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PARSONAGE MORTGAGE BURNING MOORESVILLE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH FEBRUARY 20, 1966

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

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Paul Allen

Presentation of Mortgage to Chairman of Board

Acceptance by Chairman of Board

Mark Williams

Presentation of Mortgage to Chairman of Elders

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Prayer of Dedication

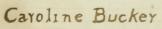
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That which this woman hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her."

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It is ofter said that everyone "Has His Day and is soon forgotten". But there are exceptions to this as was shown last Sunday afternoon at the Christian Church whem a large group met to spend an hour in memory of "Grandma" Bucker. In addition to those who still live here many came vrom various places to do her honor.

A varied program filled the time with interest. A number of her favorite songe were sung by the congregation led by a large chorus of young people. The Blunk sisters sang "Precious Book".

Mrs. Anne Thompson sang one of the old songs that she sang many times on the old days. In these days of half-hour popularity of songs we find that the old songs of sweet memories have a charm all their own.

The principao address was given by B. L. Allen of Indianapolis Grandma Bucker secured his help to revive the dying cause. The organization had been disbanded. The church house had been abandoned and had fallen into decay. All but she said it is a lost hope

But with the help of Rev. Allen they began a revival meeting. Soon straglers began to return. New converts allied themselves to the cause. That was at the beginning of the century and marked the beginning of a mew and continued growth.

This quarter of a century has been attended with many changes and we continue to eat of the fruit of their labor. Instead of a crmbling wreck the congregation now worships in a commodious and well equipped building. In place of the proverbial "Two or three" whic was often one or two, large groups attend all the organized activities of the church. Twenty-five years ago people were saying to the Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk Hill"you're crazy, it can't be

About the same time the wise ones were saying to Grandma Bucker "It can't be done". They had felt its pulse and pronounced it dead. Their idea was to have a funeral - bury it and forget it. But she knew no death- no defeat.

How she reminds us of the widow who gave her mite in the temple. In like manner Grandma (for many years a widow) gave not only her mite but for 40 years gave herself which was indeed no

The church today, which she loved, is making splendid progress. It goes forward paved highways becaues she and others of ner time and type cleared the way and made straight the paths.

Mrs Ferguson read a fine tribute during the unveiling of large picture of Grandma Bucker which was the gift of the the id Society. Aunt Sudie Jackson, oldest living member, withdrew the veil, which was presented to Bobbie Bucker as the youngest

Photographs of the old and the new church together with he heroine of the hour were presented to all by her son, Albert.

A large Church Flag was presented by the Young People with n appropriate speech by Ray Ulrey, after which a beautiful song as sung by Caroline Joh json of Plainfield.

THE MOORESVILLE TIMES Friday, July 20, 1928 BE PICTURE ON THE REVERSE SIDE IS ONE OF THOSE PRESENTED TO THOSE PRESENT AT THIS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Mooresville To Dedicate New Church Sunday

Dedication service and open house will be held at the Christian Church in Mooresville on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the new location on North Indiana Street.

The speaker for the service will be the minister's father, John L. Suttenfield, Sr.; Mr. Suttenfield, Sr., has been the minister of the Fairview Christian Church, Lynchburg, Va., for nearly 30 years.

Others expected to attend and take part in the service include Dr. O. L. Shelton and Dr. Beauford Norris from the School of Religion at Butler University; Lyle Harvey, youth leader from the Indiana Christian Missionary Association and representatives from the Board of Church Extension, Disciples of Christ, Indianapolis. Many former ministers and friends of the church have been invited to attend. The public-is invited to attend also.

The building to be dedicated at this time is the first of a two part building program; in this first part are Sunday school rooms, kitchen facilities and a fellowship hall seating 304 in the pews where worship services will be held until the sanctuary can be built within the next few years.

John L. Suttenfield, Jr., has been minister of the church for the past five years. The church observed its centennial celebration in 1948. Present membership is 450.



First Christian Church

MOORESVILLE, INDIANA

THIS IS THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Cryder Brayshaw, Minister Glen Gruber, Youth Director Alice Cordes, Choir Director Marilyn Miller, Organist

September 30, 1973

ENTER IN SILENCE; WORSHIP IN REVERENCE.

ORGAN PRELUDE CALL TO WORSHIP

- I/ The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: Thou maintainest my lot.
- R/ The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.
- U/ Thou wilt show me the path of life: in your presence is fulness of joy: at your right hand there are pleasures for evermore.
- * HYMN OF PRAISE "Faith of Our Fathers!"
 All Verses

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- * CALL TO PRAYER
 - L/ As we gather here today memories flood in upon us. We remember the family pew where we worshipped with our loved ones. We remember the hosts of friends who shared our joys and sorrows. Let us thank God for His presence through all of life's experiences.
- * RESPONSIVE PRAYER
 - L/ For the memories of happy associations
 - R/ We thank Thee O Lord.
 - L/ For our own loved ones
 - R/ We thank Thee O Lord.
 - L/ For Thy presence in sorrow and heartache
 - R/ We thank Thee O Lord.
 - L/ For Thy blessing in our hours of joy
 - R/ We thank Thee O Lord.
 - I/ For loved friends who remain to share this hour
 - R/ We thank Thee O Lord.

L/ For the memory and ever present influence of those who have gone to their heavenly homes

R/ We thank Thee O Lord. As they have been a blessing to us, may we be a blessing to others. Amen.

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GREETINGS TO VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
DEDICATION SERVICE IN MEMORY OF DORRIS J. GOSS

Presentation of Plaque by Eph Goss Acceptance by the Minister

For many generations, monuments and plaques have been raised to honor the memory of dedicated Christian spirits. A devoted family and a group of friends have graciously and generously presented to the church a Church Steeple and Plaque in remembrance of Dorris J. Goss.

Therefore, in behalf of the First Christian Church of Mooresville, Indiana, it is my privilege to accept with a grateful heart and with praise to Almighty God this beautiful Church Steeple and Memorial Plaque in her honor.

Let us now dedicate the Church Steeple and Memorial Plaque to their high and holy use.

MINISTER: To the Glory of God, author of all goodness and beauty, giver of all skill of mind and heart

CONGREGATION: We dedicate the Church Steeple and Memorial Plaque.

MINISTER: In remembrance of the life and love she shared so generously with this church, always exemplifying positive attitudes, genuine friendship, Christian patience and enduring trusts

CONGREGATION: We dedicate these memorials.

MINISTER: In grateful recognition of her loyalty and leadership, her understanding character and unselfish love, all symbolic of the spirit of Him who came not to be ministered unto but to minister CONGREGATION: We dedicate these memorials.

