

PROGRAM BOOKLET

The Battle Creek
TABERNACLE

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Centennial Celebration

100 YEARS OF FAITH & LEGACY

A week of reflection, revival & readiness

OCTOBER 2 - 10, 2026



Christ and the Rich Young Ruler by Heinrich Hofmann
PC: Lloyd Erickson

This mural, by German artist Heinrich Hofmann (1834-1911), was added to the front of the Sanctuary in 1943. Jesus told the rich young ruler that in addition to keeping the commandments, he should sell his riches and give to the poor. For this, he would have treasures in heaven. Jesus bid him to take up the cross and follow Him.

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Welcome

Dear Friends,

October 2, 2026

We are so happy that you have chosen to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Battle Creek Tabernacle with us! This is a historic event for our church and for the city of Battle Creek. Whether you are visiting us today or are a long time member, we welcome you. We invite you to join us anytime.

Our goal for the celebration is to make it a week of reflection, revival, and readiness – looking back on the blessings God has given this church for the past 100 years, resolving to continue spreading the message of God's love to those around us, and being ready for the second coming of Jesus.

This will also be a week of fellowship. Many of you grew up in this church, attended Sabbath School, participated in Pathfinders, were baptized here, were married here, and dedicated your babies here. It will be a wonderful occasion to reconnect with friends and former members to share the stories of our families and our memories of how God has led us. Please take time to look at the pictures and artifacts located around the church that span the last 100 years.

Welcome

We hope you will stay for the Centennial Gala Luncheons that follow each of the Sabbath morning church services. Besides enjoying delicious food, there will be plenty of time to visit with friends.

We are very honored to have Erton Köhler, President of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, as our keynote speaker the first Sabbath. Throughout the following week, we will have uplifting speakers and outstanding music. We are also happy to have some of the church's former pastors participating in the programs. The celebration will conclude on Sabbath evening, October 10, with a special concert by the King's Heralds Quartet.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will speak to your hearts as we worship together over the next nine days and that you will have confidence that "we have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history." Life Sketches pg. 196.2

Sincerely,



Chris Holland

Senior Pastor (Current)

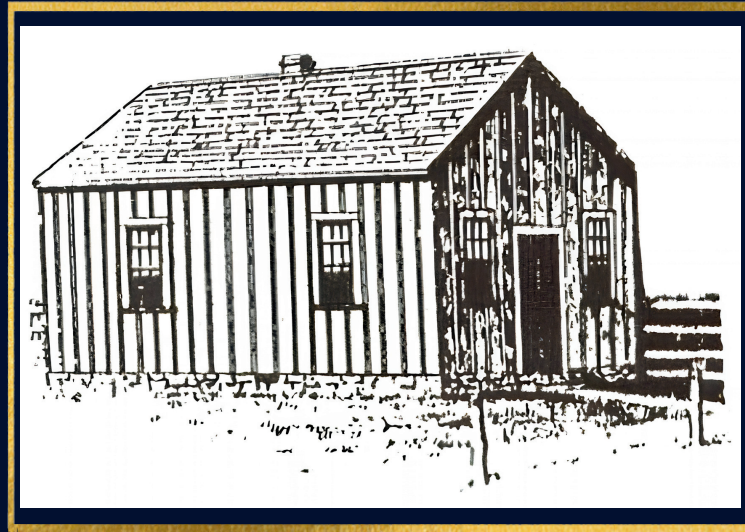
The Beginning

For 100 years, the Battle Creek Tabernacle has stood as a beacon of faith, community, and spiritual growth in the heart of Battle Creek, Michigan. Since it was dedicated in 1926, this building has been a gathering place where generations have come to worship, grow, and serve.

From the first meeting house, to the Tabernacle, as we now know it, the Church was more than a building. It has been a living testament to the power of God and the faith of His people. Through decades of change, it has remained a steadfast pillar of hope and inspiration.

In the Fall of 1853, Joseph Bates met J. B. Frisbie, a traveling Methodist minister. As they studied the Bible together, J.B. Frisbie became convicted regarding the truths of the Sabbath. He moved to Battle Creek and bought two lots located on the northwest corner of Van Buren and Cass streets. In June of 1854, J. N. Loughborough and M. E. Cornell held the first tent meeting in that area. In 1855 the most significant development came. James and Ellen White decided to accept an invitation to move the Review and Herald press and offices to a permanent home in Battle Creek.

Our Heritage



The First Church
(Fall 1855 - November 1857)

In the Fall of 1855, the first Seventh-day Adventist church was built on the north end of Frisbie's property between Van Buren and Champion Streets. It faced Cass Street and was an 18 x 24 foot building with 10 foot ceilings. Built at a cost of \$300, it had comfortable seating for about 40 people. It was built of upright board and batten siding with no inside finish except the floor. Believers in Battle Creek were poor and Ellen White stated that "it took quite an effort to erect the building." How fitting that the early believers called it "The House of Prayer."

The first congregation numbered about 42 with twelve of those being individuals who had come from Rochester, N.Y., with the Review and Herald. Those familiar with the history of Seventh-day Adventists and the history of Battle Creek, will recognize many of the names that belonged to this first church. Those names include: James and Ellen White, G. W. Amadon, Uriah Smith, J. W. Bacheller, David Hewitt, Jonah R. Lewis, Elder J. B. Frisbie, Cyrenius Smith, J. F. Byington, Stephen Belden, and Henry Lyon among others. When no longer in use, this church later became a wing of a house on the corner and was torn down sometime after 1892.

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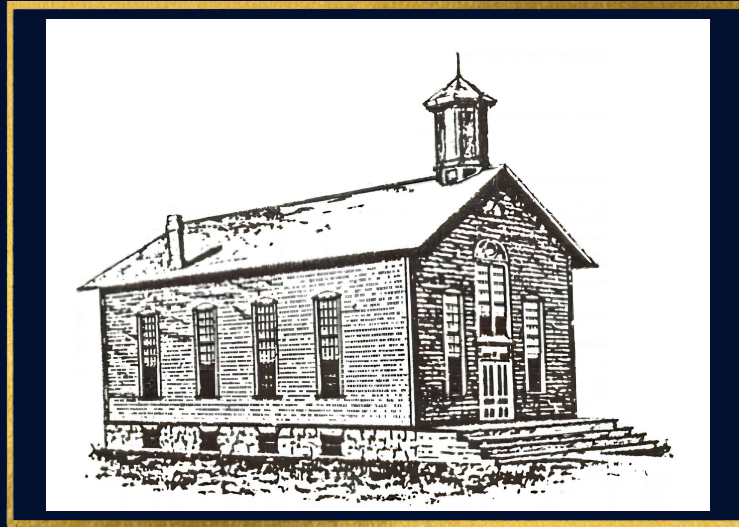


The Second Church
(November 6, 1857 - May 11, 1867)

The second church was built just around the corner on the lot next to the first church. Its opening faced Van Buren Street. It was 28 x 44 and cost \$881. Following the Quaker custom of the day, this church had separate entrances for men and women who would sit on separate sides during worship. A replica was built in 1998 and today can be visited in the Historic Adventist Village. It was in this building that the tithing system was initiated in 1859.

The denominational name Seventh-day Adventist, proposed by David Hewitt, was chosen in the second church by a unanimous vote on October 1, 1860. The Michigan Conference and Publishing Association were organized here in 1861. It was also here, in the second church, that on May 21, 1863, the General Conference was officially organized. On May 11, 1867, services were discontinued in this church. The African Methodist Episcopal Church began using it in 1869. The AME congregation has continued to occupy this site to this day.

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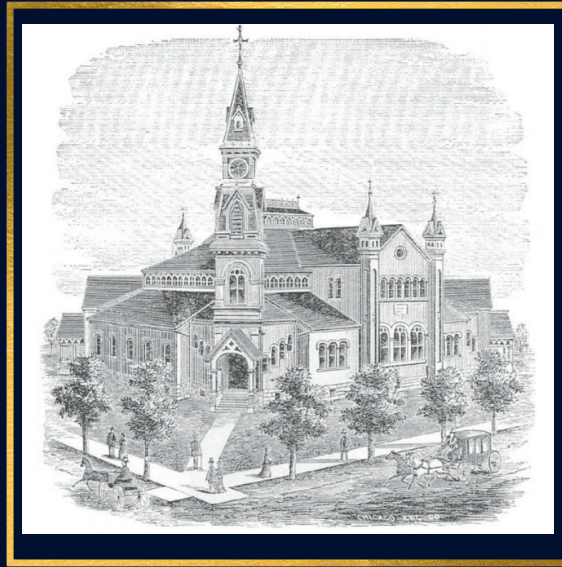


The Third Church
(1867 - 1878)

On September 26, 1866, the third Battle Creek church was raised by a group of 85 men. It was the first of three churches that would be located on the current church lot. The opening of this church was on Washington Street facing McCamley Park. Work on the church was soon finished at a final cost of \$8,100. This church was a 40 x 65 foot wooden building, 23 feet high inside, and each family had a pew. It had a gallery inside over the entry which allowed it to seat about 700. The church opened for use in 1867.

Initially the membership of the church was about 300, but with the gallery there were often 500-600 people in attendance at the meetings that were held in this church. This was the first of our churches to have a cupola with a bell. Beginning with this church and continuing in churches to come for over a century, the bell would ring out over the city of Battle Creek signaling the beginning and ending hours of the Sabbath. In August of 1878, this church was moved across the street to be used by the Review. It was used at first for weekly chapel services, then became a paper warehouse. It was destroyed in the Review and Herald fire of 1902.

Our Heritage



The Fourth Church - The “Dime” Tabernacle (1879-1922)

The fourth Adventist church built in Battle Creek, became known as the “Dime Tabernacle” because church members and the community were invited to give dimes in support of the building project. This idea was suggested by James and Ellen White’s second son, James Edson White. Since this was a church used by the denomination, as a whole, for gatherings and general meetings, members from all over were encouraged to save one dime a month for a year to contribute to the project. There were about 15,000 members worldwide and many sent their dimes to help with this project. It was voted at the General Conference in March, 1878, to build a larger church because of the increases in numbers due to the Sanitarium and the Review and Herald.

The foundation stones were laid August 19, 1878, and construction was completed the next year at a final cost of \$26,275 with all the furnishings. The Dime Tabernacle was a brick-faced building with a size of 105 x 130 feet. It had a 108-foot clock tower that was donated by the members of the community. The main auditorium could seat 900, and the gallery another 1,450 with wall seats and extra chairs. Surrounding the auditorium were six large Sabbath School rooms and an office. By raising glass partitions in these rooms at the back of the auditorium, another 850 seats could be added from the north, east, and south vestries, giving the entire building a seating capacity of 3,200. However, at its dedication on April 20, 1879, there were 3,649 people in attendance. Since the attendance exceeded the capacity, some were seated on the steps or on extra chairs that had to be added.

