

DEDICATION SERVICES

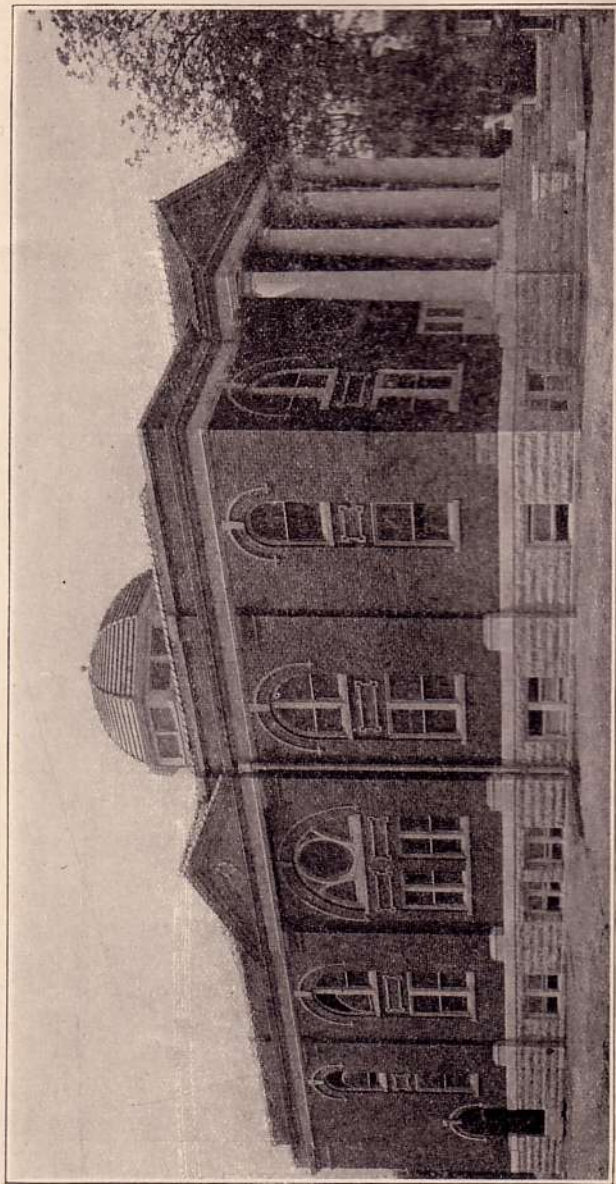
May 21st to 24th, 1916



FIRST UNITED
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PITTSBURG, KANSAS

Mrs J. W. Alexander
601 W. 2nd
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Gladys Alexander
601 W. 2
Pittsburg, Kansas
Book I



Sunrise Prayer Meeting, Christian Endeavor, - - - -	6:00
Sabbath School - - - -	9:30
Morning Worship, with Dedication Service - - - -	11:00
Dedication of Quincy Chapel - -	2:30
Meeting of Young People - -	6:30
Evening Worship - - - -	8:00
Fraternal Meeting, Monday evening	8:00
Fellowship Gathering, Wednesday evening - - - -	8:00



R. W. THOMPSON, Pastor

The Order of Services

Morning

11:00 O'clock

Prelude. Largo.....Handel

Old Hundreth. (People Rising).

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
Come ye before Him and rejoice.
O enter then His gates with joy,
Within His courts His praise proclaim;
Let thankful songs your tongue employ,
O bless and magnify His name.

Call to Worship. (People standing).

Minister. The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.

People. Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

All. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; fear before Him, all the earth.

Invocation. With the Lord's Prayer.

Psalm 122. Psalter No. 348.

Responsive Reading. Selection 30.

Anthem. "Send Out Thy Light." Gounod.

Prayer.

Psalm 118. Psalter 318.

Sermon. Thos. H. McMichael, D. D., President of Monmouth College.

Solo. "In Thee, O Lord, Do I Put My Trust." Adolph Frey. Mr. Sloan.

Offering. Preceded by Scripture portions and Treasurer's Statement.

DEDICATION SERVICE.

(People Standing).

Pastor. To the glory of God, our Father, by whose favor we have built this house; To the honor of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord and Saviour; To the praise of the Holy Ghost, the source of life and light;

Congregation. We dedicate this house.

Pastor. For worship in prayer and psalm; For the ministry of the Word; For the celebration of the appointed sacraments;

Congregation. We dedicate this house.