MINISTER: And with a prayer to God that we the members and friends of this church and congregation and all who may come after us, may cherish her memory, follow her unchallenged Christian principles and ever reflect her Spirit

CONGREGATION: We dedicate these memorials, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION IN UNISON: Our Father, you are the creator of all things and all men, we thank you for the skills of men, for the spirit of sacrifice, for the love of the beautiful in men's souls which they have transferred to this, your sanctuary. May we ever be mindful of the displayed symbol pointing out the meeting place of God the Father, Christ the Son and the Holy Spirit, with God's people, meeting in a renewed faith which will bring forth fruit with patience and with love, to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF COMMUNION

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" 458

Verses 1 and 2

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please hold emblems. All will partake together. OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY

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* OFFERTORY PRAYER

READING OF THE SCRIPTURE Dr. Rhodes Thompson
Deuteronomy 5:1-7

Hebrews 11:8, 9, 24, 27-29, 39-40; 12:1-2 (RSV)

MORNING PRAYER

Dr. Thompson

RESPONSE

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC "He's Everything To Me" Carmichael
Alice Cordes, Soloist

Rev. Robert Story

"Heritage and a Journey of Faith"

* HYMN OF COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

High resolves for God must be made known before men. What better time than right now?

* BENEDICTION

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* RESPONSE POSTLUDE

DEPART IN PEACE.

* Congregation will please stand.

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Mooresville High School Cafeteria
North Indiana Street
(Directly across from the church)

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

2:00 p.m.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

MESSAGES FROM FORMER MINISTERS

FOUNDERS RECOGNITION

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS CLASSIC STATES

HYMN "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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BENEDICTION

Rev. Cryder Brayshaw

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is a pleasure to welcome everyone on this special day. If you are a guest we extend a special welcome and ask that you sign a visitor's card and place it in the offering tray so that we might have a record of your attendance.

We are especially happy to have two good friends participating in the morning worship service. Rev. Robert Story grew up in this church and was ordained here. He is now the pastor of Central Christian Church in Danville, Illinois. Dr. Thompson was our interim minister in 1964-65. He has visited with us on several occasions since that time and has a host of friends in Mooresville. It is a joy to say "welcome back" to Bob and Dr. Thompson and their families. We are grateful for the opportunity of sharing this day with them.

CYF will have a wiener roast and election of officers this evening, 4:30-8:00 p.m., at the home of their sponsors, Steve and Lana McConnell.

The CWF smorgasbord will be held next Saturday at Paul Hadley Junior High. Tickets are available from many ladies in the church, or you may purchase them this afternoon at the anniversary celebration.

WEEKLY CALENDAR TOO STREET STEEL

TODAY, 12:30 p.m. Pitch-In dinner at high school.

2 p.m. Anniversary program.

4:30 p.m. Wiener roast at McConnell's for CYF.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 3:45 p.m. Chapel choir.

7 p.m. CWF Executive meeting.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 10 a.m. Weekday Bible study.

7:30 p.m. Sharing group.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 6 p.m. FaHolo Class party. 7 p.m. Boy Scouts meet at Scout cabin.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 7:30 p.m. Chancel choir.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 4:45 to 8 p.m. CWF Smorgasbord at Paul Hadley Junior High School.

HISTORY OF THE MOORESVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

1848 - 1973

The story of the beginning and growth of our church is one of selfless devotion to an ideal and the courage to work for it. It was never easy in getting started in the early pioneer days and it took unusual sacrifice down through the years to keep everything going.

First a plot of ground was secured. It was first signed over to an Andrew Clark by President Monroe and passed on to Samuel Moore in 1824. Mr. Moore, the founder of the town of Mooresville, secured it for \$15.00. In 1848, Thomas Dunagan paid \$150.00 for it and signed it over to the trustees of the meeting house for \$25.00 with the stipulation it be solely used to build upon it a "meetin' house," a Church of God.

The first building on the lot, on the southeast corner of Harrison and Jefferson Streets, was an old Lutheran Church building that was moved to the lot in 1850. The building was a frame structure, 30×60 feet.

Under the leadership of Dr. Charles Hawk and his wife, Araminta Collins Hawk, the faithful members met and organized in 1848, legended to be sometime in March.

Dr. Hawk left his parents home immediately upon graduating from medical school. He headed west with a friend and made it to Kentucky. He later drifted up into Indiana, and after several moves he and his wife came to Mooresville.

There were about twelve charter members of the newly formed church, and after that the congregation began to grow in the insuing years. Interest began to

wane shortly and about 1875 it was recorded that the membership that had been around 100 dwindled down to about 30.

After a time, an evangelistic meeting was held and with this new interest a "new" congregation was chartered, and new members added.

The church in due time took another turn for the worse. A few faithful women seemed to keep interest alive, the most noteworthy to be "Grandma" Caroline Bucker.

Caroline Bucker was a widow and made her living by raising plants and vegetables in hotbeds and selling them. She was able to sustain herself from her occupation and gave more than a thousand dollars to the church to keep it going. She lived close to the church and when no one would show up on Sunday morning for worship, she became bell-ringer, janitor, and minister and had worship and meditation by herself.

Grandma Bucker began to arouse interest in building a new church, most enthusiastic were the women. This was started in 1900 and also at about that time, a minister from the Morris Street Christian Church in Indianapolis came down to see if he could revive the small congregation. Upon inquiring where he could find someone who was an "active member," he was directed to Grandma Bucker. They joined forces and with the aid of the Mite Society (the forerunner to the Ladies Aid), a series of revival meetings were held in the Methodist-Protestant Church that Grandma Bucker had secured. The meetings lasted for two weeks in which on one evening they found the doors locked to the group that was assembling. Mrs. Bucker arranged then to use the K of P Lodge Hall (which at that time was also the town hall.)

The revival started new interest. Grandma Bucker pledged \$200.00, and with the aid of the Mite Society, the money began coming in. The ladies in the Mite

Society sold canned goods, baked goods, old newspapers, clothing they had sewn, and every other means to make money was employed and construction began, and the building took form finally. However, as the dedication day drew near the contractor informed them that if they didn't make a payment soon, the doors of the new building would be nailed shut. Two women, Mrs. Snoody and Mrs. Reagan, went on a note and the dedication of the church was on November 13, 1904.

Nine years later on Sunday, March 13, 1913, Grandma Bucker was present to see the mortgage burned on a silver plate held by Brother R. L. Ball, who was the only male member when construction started on the church. Grandma Bucker passed away in 1916 at the age of 84 knowing she had played a part in the building of a church upon rock, not upon sand.

Rev. B. F. Dailey held an evangelistic meeting in February, 1914, in which seventy—five people joined the church. "The Little Church Around the Corner" (as it was sometimes lovingly referred to) then began to play an influential part in the growing community. Also in 1914 a baptistry and a basement were added to the church.

Sometime before 1908 a choir was formed and in 1909 a Christian Endeavor was organized for the youth. In 1917 the church took part in a town-wide Union Revival Service held for five weeks at the Friends Meetinghouse. Following this meeting thirty-five young people who had made their confession at the First Methodist Church were baptized in the church's baptistry by the Methodist minister.

Through the years, the Mite Society became the Ladies Aid and some of the women formed a Missionary Society in 1912. Later these two groups, now the Christian Women's Fellowship, were combined into a Women's Council which divided its work and funds between the local needs and that of missionary projects of the brotherhood.

In 1941 a second addition of new classrooms, modern kitchen, and new heating system was added to the church. A \$12,000 parsonage was built in 1947.