Our Heritage

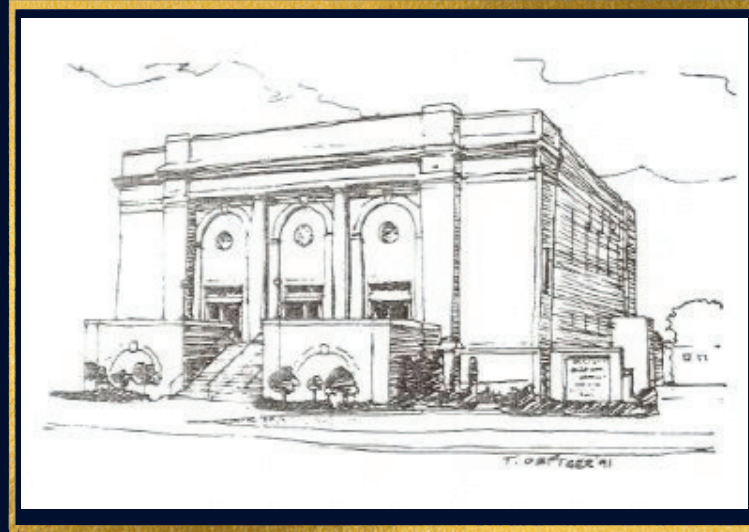
Four entrances provided access and exit. The auditorium pews were heavily padded, with movable benches and chairs in the rooms in the rear. Two graceful staircases led to the gallery area. Overhead there was a large beautifully designed dome of richly colored glass. Behind the pulpit were three stained glass windows that portrayed the Ten Commandments. A baptismal pool was under the platform in front of the choir space. This church was considered to be a fitting climax to the career of James White. He accepted the General Conference presidency for the last time that year, and died in 1881. Records in 1898 show a church membership of 1,400 with another 288 who had yet to transfer their memberships from their home churches. The Sabbath School membership was listed as being 1,133 with 173 classes.

The Tabernacle continued to serve as a major meeting place for large gatherings of Seventh-day Adventists. It was also used by the community for major large meetings. Evangelists Moody and Sankey spoke there, along with many other well-known names. The funerals of both James and Ellen White were conducted in this church. Also, several General Conference sessions were held in the Tabernacle, including the important 1901 session during which the church organization was restructured. The fires of the Battle Creek Sanitarium (February 18, 1902) and the Review and Herald (December 30, 1902), along with counsel from Ellen G. White, finally caused Adventists to begin to decentralize. The educational work had already moved its center to Berrien Springs prior to the fires. Many saw the fires as divine judgments from God.

The Dime Tabernacle continued to be our most prominent church and was used extensively for many years until January 7, 1922 when it was also destroyed by fire. When it burned to the ground, the basement of the Tabernacle was filled with a large amount of Michigan Conference camp meeting equipment such as folding chairs, tents, cots, bedding and dishes.

The updrafts in the open spaces between the studs inside the brick veneer formed ventilating chimneys on all sides. By the time the fire was discovered, it was impossible to save the building. The value of the building was estimated at \$85,000, but there was only \$20,000 in insurance, hardly enough to replace the camp meeting equipment in the basement alone. The local newspaper said on that Monday morning, Jan 9, 1922, that it had been announced that a new tabernacle would be rebuilt, and it was.

Our Heritage



The Fifth (Current) Church
(October 9, 1926 - Present)

The current Tabernacle building replaced the former Dime Tabernacle. The current structure was built slightly to the east of the old Dime Tabernacle foundation and closer to Van Buren, with the entrance facing Washington Avenue.

Designed by A.B. Chanel, then Battle Creek's leading architect, it is constructed of brick, concrete, and iron. It was built at an estimated cost of \$150,000, with seating for 1,100. In 1923 the congregation sold off the southeast portion of their lot to the City National Bank & Trust Company for \$30,000 to help in financing the rebuilding efforts.

The current building was dedicated October 9, 1926. After the fires and decentralization of the church from Battle Creek, many members moved away, but the church still held a prominent place in the city and denomination. Membership in 1932 was recorded at just under 1,000.

DE VALERIAS REFUSED HIS WEDDING

Dail Defeats Re-Election of
Former President By Vote
of 58 to 56.

TREATY WAS RATIFIED

Now De Valera Proposes to
Go to Country With Issue
—Serious Clashes
are Feared.

Dublin, Jan. 9.—A motion to re-elect Eamon De Valera president of the Irish Free State was defeated in the Irish parliament this afternoon by a vote of 58 to 56.

Following his re-election this morning De Valera stood for reelection this afternoon on a republican platform. He was nominated by Mr. Clarke.

The Dail refused to accept its former chief in the narrow majority of two votes.

Dublin, Jan. 9.—Eamon De Valera, retiring president of the "Irish Republic" will carry the issue of Free State or Republic to the country.

Even more than Saturday, when the Dail by a vote of 64 to 57, voted to ratify the peace treaty with Great Britain whereby Ireland joined the British commonwealth, today was a critical day in Irish affairs.

De Valera formally presented to Dail Eireann today his resignation from the presidency of the Irish republic and head of the Dail government. He declared his cabinet dissolved and called for an immediate election.

Efforts were made by supporters of the treaty, led by Michael Collins to have a joint committee of friends and foes of the compact with Great Britain establishing an Irish Free State meet and continue the work of the Dail. But De Valera adamantly in his demand the southern parliament elect new officers.

The former president will seek to win the majority of the Dail to his side, and failing this, announce it was his intention to go to the country with the issue of independence.

The Dail, following De Valera's resignation, which was temporarily tabled, began discussion of the procedure necessary for forming a new government.

At 1 o'clock a recess was taken until this afternoon when the discussion was to be continued.

O'Kearney, one of the whips of the De Valera faction, told the Dail to maintain the machinery of the Irish Republic until assured that England would keep her promise.

Michael Collins, McKenna and other friends of the treaty leaped to their feet.

"We'll fight—all of us, if she doesn't," they exclaimed.

NATION'S GOLD

AMERICA HAS ONETHIRD OF
GOLD IN THE WORLD.

Also Has Cash and Credits of More
Than Fifty Billion Dollars.

Washington, Jan. 9.—America is the unchallenged Goliath of the financial world, the annual report of D. R. Cressinger, controller of the currency, made public today.

From a heavy debtor nation in 1914 she has become the world's creditor nation in the world's history. Her banking power during the intervening years has increased nearly 55 per cent and her \$1,200,000,000 cash and credits estimated at more than \$18,200,000,000.

Added to this is more than \$1,700,000,000 in the banks of her island possessions, thus giving the United States a banking asset of nearly \$20,000,000,000.

From the pre-war days to the present time an unprecedented flow of gold has poured into the United States. Cressinger said, "Gold in our country totals more than \$3,000,000,000 or approximately one-third of the entire supply of gold."

Cressinger credits the federal reserve system with saving the United States from disaster during the last six years. The system acted as the "pneumatic cushion" during the period of deflation and rising prices following the world-wide expansion of credit, Cressinger said.

Lower Michigan: Generally fair tonight and Tuesday, slightly colder in south and central portions tonight, fresh and strong westerly winds.

NEWBERRY SAYS HE EXPECTS \$1,500 SAFEGUARD

This, He Tells Senate, in First
Speech in Defense, Was to
General Fund.

DENIES GRAFT CHARGES

Declares That He Knew Nothing
of Past Expenditures
and Repaid Nothing
to Relatives.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Calling on God to witness his innocence, Truman H. Newberry, in the Senate today defended himself for the first time against the charge that his seat there was "bought and paid for" through extravagant use of campaign funds.

"As God is my witness," said Newberry, "I am not to this day aware of having done anything to compromise with either the primary campaign or the general election of 1918 a single act that was or is in any way unlawful, dishonorable or corrupt, and this I say to the Senate of the United States without reservation or qualification."

His direct defense to the charge that he was a party to, and had a part in the collection and expenditure of a vast sum in the primary campaign that won him the Michigan nomination against Henry Ford, was summed up in these words:

"I did not solicit or expend, directly or indirectly, one single dollar in the campaign for Senator in Michigan in 1918. Nor did I know of the contributions made in this regard."

Over and over again throughout his speech Newberry repeated that "I did not know." In fact, he said, it was with "astonishment and regret" that he learned the primary campaign had cost \$185,000.

Use of this money, he said, was necessary in the opinion of his friends who were managing his campaign.

"The amount expended was large," said Newberry, "more than I had any intention of spending and more than ought to be necessary to spend in any ordinary campaign. But it was not an ordinary campaign."

"I shall not dwell at length upon the reasons why I thought imperatively demanded a campaign of newspaper publicity involving the expenditure of money."

"I can only say that I regret exceedingly the fact that so large an amount of money was necessarily expended. I can further say that in the acquisition of that money, in the solicitation of that money, in the collection of that money, in the use of that money, I had nothing whatever to do. I knew nothing whatever about it, not even the amount of it."

"I make this statement, not to escape any responsibility, but to state that the actual facts in the matter as I knew them, may be presented to the Senate."

Why He Spoke
Newberry told his colleagues who are also to be his judges that "upon these facts, as I then believed them to be, I shall abide the result with a clear conscience."

At the center Newberry told the Senate that he was impelled to break his long silence by the fear (Continued on page 3)

EVIDENCE BLOWS UP MAN ESCAPES TRIAL

Zion City, Ill., Jan. 9.—Two police forces of Zion were armed today by an explosion of home brew which shook the station and wrecked the upstairs portion of the building.

A large quantity of liquor which had been seized from William Dear and which Dear had claimed was not intoxicating, caused the blast. Police will now be unable to prosecute Dear as the evidence was destroyed.

ONE KILLED, THREE HURT IN GUN FIGHT

Okmulgee, Okla., Jan. 9.—One bandit was shot and killed, another wounded, a third captured, a fourth escaped, in a gun battle following the world-wide expansion of credit, Cressinger said.

SOLDIER HOSPITAL AT ST. LOUIS AUTHORIZED

Washington, Jan. 9.—President Harding today signed an executive order for establishment of a soldier hospital at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Mo., to cost \$1,000,000.

The decision was reached during a conference with Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Clifford.

NEGRO MURDERER HELD

Philadelphia, Jan. 9.—Luther Boddy, negro murderer and burglar, was held today by St. Louis police. Boddy was captured by police of St. Louis today.

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN, MONDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 9, 1922.

DETROIT THEATERS ARE ROBBED BY BANDIT GANG

Two of Largest Theaters in City
Visited By Gang Within an
Hour Today.

Detroit, Jan. 9.—Yeggs cracked the safes of two of the city's largest theaters, the Adams and the La Salle Gardens, here today and escaped with loot totaling more than \$2,000.

The same two bandits who held up three janitors, bound them to chairs and looted the Adams Theatre appeared an hour later at the La Salle theatre and repeated the performance. The La Salle is several miles from the Adams.

The Adams theatre was entered by Yeggs and his men later. The yeggs appeared at the La Salle gardens.

HARVEY IS HURT IN AUTO WRECK

U.S. Ambassador Unconscious
More Than an Hour.

Thrown from Auto at Cannes, France, While on Golfing Expedition.

Cannes, Jan. 9.—A new treaty, signed by all the nations of Europe, including Germany, binding the signatories to respect the territorial integrity of their neighbors, was presented today by Premier Briand of France.

The French premier met with Lord George in a private conference at the Cannes Golf club. He outlined his plan for an all-European agreement, which besides respect for territorial integrity, would guarantee each nation not to attack any of the others.

Lord George and Briand were unable today to reach any agreement regarding the form which an alliance or guarantee to France might take.

The British premier argued in favor of a new style general pact similar to the League of Nations. He outlined his plan for an all-European agreement, which besides respect for territorial integrity, would guarantee each nation not to attack any of the others.

Conditions laid down by the allies for Russian participation in the conference, which is to seek rehabilitation of Europe, will be made known today.

From information obtained in Soviet circles, it was learned that Lloyd George, confident of the success of his proposal to the Cannes conference that Russia be invited to meet the allies this year, arranged in advance with Krasin, the Soviet's London representative, the terms of the conditions that would be required. Recently they agreed to the following as a tentative basis for Russian participation in an international economic conference: 1. De jure recognition of the Soviet by the Allies.

