

25th Anniversary

OF THE FOUNDING OF

MYERS PARK METHODIST CHURCH

CHARLOTTE NORTH CAROLINA

The Balcony Window WINDOW OF THE SEVEN VIRTUES

At the very top on either side: A and O for Alpha and Omega

left: U.S. Soldier; center: U.S. Flag; right: U.S. Sailor
next are ~ left to right: Symbols of Seven Virtues

scales of justice; donkey for humility; angel saying "God is my strength" for courage; angel saying, "Who is like unto God?" for Divinity; angel saying, "The sword of the Spirit" for faith; anchor for hope; and purse for charity (love).

CENTRAL FIGURES (from left to right):

Justice	Martin Luther, leader of Reformation
Humility	St. Frances of Assisi, founder of Franciscan monks
Courage	Stephen, the first Christian martyr
Divinity	Christ the King (Crown on his head, remember the base on the cross and the candle sticks at high altar)
Faith	Paul the Apostle
Hope	John Wyclif, translator of Bible into English
Charity (Love)	John Wesley, founder of Methodism

FIGURES NEAR BOTTOM (from left to right):

Justice	Solomon ordering the soldier to cut baby in half, when two women claimed to be its mother
Humility	feed the poor, clothe the naked
Courage	David with his sling shot, killed Goliath
Divinity	angel says, "God is Light"
Faith	Ark on the flood waters
Hope	Daniel in the lions' den
Charity (Love)	Helping people in debtors prison

Note: Above the head of Jesus, "Come Unto Me" and below His feet: "I am the King of the World"

WINDOW OF THE SEVEN CHRISTIAN VIRTUES

Given in memory of
MRS. ALFRETA CRISMAN SNYDER
by the members of this church

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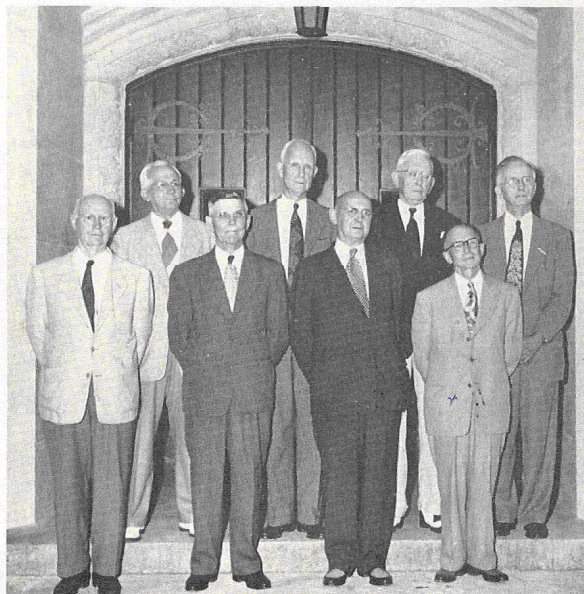
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Early History

In 1925 Charlotte was a prosperous city, with many churches of every denomination. Charlotte is known far and wide as one of the great church-going cities of the world.

Strategically situated in the down-town area was Tryon Street Methodist Church, sometimes spoken of as the Mother Church of Charlotte Methodism. In Tryon Street Methodist Church and in Trinity on South Tryon Street was born the spirit that built many new Methodist Churches in Charlotte.

It was about this time that far-seeing Methodist churchmen saw the possibilities of consolidating these two churches into one large up-town church. It was a difficult venture and required great faith and a fine Christian spirit. Both congregations measured up to the requirements, and 2,500 members with physical assets of a half million dollars united to give Charlotte one of the great down-town churches



THE FOUNDERS

Front row: H. C. Sherrill, R. I. Dalton, George H. Moore, and Louis H. Asbury.
Back row: Fred Anderson, Dr. R. T. Ferguson, J. J. Abers, and Dr. P. C. Hill
(W. Z. Stultz, absent, and D. D. Traywick, deceased.)

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of the nation, an institution which has been a towering influence in Charlotte Methodism. The spirit of Methodism awakened by this great consolidation movement gave a new zest and fire to the Methodist cause throughout the city.

Affected by the contagion of this new spirit there was born in the hearts of a few sturdy Methodists in the Myers Park section the vision of a Myers Park Methodist Church. It was more than a dream. It was rooted in the hearts and minds of men who must see it become a reality.

In September, 1925, J. J. Akers, W. Z. Stultz, and Dr. R. T. Ferguson called on the late Dr. J. B. Craven, the Presiding Elder of the Charlotte District, stated their plans, and asked for his approval and sponsorship of this daring program. The Presiding Elder approved. The next step was to find a meeting place. Dr. W. H. Frazier, President of Queens College, when interviewed, received them warmly. Dr. Frazier generously offered Queens Chapel as a place of worship, free of charge, until permanent quarters could be secured.

THE FOUNDERS

As in the days when the early disciples were gathered together, the group was augmented and soon there was a meeting of ten men at the residence of Dr. Ferguson. The names of these men should be enshrined in the hearts of all Myers Park Methodist people. *We give them here: J. J. Akers, Fred Anderson, Louis H. Asbury, R. I. Dalton, Dr. R. T. Ferguson, Dr. P. C. Hull, Geo. H. Moore, H. C. Sherrill, W. Z. Stultz, and D. D. Traywick.*

Ten men with hearts aflame and with a great zeal declared the Church to be in existence. They had no pastor, no board of stewards, no church school officers, no teachers. They had no equipment, no site for a church home, yet the new Myers Park Methodist Church was richly endowed, for in the hearts of these men there was Faith, Hope, and Love. A budget of \$8,000.00 for the first year was adopted and underwritten by these ten pioneers.

They were now ready to go back to the Presiding Elder to procure a preacher. Their unanimous choice was Rev. C. Excell Rozzelle, a dynamic young preacher. Dr. Craven gave his approval. Mr. Rozzelle was assigned and at the 36th Annual Conference, presided over by Bishop Collins Denny, Myers Park Methodist Church was created and Mr. Rozzelle was appointed as its first pastor.

The first Quarterly Conference of Myers Park Methodist Church was held on October 23, 1925, in the office of Louis H. Asbury on East Fourth Street. Dr. D. M. Lusk was Presiding Elder and in charge. At this meeting J. J. Akers was elected the first Chairman of the Board of Stewards, Dr. P. C. Hull, Vice-Chairman, D. D. Traywick, Treasurer, and Dr. R. T. Ferguson as Superintendent of the Church School.

On October 25, 1925, the first services of Myers Park Methodist Church were held in Queens Chapel with 85 charter members. The charter member list was closed December 31, 1925, with a total of 151 members. The names of these members are carried elsewhere in this history.

The fine spirit of these founders of Myers Park Methodist Church was contagious. The Church grew in numbers and in influence and in six weeks the Community Store at the forks of Queens Road and Providence Road was purchased from the Stephens Company and the first step was taken towards a Church home. On December 16, 1925, the first service of Myers Park Methodist Church was held on our present site in the old Community Store building.

OUR WOMEN

While men were the moving figures in this inspiring drama, still we know that behind every great movement, every great achievement, there are fine women whose inspiration and tireless efforts (often backstage) provide the quotient which brings success. So to the wives of these early pioneers we give tribute, also to the families and to the young people who caught the contagion of this great venture for Christ.

Paul, the great church builder, knew the priceless value of good women. The Women's Missionary Society was organized December 2, 1925, in a Y.W.C.A. hut on Queens campus. Mrs. R. T. Ferguson was the first President. Confronted with the challenge of a great program and filled with the Christian Spirit, these fine women set a standard for later missionary societies.

