

CENTENNIAL



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Relatively few are granted the privilege of serving a church that has reached a milestone as significant as a 100th anniversary. I feel very privileged to be serving our Lord and this church on such a momentous occasion. It is an awesome feeling to step up to the pulpit where the Word of God has been proclaimed for so many years and to realize that one is a part of the great tradition of heralding the Good News of Jesus Christ.

As privileged as I may feel, I think the honor and joy of our church members is even greater. There are many here who can attest to the great mercy and faithfulness of God from their experience of a quarter to half century or more of membership. Those who haven't been here as long have learned much from the others, even as they contribute their own part to the ongoing story, and together share the joy and praise to God.

We have been privileged to have some very good men serve here. Most have gone on to other pastorates, while some assumed denominational responsibilities, teaching assignments at Bethel and missions work. Of greater significance is the fact that many who have been members here also serve the Lord as pastors, pastor's wives, missionaries, educators, and in other full-time Christian work. But, greatest of all is the fact that the Lord has produced through the ministry of Calvary Baptist Church generations of men, women, and children who also serve Him with equal dedication and commitment and blessing in all walks of life.

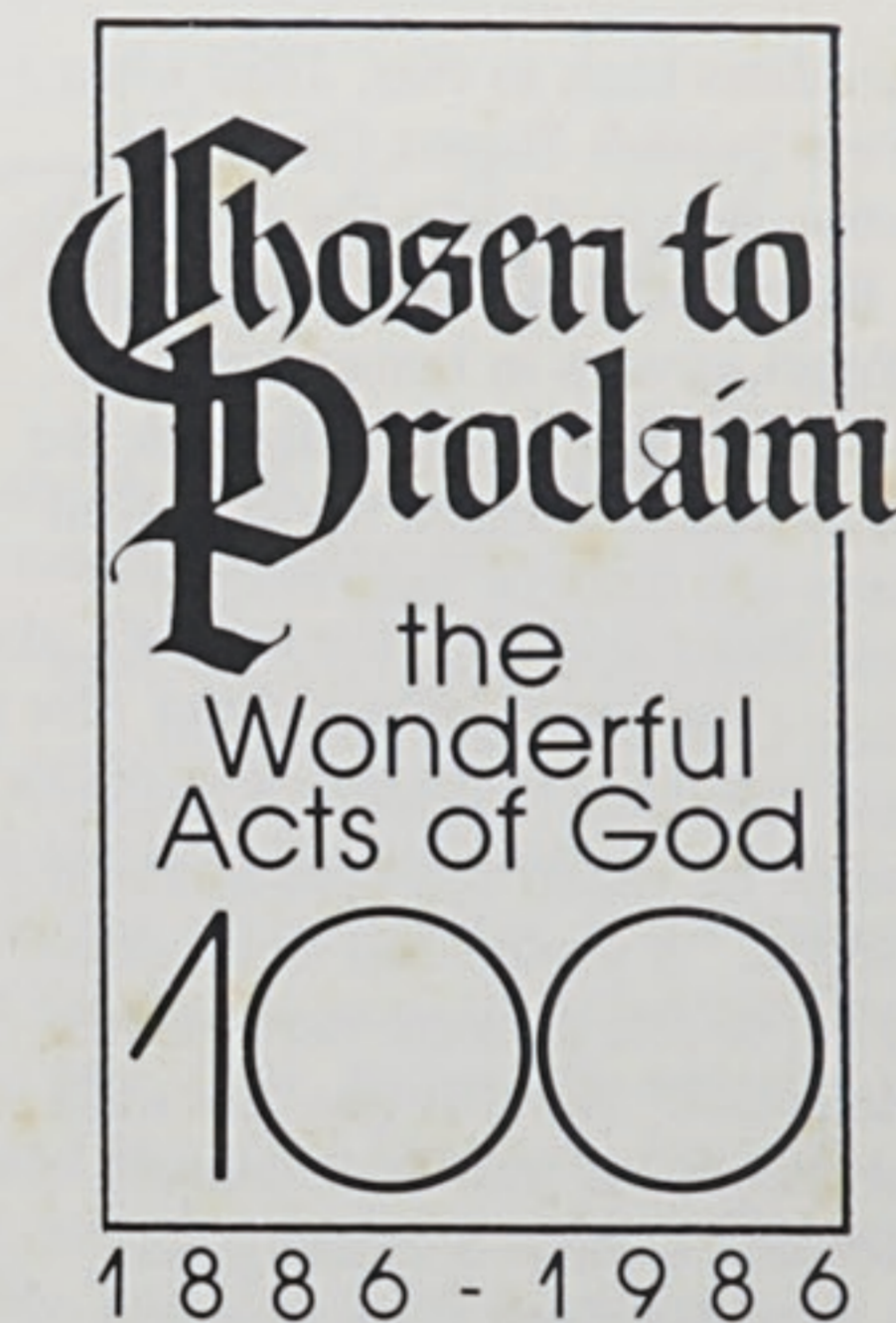
Our commitment to the future is to continue here in Evanston, holding forth the Word of God. Calvary Baptist has had a significant impact on our community in the past. We pray for the continued privilege of doing so in the future as lives are transformed by Jesus Christ. As these lives are transformed, we pray that they will make a difference at work or play, in school and neighborhood—to the glory and praise of God. May we in all ways continue to "Proclaim the wondrous acts of God."

*Gary H. Mueller*

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*Holding forth the word of life, —  
That I may rejoice in the day of Christ  
that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain.*

*Philippians 2:16*



# History

*"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."*

*Hebrews 11:1, 2.*

## 1882

The origin of this church dates back to May, 1882 when some members of the First Swedish Baptist Church of Chicago, living in Evanston, met to discuss the possibility of starting a mission in Evanston. A decision was reached to commence holding gospel services in homes and in a North Evanston school building and to especially seek the spiritual welfare of Swedish people living in the city. How Evanston looked 100 years ago must be described by those who lived here then. Northwest University was here and so was the aristocracy. Cow pastures, trails, mud roads and unpaved streets were quite common. A noted educator reported that when he visited this community in the last quarter of the 1800's, "A person had to be either one of three things in order to feel at home here—either a tree, a squirrel or a Methodist." Nevertheless, the small group of Swedish Baptists continued with their mission.

The next important recorded event is a meeting held Sept. 30, 1885 in North Evanston when the pastor and other leaders in the Chicago First Church were present to counsel with the local group concerning the future of the mission. The result of this meeting was a reorganization of the project with G. R. Nyden serving as chairman, August Rosain, secretary and August Ahlberg, treasurer. The group now numbered 18, and these agreed together to contribute the sum of \$12 per month for the support of the work.

On Oct. 5, 1885, the Chicago First Church voted to grant the members working in the Evanston mission the privilege of observing the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's supper as well as receiving new members into the church.

Rev. N. E. Nelson, a young man who had been serving as a missionary for the Illinois Swedish Baptist Conference, was called to take up the work as preacher and



**N. E. Nelson**  
Oct. 1885—April 1886

leader of this reorganized group. Union Hall on Davis St. was rented for the public services. The audiences increased steadily.

