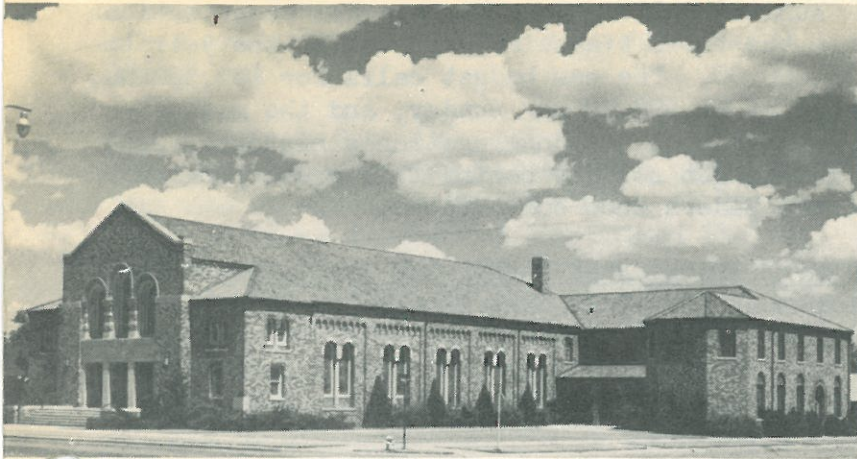


The Messenger

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.
He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."—Mark 16:15,16



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CHURCH CALENDAR

Lord's Day

Bible Classes	9:45 A.M.
Communion	10:45 A.M.
Sermon	11:15 A.M.
Herald of Truth, KFDX	1:00 P.M.
Training Classes	6:30 P.M.
Communion	7:30 P.M.
Sermon	7:45 P.M.

Wednesday

Lady's Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Evening Worship Service	7:30 P.M.

DURING 1953: The regular contributions amounted to \$62,039.50, an average of \$1,193.07 per Sunday. Special contributions toward establishing the Faith Village congregation amounted to \$10,299.11. There were several hundred dollars in other special contributions which ran the total financial efforts for the year to some \$74,000.00. The new budget calls for \$67,500.00, an average of \$1,298.08 per Sunday, and the most attractive program in the congregation's history. Brethren, let us get solidly behind this great program and let the Elders know our purpose.

PREACHING, MISSION, BENEVOLENT, AND TEACHING programs to be expanded for 1954. Even though the budget will be approximately the same as last year, a much greater amount will go directly into preaching and teaching. The liquidation of our building debt has made this improvement possible.

THIS WILL SURPRISE YOU: \$50,395.00 of the new budget will go directly for preaching the Gospel and training the young. This means that a little more than 74 percent of your contributions, regardless of how much or how little, will go for these purposes. Certainly this knowledge should be an added incentive for us to "purpose and give as we have been prospered".

RESPONSES: (by restoration) Billy Stirman, 3004 Pennsylvania, Ph. 7-0992. During the month of December one was baptized, six placed membership, and two were restored. (Correction on last Sunday's report—Mrs. Mary Jo Miller and Jackie responded by placing membership.)

"SUBSTITUTES, WISE AND OTHERWISE" will be Bro. McClung's subject for the evening service at 7:30. Let's all come back tonight and fill the building. Remember, there are classes for all ages at 6:30.

THE CHORAL TRAINING CLASSES for all age groups will be resumed after this week, the Lord willing.

GOOD! BUT IT CAN BE BETTER! The average attendance per Sunday in our Bible classes during 1953 was 489. The high for the year, and for several years, was 589 on Oct. 25. The average for October was 544. It was our best month. Both November and December had attendances in the 580's, but holidays and illnesses held down the average. The average for 1952 was 464. Why not include the extra study period in your church work for 1954.

THE COURTS OF OUR LAND, and the various law enforcement agencies are somewhat alarmed over the tremendous increase in JUVENILE DELINQUENCY. It is one of the major problems throughout the United States. The radios, newspapers, magazines, and televisions are blasting out this alarm. But this one thing stands out like a beacon: THEY DO NOT COME FROM BIBLE CLASSES AND CHRISTIAN HOMES. Do not deprive your child of these advantages. There are classes for all ages every Sunday morning at 9:45, Sunday evening at 6:30, and Wednesday evening at 7:30.

LADIES, CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR - or MORE? One of the most encouraging factors in the work during 1953 was the Ladies' Bible Class each Wednesday morning at 10:00 with Bro. McClung as teacher. In addition to their study together, they have combined their efforts in a number of work projects which otherwise might have been neglected.

THE SICK: Let us pray for the sick, administer to their needs, and remember them in other ways. Sisters Sam Donnell and J. W. Miller are in the General Hospital. Messrs. Robert Dishman and E. C. Page, whose wives are members here, are in the Bethania, also Sister J. K. Ricks. Bro. W. L. Plemons remains in the Clinic. Bro. Brown is much improved. Bro. Hull is ill at home. Bro. Sullivan and Sister Maurine Thompson were out of the office part of last week due to illness. There are many others. Please report the sick.

SINGING THIS AFTERNOON at 2:30, at Lincoln Street.

PRAY FOR OUR GOSPEL MEETING which is scheduled from January 31, thru Feb. 7. Bro. Trine Starnes will do the preaching. If one or two boys can bring about the salvation of 15 adults within a few days, what can nearly a thousand of us do? Let's get the people and Bro. Starnes together. It depends upon each of us.

BRO. GEO. STEPHENSON, former minister for this congregation, BRO. TOMMY GILLENTINE, former song director, and BRO. BOB CROSS, Ministerial student in Harding College, visitor with the Schoolfields, were among the many visitors last Wednesday night at the mid-week service. Bro. Stephenson and Bro. Cross spoke briefly, and Bro. Gillentine led the song service. These mid-week services contribute greatly to the spiritual growth of the congregation, and all members are urged to include them in their church activities for 1954.

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS will be returning to their respective schools tomorrow. We miss these fine young people when they are away, and we should remember them continually in our prayers and offer them every possible assistance in remaining ever faithful to the Lord. Among those whose names we have are: DON SMITH, A&M; JIMMY HOBBS, Colorado Sch. of Mines; FRANK PLEMONS, MARK AND SANDRA HUFF, University of Texas; RAY KEITH MONOGHAN, TCU; JENNIE BELL SCHOOLFIELD, Harding College JO ANN CHILDRESS, O.U.. Those who are remaining in the city to attend Midwestern include: JUNE ADCOCK, BOB CHRISTOPHER, DeLYNN PATTERSON, ED HAYES, JIM BROWN, and JAMES HENDON.

IMPORTANT!!! TEACHERS MEETING NEXT WEEK, JAN 12, 7:30.

PROOF READING LISTS for the new church directory will be prepared this week, the Lord willing. This work is running ahead of anticipated schedule, thanks to the very excellent cooperation of the entire congregation, and to the many who have volunteered the extra help needed in the office. Several of the ladies from the Wednesday morning Bible class, and our young people have spent many hours in tabulating and typing.