

Third Presbyterian  
Church

1849 - 1949



SPRINGFIELD - ILLINOIS

Third Presbyterian  
Church

Celebration

*Of The*

One - Hundredth  
Anniversary

*Of The*

Organization  
of the Church

FEBRUARY, 1949

THE REV. H. M. HILDEBRANDT, *Minister*

## *A Historical Sketch Of Our Church*

WHEN THE THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH was organized, Springfield was a town of 4,500. It had a history of nearly twenty-five years, and had been the seat of the state government for more than ten years. The First Presbyterian Church was more than twenty years old and had a fine building on Third Street, between Adams and Monroe. The Second Presbyterian Church—now called Westminster—had been organized in 1837 as a New School Church in a new denomination, which did not reunite with the Old School denomination until 1870; it had a great edifice on the northwest corner of Fourth and Monroe.

On February 7, 1849, the Presbytery of Sangamon met in a called meeting to consider the petition of forty-four men and women who had been granted certificates of dismissal by the First Presbyterian Church, so they could organize a new congregation. The petition was granted, and the Reverend Thomas Galt was appointed to proceed with the organization of the new church. A meeting was held on the evening of the same day. The name chosen was The Third Presbyterian Church and three ruling elders were elected, Asahel Stone, James L. Lamb, and Edmund R. Wiley. A call was extended to the Reverend R. V. Dodge of Terre Haute, Indiana, to serve as pastor.

In the course of the next few months a commodious sanctuary was built at the northwest corner of Sixth and Monroe. It cost \$12,000, and was quickly paid for. The people had a mind to work; they were interested in growth in grace and in the preaching of the gospel of grace. In less than a year, the Sunday School enrollment had reached 250. Dr. Dodge accepted the call to the pastorate on March 29, 1849, and served with great fidelity until October 29, 1857.

Our church was a down-town church. The membership was made up of the leaders of the city and their families; they appreciated excellent preaching and helpful Bible exposition. The men who filled the pulpit were outstanding: C. P. Jennings, who went from here to Shelbyville, Indiana, and Cleveland, Ohio; G. W. F. Birch, who served as pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Lexington, Kentucky, and was a great defender of the faith; Henry M. Paynter, who went to New York City, and did a great work as a Bible teacher. During Dr. Birch's pastorate, it was necessary to build a larger church. The old building (17 years old) was sold to the Second Methodist Church (now Kumler) and a new building was built on the northwest corner of Seventh and Capitol at a cost of \$70,000. This was in 1867 and in the depression which followed the Civil War, it was impossible to pay the debt of \$20,000. In 1872, the First Presbyterian Church bought this building from us, and welcomed the majority of the members of our church into its membership by transfer.

In 1873 a frame building was built at the northeast corner of Sixth and North Grand. The membership was twenty-three and the minister was Dr. Paynter. We could have gone to the east side as our church had opened up a Sunday School in 1866 in the Wabash shops, which later became the Brainerd Chapel, from which Fifth Church was organized. We could have gone to the west side as our church had a Sunday School at the corner of Rutledge and Carpenter. We decided that the best opportunity for Christian work was in the north end. This part of the city was sparsely settled; the old Watch Factory was not opened up until that year. The old rolling mill came later, about 1880. There was no transportation in those days to Oak Ridge. Even Lincoln Park was not opened. Nevertheless, in a little while, a large Sunday School was flourishing. By the middle of the 1880's, the enrollment had gone over 300. The superintendent of the Sunday School was the editor and publisher of a Sunday School paper, which was held in high esteem by folks who loved Bible teaching. The pastors who served in the little frame church were J. I. Gulick, who went from here to Mason City, Illinois; A. K. Bates; F. M. Baldwin, who lived to be over 90 years of age, and organized many Sunday Schools, especially in the south; and E. S. McMichael, who died in 1889, and whose body is buried in Oak Ridge.