2. The Moscow government should assume the debts of previous Russian governments.

3. Citizens of other countries who have lost wealth through the Russian revolution shall be indemnified. (This shall apply only in the case of citizens of countries which recognize the Soviet.)

4. The Soviet government will guarantee private property rights upon an honest basis.

It was believed here the preliminary agreement concerning Russian participation at Cannes would be a loan by the allies to the Soviet government.

PRONOUNCED DEAD HE IS STILL ALIVE

Margala Okuma of Japan, Reported
Dead Since He Was Lying
But Near Death

Tokio, Jan. 9.—(11 a. m.)—Although officially pronounced dead, Margala Okuma still lives.

The Japanese premier, after deploring the announcement of his death with the highest honors, has ordered that he be kept alive, and that his body be kept in a hospital until he is "nearly dead."

From time to time his pulse ceases to beat, members of his family make formal announcement that the marquis had died. This was done last Friday, but three days later the statesman's heart still beat feebly.

PROTECTIVE TARIFF TO SAVE THE SOUTH

Unless Such Action Is Taken
Industries of South Are Going
to Ruin, Claim.

Washington, Jan. 9.—A protective tariff must be set up to save the industries of the South from ruin, according to a report of the Southern Tariff association, which today presented its case to the Senate Finance committee.

The cotton, wool, meat, sugar and poultry industries now being hurt slowly by the influx of foreign goods by the increasing activity of South American, Indian, Australian and Chinese interests who are allowed to flood their products on the American markets free of charge.

ADVENTISTS WILL BUILD NEW WICKER TABERNACLE

LOSS PRICED
AT \$85,000;
BURNED TO COVERS

In Fact, Insurance Totals Only
\$20,000; Western Conference
Also Loses \$17,000.

CAUSE STILL UNKNOWN

Probably Due to Spontaneous
Combination Among the
Tents Stored in the
Basement.

Officials of the Seventh Day Adventist denomination today estimate their loss from the destruction of the Wicker Tabernacle Saturday evening at \$85,000, against which was a total of only \$20,000 in insurance.

The Western Michigan Conference estimates a loss of \$17,000 on tents, bedding and other "camp-meeting" equipment stored in the basement. Of this, \$11,000 worth was purchased during the past year, including \$10,000 worth of new dishes. There may be some salvage, but it will be small.

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CHIEF WEEKS' HIP FRACTURED

Though Break is Small One;
Condition Good.

FELL INTO A TUNNEL

This, and a Sprained Ankle,
for Jack Burrows, Only
Casualties of Fire.

Fire Chief W. P. Weeks, though suffering from a slight fracture of left hip and from painful bruises, was resting very comfortably at his home at 1014 Second street, Sunday.

When warned, he seemed cheerful, though deeply regretting that the Tabernacle could not have been saved.

Despite his injuries, Weeks did not leave the scene of the fire until all danger of the flames spreading had passed. He was 32 years old when he was injured.

He was taken to the Maple Street hospital, where Dr. Thomas H. Thorne, an X-ray specialist, showed a slight fracture of the left hip, but no other bone injuries.

Weeks was taken to the hospital Saturday evening, the fire started in the southeast corner of the basement of the Main and Washington corner—directly under the offices.

There was much smoke but only a few flames. A large pipe in the basement was broken, and a large amount of steam was escaping from it.

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1 DIES IN BLAZE

DETROIT ROOMING HOUSE
BURNED EARLY TODAY.

Thrilling Rescue Mark Fire That
Turned Out to Be
Night Clothes.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 9.—Numerous miraculous escapes have featured early morning fires in this city during the last few weeks. Today one man lost his life, several were thrice rescued and eighteen were turned into the cold of the dawn in their night garments in a rooming house blaze.

The dead man, who the police have been unable to identify, was found in a basement room overcome by smoke. His first name was known as "Joe."

PROBABLE SITE OF OLD TABERNACLE

First Meeting of Those Interested
Favors Church to Seat
2,000 With Offices.

\$100,000 MINIMUM COST

Elder A. G. Daniels, President
of the General Conference,
Favors Retaining
Old Site.

One of the chief factors in the sentiment toward retaining the old site for a new church is the attitude of Elder A. G. Daniels, president of the General Conference, who wires from Washington, D. C.

The General Conference Committee and Review and Herald Board of the Tabernacle, the last old landmark at pioneer headquarters, is gone. Church has our sympathy and co-operation. Anxious for information about the insurance and plans. Hope new, modern, suitable building can be erected on new old site, out of good courage.

It was noticeable at last evening's meeting, over which Rev. J. F. Piper, president of the Western Michigan Conference, presided, that the "old-timers" favored the retention of the old site.

Town who favor a new site are of the opinion that they would be able to build a \$25,000 or more from the present corner, which would help them finance the new church on a less expensive site. Further, they believe that the city may want this corner for a public auditorium.

It is argued that the city could well afford to utilize the site for a public purpose, and that it is already willing to contribute considerably toward such a movement. A prominent citizen is already willing to contribute considerably toward such a movement.

The first step will be to get in touch with the Church Building and Extension Committee of the General conference, with headquarters at Washington. It is estimated that Edward Brigham, Grand Rapids architect, will be asked to submit plans, at the proper time, as he has already built many of the Adventist churches throughout the country.

On the Occasion of the Way.
Rev. William W. Miller, president of the Lake Union Conference, and C. B. Waller, treasurer of the West Michigan Conference, are now en route to Battle Creek from Washington, to help formulate plans for the financing of the new Tabernacle.

At least, Mr. Judd will act as treasurer of the new Tabernacle, and Mr. Waller will act as secretary. The board will meet every night this week, so there is no disposition to delay action on a new building.

A LITTLE SERVICE

Saturday evening's "extra" covering the Tabernacle fire and the murder at Leonidas, gave Battle Creek first news on two rather important events. Some 5,000 copies were shipped within a few hours, and Sunday morning readers of the Battle Creek Journal took the Sunday Detroit Free Press received copies of the "extra" as an honor.

The Battle Creek
Moon-Journal
Wednesday, January 11, 1922

The Battle Creek
Moon-Journal
Monday, January 9, 1922

The Battle Creek
Moon-Journal
Tuesday, March 6, 1923

LOSS PLACED AT \$85,000; NOT COVERED

(Continued from page 1.)

ical line into the church through the main entrance had to be abandoned and eight water lines were laid immediately on the arrival of additional engine companies.

By 6:15 flames had shot to every portion of the building. It was all so sudden that spectators, watching smoke pour out of the basement, let out a united yell when fire suddenly began shooting from the roof. Knowing the construction of the old building, wood veneered with brick, fire department officials foresaw its destruction before the crowd around the building dreamed the fire was a serious one. By 6:30 the building was one huge bonfire. The last points to catch fire were the four entrance porches, and it is significant that the steeple, clock, over the northeast entrance, stopped at exactly 6:30. The fire was officially "out" at 8:30. The illumination that followed the bursting of flames through the roof was visible all over the city and brought thousands of spectators to the scene. As usual, motorists tried to park as near the blaze as possible and West Van Buren and other streets were clogged. This did not greatly hamper the firemen, however, as there was so little they could do, but had the flames begun spreading, the congestion of motor cars would have made it difficult to do effective work.

The flames did spread, to a certain extent, but through flying embers. Even West Hall, more than a block away, at one time caught fire. An engine company was sent to the scene and a roof blaze extinguished. Several Sanitarium cottages also were saved only by vigilance in watching the falling embers and putting them out as they fell on the roofs—a condition that was general among the residences nearer the fire.

Pastor's Home Scorched.
The home of Rev. Arthur Serna, pastor of the tabernacle, was scorched but was kept from burning by the liberal application of wet blankets and streams of water. The house lies very near the northwest entrance of the Tabernacle, on what was formerly a part of the spacious lawn. The Serna family moved its household effects, expecting the home to be burned, but the damage was entirely external.

It was also necessary to pour considerable water on the home of Mrs. Ruth Price, near the southwest corner entrance of the big building and some damage was done to the interior.

The firemen had plenty of time to keep watch of surrounding property as the destruction of the Tabernacle was so certain that the most they could do was keep pouring

ing water, from eight lines of hose, into the building and see that the flames did not spread.

When the fire was at its height, Kalamazoo fire department was asked for help, but its departure for Battle Creek was interrupted by a second message to life effect that the flames were under control.

Pastor Has Close Call.

Rev. Arthur Serna, the Tabernacle pastor, had a rather close call in trying to save articles from his office in the Tabernacle. He was overcome by the dense smoke and fell, semi-conscious, in the doorway, but the air draft near the door revived him and he managed to reach the sidewalk. He was not in the building when the fire started, having gone home for dinner, about 6 o'clock. When the alarm sounded, he hurried back and started to the treasurer's office to save books and valuable papers and see

if he could move the small safe. He was driven out by smoke, so went to his own office. It was locked and he had to unlock the door. He found his office so filled with smoke that the electric light which he turned on was in almost total eclipse. Serna grabbed one typewriter and handed it to somebody in the cloud of smoke. Then he saw the futility of his efforts and beat a retreat. He had a dictionary and another typewriter with him when he fell—and these were the only things saved.

Mr. Serna lost his valuable library, all the papers resulting from his fifteen years of labor, his sermons, notes, etc.

Razing the Ruins Begins.

The work of razing the ruins of the famous old Tabernacle began today. The towers left standing were attacked first, so that danger to passers-by might be eliminated.

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CONFERENCE OFFICIALDOM WILL ASSIST

In Making Plans for Rebuilding of the Seventh Day Adventist Tabernacle.

ELDER DANIELS COMING

President and Secretary of General Conference Due Friday for Series of Meetings.

Elder A. G. Daniels, president of the General Conference of the Seventh Day Adventist church, will meet with the local congregation Saturday morning, at the First Congregational church, at which time the financial situation growing out of the Tabernacle fire will be discussed. In the evening a meeting of the Adventists re-building committee will be held, at which Elder Daniels will speak and plans for a new church will be considered. Architects have been invited to present initial plans and sketches for a new, modern Tabernacle, of brick and steel construction and it is possible that definite action will be taken before the meeting adjourns.

Elder Daniels, accompanied by George B. Thompson, secretary of the General Conference, will arrive here Friday. Officials of the Lake Union and Western Michigan Conferences will also be here and a preliminary business meeting will be held Friday evening.

Some facts seem definitely settled—that the new structure will be erected on the old site, that it will seat at least 2,500 people, and that it will cost not less than \$100,000. The basement will be high and constructed so as to contain Sunday school rooms, parlors for social affairs, offices and conference rooms. The main floor will contain one large auditorium, with no vestry rooms nor unnecessary foyer space. If there are any balconies at all, they will be small. This represents the concrete opinion of the re-building committee and it is believed, of the General Conference officials.

Every member of the finance board, twenty in all, has pledged himself to raise \$1,000 toward the church fund. Nine members of the finance committee will canvass business men and organizations with a view of arranging for a community drive for funds. The committee men point out that the old Tabernacle has always been a sort of community affair and that the new one will serve much the same purpose.

It is announced that the services at the Congregational church Saturday morning will be divided to accommodate the entire congregation. All young people under 18 years are to meet in the Sunday school rooms, while the rest of the membership will meet in the main auditorium. Invitations had also been received from the First Methodist church, the First Presbyterian church, and the First Baptist church, but the location and seating arrangement of the Congregational church was thought to best cover the needs of the Adventists.

Removing Dangers.