Ministers came and went on an average of from two to four years until 1949. In that year, Rev. John Suttenfield, Jr. came with youthful enthusiasm and the church began to outgrow its facilities. The house east of the church was purchased and made into classrooms as well as the barn that was on the same lot with the house. All of these buildings were soon bulging at the seams and it seemed logical that a new building should be built on a different location. A lot at the corner of what is now St. Clair and Indiana Streets was secured. This stirred much concern because at that time this location was "way out in the country," but with much foresight and a "launching out into the deep," plans were formed to build a new unit. The groundbreaking took place on February 14, 1954, with cornerstone laying on July 1, 1954, and dedication on December 12, 1954, much of the work being done by the laymen, ment beribusid and a list admiss

Rev. Suttenfield resigned in late 1958. The new minister, Rev. Harry Spear, came in February of 1959 and found a new parsonage just being completed. The new parsonage was located on the eastern edge of the church property.

With new housing developments and schools being built on the land surrounding the church, it was then felt that the church was again outgrowing its facilities, and a study commission was formed to investigate the situation. The results from these efforts was a new addition of educational classrooms being built onto the church during the winter and spring of 1962—1963. Groundbreaking for the twelve-room addition was on December 2, 1962 and the dedication was held on September 22, 1963.

In June of 1964, Rev. Spear resigned and an ad interim minister, Dr. Rhodes Thompson, Sr., came in

August, '64. With his years of experience and his infectious personality he endeared himself to all.

From a successful ministry in Palestine, Illinois, Rev. Donald Ridgeway came in March, 1965. Under his leadership the church held a Lay Witness Mission (the first Christian Church in the United States to do so). The mortgage to the original building was burned, as well as the parsonage mortgage.

In June, 1968, Don Ridgeway had resigned and Rev. Cryder Brayshaw assumed the ministry on July 1, 1968, and still serves as minister. In July, 1970, the mortgage to the addition to the church was burned. Several members were added to the church steadily and then an All Church Evangelistic Campaign was conducted in the fall of 1972 with Dr. Bayne Driskill as host leader. Several additions to the interior of the church have taken place as well as other remodeling and updating.

125th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

felt that the church was again outgrowing its facili-

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Van Winkle, Chairmen
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Youngblood
Betty Beasley
Mildred Ulrey
Ralph Storm
Earl Magenheimer
Isa Wilson
Marie Wilson

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF MINISTERS SERVING THE CHURCH

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A. F. Clark	
B. F. Dailey	
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John Suttenfield, Jr.	1949 - 1958
Jay Calhoun (Ad Interim)	1952 & 1953
B. H. Bruner (Ad Interim)	1958
Leroy Hershiser	1958 - 1959
Harry B. Spear the should not be and	1959 - 1964
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Don Ridgeway	
Cryder Brayshaw	1968 - Present

FABRIC OF LIFE

Endlessly we weave our fabric on the looms of time. The future holds the dreams of colored thread, the stuff that life is made of, and as we weave, the fabric passes to the changeless past. And some with bent gaze weave and look not to the future for the careful choosing of the strands, nor study they the pattern of the past, that they may blend the present to it in a harmony of beauty. And some weave gaudy colors and some gray; and some have bands of black or crimson patches, or dim colors faded by hot tears; some weave pure white, but never, never can the loom unweave.

Let not the shuttle aimless slide forward and back among the threads.

Do well the handiwork with finely chosen strands, for when the weaving ends there is the changeless fabric....it is all whereby a man may judge. Let thine be shown a cloth of matchless beauty, soft and fine, yet firm in every part, with gently blending colors ... and straight through, woven from end to end, one perfect thread of gold, sign of an unswerving purpose, symbol of a deathless love.

-Philip Reichert

OUR NEW CHURCH

Margaret Chaplin Anderson

At last we've built it!
God's house!
We've dreamed about it, and the dream's come true;
And now it stands all beautiful and new,
And we who've sacrificed and watched it grow
Are close to tears. We love it so.

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They must have felt this
Reverence

Abram beside his simple altar stone,
And countless worshipers the world has known
Who built for Thee a house. With them we cry
"Holy, holy, holy! Lord most high."

What shall our prayers be?

"Father,

O grant that all who come to worship here

May feel Thee very close and very dear;

Make this high resolve of every mind,

To walk with Thee. To serve mankind."

And send Thy spirit
Falling
Like cleansing fire, filling us with Thy might,
Strengthening our hands, setting our feet aright;
We dedicate our church, dear Lord, and then
We dedicate anew . . . our lives! Amen

Dedication Service Mooresville Christian Church Sunday, December 12, 1954, 2:30 P.M.

Congregation please stand at points marked *

ORGAN PRELUDE "Andante Religioso" Thome	
PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy"	
INVOCATION	
LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON	
HYMN "More Love To Thee"	
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Rev. Lyle Harvey	
HYMN OF COMMUNION "Here, At Thy Table Lord"	
PREPARATION AND SERVING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	
READING FROM THEE HOLY SCRIPTURES	
DEDICATORY SERMON	
OFFERTORY PRAYER Dean O. L. Shelton	
RECEIVING OF GIFTS FOR THE CHURCH	
OFFERTORY SOLO "Bless This House"	
DEDICATION BY THE MINISTER AND THE CONGREGATION	
MINISTER: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be unto our God for ever and ever.	
PEOPLE: Amen	

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MINISTER: Behold, the tabernacle of God is with man and He shall dwell with them.

PEOPLE: And they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their

MINISTER: Lord, who shall sojourn in thy tabernacle?

PEOPLE: Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

MINISTER: He that walketh uprightly and worketh righteousness.

PEOPLE: And speaketh truth in his heart.

MINISTER: Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?

PEOPLE: And who shall stand in the holy place?

MINISTER: He that hath clean hands and a pure heart.

PEOPLE: Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, And hath not aworn deceitfully.

MINISTER: He shall receive a blessing from the Lord.

PEOPLE: And rightecusness from the God of his salvation.

MINISTER: Lift up your heads, O ye gates; yea, left them up, ye everlasting doors.

PEOPLE: And the King of Glory shall come in.

MINISTER: Who is this King of Glory?

PEOPLE: The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

MINISTER: But will God in very deed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee; how much less this house which we have builded.

PEOPLE: Yet have respect. O Lora, unto the prayer which thy servants pray before Thee this day, that Thine eyes may be opened towards this house night and day.

MINISTER: Let the beauty of the Lord, our God, be upon up.

PEOPLE: And establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands, establish Thou it.

MINISTER AND PEOPLE UNITEDLY: Th's house which we have been permitted to build through the gracious favor of Divine Providence, we do now solemnly dedicate to the worship and service of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

DELIVERY OF KEYS TO TRUSTEES BY GEORGE SAUCERMAN

REMARKS BY MR. ROLLIN V. MOSHER

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS BY FORMER MINISTERS AND FRIENDS

- * DOXOLOGY AND BENEDICTION Rev. J. R. Furbay
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE

EVERYONE INVITED TO OPEN HOUSE FOLLOWING THE DEDICATION

The Building Committee: George Saucerman, Chairman; Ray Ulrey, Cecil Bain, Ralph R. Storm, Arthur Lusty, and Harmon Allison.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: Charles Van Winkle.