In 1890 the church at Seventh and Bergen was built. It was built on the Akron plan, because we were doing a great work in our Sunday School. It cost \$15,000, exclusive of the donated labor, and there was considerable of that. The pastor was Dr. Gerrit Snyder. He had built the Belden Avenue Church in Chicago, and was just the man to supervise the building of our church. In the course of his long ministry, he built seven new churches. Dr. Snyder was a very successful personal worker. One of his contributions to evangelical literature was a study of the Book of John as an aid to the personal worker. During his time, Christian Endeavor flourished and there were societies for all ages. About 1891 the Sunday School in Ridgely was started. It was housed for a good many years in a large residence at the northeast corner of 15th and Sangamon, and was known as the Lavinia Beach Reading Room; out of this came the Clementine Memorial Church.

Dr. James Elkana Rogers became the pastor in 1895. He had been a missionary in Persia, and had served as the president of Blackburn College. He was a scholar and a mighty preacher. He excelled in every way. During his ministry, the membership reached 555 communicants. Among the evangelists who gave fine leadership in those days was Dr. Elmer P. Loose. The church, in every department, was enjoying the finest leadership. Night after night, there were Bible classes; at least three of the elders were outstanding Bible teachers. These were the men who were the leaders in the County Sunday School Association, in the Sangamon Co. Bible Society, and in every form of Christian service. Elder John S. Vredenburg II was one of them. The manse is the Vredenburg Memorial and it was built in 1902 with money bequeathed by him. Elder Vredenburg was ordained to the eldership in 1873, and was the son of Elder John S. Vredenburg I,

who was ordained as an elder in our church in 1856. The churches in Mason City and Petersburg are among those who remembered his ministry in Bible conferences. In 1908 Dr. Rogers accepted a call to the professorship of Bible and Philosophy at Carroll College.

From 1908 until 1914, the Reverend Frank H. Given was the pastor. He came from Cincinnati, Ohio, and was a native of Paxton, Illinois. He was a man of prayer. During his ministry, the Sunday evangelistic meetings were held in the city, and two hundred converts were added to the church. In those days, as many people attended the midweek meeting as the Sunday morning service. At the beginning of his pastorate, there had been considerable dissension but at the close, the church was unified. When this work was done, Mr. Given went to Kirkwood, Mo., his last work.

In June 1914, the Rev. H. M. Hildebrandt came from Petersburg, Illinois, and began his long ministry. At that time, the church membership was 280, and the Sunday School enrollment was 292. The elders were William Watkins, John Fernandes, Oliver Lawrence, A. H. F. Wortman, and John F. Ferreira. There was a small Christian Endeavor society, but no missionary society. Mrs. George Meredith was the organist; the church quartette consisted of Miss Anna Ray (now Mrs. Bandy), Mrs. Mary Nass, Mr. W. J. Aurelius and Mr. J. E. Schwarzott. Mr. Mark S. Evans was the superintendent of the Sunday School and Mr. J. Russell Haynes was the secretary.

Mr. Hildebrandt was a leader in the movement in our denomination which used the slogan, "Every pastor his own evangelist." He was fully persuaded that the Sunday School was the all-year round method for this kind of work. From the very beginning, he made the mid-week meeting the prayer-time for the Sunday School work, and the training opportunity for the teachers. Later on, he organized a Sunday School Teachers' Training School, which continued for twelve years, and granted diplomas to 140 graduates; every one of them having finished a four year course, and having earned twelve credits. This ministry was an outstanding success. Out of it came several thousand, who accepted the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who were willing to take their places as helpers in our church. The new addition, which was built in 1941-2 is the evidence of what can be done by consecrated Sunday School teachers and Christian workers. It cost \$32,000, without the furnishings. It contained a children's chapel, which has become the center of all of our work among the children. The children's church was begun by the Reverend Harold Marx, who had charge of all of our young people's work between 1936 and 1940. Miss Jeannette Smith succeeded him as our Director of Children's Work.