Workmen, nearly all of them volunteers from the membership of the church, are today taking down the towers that were left standing in the ruins of the Tabernacle. The last remnants of the old belltower fell this morning. The huge timbers seemed to defy even the laws of gravity before they would give way. A fire was set last night in an effort to burn out and undermine the timbers, but this morning they seemed as solid as ever, and it was with great difficulty that the tower was pulled over by means of ropes.

The loss of the old bell is felt keenly. Before the bell fell in the ruins, at the time of the fire, it became so hot that it melted and small chunks of it dropped in lumps, like shot. The dome of the bell was nearly destroyed, but the remains have all been salvaged, and today Elder Serna stated that from a small quantity which he had smelted with charcoal, he had obtained two or three pounds of silver and one metal. It is probable that the remains of the bell will be smelted and small bells or like objects made to be sold as souvenirs in the campaign for funds.

Will Give Away Wood.

All refuse of wood, which includes a large quantity of partially charred timbers, will be given away to whoever comes for it. Elder Serna stated that with so many people in

THE BATTLE CREEK MOON

TABERNACLE IS TO BE REPLACED

Committees in Joint Session P
Make This Decision.

WILL OCCUPY OLD SITE T

Basement Will Follow Chan-
nel Plan and Work Will
Start in Near Future.

The Tabernacle is to be rebuilt. This decision was reached at the joint conference of the Battle Creek Tabernacle board and the Battle Creek Tabernacle building committee last evening, with George E. Judd, chairman of both, presiding.

The new edifice is to occupy the old site and work will start on the basement as soon as the weather is favorable, which will be the immediate future. According to the plans made at the session of the two organizations, the basement is to follow the design submitted by A. B. Chanel, the architect, last July. Further than that, nothing definite has been decided.

The sum stipulated for the building is \$100,000 though nothing has been done in the way of raising funds as yet and will not be until the exact buildings plan has been accepted.

A certain amount of the \$100,000 is covered. The insurance is \$20,000 and three conferences are helping to the extent of \$25,000. These are the General Conference, the Lake Union Conference and the West Michigan Conference. The balance is to be contributed by the members of the church itself.

There has been a great deal of speculation relative to the plans that would be formulated for the building of the new Tabernacle and meetings have been extending over a lengthy period but with the session of last night the program of rebuilding is assured and will soon be under way.

The old Tabernacle burned the evening of January 7, 1922. Services have been held through the intervening months in the First Congregational church and young people's meetings and some of the Sabbath school classes have been held in both the college and Sanitarium chapels.

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FALL COUNCIL PLANNED HERE

Largest S. D. A. Gathering
May Come to Tabernacle.

WILL OPEN ON MARCH 6

World Representatives Will
Witness Dedication Service
in New Structure.

That the Fall Council of the Seventh Day Adventist denomination will be held this year in the new Battle Creek Tabernacle, now being completed, is the belief of the church officials, stated this morning, and at this time it is expected the dedication of the new structure will take place.

The question is being seriously considered by the General Conference men of the denomination and there is no doubt that this large gathering will be brought to Battle Creek, they declare.

The Fall Council includes a good representation of all branches of the denominational work of the United States, Canada, and some from the foreign countries. These will include between 400 and 500 workers besides many visitors, a representation of over 1,000 being present.

The new church is the largest, finest structure ever put up by the denomination and all the leading members as well as Adventists in general, are desirous of seeing the building in all its appointments, arrangements, and possibilities. Much interest has been manifest on the part of the members throughout the United States. Aside from that, Battle Creek is centrally located and an ideal location for the meeting. The Sanitarium offers the opportunity for securing the vegetarian diet as does also a vegetarian cafe, both near the Tabernacle.

The dedication of the church at this time will mean that the structure is complete and free from debt. Although it took between \$140,000 and \$150,000 to complete the building, it practically clears of debt, there still remaining only a few unpaid pledges, which are all good. The matter of determining the place for holding the Fall Council will be decided at the General Conference which will be held in Milwaukee from May 14 to June 1. The invitation will be carried there by a delegation of local representatives.

The formal opening of the new church will be held Saturday morning, March 6, when an appropriate sermon and program of special music will be given. This was announced by Rev. John Knox this morning. The finishing touches are being given by the painters. When these are completed the women of the church will do the final cleaning and adorning.

The seats have just been placed in the auditorium, balcony and pulpit and other fixtures have been put in. The best material obtainable has been used and the result is a very handsome structure, within as well as without.

The beautifully toned bell called the worshippers together Saturday morning. Some of the pioneer members declared its tones sounded much the same as those of the old bell.

The clock was connected to the bell and struck the hour of 12 o'clock Friday noon. Its tones may be heard clearly striking each hour. It is a large Seth Thomas, No. 14 movement, three and one-half feet in diameter. It has a white background with black lettering and sets directly over the front entrance.

Plans were not made for a bell in planning the church and a bell was lacking. When the women of the church decided that a bell was needed and secured one, arrangements had to be made to hang it. At first it was placed inside, but the strong vibration threatened to injure the roof, so a belfry was constructed at the rear of the building where the new bell is now at home.

ASK FUNDS FOR MISSION FIELDS

Leaders Designate Week of
Sacrifice to Raise Money
For Foreign Work.

TO DEDICATE TABERNACLE

Next Sabbath Set Aside As
Day on Which Services Will
Be Held for Building.

The Seventh Day Adventist leaders in their fall council at the Tabernacle set November 14 to 20 as the Week of Sacrifice when believers in North America will be asked to contribute a week's salary with which to supply funds to foreign mission fields. The leaders set their goal for this week at \$200,000 and the money thus contributed will be used to cover new sections of land across the seas.

The educational institutions and young people of this country will be asked to raise \$20,000 for the erection of a school among the Indians of South America. If there is any overflow to this offering, it will also go toward the advancement of the gospel among the Indians. Elder F. A. Stahl, former Battle Creek man, who is attending the council, will return to Peru where he has been laboring among the Chiriguano savages, immediately upon the completion of his tour here.

Plain Methods Best
In a spirited discussion, it was agreed that plain, simple, practical, preaching with all the facts, facts and springs of others left out is the most effective method that Adventist clergymen should follow in their sermons. At least a dozen delegates contributed to the discussion as to how more souls can be won to the church, and how the standards of righteousness can be maintained.

Elder F. M. Wilcox, editor of the Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, declared preachers and their wives should not deny the standards of the church by anything that they might say or wear. He contended for a definite program for the advancement of conversion.

Should Advance Here
Elder O. Montgomery, general vice president, declared that "there is a drift among us that is weakening. There is a tendency to be satisfied with small achievements, thus dropping into a low level that will eventually lead them to dry up and become fossilized."

"Young men in our local conferences should be encouraged to enter the ministry, while those already in it should not follow superficial, popular methods. Their ministries should not be affectations; neither should they be the chattering loquacity. Their business is to win souls, and they should get such a hold on God that they will break away from everything but that which makes the most profound impression on their hearers."

President Spicer said that "we want letters, bulletins and tract producers. We need to keep ever before us that Christ is coming that his coming is near at hand and that we are to prepare a people to face the judgment. We should stir the people to get about the Lord's return, the destruction of the wicked, the state of the dead and life eternal."

Elder J. L. McElhenny, the new president of the North American Division, said that the coming year should be the greatest in evangelism in the history of the church, that new members should be won, and new churches organized.

Resources Are Great
Elder H. H. Hall, secretary of the publishing house section of the denomination stated that the fifty-three publishing houses and their branches owned by the denomination had resources to the value of four million dollars. "It stated that their steady efforts toward reducing all liabilities to a minimum had resulted in paying more than a half million dollars the past four years."

A series of recommendations were then presented looking to the payment of the remaining half million of obligations by the close of 1926. This plan, he said, includes large donations by the older publishing houses to those more recently established in mission lands. The Review and Herald Publishing Association, which the old timers will remember as having been located here for a half a century, has voted to set aside fifty-five percent of its earnings towards publishing enterprises in various parts of the world. These fifty-three publishing houses, he said, are now publishing 15,135 magazines.

Held Evangelistic Meetings
Elder Jesse C. Stevens, the new pastor of the Tabernacle, announced that a series of protracted evangelistic meetings will be held in this church beginning tomorrow night at 7:45 o'clock. These services will be conducted jointly by Elders A. O. Daniels, of Washington, D. C.

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Monroe McGuire, of Modesto, Calif., and R. D. Quinn of Los Angeles. Next Sabbath (Saturday), the new edifice will be dedicated. The principal service will be held at three o'clock in the afternoon, and Elder Daniels will be the principal speaker. Elder A. E. Serna, former pastor of the church, is now on his way to Battle Creek from California and will also take part in the services.

Labor problems, high cost of living and other time consuming ideas were mixed in a recent strike in Austria when workers in several textile factories demanded higher pay to meet mounting living costs, and were locked out.

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TABERNACLE TO BE DEDICATED

Ceremonies Announced for
Saturday at 3.

FORMER PASTORS SPEAK

Seventh Day Adventist Dignitaries Gather for Impressive Program Planned.

Dedication of the Seventh Day Adventist Tabernacle is to be held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock and great interest centers about the event. Dignitaries of the sect are gathered here for the ceremonies which are to be most impressive, according to announcement made this morning from S. D. A. local headquarters.

The two addresses are to be given by former pastors, Rev. Arthur E. Serna, now of Loma Linda, California, and Dr. John Knox, recently transferred to Detroit. The Tabernacle orchestra will play and special music and program numbers have been provided. The citizens of Battle Creek are to be welcomed to the handsome new place of worship on this occasion, the seating capacity being ample to meet the demands.

Rev. A. E. Serna is to speak on the subject "Ye Are God's Building," while Dr. Knox has chosen as his topic "The Vision of a Finished Task." Both pastors were interested in the building of the church edifice to take the place of the old Tabernacle, consumed by fire, Rev. Mr. Serna starting the movement and Dr. Knox seeing it to a most successful finish.

Tabernacle orchestra, Wilbur Schram director, will open the dedicatory exercises and the congregation will sing the Doxology, this to be followed by the invocation by N. H. Holden, Kalamazoo, new president of the West Michigan Conference, Seventh Day Adventists.

The dedicatory sermon will be preached by Arthur G. Daniels, one of the best known and beloved S. D. A. workers, and prominent in the work of the church. Another church dignitary, William Guthrie, delivers the dedicatory prayer. J. C. Stevens has the Scripture reading, also pronounces the benediction.

Carlyle B. Haynes, pastor of the City Temple of Seventh Day Adventism, New York City, and also president of the Greater New York Conference, will sing a solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple," by Knapp.

The Tabernacle was erected at a cost of approximately \$140,000. The old Tabernacle was burned January 7, 1922, and plans were perfected for the building of the new structure. In July, 1923, the basement portion being constructed in the fall of the year.

The auditorium of the new Tabernacle will seat 1,500 while the basement, which is to be divided now into Sunday school rooms, will accommodate 1,200.

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ADVENTIST TABERNACLE DEDICATION HELD TODAY

Many Come from Considerable Distances to Attend Exercises This Afternoon.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock was scheduled the dedication of the new Seventh Day Adventist Tabernacle, for which arrangements have been going on for many weeks, and to attend which many have come from considerable distances.

Elder Arthur G. Daniells, secretary of the general conference, was to deliver the dedication sermon, and the two former pastors preceding the Rev. J. C. Stevens were to give addresses.

A beautiful and impressive service was arranged.

CHURCH WORSHIP BUILT ON TRUTH

Elder Arthur G. Daniells Delivers Message at Dedication Of Adventist Tabernacle.

