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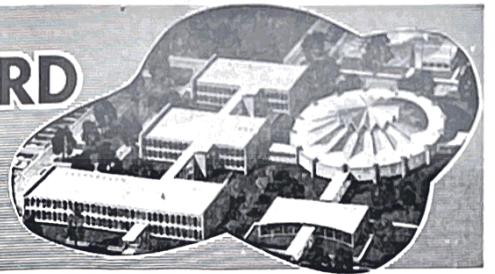
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DRAWINGS FOR NEW BUILDING NOW COMPLETE

—For Thoughtful Reading—

KEPT IN SAFETY — Samuel McChord Crothers compares our professions as Christians to a polished brass poker that stands beside the fireplace in the living room. It makes a good appearance; but when we want to stir the fire we reach around somewhere out of sight and bring out a dirty, crooked iron poker — and use that! The polished brass poker is for looks — the dirty iron poker for use!

We have all done that sort of thing with our Christianity — and in so doing we have been guilty of unfaithfulness to Christ at the point where he warned us most solemnly. Jesus Christ does not want to be applauded as an idealist; he wants to be followed as a realist. He does not ask for admiration of his theories; he asks that men will prove in their living that his way is commonsense! —Presbyterian Outlook

GOD AND HEAVEN WERE NEAR — When Abraham Lincoln was an attorney, he stood at the bedside of a dying woman to prepare her last will and testament. He took his friend Greene with him. As she faced death, the dying woman expressed her confidence in God. Lincoln was deeply impressed and said, "Your faith in Christ is wise and strong... You are to be congratulated on passing through life so usefully and into the life beyond so hopefully."

When the woman asked him to read a few verses out of the Bible, Lincoln quoted from memory the Twenty-third Psalm. Then he quoted, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me," and recited the words of "Rock of Ages." Later his friend Greene said to him, "You have acted as a pastor as well as an attorney today." Lincoln replied, "God and eternity and heaven were very near to me today." —These Times

—The Lighter Side of Life—

SHELL SHOCK—The army cook had just whipped up orders of fried eggs for a mob of hungry soldiers. Wearing by his efforts, he sat down, yawned, lit a big fat cigar and wrote a letter to his sweetheart, "Darling," he began, "for the past three hours shells have been bursting all around me." —First Baptist, Tulsa

IN THE DARK — Farmer to hired hand with lantern: "You're going courtin' you say... with a lantern? I never took one when I was courtin'." Hired man: "Yeah, but look what you got." —Arkansas Baptist

NEW FLAVOR — "What flavors of ice cream have you?" The pretty waitress answered in a hoarse whisper, "Vanilla, strawberry and chocolate." Trying to be sympathetic, the boy at the soda fountain said, "You got laryngitis?"

"No," replied the girl, with an effort. "Just vanilla, strawberry and chocolate." —The Baptist Observer

STONE DEAF—"But, darling," the young mother remonstrated, "you should learn to enjoy church music. Why, the angels sing around God's throne all day!"

"Well," said the youngster, "I just don't see how God can stand it!" —Watchman-Examiner

COLORLESS — First Salesman: "They say brunettes have a sweeter disposition than blondes."

Second Salesman: "Don't you believe it! My wife was both and I didn't see any difference." —Cheer

—Post Script—

Unhappiness is in not knowing what we want and killing ourselves to get it. —Don Herold

The detailed drawings of our new Recreation and Worship Center have been completed and placed in the hands of the bidders according to Bob Walker, Chairman of our Building Committee. The bids will be opened on Friday, October 27 and presented to the church on Sunday evening October 29.

The building will mainly be used as a Worship Center seating 1,000 and recreation area for basketball, volley ball, skating, etc. It will also include a large choir practice room, music library, and large baptismal dressing rooms. The exterior of the building is designed to fit in with our Master Plan according to our architectural firm of Grogan & Scoggins.

Upon approval by MBBC the contract will be awarded immediately with completion date expected by early spring. The detailed drawings are available to you in the church office. Schoeppay

PASTOR'S CORNER



It rained and rained and then rained some more last Sunday — the longest and hardest of the year — and still we had a great Sunday School attendance with 30 new members, and nearly-packed house Sunday night!

It appears that the drawings for our new Worship Center were finished just in time. We desperately need the additional space and outreach this plan will afford. Following the evening service, Sunday, October 29, the final plans and bids will be presented to the church for approval.

This unique combination worship and recreation center represents good stewardship of God's money. Instead of pouring thousands of dollars into a sanctuary that would be used only four or five HOURS a week, we'll be spending much less on a building that we can use EVERY DAY.

But more important, this new Worship Center provides the room we must have if MBBC is to continue growing. These are the golden days for our church — Irving is booming, MBBC has an excellent location, plenty of land, plus an unusually warm evangelistic spirit.

But times change. As the months turn into years, Irving will extend its limits, the booming growth will move outward, new churches will sprout in the fields of new homes — THEN IT WILL BE TOO LATE FOR MBBC TO ACT.

TODAY is our God-given opportunity to grow for Christ. If we delay, if we lack the courage and faith to meet God's challenge, OUR FUTURE WILL BE IN OUR PAST.

MBBC has never been guilty of letting spiritual opportunities slip through her fingers — and God has blessed her for it.