There were city-wide evangelistic campaigns in 1915 under Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman; in 1924 under Gipsy Smith; in 1932 under Evangelist Grady Contrall; and in 1947 under Jack Shuler. All of these meetings were enthusiastically supported by our workers, and increased the opportunity for a larger outreach. In 1931 Station WTAX offered us the opportunity to broadcast our evening service.

This ministry continued for fifteen years—thirteen years of the evening service, and two years of the morning service.

Our church was one of the first congregations in the country to use membership cards. In 1923, an arrangement was made by which these cards should be used as communion tokens. The Board of Deacons took the responsibility for distributing the cards, and has continued faithfully in this ministry of visitation. From eleven districts on the north side, and two on the south side, we have grown to a total of forty-four districts in the city, and one in the county.

In 1932, the Reverend Bertram Betteridge, one of our own young men, served as an assistant pastor. His assignment was the promotion of the work at Knox and South Fifteenth Street, which has developed into the Knox Presbyterian Church.

What the founders of our church wanted to do, we are still doing. During one hundred years, we have preached the gospel of the grace of God from this pulpit, and our members have been able to give a reason for their faith and their hope.

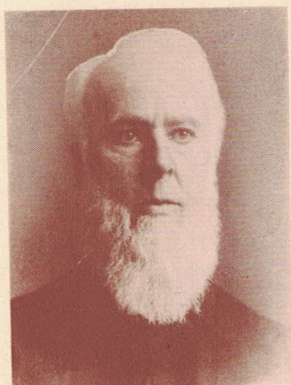


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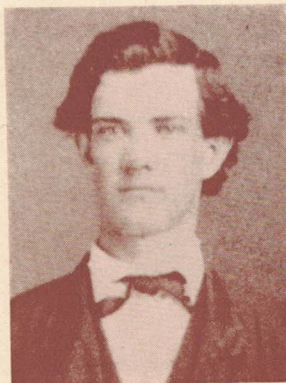
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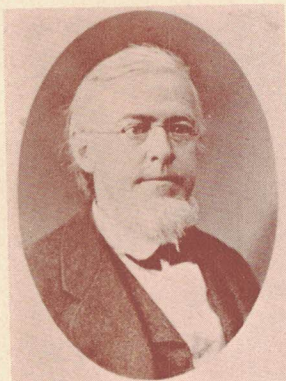
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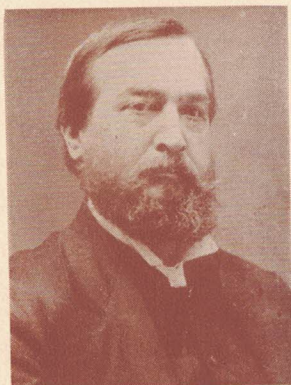
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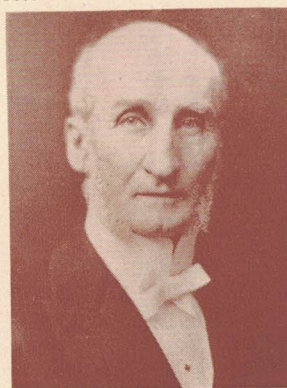
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April 5, 1861-Sept. 17, 1869