During the first year we had only a part-time pastor. In April, 1926, the Quarterly Conference purchased the parsonage at 1711 Brandon Road. Mr. Rozzelle then moved in and pastor and people were together.

BUILDING

The 37th Annual Conference returned Mr. Rozzelle to us for another year. We were rapidly outgrowing our limited quarters. In 1927 the Quarterly Conference voted to build a new sanctuary.

In March, 1929, under the pastorate of Dr. Gilbert R. Combs, the work was started. Very early one morning C. W. Hunt, beloved and devout churchman, broke the ground. Witnessing were his wife, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Henry Johnston and Mrs. S. A. Ault.

In June, 1929, the cornerstone was laid by Rev. Henry Grady Hardin and Dr. Gilbert R. Combs. Louis Asbury, gifted architect, translated his inspiration into plans for one of the most beautiful sanctuaries in the South. This was a labor of love and the architect's priceless work was a gift to the Church.

On March 9, 1930, the sanctuary was opened for our first service. Bishop Edwin Mouzon, a towering leader of Methodism, sounded the keynote in an inspiring sermon.

The depression seriously affected many of our 400 members. Interest on the church debt was \$8,000.00 a year. Hard work, thrift, and a great faith held us together. To refinance the church debt required the personal endorsement of the stewards. They did not hesitate.

For such a situation a real leader and a great pastor was needed. Bishop Mouzon made a far-sighted choice and brought to us Dr. R. L. Ownbey from the Tennessee Conference. This radiant spirit relighted the smoldering flame of the discouraged, and a greater faith, a more stirring hope, and even greater work brought heartening results. In 1941 the last portion of the debt was paid. Our sanctuary and the beautiful Snyder Memorial Educational building stood dedicated to a long future of Christian service.

Dr. Ownbey's eight years were climaxed by the dedication of our Church and in May, 1941, Bishop Clare Purcell delivered the dedication sermon.

We have had fine pastors. Each has met the challenge and problems of his period of service. We are joyful in the memories of what has been done and we are grateful to those who worked so joyfully and so tirelessly.

But we do not stop here. With Paul, we say that we count not ourselves as having apprehended, but rather "We press forward to the mark of the high calling of Christ."



Tribute To J. Luther Snyder



PATRON
J. LUTHER SNYDER

It has been said that an institution is the elongated shadow of a man. But the Christian Church is more than that. It is the Eternal Spirit of Christ continuously reborn and living in the hearts of His followers.

A Church cannot be built by vision alone. Nor is zeal alone enough. It requires a love that knows the joy of giving.

November 2, 1930, was one of the great days in the history of our Church, for on that day a man with a great heart transferred with his family to Myers Park Methodist Church. He had finished a great service at Hawthorne Lane. With an eye that saw only a great need and a heart that sought only the opportunity to serve, he came with us. Humble man that he is, he did not dream that he was to be the one without whom the great dream

of Methodism in Myers Park would never have been achieved.

We speak of J. Luther Snyder, who served as Chairman of the Board of Stewards from 1933 through 1935. The depression was on. The Church debt weighed heavily, but like the steel girders of a great bridge he held us up. There was no complaint of others who were unable to meet their commitments. Here was the true spirit of Christ in action. He saw the vision of a great Church and he meant to see it achieved.

One Sunday morning there was a heavy rain. Mr. Snyder saw children in a church school classroom with umbrellas over them. The result—the Snyder Memorial Educational Building costing \$115,000.00—a gift from Mr. Snyder.

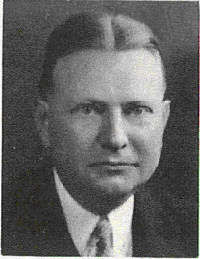
An inspired congregation set themselves to the task of paying off the Church debt of \$100,000, of which \$80,000 was raised in pledges over three years. In March of 1941 the debt was paid, Mr. and Mrs. J. Luther Snyder contributing the last \$10,000.00.

Dr. R. L. Ownbey and J. Luther Snyder—these two names are enshrined in the hearts of all those who dreamed, struggled, hoped, and helped to achieve the Myers Park Church whose influence for good reaches to ever new and greater frontiers.

Charter Members

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| Akers, J. J. | *Heath, B. D. | Price, Mrs. Carrie |
| Akers, Mrs. J. J. | Hoath, Mrs. B. D. | Price, Miss Faith |
| Asbury, Louis H. | Hull, Dr. P. C. | |
| Asbury, Mrs. Louis H. | Hull, Mrs. P. C. | *Rozzelle, Mrs. Ella |
| Asbury, Louis H., Jr. | Hull, P. C., Jr. | Rozzelle, Mrs. Excella |
| Asbury, Malvine | Hull, Billy | Rea, Mrs. Calvin |
| Asbury, Martha May | Hull, Lucy | Ross, Dr. Grady L. |
| Anderson, Fred | *Hudson, James | Ross, Mrs. Grady L. |
| Anderson, Mrs. Fred | Hudson, Mrs. James | *Roark, B. F. |
| Anderson, Fred, Jr. | Hamilton, C. A. | |
| *Abernethy, W. S. | Hamilton, Mrs. C. A. | Stone, Mrs. Charles H. |
| *Abernethy, Mrs. W. S. | Hamilton, Miss Mozelle | Sherrill, H. C. |
| *Ault, S. A. | Hamilton, Helen | Sherrill, Mrs. H. C. |
| Ault, Mrs. S. A. | Hamilton, Virginia | Stultz, W. Z. |
| | Hamilton, James M. | Stultz, Mrs. W. Z. |
| Bradshaw, Fred W. | Hamilton, Charles | Sifford, L. A. |
| Bradshaw, Mrs. Fred W. | *Hunt, C. W. | Sifford, Mrs. L. A. |
| Burdell, Mrs. S. M. | Hunt, Mrs. C. W. | Sifford, James B. |
| Burdell, John | Hall, Mrs. Mildred K. | Sifford, L. A., Jr. |
| Burdell, Mary | | *Smith, Frank B. |
| Boyd, R. J. | | Smith, D. |
| Boyd, Mrs. R. J. | Jones, Mrs. Frank F. | Smith, Mrs. C. D. |
| Bowl, Miss Frances | Jones, Miss Virginia | Schoonover, C. M. |
| Butt, Mrs. W. L. | Johnston, H. A. | Schoonover, Mrs. C. M. |
| | Johnston, Mrs. H. A. | |
| *Crawley, R. O. | Johnston, Frank | |
| Crawley, Mrs. R. O. | Jackson, Mrs. G. H. | *Tanner, S. B., Jr. |
| Clark, David | Jacome, J. Emancu | *Thorne, S. O. |
| Clark, Mrs. David | *Jones, Raymond A. | Thorne, Mrs. S. O. |
| Cox, H. W. | Jones, Mrs. Raymond A. | *Traywick, D. D. |
| Cox, Mrs. H. W. | | *Traywick, Mrs. D. D. |
| Cox, Nellie | Kuester, Mrs. L. A. | *Thomas, H. E. |
| Cox, Mitchell | Kuester, Miss Love | Thomas, Mrs. H. E. |
| Campbell, R. L. | Kuester, Miss Loula | Thomas, James Allen |
| Campbell, Mrs. R. L. | | Thomas, Henry, Jr. |
| Campbell, Annette | | Trexler, Mrs. W. R. |
| Cothran, Mrs. T. P. | *Montgomery, Mrs. C. G. | Trexler, Bernard |
| | Montgomery, Miss Lilly | Trexler, W. R., Jr. |
| Dalton, R. I. | Montgomery, W. H. | Trexler, Mary F. |
| Dalton, Mrs. R. I. | Moore, George H. | Trexler, Ruth S. |
| Dardine, Miss Helen | *Moore, Mrs. George H. | Taylor, Mrs. M. C. |
| *Duval, Mrs. E. | Mull, Mrs. Florence | Taylor, John |
| Duval, Roger | Mull, Lesnee | |
| Duval, Gray | Mull, Mrs. L. E. | |
| | *Myers, G. A. | *Walker, F. L. |
| Early, Roy | Myers, Mrs. G. A. | Walker, Mrs. F. L. |
| Early, Mrs. Roy | Myers, G. A., Jr. | Westbrook, George A. |
| | Myers, Miss Charlotte | Westbrook, Mrs. George A. |
| Ferguson, Dr. R. T. | Millhouse, Miss Margaret | Wiley, R. E. |
| Ferguson, Mrs. R. T. | *Myers, D. E. | Wiley, Mrs. R. E. |
| Ferguson, R. T., Jr. | Myers, Mrs. D. E. | Whitton, Earle |
| Ferguson, Kirkpatrick | Myers, D. E., Jr. | Whitton, Mrs. Earle |
| *Frye, J. H. | | Whitton, Mrs. Hattie |
| | | Whitton, Miss Ruth |
| Gossett, Mrs. B. B. | Nichols, W. L. | |
| Gossett, Katherine | Nichols, Mrs. W. L. | Yelvington, Mrs. V. J. |
| Gossett, Philip | Nichols, Sarah | Yelvington, Miss Alta |