DR. JOHN L. SUTTENFIELD, minister of the Fairview Christian Church, Lynchburg, Va. Mayor of the City of Lynchburg.

DR. O. L. SHELTON is Dean of the School of Religion, Butler University.

DR. BEAUFORD NORRIS is Assistant Dean of the School of Religion.

LYLE HARVEY is Youth Leader of the Indiana Christian Missionary Association.

ROLLIN V. MOSHER is from the Board of Church Extension Architectural office.

REV. J. R. FURBAY is minister of the local Friends Church and President of the Mooresville Ministerial Association.

REV. JAY R. CALHOUN was ad interim minister of the local church and is with Eureka College, Eureka, Illinois.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

The Church Pews by Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Dake in honor of their son.

The Nursery by Dr. C. E. Comer and family in honor of his Mother and Father.

The communion table by Mrs. Alden Hadley in honor of her husband Mr. Alden Hadley.

The Communion Set by Mr. and Mrs. George Allison in honor of their son.

The Baptisery by Miss Elsie Record in honor of her father.

The flowers on the rosturm by Mrs. Isa Wilson in honor of her father.

The Memorial Windows at the entrance of the Fellowship Hall is given in honor of all those souls which have gone before us and have had a part in making this day possible for us. This is given by the entire congregation in their honor.

The Lestrun in honor of the father of Dave Warrner.

Mooresville Christian Church

Mooresville, Indiana



In Remembrance of the Dedication Service of the Mooresville Christian Church on the Twelfth Day of December, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty Four at 2:30 P. M. at the corner of Halton and North Indiana Streets.



OUR PRAYER AS WE DEDICATE THIS TO OUR GOD

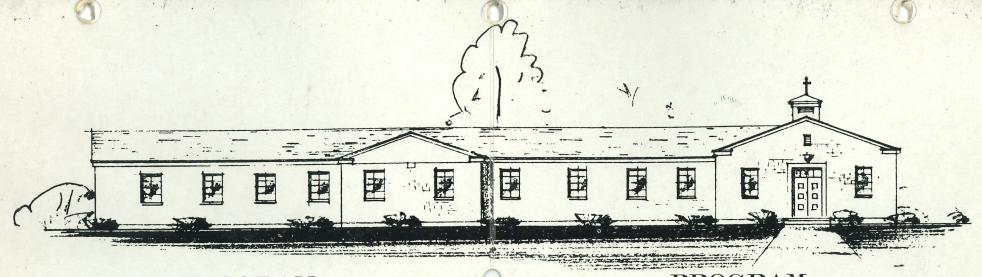
Almighty God our heavenly Father, who of thy goodness hast gathered us into the fold of thy Son Jesus Christ, that we should be governed by his love, comforted by his Spirit, and taught by his word; may it please thee to dwell among us, keep us in thy ways and imprint thy word upon our hearts, that we may delight ever to do thy will.

We give thee thanks, most gracious God, for the church which thy Son our Savior purchased with his blood, for its ministries of worship and healing, of saving and teaching. Especially we thank thee for the work of the church done through the church school, for the nurture of our children, for the training of our youth, for the establishment of thy truth in all of us. We thank thee for the great host of teachers and workers in the schools of the church, for their consecration, earnestness, sacriface and labor. May their chief joy be in maintaining that blessed ministry begun by our great teacher.

O God, we bless thee for this house, thy dwelling place, and for the new structure where thy, word shall be taught, which we come this day to dedicate to thee for that holy ministry. We thank thee for the forsight of this people, for their wisdom in planning, and their sacrifices in order, to its achievement. Make this building thy school, its halls loved by all who enter them, because it is the place where thy word is magnified.

Accept for thy service us, thy servants, and this building which in faith and love we have prepared for furthering the knowledge of thy love and name and kingdom, and which we dedicate to thee for thy service. Send forth thy Holy Spirit in our midst that this place may be sanctified in truth. Grant that into its halls people may come with wistful hearts and joyful steps, ever in eager expectation of the Spirit, and that then, out from this place they shall go, to do justly, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thee.

And to thee, O God, be glory in the church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages; world without end.



PROGRAM

CALL TO WORSHIP Harmon Allison
INVOCATION Brake Nelson
SCRIPTURE READING: Gen. 28: 10-22 Ray Ulrey
RESPONSIVE READING: 24th Psalms Marie Wilson
LEADER: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.
RESPONSE: For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.
LEADER: Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord- or who shall stand in his holy place
RESPONSE: He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul to vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

LEADER: He shall receive the blessings from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

RESPONSE: This is the generation of them that seek him that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

LEADER: Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in.

PROGRAM

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HYMN: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Charles Nelson
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BENEDICTION

Miss Elsie Record

Mooresville Christian Church Mooresville, Indiana



In Remembrance of the Ground Breaking Service of the Mooresville Christian Church on the Fourteenth Day of February, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty Four at 2:00 P. M. at the corner of Halton and North Indiana Streets.

OUR PRAYER AS WE DEDICATE THIS TO OUR GOD

Almighty God, our Father: the earth is thine and the fullness thereof; thou hast made it fruitful and filled it with beauty; thou hast taught
us to occupy the earth and subdue it, and to look to Thee as the giver of
it all and to pray that thy kingdom come, as in heaven, so be it on earth.
Accept this spot of ground which we offer as the place of one of Thy
sanctuarieis. As we break the sod today as a giving to Thee—do Thou
take it and let it be consecrated as the place of the Lord's house. Sow
here the good seed of the Kingdom and bring forth in this place the rich
fruitage of an abundant harvest to the saving of men and women and the
honor of Thy great name.

—AMEN

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HISTORY OF THE MOORESVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Joy Myrick Rusie 1949

The story of the pioneers in our church is one of selfless devotion to an ideal, and the courage to work for it. It was never easy. Just to maintain a building in which to hold meetings took unusual sacrifice.

"In the beginning" --- was the lot. It was a part of a grant signed over to one Andrew Clark by President Monroe, and passed to Samuel Moore in 1824 for the sum of \$15. By 1848, Thomas Dunagan (grandfather of Mrs. Allie Trimble Brackney) paid \$150 for it.

From it, he sold this lot for \$25 to the "Trustees of the meeting-house, Gabriel Coble, George Matthews and George W. Olds, 'for the use, and only use, benefit and of a meeting-house, a Church of God, to the said party of the second part and assigns forever.'"

The first building on this lot, as recalled by an early member, "Aunt Sudie" Jackson, was an old Lutheran church, which was moved to this site about 1850, according to Blanchard's History.