Pastor Nelson remained with the Evanston group only about six months, he then moved to Rock Island. Seventeen new members had been added to the group during his brief ministry. Rev. John Olander of Providence, R. I. accepted the call to come and take up the work with the Evanston mission. He began his ministry here May 23, 1886, and just a week later a decision was reached to call a council for the purpose of discussing the advisability of organizing the mission into a regular Swedish Baptist Church.

## 1886 The Birth

This council met on June 9, 1886 and after due deliberations voted to recommend that the group be organized into a church. The Evanston members were asked to form a circle with hands clasped one with another, and with the circle as a symbol, Rev. Ongman urged each member to remain loyal and true to Christ and the Church. Prayer was offered by Rev. Eric Wingren.

Charter members of the church were the following: Rev. John Olander, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Nyden, Mr. and Mrs. August Ahlberg, Mr. and Mrs. Olof Almstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Olof Oslund, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Oslund, Mr. and Mrs. August Roasin, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Anderson, Margreta Torgeson, Anna Engberg, Sofie Gustafson, Charlotte Erickson, Lina Norr, Anna Hanson, Elisabeth Klingberg, Selma Johnson, Hedvig Johanson, Loviso Erickson, Hanna Hoglander, Mary Johanson, Emma Jaspersen, Alma Falk, Hanna Strandberg, and Mary Nelson.

The following were elected to serve as officers of the newly organized church: Rev. John Olander, pastor; G. R. Nyden and Olof Almstrom, deacons; August Ahlberg, treasurer; Adolph Anderson, song leader; and Mrs. Adolph Anderson, organist. It was decided that pastor Olander's salary was to be \$30 per month, making a total sum of \$360 per year. The American Baptist Home Mission Society graciously offered to pay \$200 per year towards the minister's salary.

Encouraged by a steady growth the church appointed a

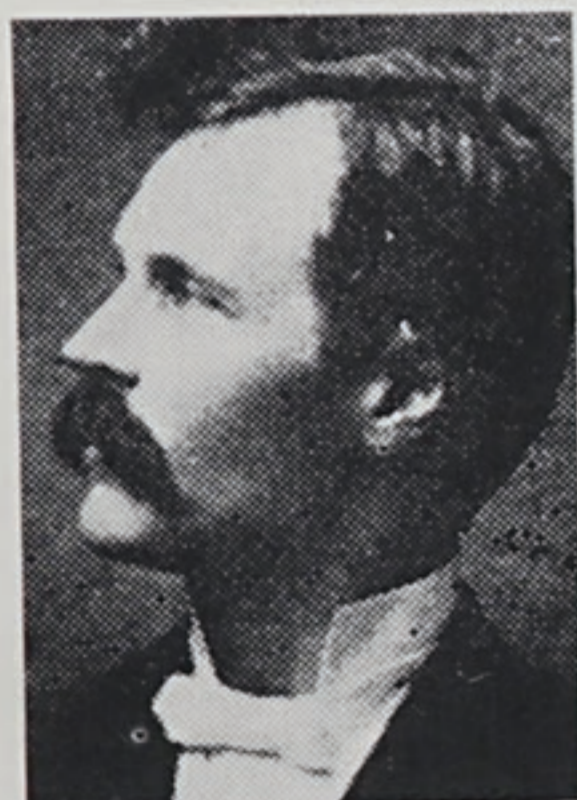


**John Olander**  
May 1886—Mar. 1887





**Carl A. Johnson**  
Nov. 1887—Sept. 1889



**Charles Palm**  
Sept. 1889—Nov. 1896

committee to seek a suitable location for a church building. Lots were later purchased on the corner of Lake St. and Elmwood Ave. for \$2,250.

Rev. Olander remained only about ten months with the church and was succeeded by Rev. Carl A. Johnson whose ministry here likewise was short, lasting about 22 months. However, the church continued to grow, and when Pastor Johnson left to enter the seminary at Morgan Park the membership was recorded at 50. A Sunday School and Young People's Society were started during this time.

The next pastor was Rev. Charles Palm from Lindsborg, Kan., who arrived in September 1889. A welcome reception was held for the new pastor in a grove of trees in North Evanston. The first few years of Pastor Palm's ministry were discouraging since many of the members moved out of the city. After this discouraging time the tide turned and the church made enough progress to erect a building at what is now 820 Lake St. The first story was used as a church, and the upper story was used as a parsonage. This building was erected by the Anderson Brothers Contracting Company at a cost of \$1,540. This building was dedicated Jan. 2, 1892, but from the very beginning it proved to be inadequate for the now rapidly growing congregation.

## 1894 Building Begun

On June 2, 1894 a contract was let to the Anderson Brothers for the erection of a brick church edifice on the corner of Lake St. and Elmwood Ave. at a cost of \$4,370. This building was completed by June 7, 1895 and has been the congregation's house of worship ever since.

## 1896 First Decade

Rev. Palm resigned on November 16, 1896 and moved to San Francisco. The next pastor was Rev. A. G. Hall



This was the appearance of our church building as originally constructed in 1884. The building to the left was the original "church" meeting place.



**A. G. Hall**  
Feb. 1897—Oct. 1900



**F. V. Hedeem**  
Jan. 1901—April 1905

who came from Tacoma, Wash., arriving here Feb. 1, 1897. Rev. Hall wrote and published a book entitled "History of Swedish Baptists" during his Evanston ministry. He was here four years, resigning Oct. 27, 1900, and moving to Cleveland, Ohio.

F. V. Hedeem, a student at Morgan Park, was engaged as temporary pastor, and he began his work here in Jan.,



1901. The following July he was called to serve as regular pastor. During Rev. Hedeem's first year here there were 23 baptisms.

In Jan., 1903 the church began to publish a monthly paper called *Forsamlings Klockan*, later called *The Church Bell*, which was continued until 1932 when the weekly mimeographed bulletin replaced it. Rev. Hedeem resigned Apr. 30, 1905. He was succeeded by Rev. Ragnar A. Arlander who commenced his work here Sept. 15, 1905, coming from Valley, Nebraska.



**Ragnar Arlander**  
Sept. 1905—Nov. 1909

## 1906 *We Come of Age*

The house at 1431 Elmwood Ave. was purchased in 1907 for the sum of \$3,000. The Illinois Swedish Baptist Conference was entertained by the church in 1908, and the church was richly rewarded by the spiritual inspiration it received.

After a pastorate of four years Rev. Arlander resigned and moved to Big Springs, S.D. He left the church in a very favorable condition according to the testimony of his successor, Rev. John A. Swanson, who came to take the work the following month—Dec., 1909. Pastor Swanson had previously served the Chicago Fourth Church as minister. An eloquent speaker and wise leader, Rev. Swanson continued to lead the work on in progress.