* Deceased



C. Excellence Rozzelle

OCTOBER 1925—OCTOBER 1927

The ministry of Dr. Rozzelle followed upon a period of organization under the inspiration of Dr. J. B. Craven Presiding Elder of the Charlotte District, who sponsored the new church at the Annual Conference held in Statesville in 1925.

Presiding Bishops: Bishop Collins Denny, Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon.
Presiding Elder: Dr. D. M. Litaker.
Chairman Board of Trustees: R. I. Dalton.
Chairman Board of Stewards: J. J. Akers.
Treasurer: D. D. Traywick.
Church School Superintendents: Dr. R. T. Ferguson, George A. Westbrook.
Presidents Woman's Missionary Society: Mrs. Robert T. Ferguson, Mrs. J. J. Akers.
Music Directors and Organists: Miss Elizabeth Starr, Mrs. Margaret D. Jamieson, Mrs. George A. Westbrook and Mrs. Louis H. Asbury.

Church members received, 253. Membership end of pastorate, 246.

Net gain Church School membership, 299
Membership Church School end of pastorate, 299.

Contributed by Church School, \$1,347.00.

Contributed for Benevolences, \$2,003.00.

Contributed by Woman's Missionary Society, \$1,309.00.

Contributed for buildings, improvements and indebtedness, \$18,612.00.

Contributed for all purposes, \$38,801.00.

Milestones

- October 22, 1925 New church received into Annual Conference.
- October 23, 1925 First Quarterly Conference.
- October 25, 1925 First service was held in Queens College Chapel.
- December 31, 1925 Formal banding together of 151 Charter Members.
- November 9, 1925 Purchase of present site.
- December 2, 1925 Adoption of name, Myers Park Methodist Church.
- December 16, 1925 First service on new lot.
- April 16, 1926 Purchase of parsonage at 1711 Brandon Road.
- October 20, 1927 Decision of Quarterly Conference to build sanctuary.

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Carlock Hawk

NOVEMBER 1927—NOVEMBER 1928

Presiding Bishop: Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon.
Presiding Elder: Dr. D. M. Litaker.
Chairman Board of Trustees: R. I. Dalton.
Chairmen Board of Stewards: J. J. Akers, R. L. Campbell.
Treasurer: W. L. Nichols.
Church School Superintendent: George A. Westbrook.
President Woman's Missionary Society: Mrs. W. Aubrey Davis.
Music Director and Organist: Mrs. G. A. Westbrook, Mrs. Louts H. Asbury.

Church Members received, 19. Membership end of pastorate, 244.

Net gain Church School membership, minus 43.
Membership end of pastorate, 256.

Contributed by Church School, \$1,074.00.

Contributed for Benevolences, \$1,440.00.

Contributed by Woman's Missionary Society, \$1,060.00

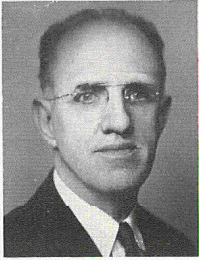
Contributed for buildings, improvements and indebtedness, \$8,000.00.

Contributed for all purposes, \$23,190.00.

Milestones

- April, 1928 Launching of Building Fund Drive for new sanctuary.
- Building of Hut for Young People and Recreational Purposes.

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Gilbert R. Combs

NOVEMBER 1928—NOVEMBER 1931

THE ministry of Dr. Combs saw the erection of our beautiful sanctuary, with a capacity of 750, under the guidance of H. Connor Sherrill, Chairman of the Building Committee; J. J. Akers, Treasurer; David Clark, Chairman of the Window Committee; Earle Whitton of the Southeastern Construction Company, Builder, and Louis H. Ashbury, Architect. The striking beauty of the new edifice was recognized in July, 1930, when the architect received First Place in Ecclesiastical Architecture in judging by the North Carolina Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Presiding Bishop: Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon.
Presiding Elders: Dr. D. M. Litaker, Dr. E. K. McLarty.
Chairman Board of Trustees: R. I. Dalton.
Chairmen Board of Stewards: H. Connor Sherrill, George H. Moore.
Treasurers: W. L. Nichols, J. W. Stinson.
Church School Superintendent: George A. Westbrook.
President Woman's Missionary Society: Mrs. George A. Westbrook.
Music Director and Organist: Miss Adelaide Stephens.

Church members received, 268. Membership end of pastorate, 456.

Net gain Church School membership, 93.
Membership Church School end of pastorate, 339.

Contributed by Church School, \$3,489.00.

Contributed for Benevolences, \$6,149.00.

Contributed by Woman's Missionary Society, \$5,057.00.

Contributed for buildings, improvements and indebtedness, \$33,419.00.

Contributed for all purposes, \$76,892.00.

Milestones

March 26, 1929 Ground breaking ceremony.
June 9, 1929 Cornerstone Laying.
March 9, 1930 Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon holds service in completed sanctuary.

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R. Dwight Ware

NOVEMBER 1931—NOVEMBER 1933

THESE were years of economic hardship during which it was necessary to make substantial interest payments and at the same time meet our other church obligations without stint.

Presiding Bishop: Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon.
Presiding Elder: Dr. John W. Moore.
Chairman Board of Trustees: J. Luther Snyder.
Chairman Board of Stewards: R. I. Dalton.
Treasurer: J. W. Stinson.
Church School Superintendent: W. T. Buice, Sr.
Presidents Woman's Missionary Society: Mrs. Paul Hardin, Mrs. James E. Steere.
Music Director and Organist: Miss Adelaide Stephens.

Church members received, 76. Membership end of pastorate, 498.

Net gain Church School membership, minus 3.
Membership Church School end of pastorate, 336.

Contributed by Church School, \$2,237.00.

Contributed for Benevolences, \$5,858.00.

Contributed by Woman's Missionary Society, \$2,500.00.

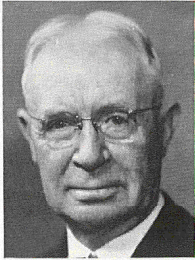
Contributed for buildings, improvements and indebtedness, \$12,030.00.