It is well established that D_p. Charles Hawk had founded the initial group of Disciples in 1848, and had served as its first pastor. On this Centennial Day - 1949, his great-grand-daughter Mildred Townsend Thompson, is presenting the congregation with a picture of Dr. Hawk and his wife, Araminta Collins Hawk. Mrs. Thompson relates that Dr. Hawk was born on the ocean on October 14, 1795, while the family was enroute to America from Germany. His parents settled near Little York, Pa. Immediately after graduation from Medical School, he and a fellow-student started west on horseback, seeking a business location. Crossing the Ohio River near Maysville, Ky., they watered their horses at a roadside spring, where by chance

a young maiden offered the travellers a cool drink. Riding on, Dr. Hawk vowed to return and marry the girl - a vow he later kept.

Following their marriage in 1821, he began his practice in nearby Decatur County, Indiana, then moved to Cloverdale. Finally, he settled in Mooresville in 1845, where he practiced for 20 years. He also had a santiarium and inn on the site of the Dr. Hallam residence on East Main Street, one-half block east of Indiana Street. (Dr. Hawk and wife are interred in the local cemetery.)

In addition, he organized the first group of Disciples, with the following charter members (1848) - Dr. and Mrs. Snoddy; Virginia Feazel; Mary Cummins; John McVey; Wm. Williams; Dr. Mc Nabb; Elizabeth McNabb; John Knox; Rebecca Edwards and Mary Carpenter, besides the Hawks.

We learn of the status of the church in 1853 from a report to the CHRISTIAN RECORD, published in Bloomington in January 1854.

"received by baptism 5, received by letter 3, dismissed by letter 2, excluded 1. Present number 44, amount subscribed and paid \$50.

Elders J. Coble and Wm. Williams. Deacons Reynolds and Hawk."

The church prospered for a while, then gradually became nearly inactive. In March 1875, Elizabeth McNabb wrote the following note to James Mathes, editor of the RECORD:

"As a church we are not prospering much at this time. We formerly had a membership of more than a hundred, but at present we only number about 30 members - one elder and one deacon, both living in the country. We have scarcely any preaching at all and I have almost forgotten how good preaching sounds." (Maines' History of Disciples of Christ in Morgan County - 1939)

The next record available is an old Sunday School book, dated 1880-3, still in the possession of Albert Bucker - son of Caroline

Bucker, who had left the Methodist Church in disagreement over thier views on baptism. It states that the school was 're-organ-ized' on March 7, 1880, with the following officers: Supt.-J. M. Snoddy; Assist.-Miss Hattie Cox; Sect.-Wm. Bucker; Treas.-Miss Ida Harryman, who was replaced a week later by Miss Ora Rusie. Teachers were chosen: Miss Hattie Cox; Miss Sue Wilson; Dr. and Mrs. Snoddy; Dr. and Mrs. McNabb; Miss May Eiler(Mrs. Wm. Bucker); and Mr. Gladman. Mute evidence that money was hard to come by, is seen in the record - two meetings that first month -Attendance 66; Collection 17¢...... Attendance 39; Collection 7¢.

(Time is indefinite, but around 1880, a revival meeting had added the names of Susan(Sudie) Jackson; Etta Jackson; Ora Jackson; Amanda Carpenter; Alferetta Rusie(Mrs. James); Ruth May(her sister) Alice Swearingin, Ora Rusie; Ella Jackson and Caroline Bucker.)

A year after the first report, the old Sunday School book shows that the attendance had dwindled to 20; the Collection 5¢. Then for the 15 months from Jan. 1882-March 1883, it lists the total receipts - \$11.33; Disbursements \$14.91 - "in the red", even then:

From the same source, we learn that the lesson for one Sunday was presented on a blackboard, which Albert Bucker recalls had been constructed by "Sammy" Flowers.

Here, too, is an announcement of an ice cream social at the Wellman House - probably on the site of the former Scruggs home, recently owned by the Telephone Company.

There is mention of weekly teachers' meetings, also those of the "Sewing Circle and Mite Society." In the back of the book is a list of the class of Miss Carrie Rusie, in which appears the name of Albert Bucker. Inside the front cover of this book is this sad

picture of Carrie

notation:

This day of May - Quit off with the keys to the church."
(1886)

The old church bu.lding was later purchased by Henry Bucker, to be used as his paint-shop and was moved a block west to the site of his blacksmith shop.

The old building had been silent for so long then, that the heirs of the original donor - the Trimble family requested the return of the lot, since the terms of the gift had been violated "the use and only use of a meeting-house." Interest stirred.

Ora Jackson relates: "The few remaining members left got their wits together to do something about it. 'Grandma' Bucker was the staunchest among us. She began to ring the bell, build the fires and hold meetings in the absence of an occasional minister." (One of these was the Rev. Urban Brewer, who had gained fame as a "boy preacher" at the age of 12. During the Civil War, he had held the pastorate of Park Church in New York City, the first 'Disciples' Church in America. He was by this time living in retirement near Hall, Indiana.)

"About 1900", continues Mrs. Jackson, "a revival was held by Rev. Canfield, and I remember the following additions, - the family of R. L.(Al) Ball, Myrtle (Mrs. Wallace) Rusie, and her neice Dean, daughter of Ora Rusie Comer. (Dean, now Mrs. Orville Templeton, says that their baptism was held in the almost icy creek below the Monrovia Bridge.) "That meeting of Rev. Canfield's gave the frail congregation a boost. But the old building was so delapidated that something had to be done about it. 'Grandma' was the pillar of the group at all times - it was her spirit that spurred the 'Mite Society to remodelling plans.

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Then i mebody - probably 'Grandma' - suggested a new building, and appeals went out to townspeople in general, for help." (A local grocer at the time, loudly announced that he would double the largest sum subscribed, but he reneged when 'Grandma' pledged \$200:

Then the Rev. B. L. Allen, minister of Morris St. Christian Church, Indianapolis, 'got a concern' and visited here to see if there was sufficient interest to support a reorganization of 'Disciples.' He was directed to the Buckers'. Caroline Bucker secured the Methodist Protestant meeting-house for a two-week revival, to which Rev. Allen donated his services.

Notes left by Etta Jackson tell that on one of these evenings, they "found the doors locked to us." But 'Grandma' arranged to use the 'town-hall' of the K. of P. Lodge.

The former Mite Society, now the Ladies' Aid, bore the burden of the struggle for funds. To start off, Ora Rusie Comer divided a dollar into nickels and passed them out to the members, each of whom was to 'increase her talent' in any way available to her. Ora Jackson rememners that "some popped corn, some made hominy, cookies, candy - all the home-making arts were employed. Others busied their fingers with the needle." May Jackson Holladay recalls her mother's (Aunt Sudie) "doughnuts and aprons, and Ruth May's sunbonnets made with head-piece of straw matting - top and tail of gingham."

Every conceivable way of making money was tried, until finally the new church raised its spire triumphantly to the world.

The time for dedication drew near. But the struggle was not yet over . . . the contractor informed them that the doors would be nailed up if a payment was not forthcoming. A letter from the

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daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Snoddy says -

"My mother and E.1: Reagan went on a note, or the doors would have been closed on dedication day. I have often wondered how anyo could have been so heartless

BUT THE BELLS RANG!"