Pastor. For comfort to those who mourn; For strength to those who are tempted; For instruction in Christian living;

Congregation. We dedicate this house.

Pastor. For the sanctification of the family, For the guidance of childhood; For the salvation of men;

Congregation. We dedicate this house.

Pastor. For the fostering of true citizenship; For the training of conscience; For aggression against evil;

Congregation. We dedicate this house.

Pastor. For the help of the needy; For social fellowship; For a Christian home;

Congregation. We dedicate this house.

Pastor. For sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth; For hastening the coming of our Lord; For a witness unto the truth;

Congregation. We dedicate this house.

Pastor. As a tribute of gratitude and love, a freewill offering of thanksgiving and praise from those who have tasted the cup of salvation, and experienced the riches of Thy grace;

All. We the people of this church and congregation, now consecrating ourselves anew, dedicate this entire building in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Psalm 132. Psalter No. 368; 1-3, 5.

Prayer of Dedication.

Psalm 23. Psalter No. 53: 1, 5.

"And in God's house forevermore,
My dwelling place shall be."

Benediction and postlude.

All persons present are invited to greet their neighbors in the pews.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sabbath Evening

8:00 O'clock

Prelude. "Adoration," from Holy City. Gaul.

Psalm 149. Psalter No. 408. (People Rising).

Prayer of invocation.

Anthem. "They That Sow In Tears." Gaul.

Responsive Reading. Selection 84.

Psalm 46. Psalter No. 128.

Prayer. Rev. J. N. McDonald, Pastor First Presbyterian church.

Ladies' Chorus. "Faith, Hope and Love." Shelley.

Scripture Lesson.

Psalm 45. Psalter No. 125.

Offering.

Sermon. Thos. H. McMichael, D. D.

Anthem. "Sanctus." Gounod.

Prayer.

Psalm 150. Psalter 413.

Benediction and postlude.

Friendly greeting is an expression of the fellowship of God's house.

Monday Evening

8 O'clock.

Fraternal Meeting. Churches and educational institutions invited. There will be greetings from pastors, and other representatives of kindred institutions.

The following musical numbers will be given:

Anthem. "Unfold, Ye Portals." Gounod.

Piano Solo. Miss Stewart.

Solo. "Behold What Manner of Love." MacDer-
mid. Mrs. Errebo.

Selection. Violins and piano.

**Wednesday Evening
8 O'clock**

Fellowship evening. All members and friends of the congregation will join in a thanksgiving service, and heart to heart experience.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW BUILDING.

By Thos. W. Williamson, Architect.

The First United Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg has completed a church building that will compare favorably with any of the modern buildings of this nature in this part of the country.

To begin with the congregation selected one of the most beautiful sites in the city of Pittsburg. The building stands at the northwest corner of Fourth and Walnut streets, opposite the City Library. The building faces the city, and can be seen from the main thoroughfare of the town. It is close to the business part of the city, and yet its immediate surroundings, consisting of the Library, the Y. M. C. A., and private homes tend to give it an air of refinement and quietness that is so often lacking in a church building located in the heart of a city.

The completion of this building makes a plant that is well equipped for every department of the church work.

Back of the auditorium are the Sabbath school rooms. There are twelve individual rooms and the largest will seat 75 people. There is pipe or-

gan space, and in the balcony in an alcove that can be used for an overflow at special meetings. There is a choir room on the first floor.

Social rooms are in the basement which extend under the entire building. The ceiling is ten feet high. There is a kitchen for preparing banquets or luncheons at socials.

South of the main entrance is the pastor's study, equipped with library conveniences. On the north side are cloak and rest rooms. There are individual rooms on the second floor corresponding to these.

The main auditorium is the feature of the building. It will seat about 400 on the main floor with an additional 250 in the balcony.

It has been the desire of the building committee to make this room simple in its design and yet beautiful in its simplicity. The natural oak finish, the delicately tinted walls and the beautiful art glass windows all blend themselves together into a harmonious effect, pleasing to the eye.

The east, north and south walls have large art glass windows in the center. The designs are made up of scenes that are familiar to every student of the Bible. The large art glass dome in the center of the ceiling is a fitting climax to the many appointments of this audience room.

The exterior of the building is classic in its design, a style of architecture that was practically unthought of in church buildings a few years ago, and yet is slowly but surely taking the place of the long established Gothic architecture with its expensive carvings and dangerous spires, that had held sway in church architecture for so long a time.