MANY ATTEND SERVICES

Work of Rebuilding Is Traced By the Rev. Arthur E. Serns Following the Sermon.

"The only service that is of any value in the church building is that which comes from the hearts of the worshippers, when they worship as Christ said true worship must be, 'in spirit and in truth'."

Capacity Crowd

This was the key note of a devout and impressive sermon by Elder Arthur G. Daniells, president for many years and now secretary of the general conference, at the dedication of the new Seventh Day Adventist Tabernacle yesterday afternoon. The big auditorium was filled to its capacity.

"Solomon and all his people dedicated the house of God," was his text from 1 Kings, 8:22.

Elder Daniells spoke first of the building, and then of the people. He traced the building of the temple from the first human offering to God, by Cain and Abel, passing on to Noah, when he built an altar for worship after the flood, to Abraham, who built an altar and "called upon the name of the Lord." Then he spoke of God instructing Moses, "let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them."

"All these culminated in the great temple built by Solomon at Jerusalem," said Elder Daniells. "Then from this, there sprang up the synagogues in Palestine, that are made to prominent in the New Testament."

"As a result of all these," he pointed out, "we have the church buildings of all the churches at the present time. And these are dedicated to God for worship."

Exhorting Worshippers

Then he turned to "the people who worship in these buildings," lifting the passages in the scriptures which call the people "the church of God," and "the house of God." And not he quoted others that represent God as dwelling in the hearts of the people, making them His tabernacle.

Elder Daniells showed the difference between God dwelling "among" the people, in the tabernacle, and dwelling "in" them, as a living God, who inspire them in the conflict with sin.

And then he impressed upon his hearers the words of Christ, who showed that in all this, those with worship God "must worship Him in spirit and in truth."

The speaker closed by showing "what a great moral and spiritual superiority the church ought to have over the world," and pointed out the instruction God gives to the family, what kind of a husband a Christian man should be, and as with wives, fathers, mothers, children, servants, the employers of labor, and finally what sort of citizens the church ought to produce in any community in which it exists.

Elder George E. Judd, who presided as chairman of the board of directors, told of the parts taken by the different speakers of the day in the great task of rebuilding the Tabernacle after the fire. He recalled how Elder Daniells, then president of the general conference, reached Battle Creek from Washington, the third day after the destruction of the old building, bringing the treasurer with him; how he brought with him assurance of a donation of \$10,000 from the general conference, which, with those of the Lake Union and West-Michigan conference made up \$10,000, and then how before Elder Daniells returned to Washington pledges totaling \$30,000 had been made toward the rebuilding.

The remaining \$40,000 was secured in the course of time, and the \$80,000 structure was completed. Elder Judd spoke earnestly, also, of the faithful labors of Elders Serns and Knox in the carrying out of the big task.

Traced Rebuilding

The Rev. Arthur E. Serns followed Elder Daniells, and he traced the work done toward the rebuilding during his pastorate, recounting the struggles through which the church passed in securing the money and in working out plans for the "new building," and expressed his great appreciation of the cooperation of the board of directors, the people of the church, the citizens of Battle Creek through the Chamber of Commerce and the architects and builders.

The Rev. John Knox, whose task it was to lead in the completion of the task, told of the development of the financial campaign, the plans and the actual construction of the building, expressing the deepest appreciation of the way in which the people had stood by the task and carried it through in spite of the heavy difficulties that arose.

The Rev. W. H. Holden, president of the West-Michigan conference, made the invocation, the Rev. William Guthrie, president of the Lake Union conference offered the dedicatory prayer, and the Rev. J. C.

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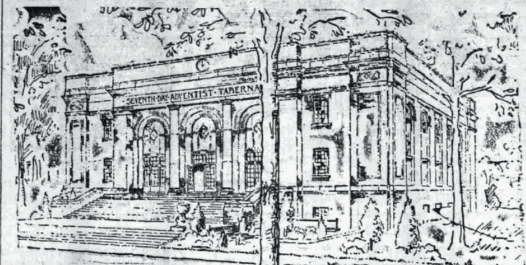
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OPEN CONCERT COURSE

Oliver June Lacey, Soprano, Appeared in Battle Creek College Recital Last Evening.

The first concert of the Battle Creek college concert course, was presented at the Sanitarium gymnasium last evening to a comparatively small audience. It was a concert well worthy any auditorium packed to the doors. Oliver June Lacey, soprano, demonstrated to the satisfaction of all that she had won the National Federation of Music Clubs Young Artists' contest honorably, for her voice is delightful in every particular, and she combines with exquisite tone placement an unusual quality as an interpreter of song, a flawless enunciation and a remarkable flexibility combined with extraordinary range.

The entire concert of songs sung upon the evening's program, was most intelligently worked out, showing to the best advantage the contrasting qualities of the voice and the ability of the singer to project to her audience the moods of the composition. Miss Lacey is young and has the charming personality which certainly must endear her to all audiences. She was most gracious in responding to encore demands, for the audience was enthusiastic over her work. Her program opened with a group of old masters' songs and closed with one by modern composers.

Appearing upon the same program Leo Braverman, violinist, was an equally pleasing artist. The first movement of the Tchaikovsky "Concerto" was played with a wonderful display of technique and good musicianship. Mr. Braverman has vitality and nerve and is given to a tremendous tempo upon occasion which seems almost incredible. He was equally gracious in responding to encore demands.

Ruth May Norton, at the piano as an accompanist for both these artists proved to be an accompanist far beyond the ordinary. Her work was clean and beautiful and much of the credit for the good evening's program is due this young musician.

—Mrs. Fred W. Gage.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The finance committee of the Maple Street M. E. church will hold an important meeting at the parsonage at 7:45 Monday evening.

The regular meeting of Queen City camp, 2558 Modern Woodmen of America, will be held Tuesday evening in the Spiritist hall. All members are urged to attend as business of importance is to be transacted.

New Flower Pots
Paris—Stands to support flowers are appearing in new shapes, one of the latest being a painted china piece.

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Parents-Teacher Activities

A complimentary luncheon will be given for Miss Stella Hutzel, health lecturer, by members of the Fremont Parent-Teacher association Tuesday at noon in the school cafeteria. Miss Hutzel comes from the state health department at Lansing to give a series of lectures to students in the city schools. Members of the Parent-Teacher council and principals of the schools will also be guests. The luncheon will be followed by the regular October meeting at 2:30 when members of the McKinley school association will be present.

The Junior High School Parent-Teacher association will meet in vocational school cafeteria Monday evening, beginning at 7:45. Following is the program, which will be presented: Selection, Junior High oratory; business meeting, Mrs. O. F. Long, president; Miss's Song; slides, the School Boy's Creel, Junior Smith; essay, "Safety Always," Faith Hunter; violin solo, Ralph Johnson; recitation, Marion Barker; piano solo, Ward Allen; reading, Wanda Bayley; recitation, Frances Sargent; music, the Whittington trio; singing contest, 5:15 girls against 5:2 boys; games, Miss Martin and Mr. Graham. Small children will be taken care of in room 114 by Sister Griswold and Miss Peterson and there will be an exhibit of Junior high school art work in the cafeteria.

DAMAGE SUIT, CRASH RESULT, CONCLUDED

Notice of Satisfaction of Judgment Filed in Smith-Eggleston Proceedings.

Notice of satisfaction of judgment was filed yesterday in the county clerk's office, concluding the damage suit of Margaret E. Smith by her next friend, Mrs. Leona Smith, against Elmer L. and Arthur E. Eggleston. The amount of the settlement was \$1,000.

The plaintiff was severely injured over a year ago when a car in which she was riding with Arthur E. Eggleston, son of the first named defendant, accident in loose gravel and turned over twice on the West Main street road.

CHORAL CLUB MEETS

The city choral club will hold its regular rehearsal Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the Sanitarium chapel to practice on Motelesch's "Zim-jah". It is important that those who expect to sing in the concert in December be present for this rehearsal. Mrs. Ivan Tappan will give a vocal solo and Professor Beris will give some helpful suggestions on voice culture.

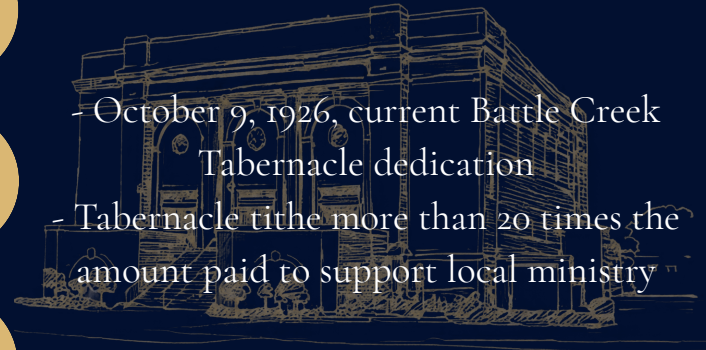
100 Years of Accomplishments

N. Washington/W. Michigan Ave. corner property was sold

1923

- October 9, 1926, current Battle Creek Tabernacle dedication

- Tabernacle tithe more than 20 times the amount paid to support local ministry



Mrs. N. A. Fitzgerald purchased grand piano (built to Mr. Post's specifications) from C. W. Post estate



1926

Late
1920s-
30s

1932

Tabernacle Circle Groups formed

Penny-A-Dish Cafeteria opened at 211 W. Jackson St. Operated 18 months - Served 124,961 dishes @ 1¢ a dish!

1933

1938

Public Address system installed in Sanctuary

- Electronic Hammond Organ was purchased

- Sanctuary rostrum/aisles were carpeted

1939

1942/
43

- First interior decoration of Sanctuary

- Stained glass windows

- Mural of Christ and the Rich Young Ruler

- Old Battle Creek Academy, N. Kendall Street, burned

- School in temporary quarters at Battle Creek Airport

1945

1946

44 acres purchased from Battle Creek College for the new BCA for \$12,500

100 Years of Accomplishments

- Parsonage at 299 W. Van Buren razed. (Last occupant - Elder J. C. Stevens). Then used as Dorcas Center
- Battle Creek Academy was built at current site

1947

1948/
49

House on W. Van Buren adjacent to Michigan National Bank property purchased and razed for parking area

1949/
50

House on W. Michigan Ave. adjacent to Michigan National Bank property purchased and razed for parking area

1950

Skylight in Sanctuary was covered with a new roof

Early
1950

Hard-surfaced church parking area

1952/
53

Constructed BCA Gymnasium

1954/
55

Bought the bank building on the corner of N. Washington/ W. Michigan Ave. corner for church offices and store. (Tabernacle Annex)

1955

Purchased Ellen G. White home, N. Wood Street

1956

- Initiated Every Member Plan. First budget - \$90,000. Current budget - \$285,000. (Total annual church and school budget)

