane
 - Miss Virginia Luecke
 - Miss Suzanne Mauzé
 - Mrs. Garland Smith
 - Mrs. Fred Sternberg
 - Miss Sally Thielbar
 - Substitutes: Mrs. Robert Koons
 - Mrs. Melvin Wagner
- Lower Junior Department...**
- Mr. L. Dallas Uhrig, Supt.
 - Mr. Lester E. Taylor, Secy.-Treas.
 - Miss Mary Kiergan, Pianist
 - Teachers: Miss Mimi Kistenmacher
 - Mrs. Howard Reed
 - Mr. Harold Smith
 - Mrs. Jane Spiegel
 - Mr. John G. Till
 - Mrs. Pat Smith
 - Mrs. David Wyland
 - Substitutes: Mrs. L. I. Berg
 - Miss Elise Girard
 - Mrs. Harold Hanser
 - Mrs. Harold Hegel
 - Miss Ethel Leaver
 - Mrs. Wm. R. Norman
- Junior Department...**
- Miss Nancy Rogers, Leading Teacher
 - Mr. Edward S. Chatham, Asst. Supt.
 - Mrs. John Dixon, Secy.-Treas.
 - Mrs. Arthur Heckemeyer, Pianist
 - Teachers: Mr. Edward S. Chatham
 - Mrs. C. C. Crossman
 - Mr. Bill Hedley
 - Mr. Marion B. Irland
 - Miss Betty Johnson
 - Substitutes: Mrs. G. M. Dempsey
 - Mrs. Wesley Reed
- Youth Division**
- Pioneer Department...**
- Mrs. James P. Hickok, Supt.
 - Teachers: Mr. Elmer E. Hilpert
 - Mr. Charles McAlpin
 - Mr. Ben Morgan
 - Mr. W. C. Goodell
 - Mrs. Ben Wells
 - Substitutes: Mrs. Thomas L. Croft
 - Mr. Eldon DeCosted
 - Mr. William H. Bies

- Senior Department...**
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tremain, Sponsors
 - Mr. and Mrs. David C. Wyland, Sponsors
 - Teachers: Mr. W. Kenneth Dorman
 - Mr. Harry Lamkin
 - Mrs. Robert P. McDonald
 - Substitutes: Dr. Sim F. Beam
 - Mr. William H. Bies
 - Mr. Thomas L. Croft
 - Mr. Franklin T. Schultz
- Adult Division**
- Berean Class.....Dr. John Biegeleisen
- Extended Church School Period**
- Mrs. C. A. Rogers

EVENING CIRCLE No. 16

which was organized last Spring for the young business women of the congregation, will have its first Fall meeting — a get-acquainted-gathering — on Wednesday evening, October 14, at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Miss Mary Jean Rose, 7430 Byron Place. Anyone desiring additional information is asked to contact Mrs. Ralph Buckner, CA 0388, or Miss Mary Jean Rose, DE 0037.

"MORE THAN ANGELS"

subject of Dr. Biegeleisen's lesson Berean Class on Sunday morning a. m.

OFFICERS AND TEACHERS OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL

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LIBRARY NEWS

Another splendid addition to Central's library — "LIGHT FROM MANY LAMPS" by Lillian Eichler Watson. A treasury of guidance and inspiration to the needs of our times — and presented in an unusually interesting and readable way.

The best portion of a good man's life is little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love."

TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Salute to Mrs. Fred Sternberg
 Blessed with health and a life dedicated to the interests of the Kingdom combine other circumstances, plus your own initiative, to make it possible for you to live in your memory a year of perfect peace. We are sure that other faith-teachers are grateful too, that you as a teacher of their children, since you remarked at one time that yours are to be a class of teachers' children. At more can we say than to quote: due to "let your light so shine before them that they will see your good works glorify your Father which is in heaven." We salute you, Mrs. Sternberg.



1959



Current communion chalice originally from the Clayton Presbyterian Church.