The foundation of the building up to the water table is of Carthage stone of a soft gray color, laid in range work. The main walls of the building above the basement are constructed of Pittsburg brick. These brick are in a class by themselves in the range of color which they possess, and when they are trimmed with the white limestone they present a delightful contrast that is pleasing to the eye, especially so to the stranger from without the city.

While it has been my pleasure to have a small part in erecting this building, I feel that the credit is largely due to those who have borne the brunt of the whole proposition: namely, the building committee, the pastor, and the members of the congregation as a whole. As I look at the large stately columns flanking the main entrance on either side, I think of the building committee, as they stood in their places many times making a personal sacrifice of their time and money in order to bring the building to a successful completion, and as I go inside and glance around I think of the faithfulness of the pastor as he has led you through your difficulties, and will continue to lead you into a larger work, made possible by your new equipment. And last, but not least, as I look at the small details of the structure, the timbers, the bricks and the stones, I think of the individual members of the congregation that have made this work possible by their united support and then I feel more and more that my part has been very small indeed, but nevertheless I am thankful that I have had even a small share in erecting this structure that is a credit to the community and a glory to God for whose service it is intended.

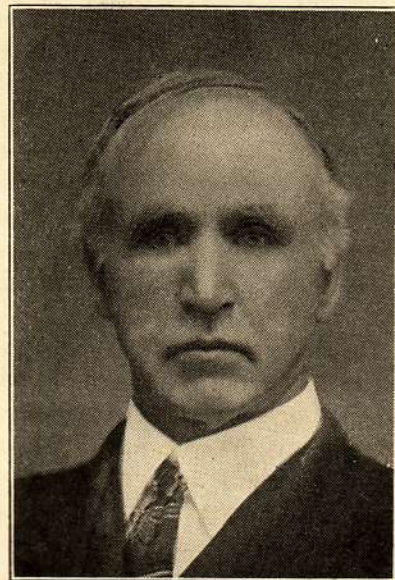
HISTORICAL SKETCH.

By R. W. Thompson

The First United Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg, Kansas, was organized April 29, 1890. The Rev. J. H. Gibson, then pastor at Beulah, by official appointment, effected the organization. The scene of this memorable meeting was the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Alexander then living on Forest Avenue. There were twelve persons present who became charter members, and two others were added to the list later. The membership roll of the congregation twenty-six years ago is as follows: Mrs. J. W. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Z. M. Bogle, John Barrow, Mr. and Mrs. John Dickey, Miss Nannie Dickey, Mr. and Mrs. A. Fulton, Mrs. J. H. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. James Greer, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Pierce.

Parents of
Veta Graham
Don Alexander
Gladys
Claire

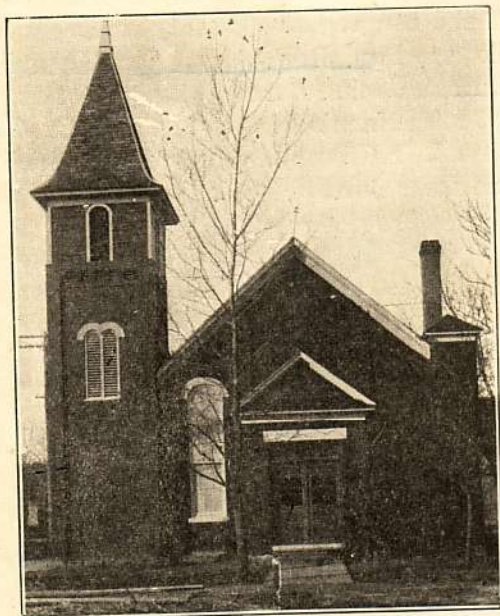
Parents
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DR. J. H. GIBSON

Jan. 1891 - Jan. 1907

For several months meetings were held regularly by Dr. J. H. Gibson and other visiting ministers. It was not Dr. Gibson's thought to assume charge of the congregation when it was organized. He was comfortably located at Beulah which was then one of the largest country congregations in Kansas. But those who were concerned for the future of the infant church prevailed on him to assume its care. His official relationship was established January 1, 1891. He remained with the congregation sixteen years, a



leader that had the confidence of the membership and of the city. The monument of these years of work was a church that numbered one hundred and fifty members, built on a solid foundation, with a sound financial basis.