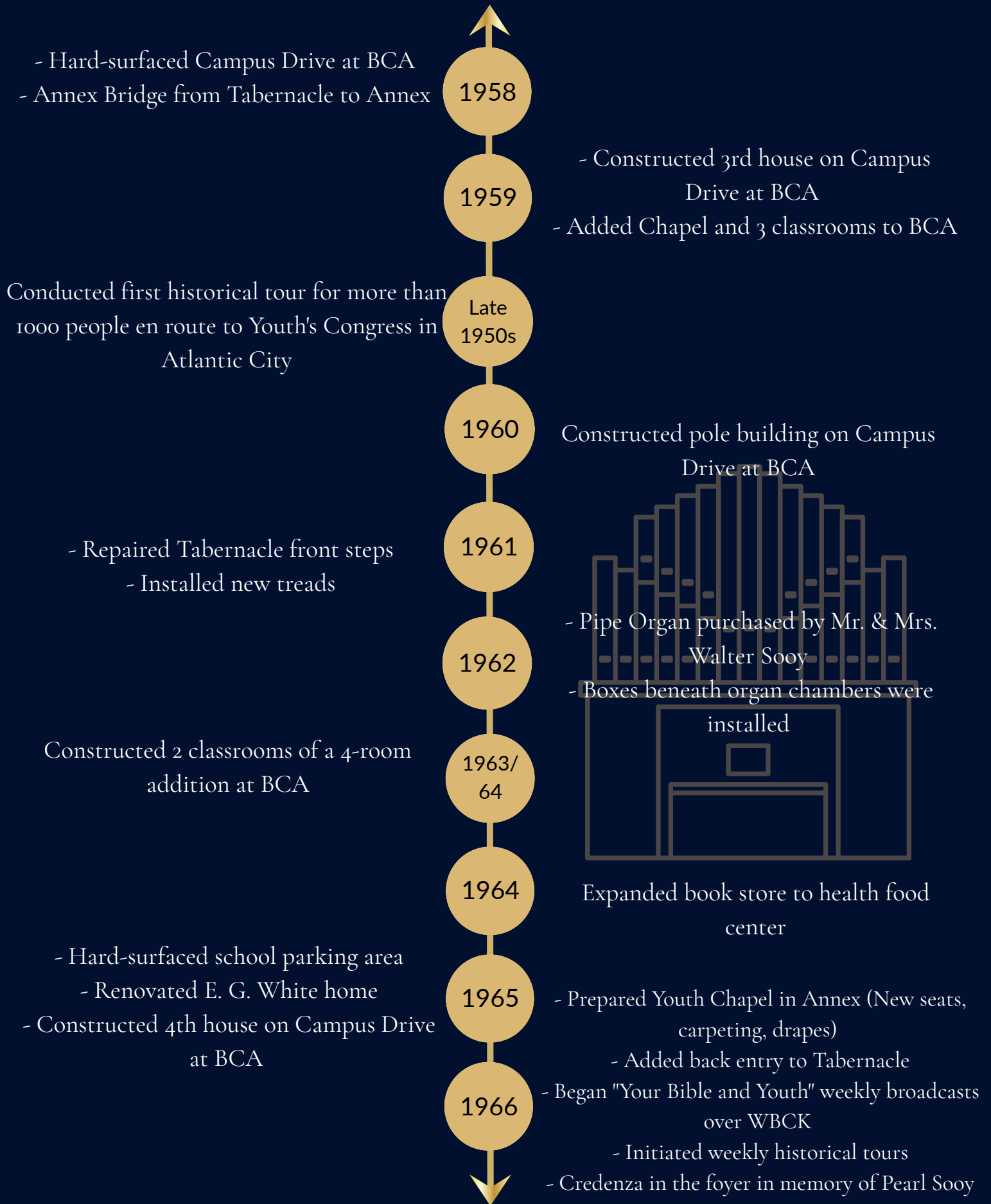
1957

- Constructed 1st house on Campus Drive at BCA



Constructed 2nd house on Campus Drive at BCA

100 Years of Accomplishments



100 Years of Accomplishments

Completed 4-room classroom addition at
BCA

1966/
67

- Renovated Sabbath School rooms
- Constructed/refurbished restrooms
- Widened basement hallway

1967

- Carpeted basement foyer/hallways
- Installed 2 Dial-A-Phones for questions by the public

1968

- Reconstructed ramp to Sanctuary
- New aluminum glass front doors
- Wooden grill work on organ chambers

1973

- Motorized screen in Sanctuary
- Redecorated Annex bridge and hallway to Youth Room
- New mural in Pastor's office
- Redecorated Youth Room (new drapes)
- New restroom lavatories, cabinets, and curtains
- Redecorated Bible Worker's office (new drapes)

1973/
74

- Carpeted Tabernacle foyer/stairways
- Prepared bell-ringers' room
- Built Lay Activities room
- Fireproofed Custodial Quarters

1975

- Installed new cabinets and pin-up board in Cradle Roll
- Initiated "On Line" broadcast over stations WKFR and WKNR

1976

Constructed a new Community Service building

1977

Remodeled the Sanctuary and platform

1978

100 Years of Accomplishments

- Installed new en chamade organ pipes on either side of the Christ and the Rich Young Ruler mural
- Purchased the building, now known as the Annex building
- Reconstructed the front steps and added 2 lower-level bathrooms

- No longer using the "Every member plan"
- Transferred the deed of James and Ellen White's home and Deacon John and Betsy White's home to the Adventist Historic Properties

Church plant in Athens, MI

02/02 Last day of operation of Nature's Pantry

Closed the Community Service clothing distribution

1979

1980

1981

1982

1983

1984

1988

1993

1995

1997

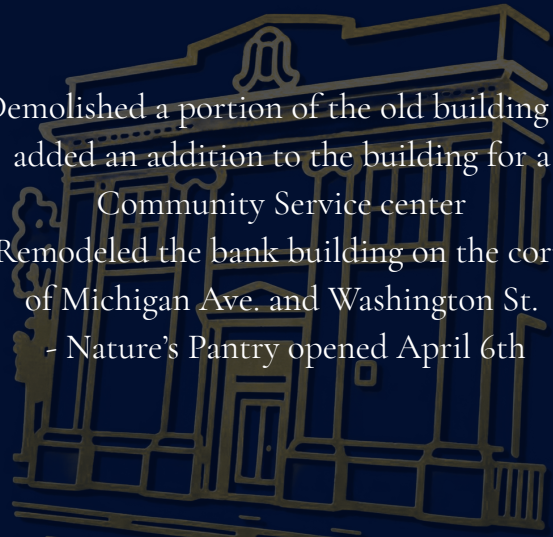
Bricked up the 2 doors on the alley side of the basement

- Demolished a portion of the old building and added an addition to the building for a Community Service center
- Remodeled the bank building on the corner of Michigan Ave. and Washington St.
- Nature's Pantry opened April 6th

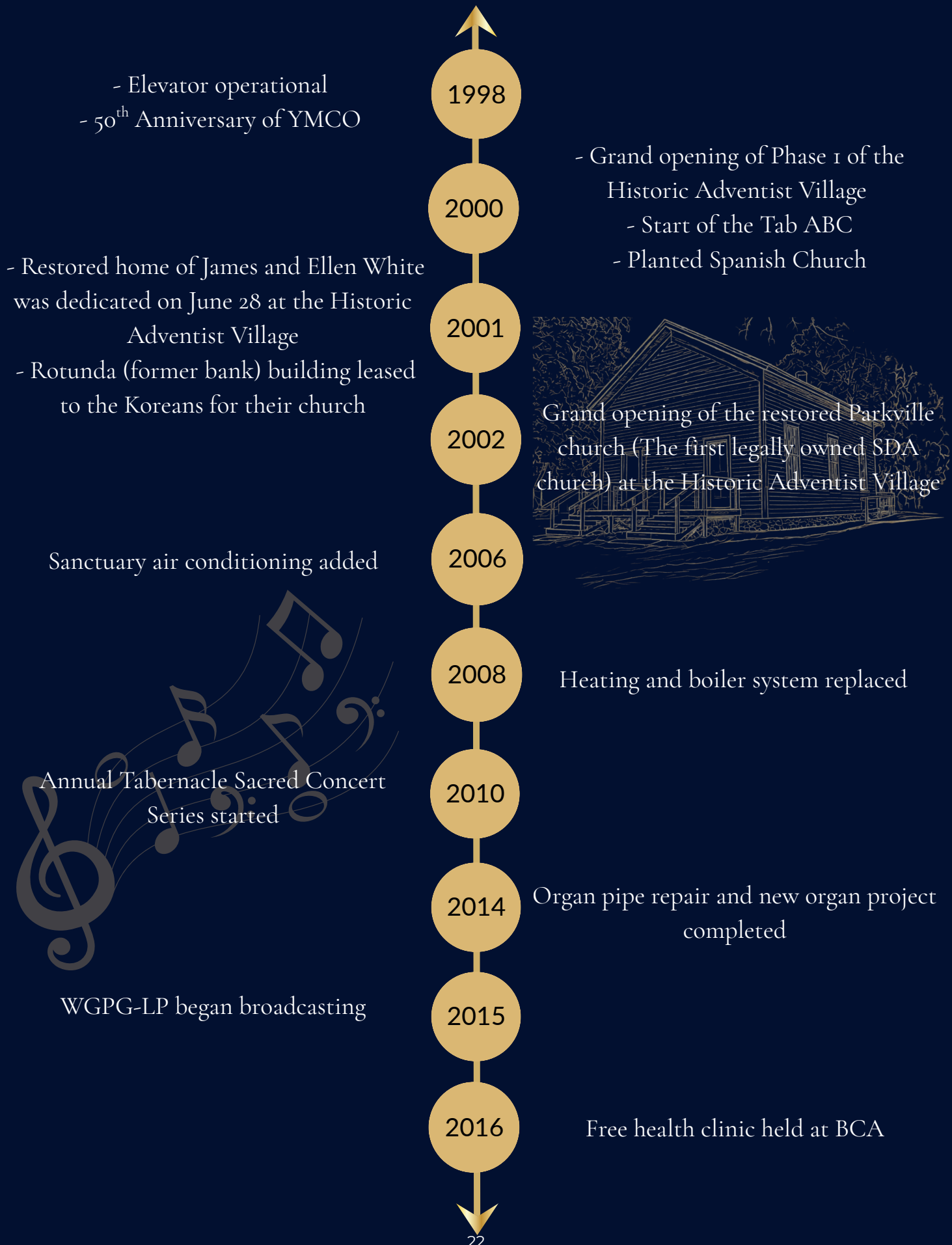
Completed the Community Service building

Heritage Museum open house

- Purchased the Michigan National Bank Building
- Found the Dime Tabernacle foundation wall when installing the elevator



100 Years of Accomplishments



100 Years of Accomplishments



- Free health clinic held at the Burma Center
- Hosted Messiah's Mansion

2017

2018

Hosted General Conference Annual Council



Free health clinic held at the Kellogg Arena

2019

2023

- Major renovation of Sanctuary during which the platform was enlarged and lowered, new main floor restroom installed, enclosed the elevator entrance to the Sanctuary, installed new pews and carpeting, and began the renovation of the stained glass windows
- September 23 dedication of the renovated Sanctuary
- Installed Nathan Greene's "The Rescue" stained glass above platform, replacing the picture of Christ and the Rich Young Ruler

Free health clinic held at BCA

2025

2026

- 3ABN Rally
- Centennial Celebration
- Restoration of original 1926 pulpit

Overview

Friday | October 2 | 7pm

Opening Vespers: Singing and stories of past history

Sabbath | October 3 | 9:30am

Sabbath School: Mission stories and a panel discussion with the Ellen White Estate

Sabbath | October 3 | 10:45am

Divine Service: Speaker Erton Köhler, President, General Conference

Sabbath | October 3 | 1:00pm

Centennial Gala Luncheon, Battle Creek Academy

Sabbath | October 3 | 5:30pm

Vespers: Concert with Buddy Houghtaling and presentation by artist Nathan Greene

Sunday-Friday | October 4-9 | 7pm

Revival Week: Featuring Pavel Goia and Norman McNulty

Sabbath | October 10 | 9:30am

Sabbath School: Mission stories and a panel discussion featuring current and previous pastors

Sabbath | October 10 | 10:45am

Divine Service: Speaker Norman McNulty; neurologist, author

Sabbath | October 10 | 1:00pm

Centennial Gala Luncheon, Battle Creek Academy

Sabbath | October 10 | 3pm

100 Year Church Rededication Service

Sabbath | October 10 | 6pm

Concert: The King's Heralds

Speakers



Erton Köhler

President, General Conference

Erton C. Köhler was born in Brazil, the son of a pastor, and felt called to ministry from a young age. He served as a district pastor for five years and dedicated 12 years of his ministry to Youth Ministries at the local field, Union, and South American Division.