**John A. Swanson**  
Dec. 1909—Jan. 1913

## 1911 *Silver Anniversary*

In 1911 the 25th anniversary of the church was celebrated. Rev. Swanson resigned after a ministry here of over three years and moved to Minneapolis where he became pastor of the Bethel Swedish Baptist Church. Rev. J. Alfred Erikson of Rockford, Ill. became the next pastor beginning his ministry here Oct. 3, 1913. Rev. Erikson's messages were warm and evangelistic, and souls were added to the church. Rev. Erikson's labor with the church



### DEACONS AND TRUSTEES, 1911

FIRST ROW: Victor Carlson, Adolph Anderson, Rev. John Swanson, August Ahlberg, G. R. Nyden, SECOND ROW: Joel Erickson, John Dahlgren, Emil Nord, C. F. Johnson, Carl Werner.

here lasted nearly three and a half years. Then he moved to Duluth to become pastor of the Swedish Baptist Temple. Rev. Elam Anderson, a student at the Chicago University, served very successfully as interim pastor for several months. It was during this time that the English language was given a regular place in the services of the church, alternating every other Sunday forenoon with the Swedish.

## 1916 *Thirty*

Rev. G. E. Wallendorf was the next pastor, coming here from Concordia, Kan., and beginning his work Sept. 1, 1917. Again the guiding hand of God was seen in sending the church the right man for the hour. The world war was on and a spirit of unrest prevailed everywhere. Most of the young men of the church were called into service for the country. The use of foreign languages in services was greatly curtailed. Living conditions became more and more abnormal. Then arrived the epidemic of influenza. Imbued with the spirit of Jesus, who came not to be ministered unto but to minister, Pastor Wallendorf gave himself to the task of preaching, comforting, helping and encouraging. Though his ministry here was brief, lasting less than two years, it was of enduring worth to the church. The



**J. Alfred Erikson**  
Oct. 1913—April 1917



**G. E. Wallendorf**  
Sept. 1917—June 1919





**Eric Scherstrom**  
June 1919—April 1928

call to become Sunday School worker in the Minnesota Conference meant losing him from the Evanston church. Rev. Eric Scherstrom, formerly of the Chicago Second Church, accepted the Evanston call and began his ministry here in June, 1919. The church was facing serious problems. The reaction from the war fever was felt by the churches of the land, and readjustments had to be made. The language question, the use of individual communion cups, and the need of remodeling the church building were matters of no small importance. Having delayed this project for several years the need of remodeling the church edifice came to a climax in 1920 when it was agreed that the work of reconstruction should be done under the supervision of Mr. N. P. Severing for \$18,450.



The Remodeled Church, 1921

## 1926 *Into Maturity*

Non-Swedish members were coming into the church, and it became more and more imperative to use the English language. The transition was made without any

serious disturbance due to the spirit of Christian charity shown by the older members and the able leadership of the pastor. The question of changing the name of the church and dropping the word "Swedish" took more time, but that too, when the time came, was done peaceably.

After almost nine years as pastor of this church Rev. Scherstrom could not be persuaded to continue any longer. Rev. Emil T. Carlson from Brantford, Kan., accepted the call to take up the work here and was welcomed on Apr. 14, 1928. His ministry here, like that of several others, was comparatively brief lasting for about two and one half years. The value, however, of one's service cannot always be judged by length of time; neither are all values now discernable to man's eyes.

Rev. William Turnwall began his ministry here on May 10, 1931, coming from Denver, Colo. Under Pastor Turnwall's leadership the church continued to grow at a healthy rate. There were 152 members in the church when Pastor Turnwall came, and the Lord continued to bless the church so that when he finished his ministry here in 1939 the church had 256 recorded members.



**Emil T. Carlson**  
April 1928—Oct. 1930

## 1936 *Fifty and Jubilee*

The 50th anniversary of the church was celebrated in the form of a Jubilee week. Some of the speakers and former pastors that attended were: Rev. Charles Palm, Rev. Eric Scherstrom, Rev. G. E. Wallendorf, Rev. John A. Swanson, Rev. R. A. Arlander, and Rev. Arthur Erickson. Several out-of-town friends also attended. These included Mrs. Oscar Erickson and Mrs. Charles Erickson, a charter member; Mrs. Victor Lundberg and Dr. G. A. Hagstrom. A 50th anniversary booklet was prepared by Rev. William Turnwall.

Also during 1936 Mr. Carl Seaberg made and donated the pulpit that is used in our church, and Mrs. Peter Hanson donated the pulpit light. Mr. N. P. Severing presented the communion table made of wood taken from the White House.



**William Turnwall**  
May 1931—Aug. 1939





**DEACONS AND TRUSTEES, 1936**

FIRST ROW: John Dahlgren, Nels Severin, Rev. William Turnwall, David Nord, Carl Werner, SECOND ROW: Alf Swartnes, Fred Jacobson, Eugene Anderson, William Dahlgren, Magnus Nepstad, THIRD ROW: Helmer Gillen, Carl Lundeen, Victor Carlson, Martin Bell.

Calvary Baptist Church was host to the Illinois General Conference in 1937. Also during this year a new boiler was installed in the church, and the passageway between the church and parsonage was constructed.

Pastor Turnwall was very active in conference work during his ministry at Calvary. For example, in 1939 he was chairman of the Illinois Conference board and secretary of the General Conference Mission Board. The church was sad when Pastor Turnwall ended his ministry here in Aug., 1939 and went to Temple Baptist Church in Duluth, Minnesota.

Rev. Lester E. Thompson was the next pastor, coming



10 **Lester E. Thompson**  
Nov. 1939—Sept. 1942



**C. B. Sanders**  
Feb. 1943—Mar. 1945

in Nov., 1939 from Waukegan. The church continued to grow during Pastor Thompson's three year ministry. In 1941 the only surviving charter member went home to be with the Lord. This was Mrs. Caroline Erickson, mother of Mrs. Ruth Knapp and Mrs. Laura Lundberg. Pastor Thompson resigned in Sept. of 1942.

Rev. C. B. Sanders of Joliet, Ill. accepted the call as pastor, beginning his ministry on Feb. 1, 1943. It was during this time that the membership role reached a record number of 271. The church had the privilege of participating in two joyous events in 1944, as Mr. and Mrs. Joel Erickson celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary, and Mr. Richard C. Warner was ordained for the gospel ministry. Pastor Sanders resigned in March 1945, after two years of service.



**Cecil Wagstaff**  
May 1945—Feb. 1947

*1946 Sixty*

As World War II drew to a close, it was reported that Calvary had 49 young people in the armed forces, and we are very thankful that there were no gold stars. During Pastor Wagstaff's ministry, Merritt Kine was ordained to the ministry of Jesus Christ. Pastor Wagstaff resigned on Feb. 28, 1947 concluding a ministry of almost two years.

While the church was without a pastor our own Rev. William Tapper undertook direction for the few months until we could secure an undershepherd.