Contributed for all purposes, \$49,142.00.

Milestones

First talks held about a Snyder Memorial Church School Building.

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Richard I. Ownhey

DECEMBER 1933—OCTOBER 1941

As the church grew in membership and in building facilities, its Christian Education program was expanded and vitalized. The first combination Church Secretary and Director of Education, Mrs. John W. Austin, was employed, followed by Miss Amy Holland. The morale of the congregation steadily heightened, and Christian fellowship became increasingly rich and productive. The church ended its sixteenth year deeply conscious that God had brought it to a place of spiritual power and great responsibility.

Presiding Bishops: Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon, Bishop Paul B. Kern, Bishop Clare Purcell.

Presiding Elder: Dr. J. B. Craven.

District Superintendent: Dr. G. T. Bond.

Chairman Board of Trustees: J. Luther Snyder.

Chairmen Board of Stewards: J. Luther Snyder, E. A. Hilker, W. T. Buice, R. Grady Rankin.

Treasurer: J. J. Akers.

Church School Superintendents: Hugh G. Boyer and George A. Westbrook.

Chairman Board of Education: George A. Westbrook.

Presidents Woman's Missionary Society: Mrs. George A. Westbrook, Mrs. Louis G. Rogers, Mrs. W. M. McLaurine, Mrs. Henry E. Fisher.

Music Directors and Organists: Miss Adelaide Stephens, James McClendon, Clarence Etters.

Church members received, 663. Membership end of pastorate, 920.

Net gain Church School membership, 461.

Membership Church School end of pastorate, 751.

Contributed for benevolences, \$23,668.00.

Contributed by Woman's Missionary Society, \$14,762.00.

Contributed for buildings, improvements and indebtedness, \$293,037.00.

Contributed for all purposes, \$427,772.00.

Milestones

Staff: Miss Helen Humphrey, Mrs. John W. Austin and Miss Amy Holland.
January, 1934 Board of Christian Education organized, with George A. Westbrook, Chairman.

1935 Theatre organ installed, the gift of Warren Irvin.

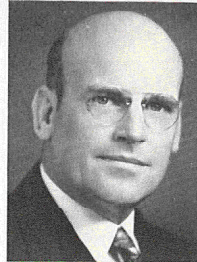
December, 1937 Hammond organ with chime and echo organ given by J. Luther Snyder.

January 27, 1938 Snyder Memorial Church School Building occupied.

May 3, 1941 Indebtedness on sanctuary paid in full.

May 18, 1941 Sanctuary dedicated by Bishop Clare Purcell.

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Embree H. Blackard

OCTOBER 1941—OCTOBER 1945

THE growth in membership and increased scope of Church and Church School activities saw the addition of our first Associate Ministers, Sherrill B. Biggers and Hawley Lynn, our first full-time Director of Christian Education, Miss Catherine Carlton, and our first full-time secretary, Mrs. A. T. Bernhardt. Other members who served on our staff included Miss Mary Margaret Johnson, Mrs. Brown Culp Chism, Mrs. S. E. Knowles, Mrs. James Ledford and Mrs. T. A. Wilkinson, Jr. Family Night became a popular custom, and Extended Sessions for Nursery and Kindergarten proved their worth. The Raymond Jones Recreational Building Fund was started. These years saw the reorganization of our Church School and the establishment of a growing library initiated by Mrs. Wallace D. Gibbs. Under W. Lester Brooks, Chairman, the remaining windows were installed.

Presiding Bishop: Bishop Clare Purcell.

District Superintendents: Dr. G. T. Bond, Dr. C. M. Pickens, Dr. E. H. Nease, Dr. J. B. Craven.

Chairman Board of Trustees: J. Luther Snyder.

Chairmen Board of Stewards: R. I. Dalton, S. T. Atkinson.

Treasurers: J. J. Akers, Ross Puette.

Church School Superintendent: George A. Westbrook.

Presidents Woman's Society of Christian Service: Mrs. Henry Fisher, Mrs. Henry M. Heath, Mrs. S. E. Knowles.

Music Directors and Organists: Mrs. E. Leonidas Smith, Mrs. W. W. Roseman, Mrs. W. M. Field.

Chairmen Board of Education: Mrs. H. R. Birdwell, Mrs. J. Z. Watkins.

Church members received, 591. Membership end of pastorate, 1205.

Net gain Church School membership, 244.

Membership Church School end of pastorate, 995.

Contributed by Church School, \$9,870.00.

Contributed for Benevolences, \$49,355.00.

Contributed by Woman's Society of Christian Service, \$12,067.00.

Contributed for buildings, indebtedness and improvements, \$62,500.00.

Contributed for all purposes, \$215,157.00.

Milestones

October, 1941 Acquisition of neighboring parsonage at 1527 Queens Road.

January, 1942 Property at 1026 Providence Road acquired.

October, 1944 Myers Park Church host to Annual Conference.

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James G. Huggin

OCTOBER 1, 1945—

Presiding Bishops: Bishop Clare Purcell, Bishop Costen J. Harrell.
 District Superintendents: Dr. Embree H. Blackard, Dr. E. H. Nease.
 Chairman Board of Trustees: J. Luther Snyder.
 Chairman Board of Stewards: F. Grainger Pierce, S. R. Brookshire, Richard F. Thigpen, John Paul Lucas, Jr., Ross Puette.
 Treasurers: Ross Puette, W. D. Flintom.
 Church School Superintendents: George A. Westbrook, S. R. Brookshire.
 Presidents Woman's Society of Christian Service: Mrs. S. E. Knowles, Mrs. T. M. Sewell, Mrs. George M. Ivey, Mrs. Oliver Rowe.
 Chairmen Board of Education: Mrs. J. Z. Watkins, S. Herbert Hitch.
 Music Directors and Organists: Mrs. W. M. Field, Eugene Craft.
 Directors of Youth Choirs: Mrs. W. B. Hunt, Jr., Mrs. Hugh Lobdell, Mrs. O. D. Stinson, Mrs. Scott Taylor, Mrs. Eleanor M. Wellman.

Church members received, 556. Membership to date, 1385.

Net gain Church School membership, 379.
 Membership Church School to date, 1374.

Contributed by Church School, \$38,047.00.

Contributed for Benevolences, \$136,828.00.

Contributed by Woman's Society of Christian Service, \$16,121.00.

Contributed for buildings, improvements and indebtedness, \$120,304.00.

Contributed for all purposes, \$539,960.00.

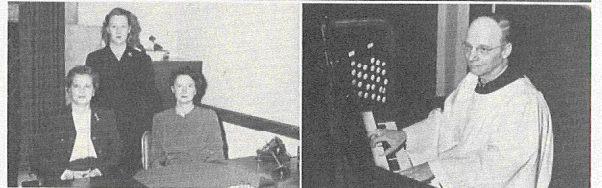
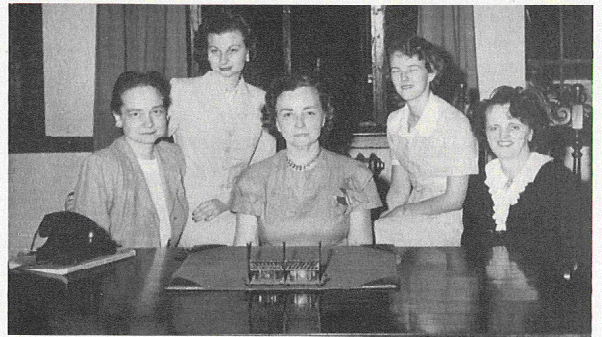
Milestones

- 1947 Chime of fourteen bells.
- 1947 Organization of Week-Day Kindergarten.
- 1950 Pipe organ installed.
- 1950 New chancel constructed.