No Room In The Hotel

A CHRISTMAS PLAY

by

Dorothy Clarke Wilson

December 17, 1950

Morning Worship

*Before the worship begins, we speak to God;
As the worship progresses, God speaks to us;
After the worship is concluded, we speak to one another.*

Organ Prelude—Prelude to "The Messiah"

Handel

The Processional

—No. 59, "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing"

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"The Creation"

FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN

Sunday, April 8, 1962 — 5:30 p.m.



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Charles Kanter &
Mildred Langeneckert
(later Mrs. Charles J.
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often featured
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December 16, 1962 . . . Five o'clock

"Bethlehem"

BY MAUNDER

Under the Direction of

DOYNE C. NEAL, F.A.G.O., Director of Music

The Coronation Carillon

Organ Prelude—"Carol Fantasy".....Gray

Hymn—No. 171, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

PART I

The Shepherds' Gifts

Little Shepherd Boy.....Mildred Langeneckert

The Old Shepherd.....Richard Gallaher

Other Shepherds and Angels

PART II

The King's Gifts

Balthasar.....E. Girard Bauer

Gaspar.....Charles Kanter

Melchior.....Richard Gallaher

Presentation of Titles

Organ Offertory—





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Des Peres Presbyterian Church, 11155 Clayton Road



Bonhomme Presbyterian Church on Conway Road in Chesterfield.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DR. WILSON BENTON, JR., Senior Minister
DR. L. VERN TRUEBLOOD, Pastor Emeritus

September 12, 1993 9:30 and 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE SCRIPTURE SONGS — (see insert)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

†*THE HYMN NO. 25 — *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

*THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

THE RESPONSIVE READING NO. 606 — *"Blessing from God"*

THE ANTHEM — *"Now Thank We All Our God"*

Arr. Mark Haycs

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS IN THE PAST

Dr. Trueblood

†*THE HYMN NO. 200 — *"The Church's One Foundation"*

THE CELEBRATION OF FELLOWSHIP

THE PRAYER OF PETITION FOR BLESSINGS IN THE FUTURE Dr. Preg

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC — *"Let There Be Praise"*

Tunney

Miss Kathy Shepard

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-7

THE SERMON — *"THE FESTIVAL GOD OF CHRISTIANITY"*

Dr. Benton

*THE HYMN NO. 313 — *"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"*

*THE BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory Forever. Amen"

THE POSTLUDE — *"Jubilate"*

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The Brass Ensemble

* Congregation to Stand

† Ushers May Seat Latecomers

The Kirk of the Hills, planted in West County, April 13, 1969, with 169 charter members

115-Year-Old Cornerstone Finds Its Way Home

By Pamela Schaeffer
Post-Dispatch Religion Writer

When Central Presbyterian Church moved to a new site around the turn of the century, it left something behind.

That something — the cornerstone, no less — found its way home last week. The 115-year-old monument had turned up in the basement of a house at 5473 Enright Avenue, in the West End. The house is being renovated by Klamen Real Estate Group.

Don Mauler, a heating and cooling

contractor, said he was working in the basement of that house when he noticed a stone over in a corner. It was half-buried under dirt, but he could still see one of the markings. It said "1874."

"I felt like Indiana Jones," he said. Mauler scraped away the dirt and noticed other markings: Central Presbyterian Church.

Mauler told himself, "Hey, that church is still around." He was sure, he said, because he had heard the

Rev. Dr. Andrew Jumper, the church's pastor, preaching on the radio.

"I didn't think they'd be interested, but I called the church," he said. "But as it turned out, they were very interested. They told me, 'We'll come over there right away and get it.'"

First, Randy Mayfield, director of media ministries for Central, got permission from Klamen to remove the stone. Then he gathered up three other

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er church employees to help him cart it home.

"It took us 45 minutes to an hour to dig it out and get it on a dolly," he said. "It's a huge thing — about 3 feet by 5 feet, and it weighs several hundred pounds. It needs to be cleaned, but it's in great shape. It's unbelievable."