J. C. Armstrong, Z. M. Bogle and A. Fulton,

→ Mrs. A. B. Kellar's father
(Pansy)

with the pastor, constituted the first session. Dr. A. O. Blair, Curtis Pierce and Rev. J. H. Gibson were the first trustees.

The church property at the corner of Fifth and Pine was purchased from the First M. E. church and the first service was held on the first Sabbath of March 1891. Sabbath School began at ten o'clock with seventeen present. J. T. Stewart was the superintendent, with Miss Flora Dickey as assistant. Miss Curtis Pierce was chorister of the congregation and Mrs. Nellie Bitner Rall was organist. The first president of the Women's Missionary Society was Mrs. J. H. Gibson, with Mrs. Jane Dickey as vice-president, and Mrs. J. W. Alexander as secretary. There were six members in the original organization. → Charles E. Bogle was the first president of the Christian Endeavor.

Father
of Esth
Stewart



1907 - Aug. 1908
Rev. A. H. GRIFFITH

On account of ill health Dr. Gibson resigned the pastorate January 1, 1907. The congregation called Rev. A. H. Griffin of Oklahoma City to the pastorate. He began April 1, 1907, and remained with the congregation a year and four months. His pastorate was characterized by a large in-gathering of members and much activity on the part of both pastor and people. Following his departure the congregation was without a leader for a year and three months. During this time there were many removals.

The present pastor, R. W. Thompson, began his work here October 26, 1909.

Associated with the congregation is the Quincy

Mrs. Mae
Haskins
now

Mission, established May, 1910, with the aid of Mr. C. C. Hartford. In November of that year Mrs. Mae Daugherty became the city missionary and still continues in that capacity. Through her efforts a Mission at Dunkirk has been recently started. A new chapel was erected for the Quincy Mission during the summer and fall of 1915, and will be dedicated the day of the dedication of the church building.

The organizations of the local church at the present time are in a healthy condition. The congregation numbers over three hundred members. The Sabbath School has about the same enrollment. The Women's Missionary Society has a membership of 65; the range of its activities and the sustained interest it maintains in its work have been remarkable.

The Berean class of the Sabbath School, in addition to the usual activities of an organized class, has assumed many of the functions of a Ladies' Aid with gratifying success.

Several other organized classes of the Sabbath School have contributed to the spiritual, social, and financial life of the church, viz.: The Women's Bible Class, The Men's Class, Helping Daughters, Endoreans, Cross and Crown, the Boys' Department. The youngest folks in the school surprised the entire congregation with a handsome gift to the building fund.

The present official directory of the congregation is as follows:

Session.

R. W. Thompson, Moderator	Dr. H. H. Bogle, Clerk
J. C. Armstrong	M. O. Harshman
J. A. Gibson	C. C. Hartford
S. C. Glover	J. T. Stewart

Congregational.

M. O. Harshman, Chairman Mrs. John Wilson, Secretary
J. T. Stewart, Treasurer

Deacons.

A. C. McGuire, Chairman Mrs. A. O. Blair, Treasurer
E. A. Eyestone Mrs. Jeanette Cuthbertson
David W. Thompson Mrs. Rebecca Stevenson

Trustees.

P. T. Ellis, Chairman Charles E. Graham, Secretary
Dr. A. O. Blair J. A. Gibson
J. T. Stewart

Sabbath School.

P. T. Ellis, Superintendent; Dr. G. L. Dummit, Secretary and Treasurer; M. O. Harshman, Adult Department; Mrs. R. W. Thompson, Secondary Department; C. C. Hartford, Boys' Department; Miss Grace Crawford, Girl's Department; Miss Nettie Cuthbertson, Elementary Department; Mrs. R. H. Klock, Cradle Roll; Mrs. Arthur Huffman, Home Department; Mrs. M. O. Harshman, Missionary Superintendent; Dr. H. H. Bogle, Temperance Superintendent; Miss Minnie Ferguson, Chorister; Misses Mildred Stevenson and Minnie Tomlinson, Accompanist; Frank Mawson, Literature Secretary.

Teachers are as follows: Miss Flora Dickey, Miss Louise Gibson, Mrs. F. A. Jones, Mrs. Frank Bitner, Miss Jennie Dickey, Miss Marie Kirkpatrick, Miss Helen Gibson, Miss Jeanette Cuthbertson, Mrs. Rebecca Stevenson, C. C. Hartford, Ivan McClure, Lawrence Gibson, Ira Morrison, Miss Anna Ferguson, Mrs. J. T. Stewart, Mrs. John Wilson, J. T. Stewart, Mrs. M. S. Crawford and R. W. Thompson.