Our Christian Education program was made more effective by having a Director of Children's Work and a Director of Youth and Young Adult Work.

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Among those who have served are: Mrs. A. L. Wiginton, Jr., first full time Director of Christian Education, employed in 1943; Mrs. T. A. Wilkinson, Jr., Miss Margaret Nell Harvill, Mrs. Sallie Emerson (first full time Church Hostess), Mrs. Elizabeth B. Silver, Miss Katherine Stamey, Miss Beatrice George, Miss Eloise Morris, Mrs. Myrtle B. Young, Mrs. Dee Jennings Owen, Mrs. J. J. Akers, Jr., Mrs. S. E. Knowles, Mrs. Wallace D. Wolfe, Jr., Mrs. G. G. Adams, Jr.



STAFF

Religious Education. L. to R.: Mrs. F. B. Outman, Director Kindergarten; Miss Peg Hartsell, Director Youth Work; Mrs. Elizabeth A. Jarratt, Director Religious Education; Miss Rose Marie Neal, Teacher Kindergarten; Mrs. John T. Wall, Secretary.

Administrative. L. to R.: Mrs. W. L. Wafford, Hostess; Miss Emma Neal, Secretary; Mrs. Brown Culp Chism, Administrative Assistant.

Music: Eugene P. C. Craft, Organist and Director.

Building: Fred Reid, Lucinda Farmer, and Marvin Derr (in faithful service for 19 years).

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Looking To The Future

The road behind is rather clearly seen from this vantage point. It has been a twenty-five-year climb. We have come out at a cleared area and are pausing to observe the view.

The way ahead? The mist of uncertainty lies over the trail. Yet from the lesson of the past and our certainty of God's goodness we can have confident expectations about the future.

The nourishment that builds sinews in the soul will be found in this church. Insight, spiritual discernment, faith and courage to meet this day and bravely tackle its problems are some of the treasures people will carry away when they come here for the fellowship of Christian worship.

Among the tangibles, there will surely be an increasing membership. It is 1400 now. Ten years ago it was 824. Ten years hence it will be 1800, maybe 2000. Our present physical building facilities will be adequate then except for the church school. Within that time some provision will be made for our growing membership.

Among the intangibles we shall confidently hope for the growth of a spirit of oneness which has been developing through the years. It is evident wherever our people come together. It is a sign of living vigor. It would appear, too, that there is more and more a turning to this church for help with the hard problems that plague our existence. Family problems, personal problems, community problems, the yearning for light on the meaning of these dark times. This church is looked to as a dwelling place of the Spirit of our Lord. People will believe, they must believe, that when they earnestly seek Him they will find Him here.

So down the years the people who live in our part of the city will live more bravely, more at peace with themselves and with God. Their family life will be enriched; they will be better citizens of this city and this country; their sympathies will be broader--because on this place stands our church as a constant tutor of the things that are eternal.

—J. G. H.

The Myers Park Organ

A magnificent new Aeolian-Skinner organ has just been installed, at a cost of \$50,000. It was dedicated at a recital by the celebrated Virgil Fox May 8, 1950. In tonal clarity and range it is one of the finest instruments in the Southeast.

The new instrument comprises three manuals and a pedal board; there are 54 speaking stops and no less than 3617 pipes and two percussion instruments—Harp and Chimes. The pipes range in size from the low C of the Pedal Diapason which is 16' long to the top C of the fifteenth which has a speaking length of only 3/4". These extremes cover a frequency range of 32 vibrations per second to 3000 per second. In other words, eight complete octaves.

The general tonal scheme of the organ follows along classical lines in which the pipes are voiced on low wind pressures imparting a singing quality to the tone. Many of the natural harmonics of the fundamental tones are reinforced artificially by additional small pipes called mutation and mixture pipes. These pipes make for clarity of intonation and add brightness to the general effect. They are so voiced and regulated to enable a gradual build-up to be made by the organist until a very clear but complex ensemble is produced. One could liken the effect to the many pieces of glass which form a stained glass window. To this classic structure are added some modern tones which in some cases imitate orchestral instruments such as the English Horn, Clarinet and Flute.

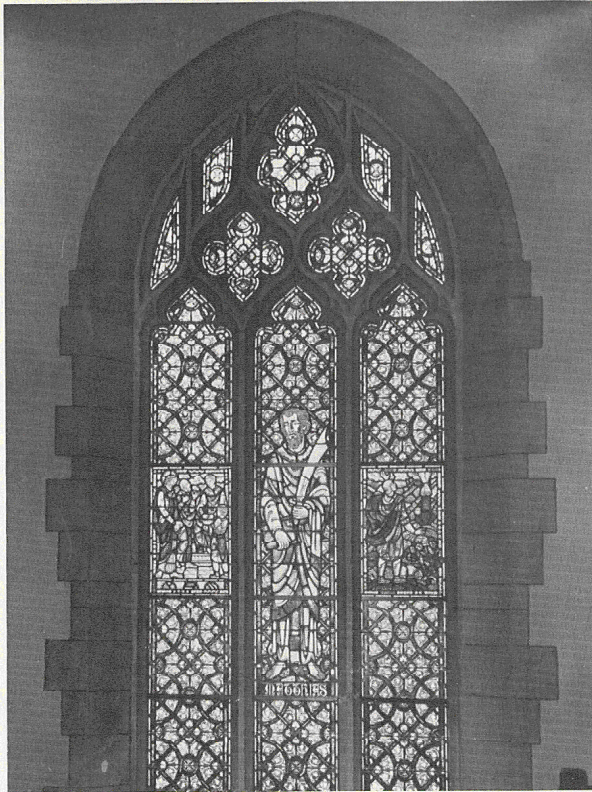
Over 100 miles of wire has been used in making these connections. The console also contains elaborate electro-pneumatic mechanism for controlling the various stops and couplers.

The Myers Park Chime

The tower chime of fourteen tuned bells and one large swinging bell was cast by Gillett and Johnston, at Croydon, England, designers of the chimes at Riverside Church and at the University of Chicago as well as of famous chimes in England and elsewhere. Erected at a cost of over \$20,000, this superb instrument was dedicated November 30, 1947, with Bishop Clare Purcell presiding.

The largest of the tuned bells weighs more than 2,100 pounds and the entire chime aggregates 12,000 pounds.

Much comment is occasioned throughout the neighboring community by the fine quality and sweetness of the bells.



MATTHIAS

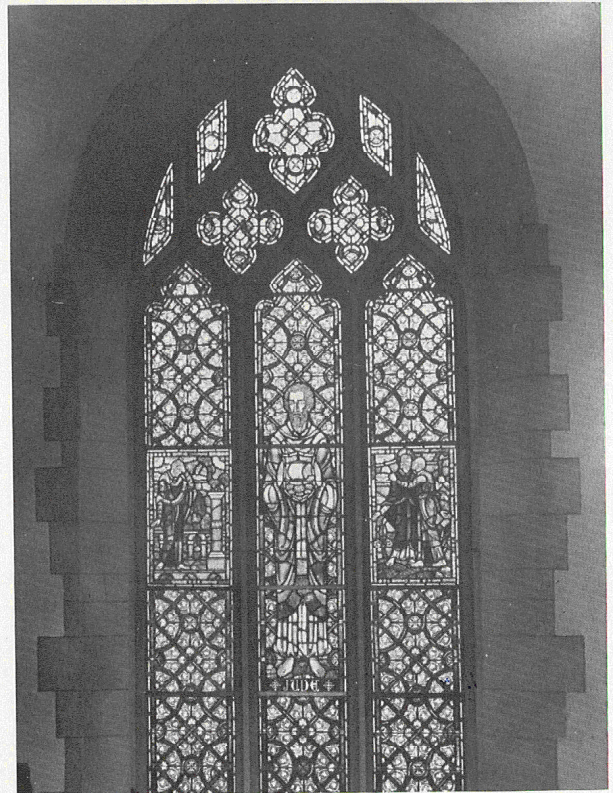
Book for Missionary Work. Scimitar—He was beheaded, says tradition.