RICHARD V. DODGE  
March 29, 1849-Oct. 29, 1857

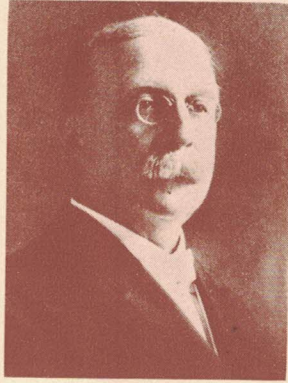


HENRY M. PAYNTER  
July 11, 1870-Sept. 6, 1874

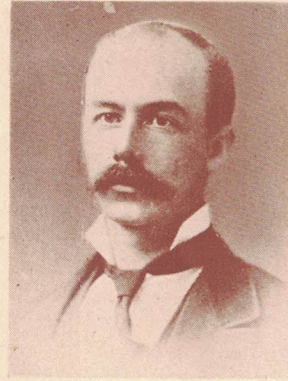


J. I. GULICK  
Nov. 1, 1875-April 11, 1877

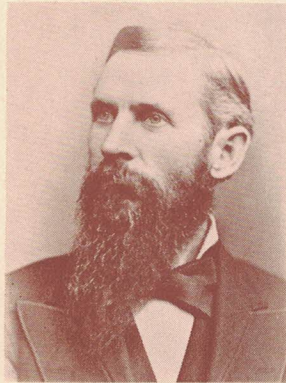
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A. K. BATES  
Oct. 8, 1877-Aug. 12, 1878



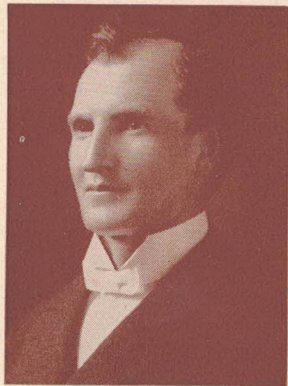
F. M. BALDWIN  
April 4, 1879-Dec. 19, 1879



E. S. McMICHAEL  
Oct. 15, 1880-May 23, 1888



GERRIT SNYDER  
July 15, 1888-Sept. 1, 1895



JAMES E. ROGERS  
Oct. 6, 1895-April 5, 1908



FRANK H. GIVEN  
July 5, 1908-April 30, 1914



OUR SECOND  
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LOCATED  
NORTHWEST CORNER  
SEVENTH AND CAPITOL

OUR THIRD  
BUILDING

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NORTHEAST CORNER  
SIXTH AND NORTH GRAND



# Centennial Program

## FEBRUARY 2—YOUTH NIGHT

- 6:30 P. M. Youth's Anniversary Banquet  
Speaker, Rev. Cedric Sears, Director of Youth for Christ,  
Chicago; Vice Pres. of Youth for Christ, International

## FEBRUARY 5

- 7:30 P. M. Youth Rally

## FEBRUARY 6

- 8:15 A.M. Centennial Sermon  
10:45 A.M. Historical Sermon  
7:30 P. M. Dedication of the Bessie Secor Memorial Name Plaque  
Greetings by Rev. E. W. Ziegler, Pastor of the West-  
minster Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Illinois; also  
Moderator of the Presbytery of Springfield  
Sacred Song Concert by Young People's Choir

## FEBRUARY 7—CENTENNIAL NIGHT

- 7:30 P. M. Address by The Rev. Jesse H. Baird, Moderator of the  
Presbyterian Church in U.S.A.; President of San  
Francisco Theological Seminary  
Rededication of Members

## FEBRUARY 8—DAY OF PRAYER

- 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Name of each individual member will  
be read during day and prayers offered

## FEBRUARY 9—MEN'S NIGHT

- 6:30 P. M. Men's Annual Banquet  
Speaker, Rev. A. Ralph Lynn, Moderator of the Synod  
of Illinois and Pastor of the Presbyterian Church,  
Granite City

## FEBRUARY 13—MISSIONARY DAY

- 8:15 A.M. Sermon by The Rev. Robert Sidney Kieser, Pastor of the  
Fourth Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Illinois  
10:45 A.M. Sermon by The Rev. Bertram Betteridge, Pastor of Bethel  
Presbyterian Church, Peoria, Illinois  
7:30 P. M. Sermon by The Rev. Harold Reisch, Pastor of Bradley  
Avenue Evangelical United Brethren Church, Peoria,  
Illinois  
Dedication of the church service flag

### FEBRUARY 16—WOMEN'S NIGHT

- 6:30 P. M. Women's Anniversary Banquet  
Speaker, Miss Elisabeth E. Turner, Executive Secretary,  
East Central Area of the Board of Foreign Missions