Jumper said he planned to set the stone near a church entrance as a testament to the congregation's history. He also plans to do some sleuthing to find out who owned the house on Enright.

"We figure it must have been a Presbyterian" who took the cornerstone home for safekeeping when the church was moved, he said.

Jumper said the congregation had built a new church at Lucas and Garrison avenues in 1874. In 1906, it moved farther west, to Clara Avenue and Delmar Boulevard. The old church building was sold to a Jewish congregation.

Jumper surmised that a Jewish congregation would not have wanted a Presbyterian cornerstone, so it was removed.

The Central congregation — which moved in 1931 to its present site, at 7400 Davis Drive in Clayton — is one of the largest in the metropolitan area.

Founded in 1844 at Sixth and St. Charles streets by 32 Presbyterians, it has 2,600 members, a full-time staff of 30.

Mayfield described the find as "a link to the past."

"It's not of biblical proportions," he said. "But it says, 'Hey, look. There's a history behind this church.' There were people who went before us and did a lot of work. It's a reminder that a hundred years ago people paved the way for what we have today."

Biographical Sketch of Andrew A. Jumper

A native Mississippian, born in Marks, Dr. Jumper was raised in the Quitman County area. Following three years' service in the Coast Guard, studies were pursued at the University of Mississippi, graduating in 1951. Active in student affairs, he served as president of the Westminster Fellowship of the Synod of Mississippi and held membership in Omicron Delta Kappa, a national honorary leadership fraternity. The Ole Miss class of 1951 elected him permanent vice-president.

Preparation for the ministry was at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, where he served a year as student body secretary. Graduation with the Master of Divinity degree in 1954 was with high honors, and award was made for a graduate fellowship for further study.

Graduate study included a major thesis in pastoral counseling at the Institute of Religion of the Medical Center, Houston, Texas. A Master of Theology degree was conferred in 1960, and has been followed by further post graduate studies.

Experience in prior Presbyterian pastorates was first at Christ Church, Houston, Texas for four years; four years at West Shore Church, Dallas, Texas; and eight years at First Church, Lubbock, Texas.

Dr. Jumper has served as pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church since 1970.

PCUS services rendered above the local church level include membership on the Board of Annuities and Relief, the General Council, two General Assembly Ad Interim Committees, and Commissioner to the 1967 General Assembly. Numerous synod and presbytery responsibilities have been accepted.

Beyond the scope of PCUS activity, Dr. Jumper has given service in the 1969 U. S. Congress on Evangelism, the committee planning the 1971 Presbyterian Celebration of Evangelism, and on the 1981 American Festival of Evangelism planning committee. Being an active citizen in each place of residence, Dr. Jumper has received a number of recognitions for service to the community.

Writing is a forte which has produced two books well known to PCUS elders and deacons, *The Noble Task* and *Chosen To Serve*. Articles periodically appear in various Christian publications, and he is on the Editorial Board of a newsletter, *THE OPEN LETTER*, circulated in the PCUS.