**Walter E. Julien**  
June 1947—June 1954

Rev. Walter E. Julien of St. Cloud, Minn., accepted the pastorate and took up the work here on June 1, 1947. During this same month a Hammond electric organ was installed in the sanctuary. Rich Bible exposition with a warm, evangelistic undertone characterized Pastor Julien's messages, and his enthusiastic zeal was passed on to the congregation. During his ministry, the upper apartment at 820 Lake St. was remodeled and used as a Sunday School annex, the Sunday School contributing \$500 to this project. In 1953, the memorial fund in memory of Doris Gillen was used to install a public address system in our church.

Rev. Julien felt that his ministry was complete after seven years and resigned on June 29, 1954.



Dr. Samuel Schultz, of Wheaton College, was called as interim pastor, and he served until Feb. 1955. We thank God for these Spirit-filled men who are willing to come and direct the church when we are without a minister.

Rev. E. James Schubring accepted our call and started his ministry in Feb. of 1955, coming from Green Bay, Wisconsin.



**E. James Schubring**  
Feb. 1955—Oct. 1959

## 1956 Seventy

During Pastor Schubring's dedicated ministry, we saw many changes take place in the physical structure of our church. The inside of the building was painted, the woodwork blonded, and the kitchen modernized. The exterior of the building was sandblasted and reroofed. Also the Christian Education Committee was formed.

Pastor Schubring resigned after four and one-half years of faithful labor in Oct. of 1959. Rev. Schubring is presently the Protestant chaplain at the Lakeside Veterans Hospital in Chicago. Mrs. Schubring is the office administrator for the North Area Youth for Christ. The Schubrings live in Mt. Prospect.

Rev. Richard Rud, of the Moody Bible Institute, did an excellent job of supplying the pulpit until we called Pastor Glenn in 1960. Rev. Rud recently retired from the pastoral staff of the Arlington Heights Free Church.

Pastor and Mrs. Alfred Glenn came to Calvary in June of 1960. We are thankful for their leadership and devotion to God which encouraged and challenged us. During their ministry, we tore down the parsonage that had stood for many years next to the church and put up an educational and fellowship building in its place. Several young couples were added to our church rolls.



**Alfred Glenn**  
June 1960—Aug. 1964

# 1961 Diamond Jubilee

In 1961, we celebrated the 75th anniversary of Calvary.



### DEACONS AND TRUSTEES, 1961

FIRST ROW: Wilbert Johnson, L. Seymour Bennett, Carl Ekstrand, Helmer Gillen, SECOND ROW: Kenneth Tribbey, John Gault, William Hesketh Sr., John Blasius, Dr. Oscar Dahlgren, THIRD ROW: Richard Pearson, Alf Swartnes, Dr. Sol Flores, Pastor Glenn. Not pictured: Hilding Carlson, Frank Rylander.

Pastor Glenn worked for his doctorate while at Calvary and left in 1964 to return to Bethel as Campus Pastor. Later he became Professor of Old Testament Teachings. He is still teaching at Bethel Seminary.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Stevens came to Calvary from Rochester, MN, in August of 1964. He and Marilyn encouraged us to start small group Bible studies and to participate in different outreach programs, such as our Message of Hope telephone ministry. During this time we reached a high point with our club program. Both the Awana boys and Pioneer girls clubs reached out and ministered to the youth of our community. At this time the church had two mortgages to pay off. One for the new parsonage in Skokie and one on the new educational



building. Pastor Stevens encouraged us to strengthen our missions outreach even under these conditions. Pastor and Mrs. Stevens concluded their ministry with us in February of 1970.



**Charles Stevens**  
Aug. 1964—Feb. 1970



**Lloyd Dahlquist**  
Feb. 1970—May 1977

Pastor and Mrs. Dahlquist came to Calvary in Feb. 1970, taking up their ministry the week following the farewell for the Stevens. Pastor Dahlquist enriched our lives by his strong pulpit ministry and as an example of a dedicated worker. Under his leadership we helped to start the Haitian Baptist Church two blocks south of Calvary in the old Evangelical Free Church building. As a part of our 90th anniversary we remodeled the lower auditorium and air conditioned our main sanctuary. During their ministry we sold the parsonage in Skokie and paid off our loan on the new educational building. Pastor Dahlquist retired in May of 1977 after serving seven and one half years at Calvary. Only pastors Eric Scherstrom and William Turnwall had a longer ministry in Evanston. Pastor and Mrs. Dahlquist are still members and attend regularly except when engaged in pulpit supply or interim work.

Pastor Oriel Hanson stepped in and served as our interim pastor in May and June of 1977. He did a fine job of carrying on the work of the church until we called Rev. Fred Swedberg as pastor.

Pastor and Mrs. Swedberg came to Calvary in June of 1977. During their ministry Pastor Swedberg gave us a strong pulpit ministry with his expository preaching. He



**Oriel Hanson**  
May 1977

and Wibby also introduced us to small group fellowships where we got to know many of the new people who periodically came to worship at Calvary. It was under Pastor Swedberg's leadership that the Constitution Review Committee was formed. Pastor Swedberg also kept a pictorial record of the people and events of Calvary and periodically we were treated to a slide presentation. In June of 1983 the Swedbergs were called to the Evangelical Baptist Church of Norwood, MA, where they are still serving.



**Frederick Swedberg**  
June 1977—June 1983



**Fred Lutes**  
June 1983—Oct. 1983

Pastor Fred Lutes was very sensitive to the needs of each individual and to the needs of the church as he served as interim from June until October of 1983.

Our present pastor, Rev. Gary H. Mueller, brings a variety of church experience with him as he serves the Lord with us. He has been a church planter for the Midwest Baptist Conference, an associate pastor in New Hampshire, pastor and interim pastor of churches in Massachusetts and Illinois.

Gary committed his life to Christ as a youth during a vacation Bible school and felt shortly thereafter the Lord's leading into pastoral ministry. His preparation to serve



included two years at Bethel College, a B.A. in Philosophy from Wheaton College, and the Master of Divinity degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. While in seminary our pastor distinguished himself with academic scholarships and a teaching fellowship in Old Testament Studies. After graduation from seminary Gary was ordained by his home church, Calvary Baptist Church of Hastings, MN in June, 1974.

Pastor Gary and his wife Betsy met while at Bethel College. Betsy, in addition to being the wife of a pastor and a busy homemaker, has also served the Lord on church committees, as a choir member and church organist, and Bible study leader. The Muellers' will have been married 15 years this July and have 3 children: Kristin, 11; Kellie, 9; and Kevan, 3. Together they strive to live as a witness to their friends and neighbors of the love of Jesus Christ.