### FEBRUARY 20—COMMUNION SUNDAY

- 8:15 A.M. "O Blest Communion"  
10:45 A.M. "With Our Sainted Ones in Glory"  
7:30 P. M. Dedication of the Charlotte Stone Secor Memorial Plaque  
recording the names of all ministers who have served  
this church during its first 100 years

### FEBRUARY 23—CHURCH NIGHT

- 7:30 P. M. Historical Pageant  
Centennial Reception  
Church Basement will be open at 6:00 P. M. for His-  
torical Exhibits

### FEBRUARY 27

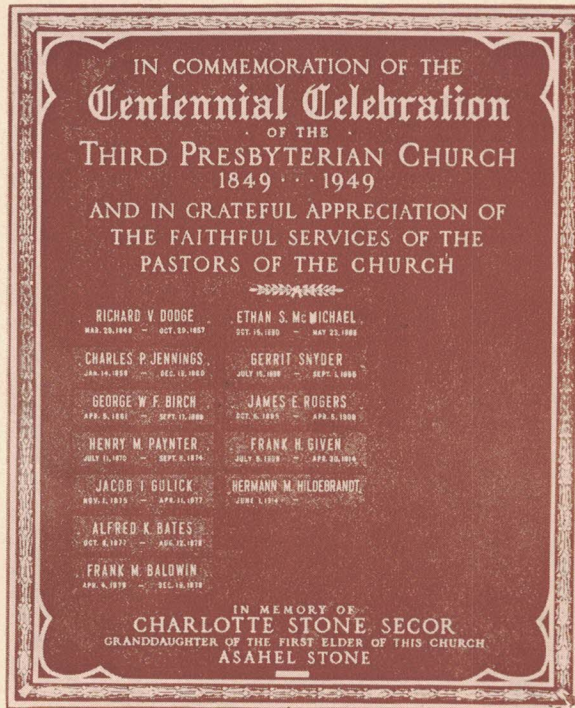
- 9:30 A.M. Sunday School Assembly  
Burning of the Debt of Honor Mortgage  
7:30 P. M. Song Festival by Church Choir and Children's Choir  
Leader, Mr. Donald Allured, Director of Music at First  
Presbyterian Church

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### THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

At the annual meeting of the congregation held on Wednesday night, January 21st, 1948, this committee was appointed. It consisted of the officers of the Session, of the Board of Deacons and of the Board of Trustees; the superintendents of departments in the Sunday School; the teachers of adult classes; the presidents of the Missionary Societies; and the moderator of the youth council. Elder William J. Downer, the moderator-elect was appointed convener.

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The historical plaque which will be presented in connection with this centennial celebration, will be known as the Charlotte Stone Secor Memorial. It is by the kindness of Miss Bessie Secor. When Miss Secor made her will some twenty years ago, she remembered many relatives and many good causes, but only two churches; one of them was her own church in West Hollywood, Cal., and the other was our church. It was quite evident that Miss Secor had heard much about our church: she had heard it from her mother, Charlotte Stone Secor, who joined our church April 18, 1863. This good woman was the daughter of one of our charter members, Philip Stone; and the granddaughter of the first elder of our church, Asahel Stone. Asahel Stone was the one who led in the organization of this church on February 7, 1849.

Father Stone came to Sangamon County in 1831 and settled in the Farmingdale community. He had been trained for the ministry and had served as a home missionary in the east under the Congregational Church. He knew the importance of Gospel preaching and Bible teaching. He organized the Farmingdale church. When he came to Springfield, he served as an elder in First Church. For more than twenty-three years he was an active member of the Session of our church; he died October 3, 1871, at the age of ninety-one. In the Minutes of the Session, it was written concerning him, "In all of the relations of life, he ever sustained the character of 'a man who loved the Lord'."

# Our Boards

## I. THE ELDERS

We have a complete roll of all of the elders who have served: we give the dates of their ordination or in case they had been previously ordained, their installation in our church.