On Matthias' right: Jesus before Pilate.

On Matthias' left: The crucifixion.

(Not yet designated)

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JUDE

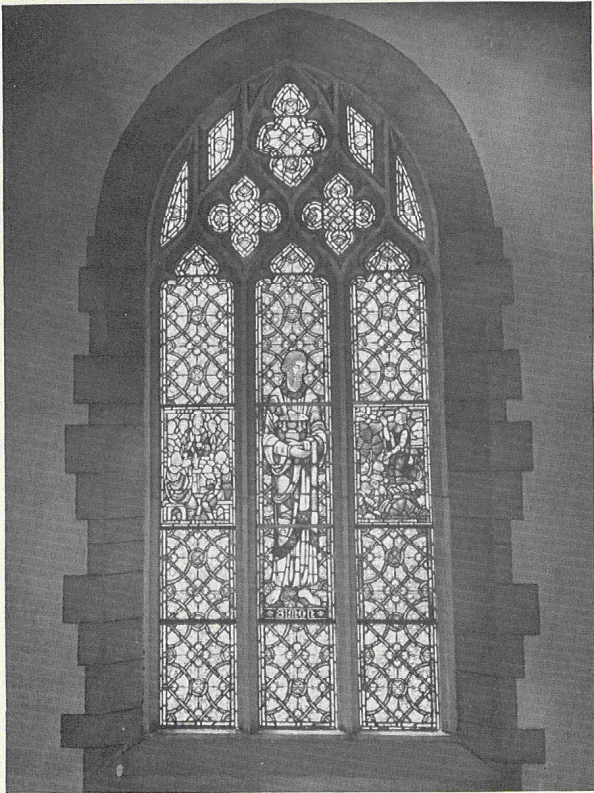
(Not Iscariot.) There is a story that Jude was with shepherds on night of nativity and that as a young boy he held infant Jesus in his arms. Small sailing ship represents *missionary journey*.

On Jude's right: Denial by Peter.

On Jude's left: Betrayal by Judas.

Gift of a member.

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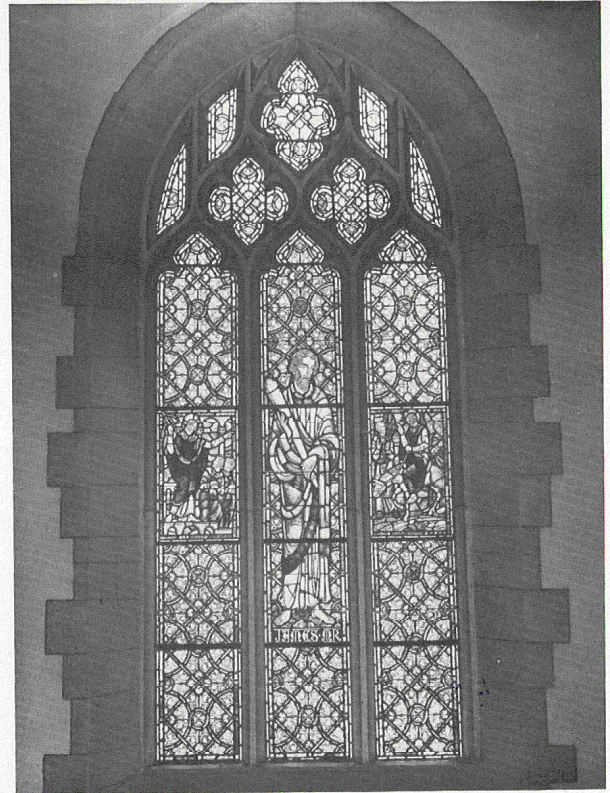


SIMON THE ZEALOT

Fish lying on book. Book is gospel. Fish symbolizes fisher of men.
 On Simon's right: Last supper.
 On Simon's left: Gethsemane.

*Presented in memory of James Lee Crowell and in honor
 of Mrs. James Crowell by Mr. and Mrs. George W. Dowdy.*

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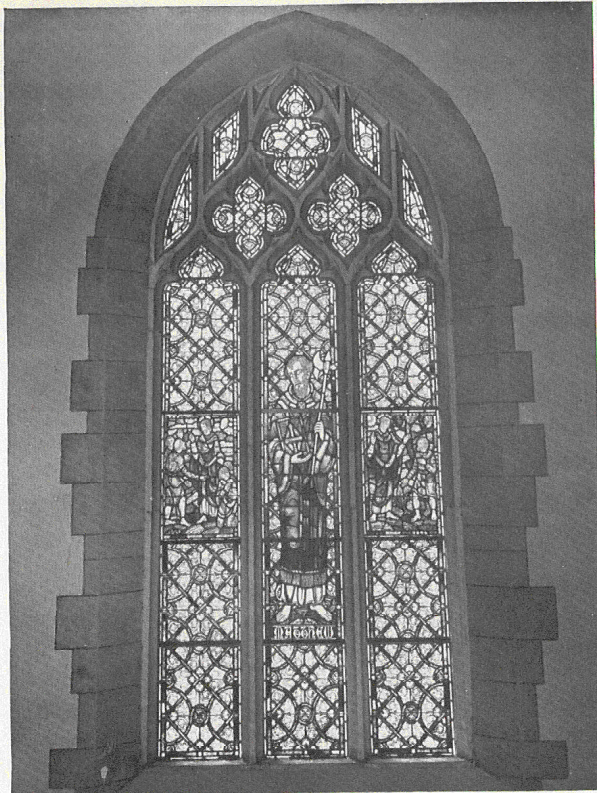


JAMES THE MINOR

Fuller's bat—killed by fuller, it is said.
 On James' right: The cleansing of the temple.
 On James' left: The triumphal entry.

*Presented by the late Mrs. Floyd W. Warrington,
 Mr. Warrington and Martha Warrington.*

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MATTHEW

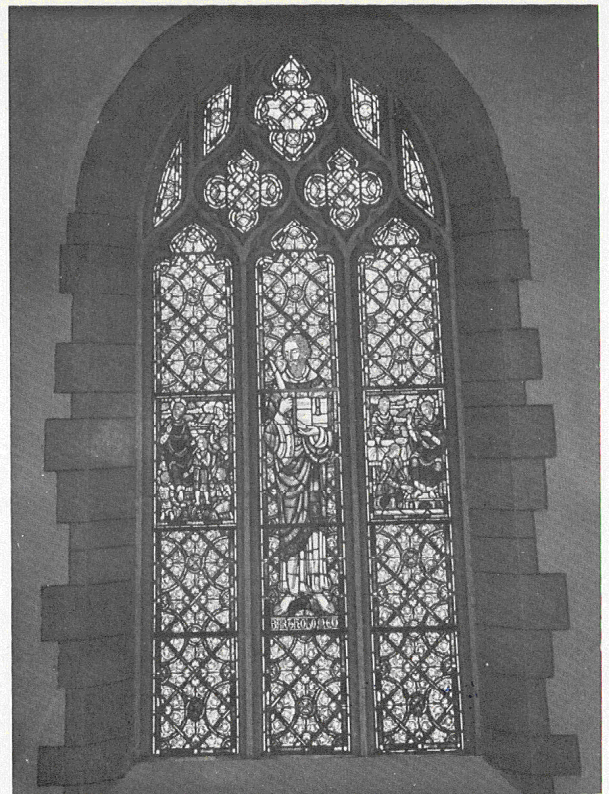
Battle ax—to symbolize his crucifixion and beheading.