**Gary H. Mueller**  
Oct. 1983—present



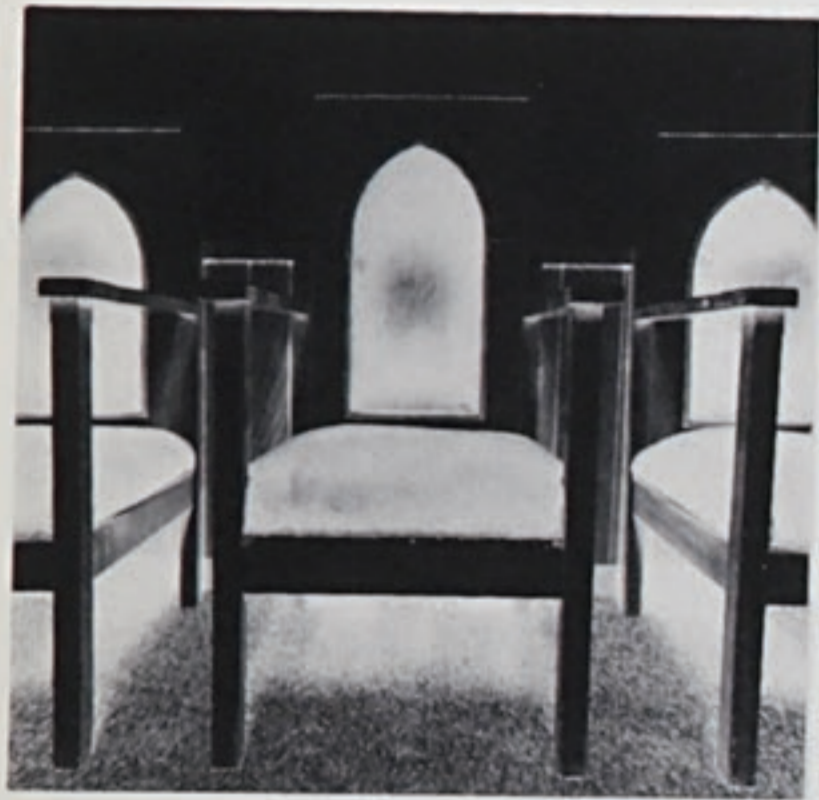
1986  
*A Century  
of God's  
Grace*



Elders & Diaconate, after church, May 25, 1986  
Ray Harling, Gary Mueller, Betsy Mueller, Ken Tribbey, Tom Mason,  
Tom Mensch, Dennis Dugan, Jeanette Antoniuck, Trudy McCauley,  
Jeff Chamberlain, Rich Hesketh, Jim McCauley, Diane Hesketh,  
Carl Ekstrand.



# Names Through the Years



## Deacons and Elders

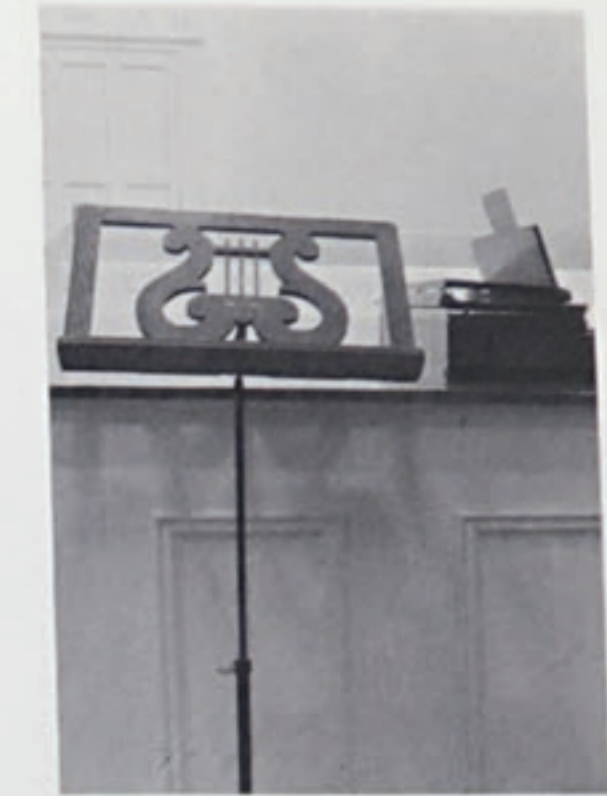
The following brethren have served as deacons or elders during the first century: August Ahlberg, Axel Ahlberg, Olof Almstrom, Eugene Anderson, Roy Anderson, Kurt Avery, Lindsey Bennett, L. S. Bennett, Martin Bell, Ernest Borgeson, Gordon Burkett, James B. Cairns, Sr., Victor Carlson, Jeff Chamberlain, August Dahlgren, John Dahlgren, Dr. Oscar Dahlgren, William Dahlgren, Donald Dvorak, Carl Ekstrand, C. G. Erickson, Oscar Erickson, Pierre Ferwerda, Dr. S. Sol Flores, Edward Frye, John W. Gault, George Gillen, Gordon Gillen, Helmer Gillen, Harry Hahne, Raymond Harling, Richard Hesketh, William Lackman, Thure Larson, Morris Lewellyn, Carl Lundeen, Tom Mason, Jim McCauley, Joe McKenzie, Ted Miller, Terry Muck, Magnus Nepstad, David Nord, G. R. Nyden, Sig Pearson, Rainer Ratinac, Robert Ricks, David Root, Eugene Spencer, Dan Swanson, Alf Swartnes, Theodore Swartnes, Dave Sunde, John E. Tapper, John Taylor, Fred Tooze, Kenneth Tribbey, Sr., Dr. N. P. Walters, and Carl Werner. The records show that John Dahlgren served continually on the deacon board for fifty-two years.

## Trustees

During the past fifty years, the following people have served as trustees: John Blasius, Terry Burkett, J. Barckley Cairns, Jr., Gilbert Carlson, Hilding Carlson, Oscar Cedarquist, Oscar Dahlgren, Brian Dantzig, Wesley Dawson, David Delaine, Bruce Ekstrand, Helmer Gillen, Ray Harling, Richard Hesketh, William Hesketh, Sr., Wilbert Johnson, Albert Jones, Steve Lanyon, Harry Larson, Thure Larson, Jeff Lesniak, Rick Lindroth, Arthur Lundeen, Carl Lundeen, William Martin, Tom Mensch, Willard Nelson, William Newton, Ken Ostrom, Richard Pearson, Sig Pearson, Stuard Pearson, Frank Rylander, Carl Seaberg, N. P. Severin, Eugene Spencer, Fred Tooze, and Charles Watson.

## Youth Directors and Associates

Some of the Youth Directors and Associates that have worked with the church during the past are: Lee Giddings, Louis Baptist, Lloyd Welton, Millard Erickson, John Gault, Joe Zacharius, Jim Adams, Don Levandosky, Dan Swanson, Dick Lauger, Dave Ball, Dale VanDuesen, Harry Hahne, and Jeff Chamberlain.



## Choir

The choir has a history dating back to the very early days of the church. The first choir was organized in 1888 with Mr. Adolph Anderson as the first director. Mr. Anderson held this position for 37 years. It has been the chief responsibility of the church choir to support and promote the spiritual message of the church and to provide an additional way through which the Holy Spirit can bless and inspire the congregation.

