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THE
CHURCH OF CHRIST
In
Elmwood Park

*50th Anniversary
Celebration*



1945/46 — 1995/96

June 15-21, 1996
Detroit, Michigan

Saturday, June 15th at 5:00 p.m. - Banquet and Tributes
Sunday, June 16th at 3:00 p.m. - Fellowship and Singing
Sunday - Friday, June 16th - 21st at 7:30 p.m. - Gospel Preaching

(Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.)

Bro. David Meek, Guest Evangelist

Church of Christ - Since A.D. 33
Elmwood Park Formerly Jos. Campau Congregation - Since A.D. 1945
Service of **Bro. and Sis. Orum L. Trone, Sr.** - Since A.D. 1946

Thank You For Joining Us
In These Commemorative Activities

A GLORIOUS MINISTRY - PRAISE THE LORD!

World War II saw the huge migration from the south joining with many Christians who were already settled in Detroit. Many found themselves gathering to fellowship and worship at the meeting house on Cameron Avenue.

As time passed the influx coupled with the evangelistic growth, and the return of veterans to the community, expansion to meet these needs was necessary. This expansion took form in the purchase of a fine adequate church building on Detroit's southeast side on Jos. Campau and Jay streets.

Subsequent to the gathering taking place in the Cameron Avenue building the saints met and worshipped in a combination residence and storefront on St. Antoine



The St. Antoine Building

in the establishment of the work in Highland Park which was known as the Ford-Avenue congregation, now as the Ford-Linwood congregation. During the transitions of the St. Antoine and Cameron Avenue congregations the River Rouge and Westside congregations came into being. We are witnesses of the establishment and growth of the many other congregations of our area.

The purchase of the Jos. Campau property was a gigantic cooperative effort of Christians in the Detroit area. In Christian fashion these people of God pooled their resources and in perhaps record time the acquiring took place. Bro. W.D. Morrison, a real estate broker spearheaded, along with other leaders in achieving this great feat.

Bro. D.J. Bynum who had been preaching at the Cameron Avenue congregation did some of the preaching on Jos. Campau following that building's purchase. Bro. A.C. Holt became the minister of the Cameron Avenue congregation. On June 15, 1996, Bro. Orum L. Trone, Sr. was appointed to the preaching evangelistic ministry where he has continued until the present having the loving support of his dear wife, Sis. Christine Jeanette Trone. This has been a forceful and dynamic ministry, touching and effecting the lives of many in the process. Hundreds have been brought to Christ and received spiritual edification through the instrumentality of his voice and commitment to lead all people from a dark world of sin into the marvelous light of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bro. Trone, with Sis. Trone by his side, has directed this congregation in great ministries of worship, teaching, domestic and foreign evangelism and mission work, bereavement care, benevolence visitation and joyful fellowship.



The Honored Couple

Street. This was the spawning place for many strong Christians who effected lasting growth and vitality in the church, whose influence still is felt in most of this community's congregations. Many legends are still related of the joys and pleasant experiences of those days on St. Antoine. Names of persons who figured prominently in the leadership of that church were D.M. English, Bonner, York and D.J. Bynum, Bonner and York led



The Old Building

Bro. and Sis. Trone have fostered ministries benefiting people of all ages. One of the most dramatic achievements in their work is the development of the National Youth Conference under their auspices. From its humble beginning in 1952 with youth from 2 or 3 states attending, it has grown to where it embraces young people from all corners of this nation and some foreign countries. It is Bible oriented and directed by some of the nation's most devoted Christian men. By attending these conferences youths are confronted with a greater sense of the worldwide character of the Church of Christ.

We have come a long way over the past 50 years. God has accompanied us each step of the way. Through his benevolent care we have been able to continue tasks which he has assigned to our hands. From the structures which were located on Jos. Campau and Jay streets, God has allowed this congregation to have a lovely and more adequate worship building, and training and development facilities. We thank Him for the strength and the achievements which we have been able to realize and enjoy this day. With some sadness of heart we remember the many who lovingly shared in this work who God has already called home to their reward. All that He has done, of course, is according to His will. May the Father's labors be many as His works continues for the next 50 years.

The Church of Christ in Elmwood Park

offers . . .

WORSHIP SERVICES

Our schedule of services includes Worship Sundays - 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Ladies Tuesday Bible Study - 11:00 a.m.; Thursday Bible Study for all ages - 7:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Infants and Toddlers

Children are very important to us here at the Elmwood Park congregation. Infants and toddlers ages 1-5 are considered a special blessing and are ministered to with love and the truth of God's Word.

Children Ages 6-12

Classes appropriate for each age segment are provided children where they are taught praise and worship. Special extracurricular activities are held in a sub-teen setting where attention is given to their physical, spiritual and social development.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Young people ages 13-20 are valued treasures. Our youth busy themselves planning special activities, involving themselves in attending state and national youth conferences. This is in addition to participation in intensive study of God's truths.

RADIO OUTREACH

Sound Bible teaching with music which admonishes, is beamed across the air waves via WEXL 1340 AM dial each Sunday evening at 10:25 p.m. During the past 50 years these broadcasts have been sent out weekly more than 20 of these years.

Congregation, Bro. & Sis. Orum L. Trone, Sr. on your 50th Anniversary in the service of the Lord. For all of your achievements you have worked so hard to acquire. Through love, patience and courage you have overcome many obstacles. You both have meant so much to me over the years. I'll never forget you and will always love you. May God continue to bless you.

- Your Friend and Sister in Christ - Katherine Sweatt

Bro. & Sis. Orum L. Trone, Sr.:

Through your radio evangelistic work and later your personal preaching, my wife, Lillie Mae, and I were brought to Christ. Thank you for your spiritual direction which you gave to us and our family. You and Sis. Trone have been an inspiration and I say, *Thank You* with lots of appreciation.