On Matthew's right: Christ and sinful woman.

On Matthew's left: Christ and Zaccheus.

*Presented in memory of grandmother, Mrs. Mary Woods Flintom,
by Ann Flintom Stewman, Frances Boyd Flintom and Claire Flintom.*

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BARTHOLOMEW

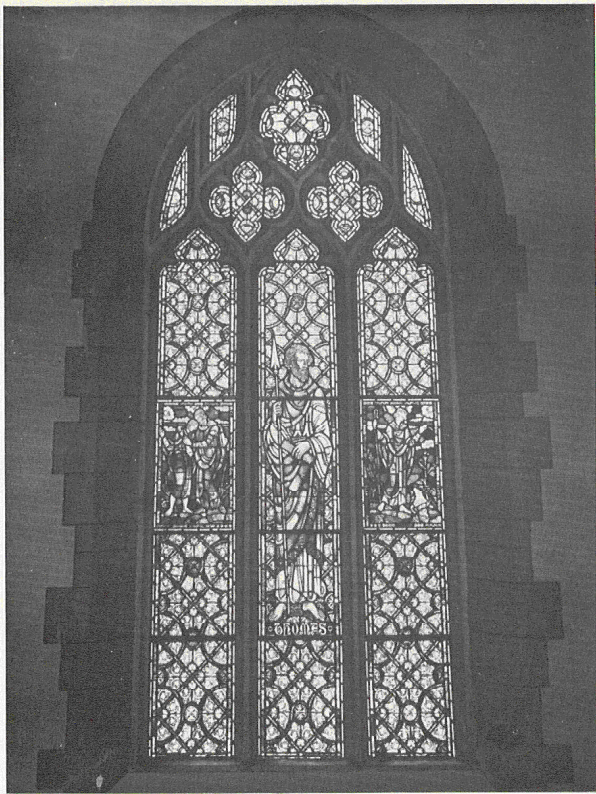
(With slaying knife and book) Tradition says he was flayed, crucified and beheaded.

On Bartholomew's right: Christ and the children.

On Bartholomew's left: Anointing of Jesus' feet.

*Presented in memory of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Gossett and
Mr. and Mrs. Rufus I. Dalton by Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Dalton.*

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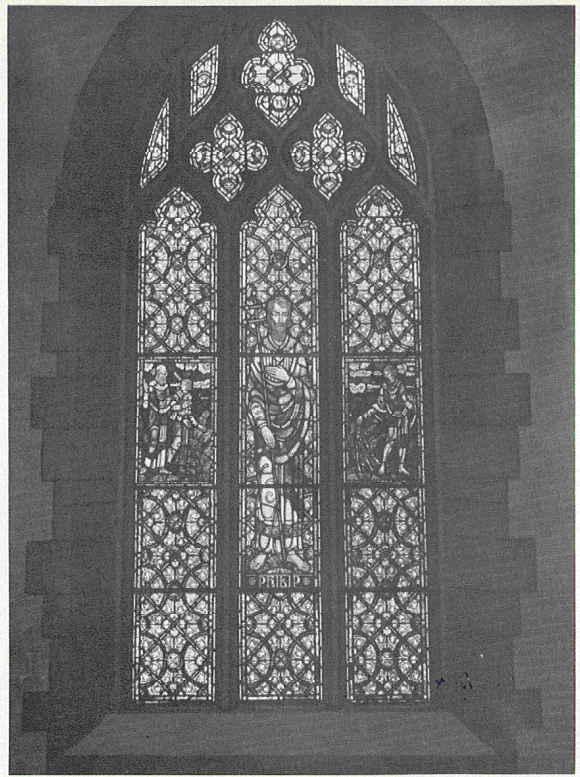


THOMAS

Spear, emblem of martyrdom; square of a builder.
 On Thomas' right: Prodigal son.
 On Thomas' left: The lost sheep.

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 Dr. W. Lester Brooks, Jr. and Mrs. F. T. Miller, Jr.*

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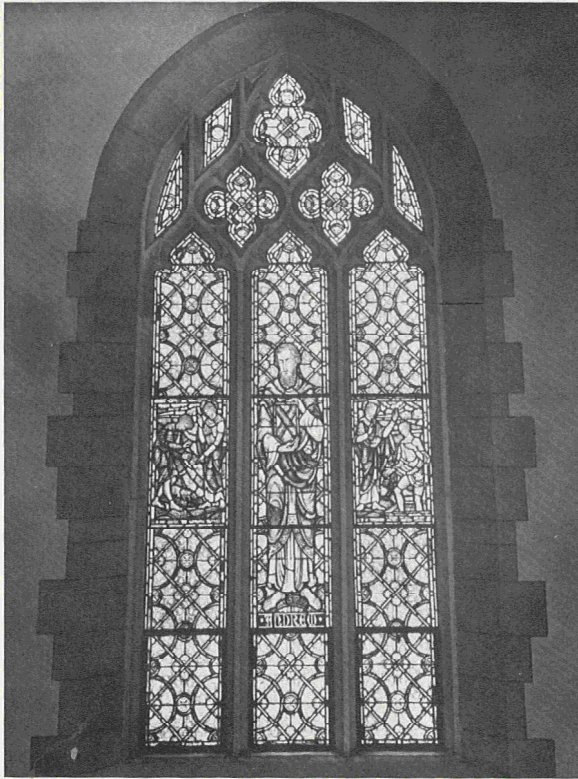


PHILIP

With patriarchal staff, symbolic of his missionary journey into Phrygia.
 On Philip's right: Parable of wheat and tares.
 On Philip's left: Parable of sower.

Presented in memory of H. A. Johnston by Mrs. H. A. Johnston.

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ANDREW

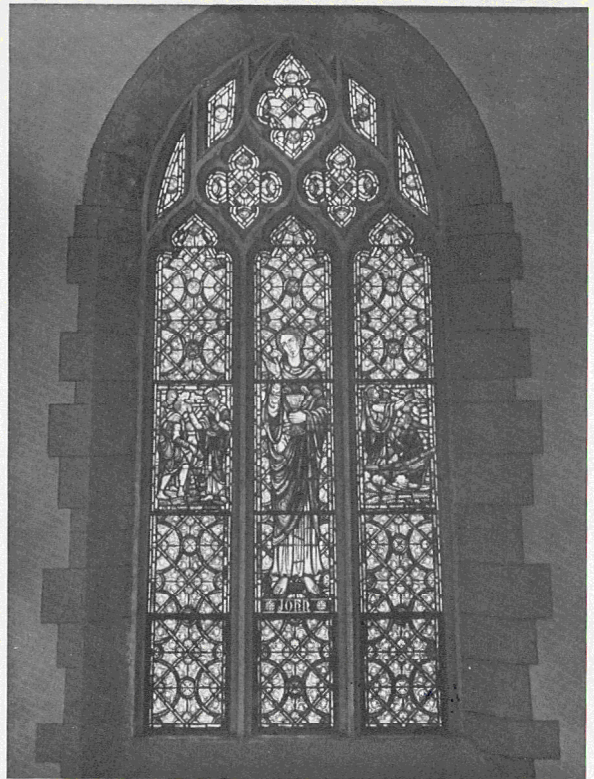
(Shield with cross) Tradition that he died on such a cross.