Choir directors since the time of Mr. Anderson have been: Waldeman Marker, Oscar Cedarquist, Mrs. Erick Scherstrom, P. L. Peterson, Freeman Burkhalter, Gordon Peterson, Alfred Smith, George Neff, Chester Carlson, Dr. Austin Abernathy, Mrs. C. B. Sanders, Rev. Cecil Wagstaff, Sanford Brandon, Mrs. Walter Julien, C. Norman Nelson, Dorothy Clark, Don Dvorak, Dr. Wesley L. Hanson, Rev. Charles Stevens, Bruce Vandervalk,



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Shirley Root, Clay Brashears, Ray Harling, and our current director, Rhonda Barnes.

For many years the church was blessed by the faithful services of Helen Nelson as our organist. At the present time our organist is Betsy Mueller.

1986



BACK ROW: Gary Mueller, Ken Tribbey, Jim McCauley, Jeff Harling, Chris Vitikainen. MIDDLE ROW: Ray Harling, Michele McNamara, Connie Keller, Carolyn Harling, June Ekstrand, Janet Morgan, Betsy Mueller, Trudy McCauley, Rhonda Barnes, director. FRONT ROW: Betty Harling, Betty Gault, Karen Mason, Cheryl Johnson.

## Christian Education

The history of Calvary's Christian Education ministry dates from August 5, 1888 when a Sunday School with nine members was organized. Rev. Carl Johnson was elected superintendent; Adolph Anderson, assistant; John Dahlgren, secretary; Oscar Ericson, treasurer; and G. R. Nyden, teacher. When the first church building was erected at 820 Lake St., the Sunday School began to meet there, as was customary, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. During the 13 years, from 1899 to 1912, Adolph Anderson was superintendent and the meeting time was changed to 9:30 a.m., where it remains to this day.

In the earlier years of the church, several men served extended terms as superintendent. Three men served the first 53 years after Rev. Johnson: G. R. Nyden—8 years; Adolph Anderson—13 years; David Nord—32 years. Alf Swartnes later gave many years of service, as did Magnus Nepstad, James Magnuson, Harold Benson, Lindsey Bennett, Ted Miller, Aubrey Lachman, Carl Ekstrand, Hilding Carlson, and John Tapper. Carl Ekstrand has also served for many years as Awana Director and Sunday School Secretary.



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BACK ROW: Francis Bateman, Ann Dugan, Tim Mantooth, Tom Mason, Barbara Avery, Gary Mueller, Ray Harling. FRONT ROW: Debbie Lesniak, Jim McCauley, Carolyn Mensch, Trudy McCauley.



Recent years have seen many changes in the Christian Education ministry of Calvary Baptist Church. The Sunday School still meets at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday with a class for every age group. Other ministries have included summer vacation Bible school outreach, youth groups for Junior and Senior High students, Awana, and, most recently, the Junior Church program during worship hour. Many church members have given faithful service as teachers, sponsors, and helpers in every area of the Christian Education ministry. Within the last year every member of the Elder Board has lived up to 1 Timothy 3:2 "able to teach" by serving as a Sunday School teacher and/or Bible study leader. Several elders are also involved in individual discipleship programs.

Mrs. James (Trudy) McCauley is currently Deacon of Children's Ministries and the Elders oversee the Adult Education program.

### Christian Service

Calvary Baptist Church has been privileged over the years to help many find Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. The Lord has directed several of our members into Christian service. Among those who got their start in our Bible school and church are: Mr. and Mrs. Viking, who went out as missionaries to China in 1892; Agnus Brodd Ohstrom, missionary in Africa; Miss Wallin, home missionary; William Tapper, pastor; Eva Nelson Tapper, pastor's wife; Arthur Erickson, pastor; Russell Daken, pastor; Anna Dahlgren Hopkins, missionary; Merrit Kline, pastor; Eva Harwood Kline, pastor's wife; Donald Nepstad, pastor; Virginia Nepstad, pastor's wife; Richard Turnwall, pastor; Doris Turnwall Rehnberg, pastor's wife; Richard Werner, pastor; Gladys Anders Werner, pastor's wife; Phillip Carlson, teacher, Bethel College; Margene Anderson Wagstaff, pastor's wife; Lois Anderson, American Baptist Convention; Harriet Norr, church worker; Helen Johnson Kantner, pastor's wife; Anne Wernecke, church worker; Richard Clay, Navigators; Sharon Smith, missionary; John Powers, missionary; Sam Mateer, missionary; Bradley Hoopes, Campus Crusade; Terry Muck, editor; Judy Brodeen, missionary; Jan Olfelt Helin, pastor's wife.

### Senior Members

Looking through the records we see the testimony of those who have faithfully served and supported our church for many years. We love and respect them for their Christian character and faithfulness to Christ. The following have been members of Calvary for over 50 years: Mrs. Margaret Bennett, Mr. Wilbert Johnson, Mrs. Edna Johnson, and Miss Hilda Hanson.

The following have been members between 60-70 years: Miss Betty Dahlgren, Mrs. Elsie Carlson, Mrs. Eva Tapper, and Mr. George Gillen.

The following have been members between 70-75 years: Dr. Oscar Dahlgren, Mrs. Florence Hankner, Mrs. Hilma Hanson, Mr. Alf Swartness, and Mrs. Mildred Zuber.

The following have been members over 75 years: Mrs. Elizabeth Borgeson, Miss Helen Dahlgren, and Miss Ruth Johnson.



### Church Government:

In February, 1985, a constitutional review committee presented a new constitution and organizational structure which was approved for a 1½ year trial period to end in November, 1986.

Intentionally written to encourage a greater involvement in ministry, the constitution is based on the principle of "multiple leadership." A Board of Elders, including the pastoral staff, is given the responsibility of overseeing the whole life of the church and providing spiritual leadership. The Elders are assisted by a Diaconate of men and women who assume direct responsibility for the various ministries of the church: Children's ministry, finance, buildings and grounds, and hospitality, to name a few. Rather than specifying what ministries the church will undertake, people are encouraged to respond to the Lord's leading by setting up ministries they can call their own because God has led them to it. The Elders oversee and offer guidance and encouragement to the Diaconate. There are some ministries that are necessary and on-going that the Elders make yearly appointments to fulfill. But, the scope of further ministry is only limited by the number of people in the congregation and their willingness to serve as the Lord leads.



