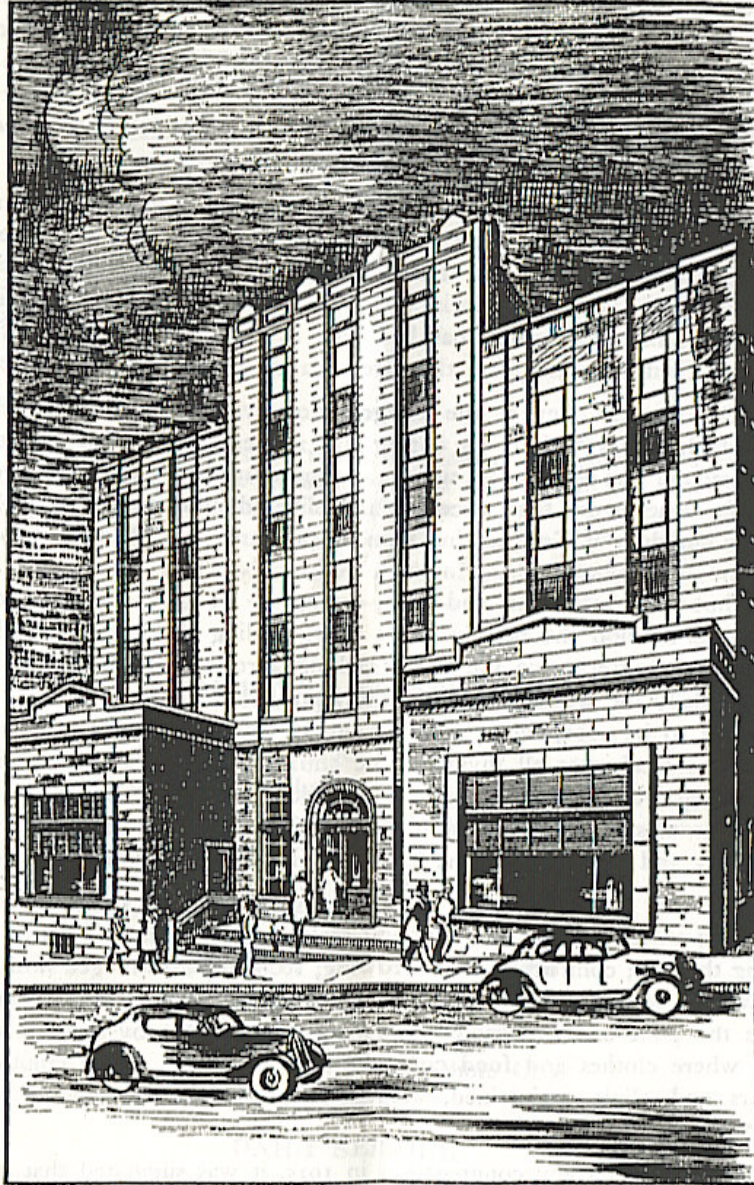


Central Church of Christ

145 Fifth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee



HERE—Praises arise. Prayers ascend. The table is spread.
The bread of life is broken. Gifts are presented.
The weary find rest.

Central Church Observes 21st Birthday

It was in October, 1925, that Central Church of Christ had its beginning. Three things were set forth to accomplish (1) to help start one congregation in each state in the United States in which there were no churches; (2) assist in starting a congregation in each nation where we have no missionaries at the present time; (3) to bring salvation to our own homes and to our own people and to those closest to us.

On this first Sunday in October, 1925, it was said that during the next quarter of a century the Central Church could radiate such an influence. It is interesting to note the tremendous increase in the home mission program of the Churches of Christ within the 21 years of this congregation's existence. This congregation has had part in establishing churches from Maine to California and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico.

On Sunday, October 6, the congregation will re-examine its ideals with which it has had to do during the 21 years. Some of the items mentioned in the beginning were: a congregation of religious people truly obedient to the faith once for all delivered unto the saints; seeking first the kingdom of God; serving Him in spirit and in truth; making peace and goodwill among men in little things, working for peace and brotherhood between man and man; trying to do good to everybody; striving to develop the best in every man; feeding the hungry; clothing the naked; ministering to the sick; teaching a respect for bodily purity; teaching daily the word of truth publicly and from house to house. The Bible was to be accepted as a revelation of God, and Christ was to be honored as head over all things to the church. A people zealous of all these things yet without pomp and vainglory; alive to the dangers of empty formalism; practicing nothing unScriptural and antiScriptural; on watch day and night against the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

This church was to keep its door open seven days in the week—open for public worship; open for anybody seeking counsel and Christian aid; visiting the sick; comforting the sorrowing; reconciling estranged husbands and wives. It was planned that this congregation have a lunch counter where the poor and hungry be given nourishment at any time, a store room where clothes and food could be stored, trained nurses employed, doctors and clinic maintained, kindergarten, a place for country and city people to rest.

In proposing the new congregation in 1925, it was suggested that other congregations would have their membership enlarged in a few years from the work of Central Church. The work of other congregations would in no way diminish on account of our work here. Love has nine ingredients: kindness, generosity, unselfishness, courtesy, patience, humility, good temper, guilelessness, sincerity.

First Meeting of the Central Church

145 Fifth Avenue, North

Nashville, Tennessee

Bro. Ijams, wife, two children and mother	5
Mr. A. M. Burton, wife, 7 children	9
Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw	2
Mr. and Mrs. Hall Callom, 4 children	6
Mr. Acuff	1
Miss Era Emmons	1
Dr. Ward and Mrs. Ward	2
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. W. Dorris and Charles	3
Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Allen	2
Mr. and Mrs. Will Quarles	2
Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Murphy and Ruth	3
Mr. Roy Williams	1
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Moore	2
Dr. D. H. Neil	1
Mrs. Helena Johnson	1
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The above is a partial list of the first members of Central Church. If you know of others, please let us have their names. All the records say is that there were 47 present. We would like to have the other six names. Please help us.

Sunday Services

- 9:45 A.M. Bible Classes for all Ages
- 11:00 A.M. Preaching and the Lord's Supper
- 11:00 A.M. Special Services for the Blind and Speechless
- 5:00 P.M. Junior and High School Classes
- 5:50 P.M. Evening Worship and Sermon
- 7:00 P.M. Senior Young People's Class

WEEK DAY BIBLE CLASSES

- Monday 6:45 P.M. Girls' Home
- Tuesday 11:00 A.M. Women's Bible Class
- Wednesday 11:00 A.M. Young Mothers' Bible Class
- Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Bible Class

DAILY SERVICE

- 12:15 P.M. Noon-day Devotional in Library

DAILY RADIO PROGRAMS

- Monday through Friday—1:00 P.M. "Bible Hour Program"
- Saturday —Special programs at 12:00 M. and 5:00 P.M.
- Sunday Broadcasts —11:00 A.M. and 11:30 P.M.

Our Purpose

- To exhibit to the changing world the unchanging Christ.
- To give unto fainting hearts a firmer basis for their hope.
- To remind those who are weary and heavy-laden of the rest which the Saviour gives.
- To inspire with courage those people who fear future days.
- To present unto the broken-hearted the Great Physician with His healing balm.
- To comfort all that mourn.
- To warn all men—saint and sinner—of the dangers of sin.
- To point those who are burdened with sin to the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
- To present to those who are lost the Saviour and the simple terms of salvation.

"This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." (Gen. 28:17)