On Andrew's right: Expelling demons.

On Andrew's left: Raising of Lazarus.

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JOHN

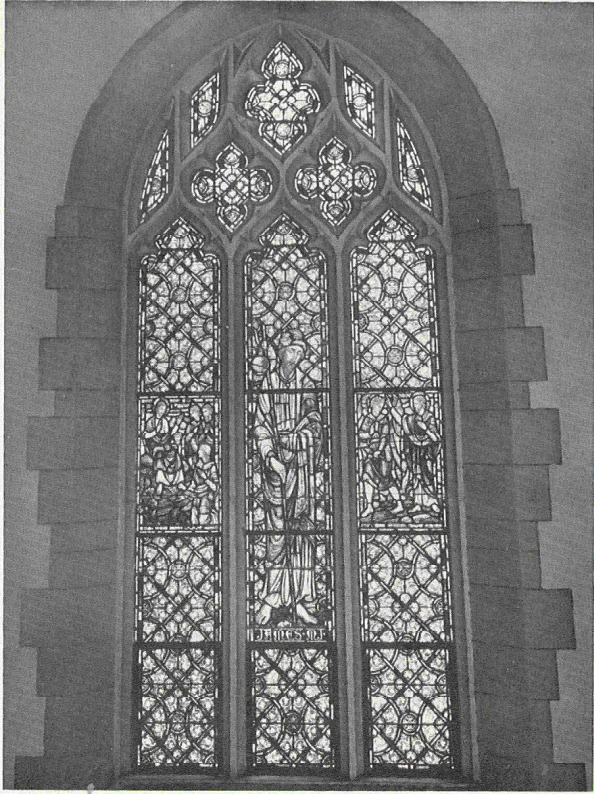
(With cup and serpent) Tradition says enemies attempted to kill him by poison. He made sign of cross and poison disappeared in serpent.

On John's right: Jesus healing the man born blind.

On John's left: Jesus stilling the tempest.

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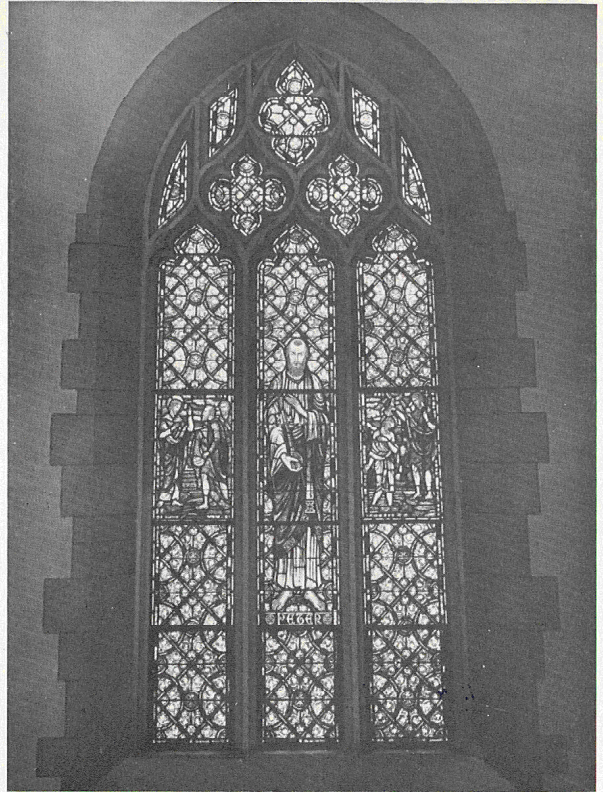


JAMES THE MAJOR

Pilgrim's staff indicates journeys.
 On James' right: Jesus and the woman at the well.
 On James' left: The temptations of Jesus.

Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Earle Whitton.

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SIMON PETER

(With key) "I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven."
 On Peter's right: The calling of Peter and Andrew.
 On Peter's left: The baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist.

*Presented in memory of Mrs. W. L. Sherrill and in honor
 of Rev. W. L. Sherrill by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Sherrill.*

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Side Aisle Windows

JESUS WITH THE ELDERS IN THE TEMPLE

Luke 2: 41-51

Presented by Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Newman and Wallace B. Newman.

PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE

Mary, Joseph, the babe and Simcon. Joseph carries the doves for sacrifice.

Luke 2: 22-32

Presented in memory of J. E. Sebrell by Mrs. J. E. Sebrell.

WISE MEN WORSHIP THE CHILD

Mary, Joseph and the babe. The three wise men offering gifts.

Matt. 2: 11

Presented by Sara Elizabeth Sherrill.

JESUS IN THE HOME WITH MARY AND JOSEPH

Luke 2: 51

Presented in memory of the Rev. Edward Leigh Pell, D.D., by Mr. and Mrs. Allison H. Pell.

FLIGHT INTO EGYPT

Mary on the little beast with babe in her arms.
Joseph walking beside her with burden on his back.

Matt. 2: 14-15

Presented by Mr. and Mrs. George L. Sibley.

ANGEL UNTO JOSEPH, "GO INTO EGYPT"

Matt. 2: 13

Presented in memory of his mother, Mrs. Sarah Webb Steger, by Mr. Emmett H. Steger.

SHEPHERD'S STAR AND CHILD

Mary, Joseph and the babe in the manger.
Shepherd boy holding lamb. Star in the sky.

Luke 2: 8-20

Presented in memory of C. W. Hunt by Mrs. C. W. Hunt.

ANNUNCIATION TO MARY

Luke 1: 30-31

Presented by Mrs. Connie Sherrill de Quevedo.

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The Anniversary Calendar

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

11:00 A.M. Morning Service Dr. C. E. Rozzelle, Preacher
5:00 P.M. Cantata *Peace*, by Lamar Stringfield, with text by
Marian Sims. Mr. Stringfield conducting.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

6:30 P.M. Dinner honoring Organizers and Charter Members.
8:00 P.M. Evening Service Dr. Gordon Rupp, Speaker

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

11:00 A.M. Morning Service Dr. Gilbert R. Combs, Preacher
5:00 P.M. Program of Music for Organ and String Quartet.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

6:30 P.M. Dinner honoring those who have served as Stewards
and Trustees.
8:00 P.M. Evening Service, Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Speaker

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

11:00 A.M. Morning Service Dr. R. Dwight Ware, Preacher
5:00 P.M. John Morton, Organist, and Choir of Dilworth Meth-
odist Church, J. S. Quimby, Director.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:30 P.M. Dinner honoring those who have served at any time
as Church School Workers.
8:00 P.M. Evening Service Dr. Mack B. Stokes, Speaker

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

11:00 A.M. Morning Service Dr. R. L. Ownbey, Preacher
5:00 P.M. Richard Van Sciver, Organist, St. Peter's Episcopal
Church.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

6:30 P.M. Dinner honoring Officers and Circle Chairmen of the
Woman's Society who have served since our church
was organized.
8:00 P.M. Evening Service, Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, Speaker

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

11:00 A.M. Morning Service Dr. Embree H. Blackard, Preacher
5:00 P.M. Marilyn Fenwick, Organist, Myers Park Baptist
Church.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

6:30 P.M. Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Dinner.
8:00 P.M. Evening Service Admiral W. N. Thomas, Speaker

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

11:00 A.M. Morning Service Rev. James G. Huggin, Preacher
(Everyone is invited to participate in the Thursday suppers)