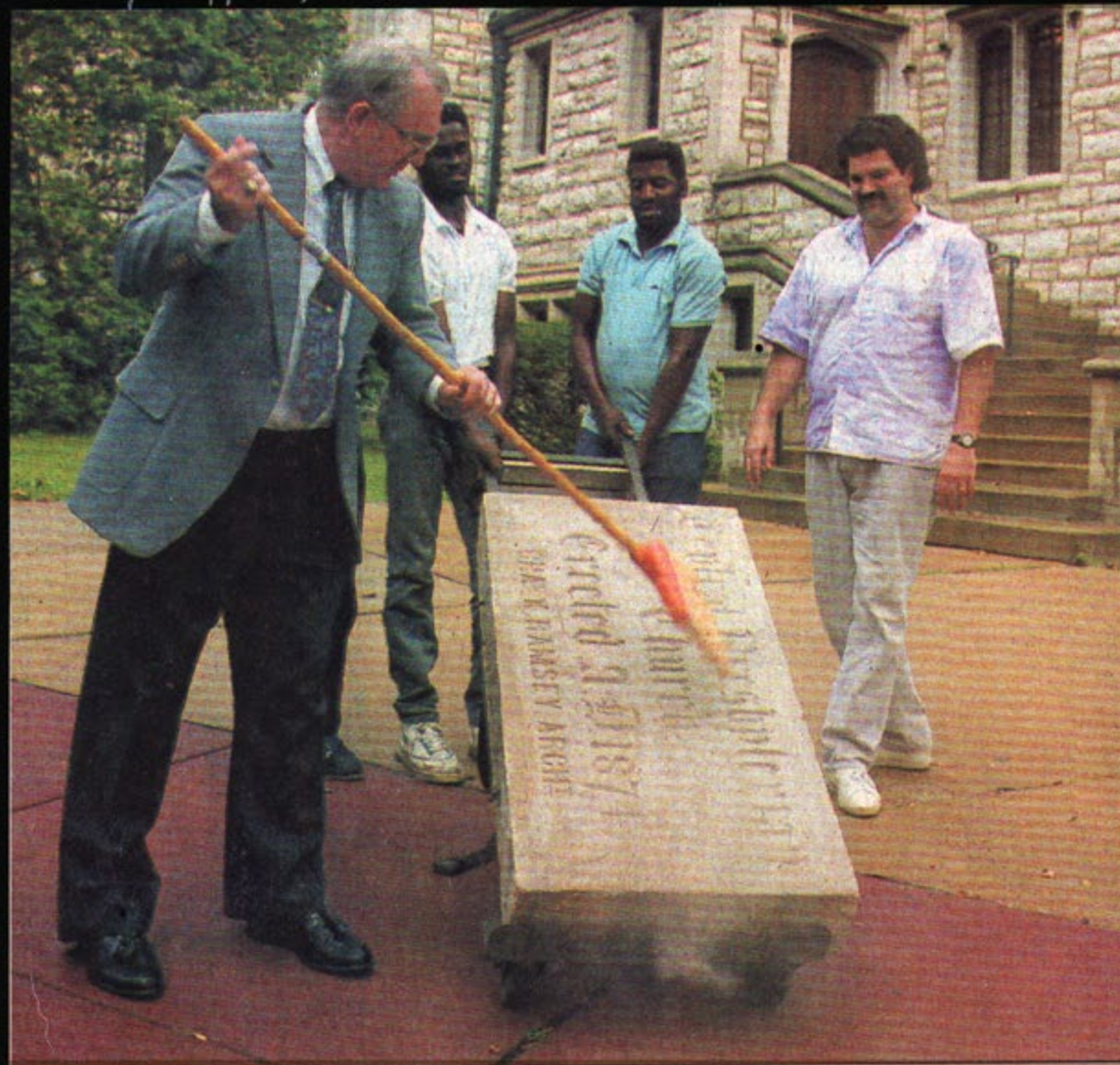
Two Presbyterian colleges, King College, Bristol, Tennessee, and Belhaven College, Jackson, Mississippi, have conferred honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees. Response is frequently given to opportunities to preach or participate in various types of special services in the community and across the denomination. Sermons are recorded and printed. They receive wide distribution.

With a background of football and boxing, active interest continues in sports. Handball is a particular interest, with his experience allowing his play in the Masters Division.

Dr. Jumper's deceased wife was Elizabeth Anne Sharpe, daughter of a PCUS minister. Subsequently he married Mrs. Sydney Armistead. The Jumper family has two sons, Mark and Peter and three daughters, Kathy, Carol and Amy.

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Randy Mayfield, Dwight & Jimmy McKinney assist Dr. Jumper...



The Rev. Dr. Andrew Jumper (left) cleaning off a 115-year-old cornerstone from the old site of

Central Presbyterian Church. The cornerstone was lost during a move 80 years ago.

Kevin Manning/Post-Dispatch