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| 1849—Asahel Stone<br>James A. Lamb<br>Edmund R. Wiley  | 1927—John L. Clifford*<br>Edgar Smith*   |
| 1850—Richard H. Beach<br>Harvey D. Brigham   | 1928—Russell Rees Davis*<br>Stephen Payne<br>J. Russell Haynes*  |
| 1856—Charles B. Pelton<br>John S. Vredenburgh I<br>Edmund G. Johns   | 1930—Seward Smith<br>Henry Niesen<br>R. Gailus Woodcock  |
| 1862—Lucian C. Boynton   | 1932—August F. Siebens   |
| 1867—Edward R. Ulrich<br>Roland W. Diller<br>Pharis G. Dorwin  | 1933—Carl A. Peterson*   |
| 1872—Adam Johnston   | 1934—George W. Wright  |
| 1873—Alex Pringle<br>Elwin A. Wilson<br>John S. Vredenburgh II<br><i>(The manse is a memorial<br/>to this elder)</i>                 | 1935—Harry Edwards<br>Frank M. Campbell  |
| 1880—William Palmer<br>Charles L. Abell  | 1936—John J. Stevens*<br>George Gerlach, Sr.   |
| 1887—Thomas Wilson<br>William F. Friedinger, Sr.   | 1937—Isaac R. Diller   |
| 1891—Thomas P. Renne<br>William H. Hayden  | 1938—Emil Henrikson  |
| 1902—Joseph Cruthis<br>Reuben R. DeFrates<br>Frank V. Partridge  | 1939—Guy V. Erwin<br>Samuel J. Willett*  |
| 1905—George Booth<br>John Fernandes<br>Matthew Irwin<br>Oliver Lawrence<br>Charles A. Nass<br>William Watkins<br>A. H. Frank Wortman | 1940—Orion A. Steen, Sr.*<br>Orson B. Cornelius*   |
| 1907—John F. Ferreira  | 1941—A. Oscar Jackson*   |
| 1912—Joseph Pierson  | 1942—Otto O. Fry*<br>Ward Watson*<br>Albert E. Mester<br>Harold C. Johnson<br>Elmer L. Meinders<br>William R. Moore*<br>Frank W. Aurelius* |
| 1916—John Astra  | 1943—Harry C. McReynolds*<br>Robert J. Paulsen<br>Fred Burt*   |
| 1917—William J. Aurelius<br>Lars Peter Larsen  | 1944—Harry Clinton Lawson*<br>William J. Downer, Sr.*  |
| 1918—Joseph Meline<br>William R. West  | 1945—Glen Orville Sims*<br>John Glenn Holliday*  |
| 1924—Mark S. Evans<br>John Carmichael*   | 1946—William R. Applett, Sr.*  |
|  | 1947—Arch Evans, Sr.*<br>J. Raymond Scott*<br>Raymond R. Blanchard, D.D.S.*  |
|  | 1948—Raymond R. Walter, Sr.*   |
|  | 1949—Edward P. Palmen*   |

\*Active at present time.

## II. THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Chief Deacon.....Walter D. Weed  
 Chief Deacon-elect.....Frederick W. Woodcock  
 Assistant Chief Deacon.....Henry M. Spires  
 Secretary-Treasurer.....Edwin P. Miller  
 (Here we give the list of the deacons with their year of ordination)