Christian Endeavor.

Miss Agnes McKay, President Miss Hallie Hutcheson, Sec'y.
Miss Edith King, Treasurer Lawrence Gibson, Vice-Pres.

Choir.

Mrs. R. W. Thompson, Chorister Miss Esther Stewart, Pianist
(Mrs. DuBois) Miss Helen Gibson, Organist

Women's Missionary Society.

Mrs. J. T. Stewart, President Mrs. Frank Bitner, Vice-Pres.
Mrs. H. H. Bogle, Treasurer Mrs. R. H. Klock, Secretary

Jeanette C. Alter.

Miss Mildred Stevenson, Pres. Miss Nettie Cuthbertson, Sec'y.

Cross and Crown Division

Miss Edith King, President Mrs. J. A. Gibson, Leader
Miss Ulah Roeser, Secretary

Juniors.

Misses Nettie Cuthbertson and Grace Crawford, Leaders
Wilda Vehlow, President Wilma Frain, Secretary

THE BUILDING ENTERPRISE.

The erection of a new building comes but once in a generation of church life, and is an event of very great interest. While the story of this effort is not very different from the experiences of churches in general, yet to the members of the individual congregation it becomes a time of intense interest. The sacrifice of time and money made by members of this congregation can be characterized truly, we believe, by the word 'sublime'. There are people connected with the building of this church who could not have given more attention if it had been their own residence. The delays, the changes that had to be made, the changes desired but which could not be made, all tried the patience of the congregation. But over against these was a harmony, heroism and a determination that turned the balance towards the happy end. The Building Committee and members are satisfied with the results of their labors, and today enter into the joy and service of their new building.

The new building came as the result of the need for larger quarters. The first thought was to add to the old structure temporarily, but when the plans for this were made and examined the idea was abandoned. After several preliminary

conferences the congregation officially decided, April, 1913, to erect a new building. Plans were at once made for a building on the single lot where the old church stands. It was found that a suitable structure could not be erected on a lot only fifty feet wide. A committee was appointed to secure additional lot space. After considerable investigation the adjoining lot was purchased. Just when plans were being made to build on these lots it was discovered that the site of the present location was available. The purchase was made, and after some delay for financial adjustment the contract was given for the new building.

Ground was broken the latter part of February, 1915. The cornerstone was laid June 13, 1915.

A committee known as the general finance and building committee was appointed in the early stages of the building campaign and it has had the oversight of all the work. The committee consists of M. O. Harshman, chairman; Dr. H. H. Bogle, secretary; J. T. Stewart, treasurer; Dr. A. O. Blair, P. T. Ellis, J. A. Gibson, C. E. Graham, F. A. Jones and R. H. Klock.

The committee on plans were: Dr. H. H. Bogle, P. T. Ellis, R. W. Thompson, Mrs. Jeanette Cuthbertson, Mrs. H. H. Bogle and Miss Anna Ferguson.

It would be impracticable to give the names of all the members and friends of the congregation who contributed to the success of the building enterprise. Thanks are due and are extended to those outside of the congregation, many of them the business men of the city, who contributed financially to the building fund.

The relationship with the architect, the contractor, sub-contractors, and the merchants who furnished material, has been pleasant. Their work is eminently satisfactory and we cheerfully commend them to the public.

Thos. W. Williamson, Architect, Topeka.

Eugene Staedelin, General Contractor, Medford,
Okla.

Pittsburg Building Material Co., Pittsburg.

Nesch Brick Company, Pittsburg.

J. W. Cooley & Sons, Contractors Cement Work,
Pittsburg.

Hance White & Son, Cut Stone, Pittsburg.

Campbell Heating Co., Kansas City.

Ford Brothers Glass Co., Minneapolis.

American Seating Co., Chicago.

The Western Iron & Foundry Co., Wichita.

F. M. Wenzel Sheet Metal Co., Joplin.

Hartzell & Shout, Plumbers, Pittsburg.

The B. & W. Hardware Co., Phones Bell 648;
Home 393. Pittsburg.

Ray Ryan Electric Co., Phones 236, Pittsburg.

The Nuttman-Lemon Lumber Co., Pittsburg.

Pittsburg Electric Supply Co., Pittsburg.

R. A. Hale and George H. Mays, of the Harold
Wright Decorative Co., Pittsburg.