Dedication was as planned on November 13, 1904. The membership at that time was a pathetically small group of 22 women and 2 men.

But, of course, the note so hurriedly arranged, now hung over the little congregation like the proverbial 'sword of Damocles'. So, on November 15, a meeting was held for the purpose of obtaining aggreement to negotiate with the American Christian Missionary Society, to secure a \$1,000 loan through a mortgage effective March 1, 1905. This was granted to the trustees R. L. Ball, Samuel P. V. Flowers and Benjamin R. Green.

The brave little band then went to work with greater zeal, and in eight years they met to celebrate the end of their indebtedness. The following is a copy of the newspaper report of April 13, 1913.

"The Christian Church has recently freed itself from debt after eight years of hard labor and perseverance. The Ladies' Aid claims the main honor of this affair. To this effect a jubilee meeting celebrated this occasion, Sunday, April 13, at the church. A \$1,000 note and mortgage were burned and an all day meeting with a basket dinner constituted the day's program. More than 300 were in attendance. Dinner was served in the K. of P. room, 130 being served; an elegant repast was served.

"The morning services were conducted by Rev. Daily of Green-

of Rev. U. C. Brewer of Hall, Ind. He is a former pastor of this congregation. He gave an account of the early church history its origin, its charter members, its struggles and its victories ... bringing tears. Then followed laughter with his reminiscences....

"He spoke in endearing terms of the 'sainted mother', Caroline Bucker, 'who so faithfully gave much of her time, devotion, money and talent to the church she loved so well. At one time when the membership and spirituality were at a very low ebb, she tided it over until it reached a more prosperous stage and little by little did this growth continue, and a new project of a new building presented itself.'

"This faithful sister, in her declining years, lived to see - at 82 - her church exempt from debt, and to set fire to the mort-gage, which burned to ashes on a silver tray held by Bro. R. L. Ball, one of the first officials, and in fact, the ONLY male member at the time of the erection of the new edifice. The dedication was on Nov. 13, 1904 and the mortgage-burning on April 13, 1913.

"If the old saying is true that 13 is an unlucky number, it has proved faithless in this one case. Although this body of worshippers has passed through many a dark and despairing day, yet it has been successful in every undertaking, with the hand of the ALMIGHTY upon them for guidance and strength.

"It is an old story to this community -- the devices which were sought in order to raise this debt. They engage in the annual Washington's Birthday dinners, the Old Settlers' dinners, sale dinners, semi-annual mite-box openings, the collection and sale of old newspapers - and various other means of support.

called, has finally overcome many obstacles, and now has grown from a little handful, to a group of more than 150 members, who are all active and congenial. It may yet be said that this once weak congregation may become as strong as any in our little city.

May God speed the day: " (The note had been satisfied and paid on March 10, 1913.)

A poem by an Indiana author, Tramp Starr, seems to exemplify the quality of courage and spirit which kept them going in the face of difficulties.

> WINGS by Tramp Starr

God gave me wings.....
What matter that defeat

May come to me....

I have, within myself, the power to meet Life gallantly....

For always there is one small hope that clings Eternally... God gave me wings!

God gave me wings....
When every hope seems gone,
Friends turn away....

I know I still may rise and carry on

Triumphantly....

For deep within my heart a courage springs That will not die... God gave me Wings!

God gave me wings....
What matter that I bear

A galling load

I still may make this rugged path I fare

A glory road

For always, in the dark, one small voice sings Of dawns to come....God Gave Me Wings!

(The foregoing is from a talk prepared for Centennial Day - 1949)

In 1914, encouraged by Rev. B. F. Daily, a thriving mens' class was organized, and much-needed room for Sunday school were added. (It was recalled by Mrs. Isa Wilson, that the largest of these rooms was intended for the use of the mens' class. However, the lusty singing of the primary groups soon routed the men, who decided to resume meeting in the sanctuary. One of the members of this class was Wallace(Pake) Rusie, son of Jacob and Mary Rusie, to whom one of the memorial windows was dedicated. (Forest and Wanda Rusie were children of Wallace and Myrtle Rusie.)

In February 1915, Rev. Daily held a 5-week evangelistic meeting, with 75 additions to the church. His clear exposition of the tenets of our faith caused extra meetings in other churches - to clarify their own positions. At this time he was called as the first full-time minister this congregation had ever had.

As an added side-light, Mrs. Wilson also tells that one of Rev. Daily's sermons during this revival was entitled "Don't Coddle Your Minister". Returning to her home, where the minister was staying, she said to him, "All right, Rev. Daily, no more hot-water bottles in your bed!" The good man hastily insisted that it was decidedly not that kind of coddling that he had referred to in his sermon.

B. F. Daily was ably equipped to lead the thinking of the congregation, being a graduate of Yale University, whose ambition to rise to leadership in the brotherhood was thwarted by poor health and loss of hearing. He had a great missionary spirit, and one of his oft-repeated statements was that "the only excuse for existence as a brotherhood in the world is Christian Unity."

A baccalaureate sermon of his "On Being Normal", created a great furor in town and was discussed for weeks.

One of Rev. Daily's outstanding characteristics was his great love for all children, each of whom he was able to call by name.

At the insistence of Mrs. Wilson's husband, Chauncey, the pastor was for the first time paid a regular salary, instead of having to depend on the collection of heterogeneous items so often appearing in the offering plates of the times.

Membership climbed during his ministry (1912-19), form 100 to 220.

According to Maines' history of Morgan County, O. E. Watson next served briefly, and then in 1922 Edward J. Cain was called. It is recalled that his tenure was marred by the tensions of many controversial issues, but membership reached an all-time high of 300.

He was followed in 1924 by Delbert G. Wakeman, whose kindly spirit had a mellowing influence on the congregation. His generous and resourceful wife, Mina, was the guiding force for enumerable projects undertaken for the good of the church. Among these were a musical concert utilizing all the talent in town for a full evening's entertainment in the school gymnasium; and a 3-act play(codirected by Mrs. Joy Rusie), for which the casting was so good for the romantic roles in the show, that one of the couples decided to make it permanent - Mrs. and Mrs. Robert J. Wade.

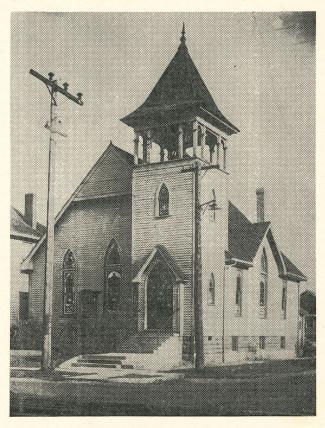
In 1928, Rev. C. C. Dobson became the minister. He, also, had the gift of "pouring oil on troubled waters", and is remembered especially for his spiritually prayers. A former worker in the Mexican Christian Institute, he often drew on that experience for inspiration. He is no doubt best remembered by most people for his elaborately staged and costumed Christmas cantatas. So enthusiastic was their reception, that numerous performances were necessary each year to accomodate the crowds which attended.