Edgar Cobb.....	1926	Harry D. Sims.....	1943
William Morgan.....	1930	Orval B. Cornelius.....	1943
Fred E. Wilson.....	1930	Ross W. Lane.....	1944
M. E. Gustavson.....	1931	J. Calvin Walters.....	1944
Everett E. Morris.....	1932	James D. Means.....	1945
Thomas J. Davis.....	1936	Gilbert D. Decker.....	1945
Holyace Coons.....	1936	Henry R. Ingraham.....	1945
Florin Barton.....	1936	McKinley C. Harshaw.....	1945
C. E. Cornthwaite.....	1937	Harry A. Shinkle.....	1945
J. F. Casey.....	1937	Walter D. Weed.....	1946
Carl E. Jackson.....	1938	N. Allen Henrikson.....	1946
Donald L. West.....	1939	Glenn R. Haynes.....	1946
S. J. Vasconcelles.....	1939	Orion A. Steen, Jr.....	1946
Lamont H. Haynes.....	1939	Fred W. Schutt.....	1946
Melvin R. West.....	1941	Frank Fernandes.....	1947
Harry A. Ramey.....	1941	Robert C. Young.....	1947
Lawrence Grider.....	1941	Leonard L. Pflug.....	1947
Charles E. Jordan.....	1942	Edwin P. Miller.....	1947
Virgil A. Winhold.....	1942	Walter B. Wakefield.....	1947
John W. Franklin.....	1942	Henry M. Spires.....	1947
Lester R. Jones.....	1942	Homer D. McAfee.....	1948
Burt L. Cornelius.....	1942	Harold P. Nevitt.....	1948
Fred W. Woodcock.....	1942	W. Henderson May.....	1948
Arthur I. Wright.....	1942	Elmer E. Reisch.....	1948
Chas. A. Montgomery.....	1943	Robt. L. Henrikson.....	1949
William Olin West.....	1943	Chas. E. Pence.....	1949
Hamann Matern.....	1943	Robt. Davis.....	1949

## III. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President.....John J. Stevens  
 Vice President.....Fred Burt  
 Secretary.....S. J. Vasconcelles  
 (Here we give the list of trustees with the dates of their election)

John L. Clifford.....	1925	Chas. A. Montgomery.....	1946
John J. Stevens.....	1935	A. Oscar Jackson.....	1947
Russell R. Davis.....	1941	Ward Watson.....	1949
Fred Burt.....	1942	Shelby J. Vasconcelles.....	1949
J. Glenn Holliday.....	1943	William J. Downer.....	ex-officio

## IV. THE OFFICERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Moderator.....William J. Downer  
 Clerk.....A. Oscar Jackson  
 Treasurer.....Miss Mildred Aurelius  
 Moderator-Elect.....William R. Apblett

# Choirs and Committees

## ORGANISTS

At the 8:15 service.....Mrs. Mervin E. Gustaveson  
At the 10:45 and 7:30 services.....Miss Annette Wiesenmeyer  
At Funerals.....Mrs. James H. Young

## CHURCH CHOIR

Sopranos.....Miss Lois Aurelius, Mrs. Olaf L. Beard, Mrs. Herschel Calver, Mrs. Emil Henrikson, Mrs. George Hess, Mrs. C. V. Huston, Miss Evalyn Knapp, Mrs. Charles A. Montgomery, Mrs. Fred Thierbach, Mrs. J. C. Walters and Mrs. W. Olin West  
Altos.....Mrs. Fred Burt, Miss Mary Fry, Mrs. Anna Ingraham, Miss Eleanor Miller, Mrs. L. L. Schuler, and Mrs. George Price  
Tenors.....Anthony Dollar, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd J. Dukett, Fred Thierbach and W. Olin West  
Basses.....Charles A. Montgomery, George Price, Glen O. Sims and Frederick W. Woodcock

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR

Sopranos.....Mrs. Burt Cornelius, Thelma Dufner, Maureen Eynon, Lorraine Hattenhaus, Joann Herron, Mrs. Lamont Haynes, Mrs. Robert Henrikson, Carol Losey, Dorothy Marchetti, Mary Jane Moe, Mrs. Kenneth Sallenger, Mrs. Norman Vogeler, Mrs. Donald L. West, Peggy West and Shirley West  
Altos.....Flora Cain, Mrs. Donald R. Canham, Gloria Deilke, Mrs. William R. Dufner, Jacqueline McCorkle, Shirley Pflug, Alice Roberts, Judith Tinsley, Mrs. Emmett G. Ventress, Marlene Wilcoxon and Geraldine West  
Tenors.....Donald R. Canaham, Burt L. Cornelius, Bob Davis, William R. Dufner, Lamont H. Haynes and Mrs. Homer D. McAfee  
Basses.....Thomas England, Teddy Fritz, Robert L. Henrikson, Homer D. McAfee and Donald L. West  
Director.....Kenneth Sallenger

## CHURCH COMMITTEES

### *The Communion Committee*

Mrs. C. E. Cornthwaite, chairman; Mrs. William R. Apblett, Mrs. Joseph Beeby, Mrs. Harry Frame, Mrs. E. N. Shelp and Mrs. Robert Waters, Senior; Mrs. James DeFrates and Miss Ruth DeFrates.