- George W. Anthony

For years we heard his voice inviting members and non-members to "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them . . ." (Eccl. 12:1)



The New Building

In the year of 1952, the idea of a Youth Conference had been conceived. Many months of listening, talking and planning finally brought about a realization that young people could come together to display their many and various talents; that they could come from all over the United States and worship with other Christian youths for one week once a year. This idea not only connected young people with other Christian youths across the city, but caused youngsters to know that Christ lives in the lives of young people throughout the United States and the world.

It was because of this unselfishness and devotion of service which caused the birth and growth of this conference to burn across time and space. This unselfish act allowed our children to grow in Christ at a tender age. The sights of young people leading others to Christ were the rewards of each conference.

For these reasons and many more a scholarship fund has been created to honor Bro. Orum L. Trone, Sr., the man who connected many young people to Christ. This scholarship fund will insure that his work will live on in our multi-talented youth.

- The Scholarship Fund Committee



Bro. Orum L. Trone, Sr.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY BROTHER AND SISTER ORUM L. TRONE, SR.

"For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding." Proverbs 2:6 God Bless You.

- Sub-Teeners & Counselors

BRO. & SIS. ORUM L. TRONE:

You have served with such dedication and faithfulness for 50 years. You have given of yourself generously and have been such a fine example of a Godly life. Thank you for all you have done for me and my family over the years. *The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.* (Numbers 6:24-25).

In Christian Love - Sis. Margaret Gordon

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY
BRO. & SIS. ORUM L. TRONE, SR.
God Bless You - Sis. L. Randle

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY TO BRO. & SIS. ORUM L. TRONE
Love - Bro. & Sis. James Smith

BRO. TRONE:

Your life reminds me of a song that a local minister once sang "All Of My Life God's Been Good To Me" (you) You have had your ups and downs, but the Lord has given you strength and helped you to overcome many obstacles.

My first encounter with you was in 1943 at the Cameron Avenue Congregation as you were reading scripture for the late Bro. D.J. Bynum. You have always dedicated your life to the studying of God's word and thereby encouraging me as well as others to study to gain knowledge and understanding so as to rightly divide the word of God.

During the years of cottage classes (Bible study in homes), many souls were introduced to the church and brought to Christ through this effort. People loved the church, membership increased, and love was truly and sincerely expressed. You were a Hard Fighting Soldier on the Battlefield.

I worked with you as a youth counselor for many years. We have enjoyed so many wonderful times. Some of the youth you have inspired have gone on to accomplish many high achievements and high goals. They have you to thank. Also, as a Sunday School Teacher (encouraged to work with the educational program here by my Sunday School Teacher Sis. Senora Moore), I have enjoyed working with you in that capacity as well.

As the years come and go, I pray you will remember the song my mother sings: *"I'm going to stay on the Battle Field, I'm going to stay on the Battle Field until I die"*. Happy 50th Anniversary to you and Sis. J. Trone.

In Christian Love - Sis. Jewell Davis

BRO. ORUM L. TRONE:

The Culver/Wesley family extend our deepest sentiments to you and your lovely wife, Sis. Jeanette Trone, for your courageous, stalwart ministry for 50 years of service. Whatever the situation, Bro. Trone, you were there for our family as a spiritual guide. You have accomplished much, from spiritual gain right down to your beautiful great grand babies.

I cannot imagine Elmwood without your straightforwardness, proclaiming loud and long the old, old stories of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *You have fought a good fight, and you have kept the faith, now, take your rest and enjoy what God has blessed you with.* We love you dearly.

- Leonard Lee, Yvonne, Leonard Jr. & Ebony Wesley
- Sis. Jessie Mae Culver

"THIS MAN" (Tribute to Bro. Orum Lee Trone, Sr.)

Years ago, a man, then a young man, who was demure and serene, was baptized into the Church of Christ at St. Aubin and Alexandrine. THIS MAN later married his present wife, who at that time was Christine Jeanette Lewis, then Trone; and out of this marriage three children were born: Diane, Orum Jr., and Laura.

THIS MAN became a servant to the ministry at an early age at the Cameron Avenue congregation. In the year, 1946, he began to serve the saints at 2300 Joseph Campau, with 115 members. In just a few years the congregation grew to 400 or more. During this time THIS MAN taught bible classes on week days and week nights at the church building and in the homes of many people.

While THIS MAN was not yet the age of three score, the congregation grew more and more; as redevelopment of the area began to take shape, THIS MAN and the members began to envision, and became widely awake. In the year 1972, THIS MAN led a publicized March to move into this magnificent building, now located in the Elmwood Park subdivision.

Through the dedication of THIS MAN, saints from several congregations have been helped: Pontiac, Grand Rapids, Baldwin, Mt. Clemens, Kalamazoo, Westside, Kingston Jamaica and the Bahamas. Under the sound teaching of THIS MAN, many have been baptized into the church and many have been restored.



Youth Working On Habitat For Humanity
(Youth Conference)

THIS MAN is the grandfather of the National Youth Movement, and with the help of others organized the "The National Youth Conference" of the Churches of Christ over 40 years ago. Through this movement many souls have come to Christ, become gospel servants, married in the church, and are rearing Christian families.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote: *"Lives of great men all reminds us, we can make our lives sublime, and departing, leave behind us, footprints on the sand of time"*. THIS MAN has left footprints on the gospel field and is still doing so.

Once a boy, a young man, now an old man, a husband, a father, a grandfather, and a great grandfather, THIS MAN is Bro. Orum Lee Trone, Sr.

By Helen V. Moore