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In 1941 a second addition of new class rooms, modern kitchen and new heating system was added to the church.

Novomber 1, 1942 the church was prosented with a Hammond Organ by Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Wilson and Harry Jr.

The Women's Missionary Society, which was organized in June 1912, together with the Ladies Aid, have been combined into a Women's Council, which includes all the women of the church.

In 1947 the church built a parsonage on North Jefferson street, at a cost of \$12,000.

Rov. Omar Hall is present paster of our congregation of 256 members.

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In 1922 the Mooresville Christian Church had the first Daily Vacation Bible School ever held in Mooresville. Since that time it has grown to be a Community Vacation Bible School with a large enrollment.

Pearl Bradley organized a choir sometime before 1908. Ann Record Thompson did most of the sole work for many years. Each member of the choir paid for his or her own chair. The choir still functions quite efficiently for the church under the leadership of Mrs. Isambelle Allison.

The pulpit Bible now in use was presentod to the Christian Church as

> The Family Bible of Samuel Moore by His Grand-daughter Ida Fogleman March 2, 1914,

The Copyright shows that this bible was printed in Hartford by Sandrus & Son, in 1845.

In 1941 a second addition of new class rooms, modern kitchen and new heating system was added to the church.

Novomber 1, 1942 the church was presented with a Hammond Organ by Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Wilson and Harry Jr.

The Women's Missionary Society, which was organized in June 1912, together with the Ladies Aid, have been combined into a Women's Council, which includes all the women of the church.

In 1947 the church built a parsonage on North Jefferson street, at a cost of \$12,000.

Rov. Omar Hall is present paster of our congregation of 256 members.

May we, who are permitted to colebrate this

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always hold in grateful memory the piencers who paved the way and laid so firmly the foundation of the church.

Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16: 18.

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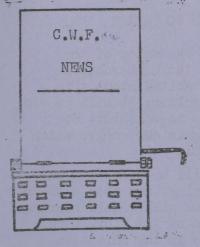
C.W.F. NEWS

At our January group meetings, we started a thought provoking study of the American Indian and his point of view. We will continue this theme at our February and March meetings. On February 11th we will have a film relating to the study.

Most of our past presidents have accepted our invitation to the celebration in their honor on February 3rd, including Roberta Raney from Princeton. We had a lovely letter from Grace Dickson in Florida expressing her regrets. We learned Isabelle Allison is also a former president of Women's Council, and she will be a guest. If there are other past presidents we haven't listed, will you please let me know. All women of the church are invited to the dinner and entertainment. Tickets are \$2.00 for those other than past presidents, and reservations should be in by Sunday, February 1st. The men are also invited to the program in the sanctuary about

At our January Executive Meeting, we voted to send \$575, the remaining balance of our pledge of \$1575, to the Church Finance Council. At the group meetings, we voted to use the profit from two dinners we served in December, \$262.41, for the Vietnamese family project which the World Outreach Committee is considering.

The Nominating Committee for CWF officers for 1976-1977 is Jane Rosne,



Jerry Suttenfield from Jefferson City, Missouri, Roberta Raney from Princeton, Indiana, and 17 other former CWF presidents were guests at our Past Presidents' Dinner, making a total attendance of 62, on Tuesday

evening, February 3rd. The CYF did an excellent job both in serving the food and on the clean up detail. Iris Pritchard's poetic tribute to past presidents was very clever, and Beth Hensley's delivery of it was about as perfect as you can get. Martha Lou Youngblood's review of "Lemon Jelly Cake" was superb. She says I am her best fan, but I think everyone shares the same opinion. Our thanks to all of you who helped us have an enjoyable evening.

CWF Executive Meeting will be March 3rd, 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Our regular group meetings will be Wednesday, March 10th, except for the evening group which will meet on March 17th at the home of Kathy Parker. The postponement is due to the Festival of Faith.

Do you need more room at your house? Give some of those things you don't use to our rummage sale on April 8th, 9th, and 10th at the church.

We appreciate the services of Sandy Turpin and Jan McGinley and the February service committee. Co-chairmen for March are Ruth Cox and Martha Fishel, and their committee is listed below.

Dorothy Roberson Diana Searcy Mary Merriman Marie Wilson Mitzi Forbes Pam Swinney Norma Griggs Barbara Perry Linda Cook Vivian Marsh Patricia Smith Cynthia Brewer

-Margaret Goodman CWF President

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Quilt auctioned 5-23-76 to highest bidder, Ralph Storm, for \$155.00. ret profit on quilt \$418.21.

585 hours, 578 names on 1912 quilt



rnese lagies spent 585 hours making this autograph quilt which contains 110 squares with 578 signatures. Isa Wilson, the only living charter member of Women's Missionary Society organized in June 1912 signed it. Also signing were Marie Wilson and Loyle "Mommy' Storm also worked in the early Women's Missionary Society, forerunner of present Christian Women's Fellowship. The family of the late Bob Bucker, of Caroline grandson "Grandma" Bucker one of the early pioneers of the church signed one block.

The Committee in charge was Martha VanWinkle, Wilma Perry, Beth Hensley, Jean Saucerman and CWF president, Margaret Goodman.

Women working the quilt are

shown in the picture. Front row Mrs. Margaret Goodman, Mrs. Beth Hensley, Mrs. Acel Mahin, second row Mrs. Wilma Perry, Mrs. Marge Smoot, Mrs. Jean Saucerman and Mrs. Martha VanWinkle. Standing left to right Mrs. Virginia Boles, Mrs. Isabell Allison, Mrs. Margaret McGuire and Mrs. Kathy Parker. Other workers not shown in the picture are Mrs. Lula Mae Bucker, Mrs. Myrtle Newsom, Mrs. Pat Minks, and Mrs. B. Cooper.

The quilt will be auctioned at the church next Sunday after a pitch-in dinner.

Ronald L. Parker is minister of the church.

CWF QUILTING PARTY

Another "Quilting Party" is planned for Monday, March 1, 7 p.m., at the church, to finish putting the autograph

quilt top together.

Fourteen ladies worked on this project last week and really enjoyed the fellowship. Everyone is invited to join us this coming Monday for another evening of work and fun.

-Margaret Goodman CWF President Written by Iris Pritchard and delivered by Beth Hensley for dinner on Tues., Feb. 3rd, 1976, to honor past presidents of CWF and earlier women's organizations of the church. Martha Lou Youngblood gave a superb performance with her book review "Lemon Jelly Cake". A total of 62 attended the dinner with additional people coming for the program. John and Jerry Suttenfield (pastor and wife from 1949 to 1958) made a special trip from Jefferson City, Missouri, to be with us and started on the return trip after the meeting since Jerry is church secretary for Harry Spear (also former pastor of our church), and she had to be back in the church office. Roberta Raney, past president, made a special trip from Princeton, Indiana, for the dinner. Other past presidents attending were Marie Wilson, Isabelle Allison, Mary Lou Storm, Marian Adams, Opal Brown, Jane Roane, Blanche Allen, Jean Hinshaw, Mary Jane Cheesman, Jean Saucerman, Dottie Polich, Connie Mitchener, Phyllis Rushton, Isabel Van Hoy, Norma Magenheimer, Betty Rinehart, and Mae Swisher. Not present were Isa Wilson, Mary Truax, Mildred (Ulrey) Thompson, Grace Dickson, Martha Van Winkle, Estel (Medsker) Jones, Julia Taylor.