Once again God has brought us face to face with another great challenge. In the strength of our God, let us go over and possess the land, lest we wander endlessly in the wilderness of forfeited opportunities.

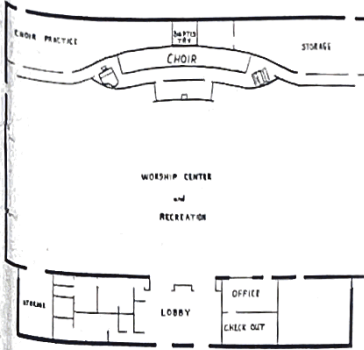
Ronald Dunn



MUSIC MINISTRY

Our Church Choir had a business-party Sunday night. Thanks to those members who were present and are vitally interested in the growth, organization and advancement of our choir.

Here's a word from Paul that you should remember. "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new person; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." II Cor. 5:17.



YOUTH NEWS!

I hope all the youth (and parents) are keeping church youth activities in a place of importance on their busy calendar pages. I feel that these coming youth activities are important, worthwhile and spiritually rewarding — without YOUR presence we cannot have these things.

I want to encourage you all to not overlook your friends at school. You are living on a mission field. 70% of the Irving school students do not attend church on Sunday. Why not invite your classmates to come with you this week?

Dates of importance for October are the individual department Halloween parties. Then on October 28 in the gigantic, all-youth Hayride. Get your tickets Sunday. Plan now to attend the youth Thanksgiving breakfast November 22 before school.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL — is the key word in our Saturday night Bible studies as we look into Jonah. Come and study with us October 28.

VITAL STATISTICS

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School — 682
Year Ago — 631
Training Union — 308

OFFERING

Budget — \$2,405.24

NEW MEMBERS

- 24L. Dean Davis, Adult 3, 2312 MacArthur, Apt. No. 206, BL5-8878
- 25L. Mrs. Dean (Bryannette) Davis, Adult 3
- 26L. Joseph A. (Don) Hanes, Adult 1, 1201 Rochelle No. 6, BL2-1189
- 27L. Mrs. Joseph A. (Pat) Hanes, MYP
- 28L. James E. Sanderson, Adult 1, 3115 Parker, BL5-1334
- 1B. Mrs. James E. (Jean) Sanderson, Adult 1
- 29L. Joe Vick, Adult 2, 2410 MacArthur, Apt. No. 103, BL5-0412
- 30L. Mrs. Joe (Jean) Vick, Adult 2

—World Religious News Roundup—

DALLAS—Approximately 3,000 Baptist students from 70 campuses over Texas are expected at the 48th annual Baptist Student Union Convention here Oct. 20-22.

ATLANTA—Methodist-related Emory University here has begun a campaign to raise \$500,000 to establish a chair of Judaic studies.

MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE NEVER READ THE BIBLE BEFORE ARE DOING SO NOW BECAUSE OF WHAT IT SAYS IN RELATION TO WORLD EVENTS...

...DO NOT DESPISE PROPHECIES, BUT BRING THEM ALL TO THE TEST... I THUS... 5:20, 21 (NAB)

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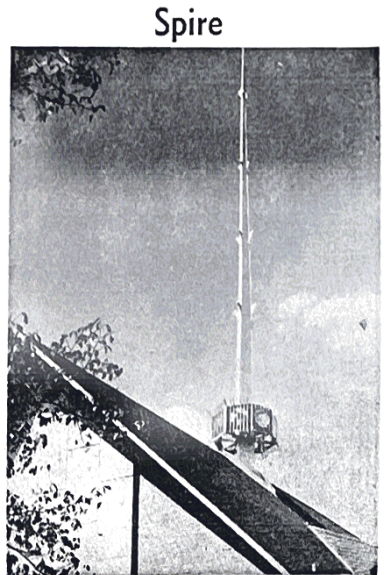
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The spire is a graceful finger
Held high in the azure dome,
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Pointing the Pilgrim Home.
—Mate Graye Hunt, The Christian

—What Others Say—

MAN IS OFTEN disappointed when his small prayers are not answered. God is always disappointed when man's prayers are too small. —William Ward

A TREE that bears no fruit is never picked at by the boys.—Decision

WE MUST GUARD against being smugly satisfied with what we are and what we have done.—Christian Observer

OUR SPIRITS grow grey before our hair.—Charles Lamb

AN LSD TRIP is not always a round trip. What the LSD user may be buying is a one-way ticket to an asylum, a prison or a grave.—Albert Rosenfeld, science editor, Life Magazine

DEATH is the world's most crowded freeway.—R. Earl Allen

IT IS NOT the business of the preacher to fill the house. It is his business to fill the pulpit.—Vance Havner

A GOOD LEADER takes a little more than his share of blame; a little less than his share of credit.—Arnold H. Glassgow

IF IT'S A do meeting, count me in. If it's a talk meeting, count me out.—Robert Thornton

IF I HAD a thousand lives, I'd want to give them all to Jesus Christ and be a revelation of the things He came to do for men.—Bob Pierce

—A Little Bit of Wit—

The only thing the average child learns from an educational toy is that parents will buy anything. —Ivorn Boyett

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Death to the Infidel

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