### *The House Committee*

Mrs. Ward Watson, chairman; Mrs. William R. Apblett, Mrs. Edward P. Palmen and Mrs. Shelby J. Vasconcelles; Mrs. Fred Burt and Mrs. W. Olin West; Mrs. C. E. Cornthwaite and Mrs. Lawrence Grider.

### *The Athletics Committee*

Deacon S. J. Vasconcelles, chairman; Elders Burt and Jackson; Deacons Grider and Wakefield.

# Our Children's Chapel

Director ..... Miss Jeannette Smith  
Assistant Director ..... Mrs. Harold Nevitt  
Organists ..... Miss Lois Aurelius and Aden Lauchner, Junior

## THE JUNIOR DEACONS

Deacon Harold P. Nevitt, chairman; Arthur Faucon, asst. chairman; Louis Bressan, Cordell Dunn, Bobby Follis, David Guinn, Wayne Harshaw, John Hollis, Madison Harold (Buddy) Howard, Robert Jasmon, William Maslauski, James Nevitt, Glen Padget, Donald Sims, Melvin West, Jr., Jerry Wilson, Thomas Wilson, Donald Winhold, Lee Allan Wooddell, Glen Sims and Leon Johnson.

Of all the advantages that our church offers to its children, we believe that the Children's Church is the most important, because it is here that our adult church members of the future are being trained. A considerable number of children have formed the habit of regular attendance, and they are probably the ones who will be the leaders in the adult congregation in years to come. Whatever we can do for them in the way of training is, therefore, of great importance.

The first aim of the Children's Church is to teach the children to worship. Our large and beautiful Children's Chapel provides the right atmosphere. The Communion table with its shining cross, the organ music, the simple but dignified service in which the children are learning to take part reverently, all these help the child to fix his thoughts upon God, and to give thanks and loving praise to the One who "seeketh such to worship Him".

Most of those who attend the Children's Church are already church members, and bring their membership cards to the Communion services which are held in the Children's Chapel under the direction of Elders R. R. Davis and William J. Downer, assisted by Deacons Melvin West and Fred E. Wilson.\*

A large corps of Junior Deacons is working efficiently under the direction of Mr. Harold P. Nevitt. Several of the younger members of the adult Board of Deacons started out as Junior Deacons in the Children's Church. This is an illustration of how the Children's Church trains for adult leadership.

This is also true of the Young People's Choir. A considerable number of its members are graduates of the Children's Church choir.

In each of the Sunday morning services in the Children's Chapel, the congregation is led in singing by a children's choir. These choirs practice once a week the year around and oftener when necessary. During 1948 they took part in ten special programs, and the singing was done from memory. Two of these programs were made up of Bach numbers. Their Centennial program includes melodies by Schubert, Beethoven, Gastoldi, Ippolitof-Ivanof, Tschaiikowsky and Gounod. The children are developing a taste for finer sacred music and show an increasing willingness to work hard in order to learn to sing that which is really good.

# Our Organizations, Societies And Classes

## I. THE MEN'S COUNCIL

1. Session's Committee on Men's Work.  
Elder Apblett, chairman; Elders Aurelius, Davis and Lawson.
2. All Deacons in charge of districts.
3. A representative from each of our 45 districts.
4. All teachers of men's classes.
5. The officers of organized classes.

### a. THE MEN'S CLASS

President.....	Edward P. Palmen
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5. A leader from each of our 45 districts.

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3. Two representatives from each society or group

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