The menu of ham, green beans, corn, lime jello salad, yeast rolls, bran muffins, apple crunch and ice cream, iced tea and coffee was prepared by Margaret McGuire and Margaret Goodman, co-chairmen for the event, with help from Susan McGuire, Kathy Parker, Helen Cunningham, Joanna Wright, and Wilma Perry. The CYF and sponsors, Steve and Martha Saucerman, did an excellent job serving the meal and doing clean-up and were given a donation of \$25.00. Erma Nowlin made six lovely centerpieces @ \$3.00 each for material. Two were delivered to Isa Wilson and Mary Truax who were physically unable to be present, and the remaining four were given to past presidents in a drawing.

Margaret Goodman CWF President, 1975-1976

FROM MILDRED TO MARGARET

In nineteen hundred and fifty—two
We were sitting around with nothing to do
But discuss Korea, politics and the weather
Till someone suggested we get our women together.
So our CWF put in its appearance...
(Just as soon as we got the proper Board clearance.)
Then we had to establish a good government
And Mildred Ulrey Thompson was our first president.

As everyone knows, organizing Can get just downright agonizing. But Mildred hung in there, despite growing pains And in '53 Marian Adams took over the reins.

She was more than able for the task She gave us more than we could ask. Then Jerry Suttenfield took the gavel from Marian Who went on to become the school Librarian.

Jerry viewed the job with less than bliss And might even have said, "Whose idea was this? Why did you complicate my life? I've a hard enough job as the preacher's wife!" But in leading our loony and lovable mob She did her usual top—notch job.

We had another good year in '55-'56 'n'
We were led by that capable lady, Grace Dickson.
Her year whizzed by, it was simply a blur;
And our next First Lady was Estel Medsker.

By fifty—seven we were goin' to town, Our leader none other than Opal Brown. Might have seemed long to her, but 'twas only a twinkle Till she passed it all on to Martha Van Winkle.

Martha's year was another of the rousing successes Which seem to continually (happily) bless us. Then in no time at all (how the years have flown!) She was succeeded by her good friend, Jane Roane.

Jane took command and, soldiers all, We responded to her bugle call. We won many victories - small and large And next year Blanche Allen was the lady in charge.

Blanche led on to even greater height
As a group, our progress was DY-NO-MITE!
Then we searched for a successor, refined and brainy
And who should turn up but Roberta Raney!

Roberta lived up to our great expectation,
Filling us all with renewed inspiration,
With her Presbyterian background she
Taught us that "what will be, will be."
So it's no surprise that once again,
Roberta's a Presbyterian.
After ten years of service we were still going strong
And Jean Hinshaw stepped in to move us along.

Jean pushed and pulled, as presidents should (Sometimes we have to be prodded to make us look good!) Then she stepped down as "Queen of the Realm" And Mary Jane Cheesman took over the helm.

With Mary Jane we continued our winning ways, Doing good deeds (and soaking up praise). She finished her year in fine style and then We elected Jeannie Saucerman.

Jeannie is wonderful, Jeannie's terrific, Stupendous, marvelous, real superiffic! Her charm and talent are sumply be—numbing; We love you, Jeannie...keep those pay checks coming!

> Dottie Polich was next on the list, Encouraging us all to progress and persist. She put her ideas (and us) to work Never allowing anyone to shirk.

Connie Mitchener was next in line
And for another year our light did shine
As bright as stars and arrow-straight
(O, ladies, ain't we truly great!!!)
But Connie's year came to an end
Then came Phyllis Rushton, our Baptist friend!

Phyllis put her shoulder to the wheel And kept us all on an even keel Our finer side she sought to reveal... Then Julie Taylor "got the deal."

Julie charged into the fray
She never did anything just halfway.
We had a busy, productive year
Then she said, "Isabel Van Hoy can take it from here!"

Under Isabel's guidance we continued to bloom No time to feel any doubt or gloom And, characteristically, the year seemed to "zoom" Then Norma Magenheimer moved into the "Oval Room."

Norma's enthusiasm stepped up the pace
That was set by others in this CWF race
We had scarcely time to catch our breath
She nearly worked us all to death!
When we thought we'd finally got a good start
It was time for a new prexy — Betty Rinehart.

Betty plunged in with all her might
And swore she'd give the thing a good fight.
As she grew weak and wan from all of the stress
She moaned, "Why oh why did I ever say yes?"
At last her year was over and then...
Can you believe — she took it again???
Of her two year term she has just one regret...
Have faith, Betty, you may get your powder room yet!
When her two years were over, she said, "On my word,
I'll never, never go for a third...
It's a lot of fun, but there's too much pressure,
Can't take any more; you're next, Mae Swisher."

Mae pitched in and proved that she
Was another strong branch on the CWF tree
We worked and sweated and had lots of fun
And before we knew it another year was done.
And Mae was ab-so-lute-ly firm —
Under NO circumstances would she go another term...
But she did — and completion of Mae's second year
Brought us 23 years from there to here.

We have presidents here and presidents there;
We have past presidents everywhere!
Over twenty years, with more to come,
They've done their part to make things hum.
They've done a little of this and a little of that
(Spent considerable time just "chewing the fat").
As chief execs their records exceed debate...
They've not conquered world hunger, but they've had no
Watergate!

To a woman they ve proved that they could handle Our church politics with nary a scandal.

We've raised money in all conceivable ways —
We sold Christmas cards in our early days.
We've had a bazaar, smorgasbords, rummage sales,
Sold autograph quilt blocks by the bales.
Gave dinners, receptions and, another thing, dears...
Sold Bicentennial medallions till they ran out our ears!
We've had mostly successes — very few misses;
In a pinch, I think we could even sell kisses!
Give us a challenge and our bells really ring
With the leaders we've had, we can do anything!

While we're passing out bouquets, let's give three cheers For four past presidents from earlier years. From Missionary Society and Ladies' Aid To Women's Council, they led the parade; And in its turn, each organization Helped give CWF a solid foundation. So, all of us take our hats off to you... Isa, Marie, Isabelle, Mary Lou!

So...We've limped and leaped and been shoved through the years Barrels of laughter...occasional tears
And that's the lowdown; that's the way
We got to where we are today.

Which brings us to Margaret, we left her till last 'Cause she's not a past-president, she's only half-past! And it seems this year her sole ambition Is living up to the old tradition Of working our fingers to the bone; We can't goof off — she won't leave us alone... With Margaret in front, everything clicks She's our personified Spirit of '76.

So in a flurry of flags and a blaze of glory
Comes the end of the poem, but not the CWF story;
Here's how the situation stands,
We're leaving you in the best of hands
'Cause Margaret asked us to tell you this year's been
like Heaven

And she'd love to stay on till seventy-seven!