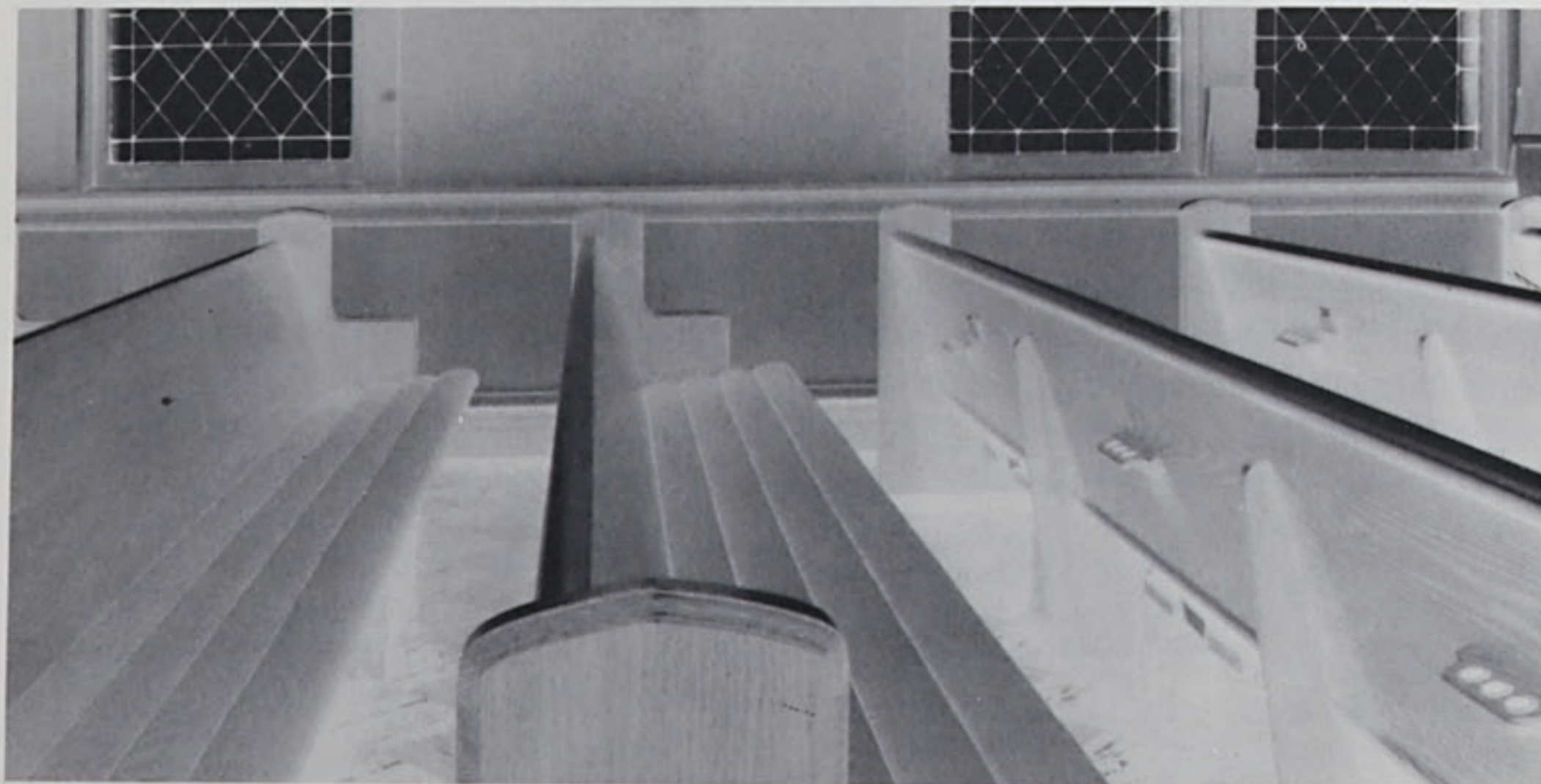
## Looking at the Last 25 Years

Some of the major accomplishments over the past 25 years are:

1960's—Old parsonage was torn down and a new educational building constructed south of church. Also, a new boiler system, new pews, and pulpit furniture were installed in the church.

1970's—Remodeling of the lower auditorium. This included a new ceiling to cover the old heating pipes, new lights, paneling, and doors. The main sanctuary and the upper floors of the new building were air conditioned. A new roof was put on at 820 Lake Street and the bathroom there was completely remodeled. A new sound system was purchased and installed with a control console located in the balcony.

1980's—A new stainless steel baptistry was installed in the church. The downstairs women's and men's restrooms were completely remodeled with new fixtures installed. A new parsonage was purchased and remodeled at 2032 Ewing Ave. A new efficient heating system with twin boilers was installed and a new roof on the education building and surrounding church roofs was put on. More recently, work has been done on the upper sanctuary.