At age 38, he became president of the South American Division, a position he held for nearly 15 years. In 2021, he was elected Executive Secretary of the General Conference (GC), where he launched the Mission Refocus initiative. In 2026, he completed a Doctor of Ministry degree at Andrews University. He currently serves as president of the General Conference, elected at the GC Session in St. Louis in July 2025. He is married to Adriene Marques Köhler, a nurse. They have two children: Mariana, who is studying psychology, and Matheus, who is a district pastor in Brazil and is married to Geovanna, a lawyer.

Speakers



Pavel Goia

Evangelist, Adventist World Radio

Pavel Goia was born in Drobeta Turnu-Severin, Romania under communist rule. Although he knew that at the age of 4 God called him to ministry, following that call was not an easy task. The events that ensued are chronicled by the book *One Miracle After Another: The Pavel Goia Story*, by Gregg Budd. Pavel has spent his life ministering in Romania, Norway, Wisconsin, and Kentucky. He has served as editor of the Ministry Magazine and Associate Director for the Ministerial Department at the General Conference. He currently serves as Field Representative and Evangelism Trainer for AWR at the GC. He is also author of the book, *In the Spirit and Power*. He is married to Daniela Goia, and they have two children, Gabriel and Ovidiu.



Dr. Norman McNulty

Neurologist & Author

Norman McNulty, M.D., is a board-certified neurologist practicing in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. Prior to starting his current job in Tennessee, he worked for two years at the Adventist hospital in Trinidad. He trained at Loma Linda University and graduated in 2004. He enjoys studying the Adventist prophetic message and travels around the world speaking in his free time. He is the author of the recently published books *Daniel: Practical Living in the Judgment Hour*, *Revelation: Practical Living in the Judgment Hour*, and *The Sanctuary: Practical Living in the Judgment Hour*. He is married to Joelle, and they are blessed with four beautiful daughters, Saralyn, Anneke, Madeline, and Ruby, and one son, Edson.

October 2 October 3

Friday Vespers 7pm | Main Sanctuary

Prelude

Naghielly Walker
Local Pianist

Welcome

Wayne Johnson/Pastor Chris Holland
Centennial Committee Chairperson/Senior Pastor (Current)

Song Service

Becky Ward
Local Chorister

History of the Tabernacle

Pastor Chris Holland
Senior Pastor (Current)

Rising from the Ashes

Pastor Dale Leamon
Senior Pastor (1995-2002)

Postlude

Naghielly Walker
Local Pianist

Sabbath School 9:30am | Main Sanctuary

Prelude

Naghielly Walker
Local Pianist

Welcome

Pastor Rob Bernardo
Senior Pastor (2015-2022)

Theme Song

Becky Ward
Local Chorister

Mission Emphasis

Sabbath School Panel

Moderator

Chris Holland

Director E.G. White Estate

Merlin Burt

Associate E.G. White Estate

Michael Sokupa

Associate E.G. White Estate

Dwain Esmond

Associate E.G. White Estate

Anna Galeneice

Associate E.G. White Estate

Ted Levterov

Closing Prayer

Pastor Lovinel Junior Vertus
Associate Pastor (Current)

October 3

Sabbath Morning Worship

10:45am | Main Sanctuary

Prelude	"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" William Croft Dr. Kenneth Logan Guest Organist
Welcome	Pastor Lovinel Junior Vertus Associate Pastor (Current)
Introit	"Sanctus" by George Oldroyd Andrews University Singers Brenton Offenback, Director
Invocation	Pastor Rob Bernardo Senior Pastor (2015-2022)
Opening Hymn	"To God Be the Glory" • 341
Welcome to the Battle Creek Tabernacle	Pastor Chris Holland Senior Pastor (Current)
Welcome to Battle Creek	Mayor Mark Behnke Mayor, Battle Creek, MI
Welcome from the Michigan Conference	Elder Jim Micheff President
Welcome from the Lake Union	Elder Elden Ramirez President
Welcome from the North American Division	Elder G. Alexander Bryant President
Welcome from and Introduction of the General Conference Division Officers	Elder Rick McEdwards Executive Secretary of the General Conference
Centennial Welcome	Wayne Johnson/Pastor Chris Holland Centennial Committee Chairperson/Senior Pastor (Current)
Theme Song	Becky Ward Local Chorister

October 3

Sabbath Morning Worship 10:45am | Main Sanctuary

Children's Story		Bruce Reichert Former teacher GLAA and BCA graduate
Offering	Local Church Budget	Pastor Chris Holland Senior Pastor (Current)
Offertory		"Soon I Will Be Done" arr. Stacey Gibbs Andrews University Singers Elsie Mokaya, soprano
Doxology		
Congregational Prayer		Brian Metcalf Local Head Elder
Scripture Reading	Joshua 4:1-7	Elder Paul Douglas Treasurer, General Conference
Introduction of Speaker		Elder Magdiel Shultz-Perez Assistant to the President of the General Conference
Special Music	"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" arr. Dan Forrest	Andrews University Singers Brenton Offenback, Director
Sermon	"What Do These Stones Mean?"	Elder Erton Köhler President, General Conference
Closing Hymn		"We Have This Hope" • 214
Benediction		Pastor Dale Leamon Senior Pastor (1995-2002)
Postlude	"Lift Up the Trumpet" George Lee "We Have This Hope" Wayne Hooper	Dr. Kenneth Logan Guest Organist

*A very special thank-you to our guest musicians:
Andrews University Singers, Brenton Offenback, and Dr. Kenneth Logan*

October 3

Centennial Gala Luncheon,
1:00pm | Battle Creek Academy

Sabbath Evening Vespers
5:30 pm | Main Sanctuary

Prelude Samuel Gomide/Karen Penrod
Local Cellist/Local Pianist

Welcome Pastor Chris Holland
Senior Pastor (Current)

Concert Buddy Houghtaling
Local Musician, Songwriter, and Recording Artist

Introduction of Speaker and History of Stained Glass
Donn LaTour
Local Elder

Feature Presentation Nathan Greene
Internationally Acclaimed Artist

Postlude Samuel Gomide/Karen Penrod
Local Cellist/Local Pianist

Please join Nathan Greene downstairs where art prints, puzzles and other merchandise will be available for purchase. Nathan will also be available for personalized signing.

October 4-9

Daily Activities

Historic Adventist Village

Guided tours available at 10am and 2pm daily, except for Wednesdays, by reservation only.

Book your tour at adventistheritage.org. Click on the "Sites" tab, choose Historic Adventist Village. Then click on the blue "Book Tour" button to make a reservation. Maps with QR codes are available for self-guided tours for individuals without reservations. All tours begin at the Historic Adventist Village Welcome Center.

Address: 480 Van Buren St. Battle Creek, MI 49037

Heritage Shoppe

Sunday - Tuesday 11:00-3:00 | Thursday and Friday - 11:00-3:00
Wednesday - Closed

Visit the Heritage Shoppe located in the Historic Adventist Village Welcome Center. You will find books on a variety of topics, Bibles, children's materials, posters and charts, souvenir items, and more. During the week of October 4-9, 2026, bring this program booklet in for a 10% discount on select items.

Oak Hill Cemetery Tours

Available by reservation only.

Please contact the Battle Creek Tabernacle Church office.

Phone number: 269-968-8101 | Email - office@bctab.com

Apocalyptic Abolitionism: A Talk with Kevin M. Burton

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 6pm | Willard Library Downtown Programming Room

Join Andrews University professor Kevin M. Burton for a discussion of his new book "Apocalyptic Abolitionism." Explore how apocalyptic faith inspired antislavery activism and shaped nineteenth-century reform movements, including those that influenced Battle Creek's remarkable religious history.

Address: 7 W. Van Buren St. Battle Creek, MI 49017

October 4

October 5

Weeknight Revival Series

Sunday, 7:00 pm | Main Sanctuary

Prelude	Samuel Gomide/Karen Penrod Local Cellist/Local Pianist
Welcome	Pastor Lovinel Junior Vertus Associate Pastor (Current)
Song Service	Becky Ward Local Chorister
Special Music	Samuel Gomide Local Cellist
Sermon	“One with God's Spirit,” part 1 Pavel Goia International Evangelist, Adventist World Radio
Closing Prayer	Pavel Goia International Evangelist, Adventist World Radio
Postlude	Samuel Gomide/Karen Penrod Local Cellist/Local Pianist

Weeknight Revival Series

Monday, 7:00 pm | Main Sanctuary

Prelude	Naghielly Walker Local Pianist
Welcome	Pastor Chris Holland Senior Pastor (Current)
Song Service	Becky Ward Local Chorister
Special Music	Dan Grentz Local Musician, Songwriter, and Recording Artist
Sermon	“One with God's Spirit,” part 2 Pavel Goia International Evangelist, Adventist World Radio
Closing Prayer	Pavel Goia International Evangelist, Adventist World Radio
Postlude	Naghielly Walker Local Pianist

October 6

October 7

Weeknight Revival Series

Tuesday, 7:00 pm | Main Sanctuary

Prelude	Samuel Gomide/Karen Penrod Local Cellist/Local Pianist
Welcome	Pastor Lovinel Junior Vertus Associate Pastor (Current)
Song Service	Becky Ward Local Chorister
Special Music	Erin Ramirez Local Musician
Sermon	“Spiritual Weapons for Spiritual Warfare” Pavel Goia International Evangelist, Adventist World Radio
Closing Prayer	Pavel Goia International Evangelist, Adventist World Radio
Postlude	Samuel Gomide/Karen Penrod Local Cellist/Local Pianist

Weeknight Revival Series

Wednesday, 7:00 pm | Main Sanctuary

Prelude	Naghielly Walker Local Pianist
Welcome	Mark Penrod Local Elder
Song Service	Becky Ward Local Chorister
Special Music	Elizabeth Bateman Local Vocalist
Sermon	“God is for You” Pavel Goia International Evangelist, Adventist World Radio
Closing Prayer	Pavel Goia International Evangelist, Adventist World Radio
Postlude	Naghielly Walker Local Pianist

October 8

October 9

Weeknight Revival Series

Thursday, 7:00 pm | Main Sanctuary

Prelude	Samuel Gomide/Karen Penrod Local Cellist/Local Pianist
Welcome	Pastor Lovinel Junior Vertus Associate Pastor (Current)
Song Service	Becky Ward Local Chorister
Special Music	Sean Kellogg Local Musician/BCA Teacher
Sermon	“From 1844 to the Second Coming” Dr. Norman McNulty Neurologist, Author and Revivalist
Closing Prayer	Dr. Norman McNulty Neurologist, Author and Revivalist
Postlude	Samuel Gomide/Karen Penrod Local Cellist/Local Pianist