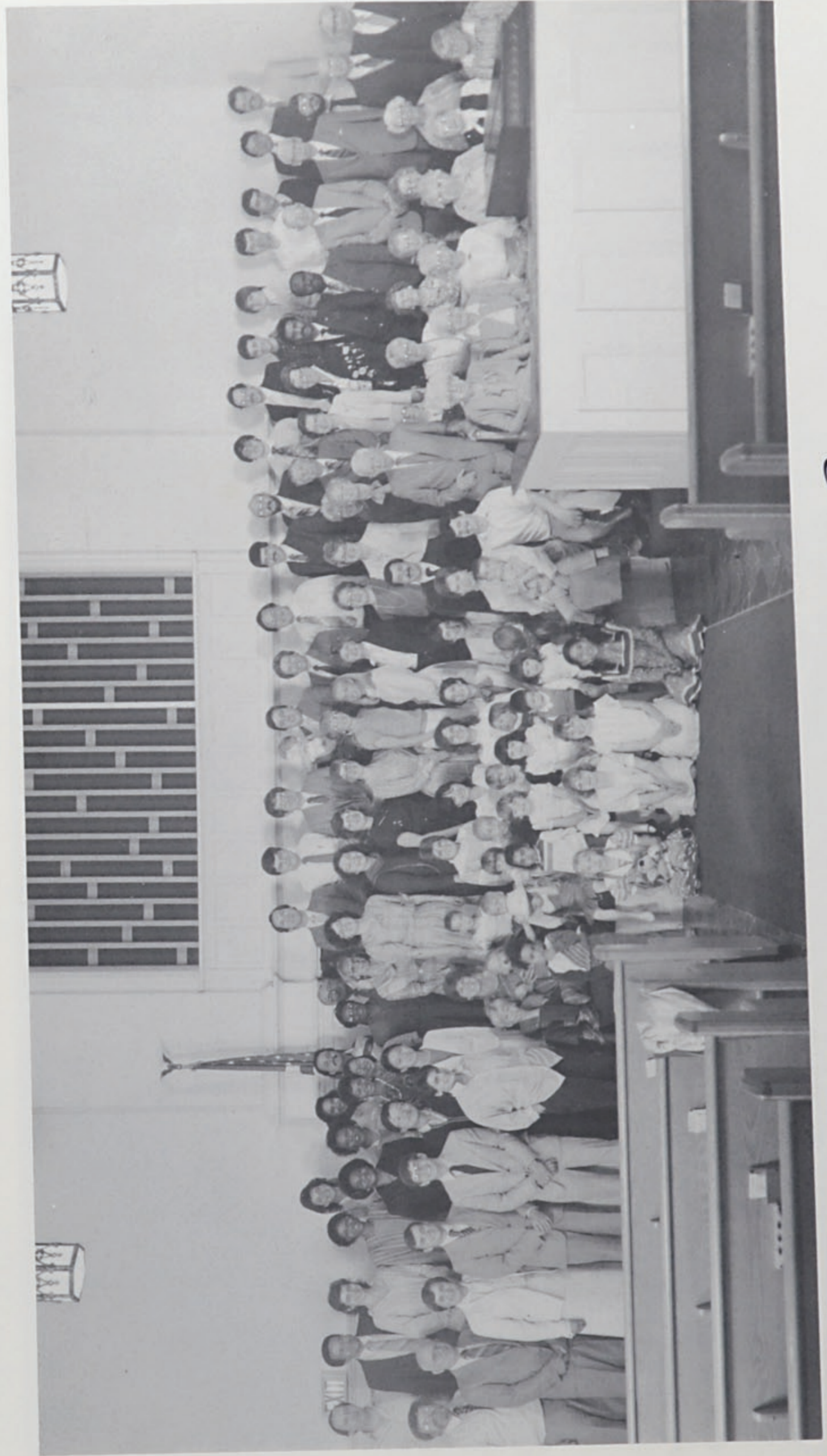


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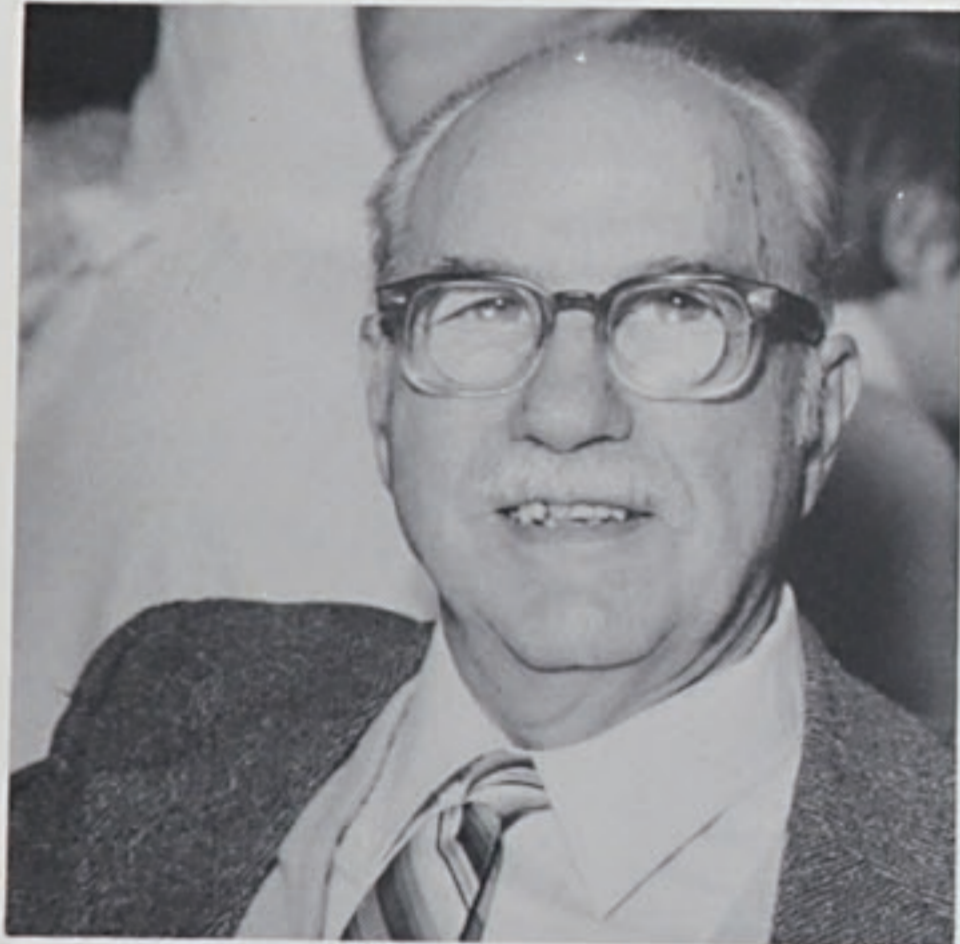
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Rev. N. E. Nelson	October 1885—April 1886
Rev. John Olander	May 1886—March 1887
Rev. Carl A. Johnson	November 1887—September 1889
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Rev. A. G. Hall	February 1897—October 1900
Rev. F. V. Hedeem	January 1901—April 1905
Rev. Ragner A. Arlander	September 1905—November 1909
Rev. John A. Swanson	December 1909—January 1913
Rev. J. Alfred Erikson	October 1913—April 1917
Rev. Elam Anderson	(interim) May 1917—August 1917
Rev. G. E. Wallendorf	September 1917—June 1919
Rev. Eric Scherstrom	June 1919—April 1928
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Rev. E. James Schubring	February 1955—October 1959
Rev. Richard Rud	(interim) November 1959—May 1960
Rev. Alfred Glenn	June 1960—August 1964
Rev. Charles Stevens	August 1964—February 1970
Rev. Lloyd Dahlquist	February 1970—May 1977
Rev. Oriel Hanson	(interim) May 1977—June 1977
Rev. Frederick Swedberg	June 1977—June 1983
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Rev. Gary H. Mueller	October, 1983—present







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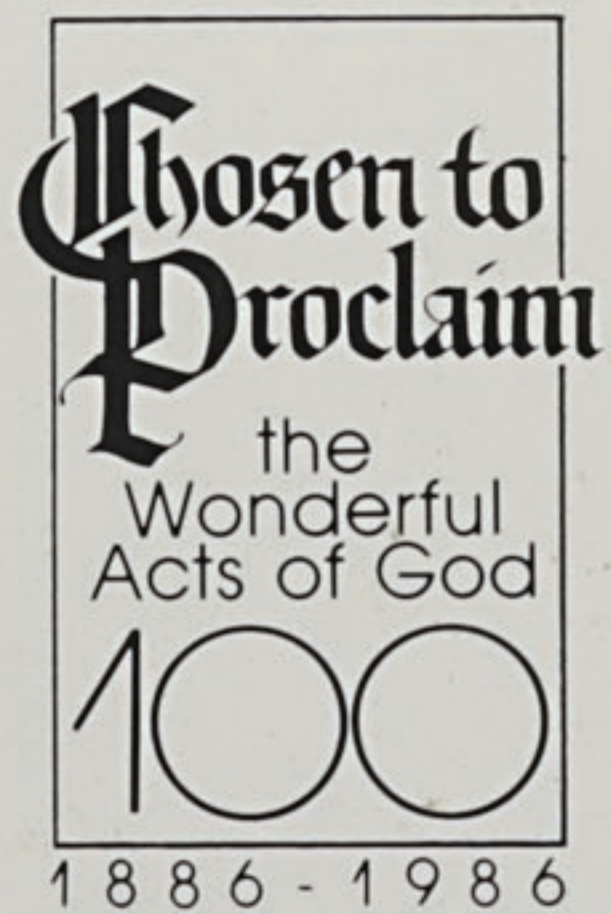
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