Weeknight Revival Series

Friday, 7:00 pm | Main Sanctuary

Prelude	Naghielly Walker Local Pianist
Welcome	Pastor Chris Holland Senior Pastor (Current)
Song Service	Becky Ward Local Chorister
Special Music	Julie Simmons-Hensley Local Vocalist
Sermon	“Remnant But Laodicean” Dr. Norman McNulty Neurologist, Author and Revivalist
Closing Prayer	Dr. Norman McNulty Neurologist, Author and Revivalist
Postlude	Naghielly Walker Local Pianist

October 10

Sabbath School 9:30am | Main Sanctuary

Prelude

Naghielly Walker
Local Pianist

Welcome

Steve Walker
Local Elder

Theme Song

Becky Ward
Local Chorister

Mission Emphasis

Sabbath School Panel

Moderator / Senior Pastor (Current)

Chris Holland

Associate Pastor (Current)

Lovinel Junior Vertus

Pastor (1990-1995)

Alger Keough

Local Head Elder

Brian Metcalf

Closing Prayer

Jeff Kellogg
Local Elder

Sabbath Morning Worship 10:45am | Main Sanctuary

Prelude	“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” arr. P. Manz Debbie Candy Former Organist, Battle Creek Tabernacle	
Welcome	Pastor Lovine! Junior Vertus Associate Pastor (Current)	
Introit	Debbie Candy Former Organist, Battle Creek Tabernacle	
Invocation	Pastor Alger Keough Senior Pastor (1990-1995)	
Opening Hymn	“Watch, Ye Saints” • 598	
Centennial Welcome	Wayne Johnson/Pastor Chris Holland Centennial Committee Chairperson/Senior Pastor (Current)	
Theme Song	Becky Ward Local Chorister	
Children's Story	Elder Joel Nephew Director of Michigan Conference Association	
Special Music	The King's Heralds	
Offering	MI Radio Ministries	Brian Metcalf Local Elder
Offertory	Debbie Candy Former Organist, Battle Creek Tabernacle	
Doxology		

October 10

Sabbath Morning Worship 10:45am | Main Sanctuary

Congregational Prayer

Donn LaTour
Local Elder

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:1-6

Samantha Mills
Principal, Battle Creek Academy

Introduction of Speaker

Pastor Chris Holland
Senior Pastor (Current)

Special Music

“The Old Rugged Cross” George Bennard
Charles and Julie Reid
Associate Professor of Music, Andrews University

Sermon

“Sleeping at Midnight”

Dr. Norman McNulty
Neurologist, Author and Revivalist

Closing Hymn

“We Know Not the Hour” • 604

Benediction

Pastor Chris Holland
Senior Pastor (Current)

Postlude

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” arr. Burkhardt
Debbie Candy
Former Organist, Battle Creek Tabernacle

*A very special thank-you to our guest musicians:
Debbie Candy, The King's Heralds, and Charles and Julie Reid*

Centennial Gala Luncheon,
1:00pm | Battle Creek Academy

October 10

100-Year Battle Creek Tabernacle Rededication Service 3:00pm | Main Sanctuary

Prelude Debbie Candy
Former Organist, Battle Creek Tabernacle

Doxology

Invocation Pastor Lovinel Junior Vertus
Associate Pastor (Current)

Scripture Reading Hebrews 10:11-14 Wayne Johnson
Local Elder

Special Music “Open the Gates of the Temple”
Charles Reid
Associate Professor of Music, Andrews University

Sermon “The Vision of a Finished Task” Pastor Chris Holland
Senior Pastor (Current)

Dedicatory Prayer Elder Joel Nephew
Director of Michigan Conference Association

Closing Hymn “All Things are Thine” • 376

Closing Remarks Pastor Chris Holland
Senior Pastor (Current)

Theme Song Becky Ward
Local Chorister

Postlude “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” arr. P. Manz
Debbie Candy
Former Organist, Battle Creek Tabernacle

The King’s Heralds in Concert
6:00pm | Main Sanctuary
(King’s Heralds merchandise for sale after concert)

Concert October 10, 6pm



The King's Heralds

The internationally acclaimed KING'S HERALDS quartet brings a ninety-nine-year heritage in gospel music to the stage. Founded in Keene, Texas, in 1927 by four young college students, the group has come to be recognized worldwide for their blend and musical expertise. Current members of the quartet are Don Scroggs, First Tenor, Bruce Hehn, Second Tenor, JR Rosa, Baritone, and Jeff Pearles, Bass.

This interdenominational group has toured not only the United States but also the islands of the Caribbean, all of Latin America, the South Pacific, Australia, the Orient, and Africa. Among their audiences have been heads of state, kings, presidents, governors, ambassadors, and other dignitaries.

Thirty-seven men have been part of the KING'S HERALDS quartet since its foundation in 1927. They have recorded in 30 languages, on over 100 albums, and toured over fifty countries.

Tab Fun Facts



The church included "Tabernacle" in its name because of the belief that the building should not be extravagant or constructed to last for centuries, given the expectation of Christ's imminent return.



In 1898, the Dime Tabernacle's Sabbath School enrollment was 1,133 people in 173 classes.



The Dime Tabernacle was the denomination's largest church building at that time.



The clock in the Dime Tabernacle's tower was donated by the Battle Creek Community.



"The Rescue" stained glass is approximately 15 feet in height, 14 feet in width, situated at about 40 feet high, and weighs around 1,000 pounds.



The Battle Creek Dime Tabernacle had a prominent 110-foot steeple rising above it.



The pulpit that is on the platform for these Centennial services is the original 1926 solid oak pulpit that has been restored.



In 1960, the Michigan Historical Commission erected a historical marker and noted that Battle Creek is the site of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination's first headquarters, sanitarium, publishing house, school, and college.

The map displays a route in Battle Creek, Michigan, starting from a red pin on the north side and ending at the Battle Creek Tabernacle, marked with a blue pin. The route is highlighted in blue and follows a path that includes streets such as Michigan Ave, W Van Buren St, and W Manchester St. Key landmarks and locations along the route include Historic Adventist Village, Claude Evans Park, and the Battle Creek Tabernacle. The map also shows various other streets and landmarks in the area, such as Freetail Therapy, Truth Dr, and the Battle Creek River.

Segment	Distance	Estimated Time
From Start to Battle Creek Tabernacle	1.5 miles	3 min
From Battle Creek Tabernacle to Historic Adventist Village	1.4 miles	4 min
From Historic Adventist Village to Start	1.6 miles	4 min

264 W Michigan Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49037, United States

- 480 Parkway Dr, Battle Creek, MI 49037, United States

Thank-you!

We would like to first and foremost thank *you* for coming to join in this celebration with us. Each person who has joined us for this momentous occasion has a story to tell of how this place and its present or past, has intersected with or somehow shaped them.

We are filled with gratitude for the attendance and well-wishes of the Division Officers of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, including General Conference President, Elder Erton Köhler, the Lake Union and Michigan Conference Presidents, and the Mayor of Battle Creek. You have rejuvenated this local church by reminding us of who we are, where we are going, our place in history, our work in the present, and our hopes for the future.

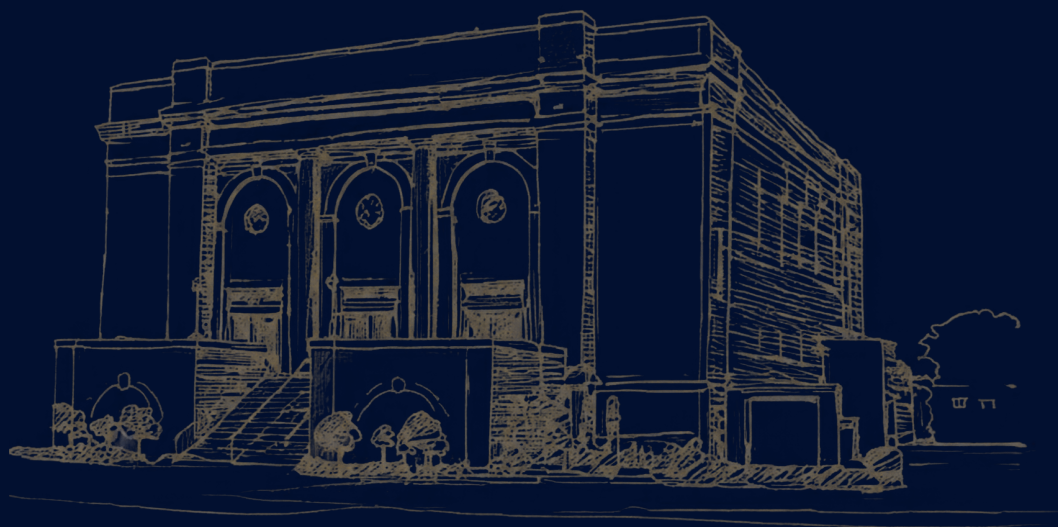
From their first meeting on January 21, 2025, the Centennial Committee has worked hard to prepare for this event. We gratefully acknowledge Pastor Bruce Moore who began this work as the committee chair but due to unforeseen circumstances was unable to continue. We are thankful to Wayne Johnson for stepping up into that role. The Centennial Committee members are: Clara Engle, Charlotte Erickson, Pastor Chris Holland, Debbie Holland, Lynn Kaufman, Angela Makoski, Marti Smith, and Pastor Lovinel Junior Vertus. We thank them for the long hours they spent in prayer, thoughtfully and carefully researching, planning, organizing, meeting, and in some cases even travelling, to make the celebration of this significant milestone meaningful and memorable for all.

Thank-you!

The danger of any acknowledgments page is leaving someone out. So we would like to acknowledge every person who has been involved or helped in any way with the preparation of this Centennial Celebration. We are especially grateful for those who patiently poured hours into tirelessly sifting through hundreds of pages of 100 years worth of historic documents. We are also very appreciative for those who cleaned, painted, prayed, for all who gave their time, talents, and resources, and those that fed us physically, musically, and spiritually.

We also acknowledge the many individuals who have been a part of the history of the Battle Creek Church - the hundreds, if not thousands, of individuals over the past 100 years who poured out their blood, sweat, and tears working hard, often unnoticed and under-appreciated, to preserve its history and provide for its future. May we each try to emulate their self-sacrificing spirit.

Most of all we thank God for the 100 years He has given us in this building. We pray that we would be faithful in utilizing this building as a tool in God's hands to finish His work on this earth.



Remember the Days of Old

Composer: Suno AI; Arr. D. Marcelle; Lyrics: Life Sketches 196.2/Deuteronomy 32:7 KJV

Voice

The musical score is written for a single voice part in a 4/4 time signature, using a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score consists of nine lines of music, with the final line ending in a double bar line. The lyrics are: In re-view ing our past his-to - ry, Hav-ing tra-veled o-ver ev - 'ry step Of ad-vance to our pre-sent stand-ing, I can say, Praise - God! We have no-thing to fear for the fu-ture, Ex-cept as we shall for-get The way the Lord has led us and His teach-ing in our past his-to - ry. As I see what the Lord has wrought, I am filled with a-ston-ish ment, And with con-fi-dence in Christ as lead-er, Oh praise, praise God! Re-mem-ber the days of old, Con-sid-er the years of man-y gen-er - a-tions. Ask thy fa-ther and he will show thee, Thy el-ders and they will tell thee: We have no-thing to fear for the fu-ture, Ex-cept as we shall for-get The way the Lord has led us and His teach-ing in our past his-to - ry.

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The Rescue by Nathan Greene, the center stained glass in the Sanctuary

PC: Lloyd Erickson

For 100 years, the Battle Creek Tabernacle has stood as a beacon of faith, community, and spiritual growth in the heart of Battle Creek, Michigan. During this celebration we fully commit ourselves to joining Jesus in His rescue mission.

