

Central Park Church of Christ

4 West 76 & Central Park West, N.Y. 10023

June 10, 1984

Evangelists

Steve Johnson

Mike Taliaferro

Women's Counselor

Lisa Johnson

Telephone

(212) 677-7915

(212) 729-7393

Services

Sunday 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Friday 8:00 p.m.

Sponsoring
Group Bible Discussion
for adults and student:
in the boroughs of
Manhattan
Queens
Brooklyn
and
New Jersey

MORE THAN WE IMAGINED

Report: Year One, Central Park Church of Christ

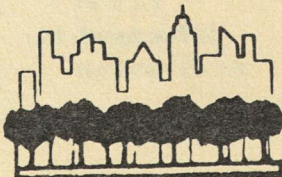
Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20, 21

It's hard to believe a year has gone by already! In these past twelve months God has worked powerfully among us and truly has done more than we could ask or imagine. Every goal we put before our Lord has been exceeded and every plan we've prayed about has succeeded. All this is to God's glory who blesses his people everywhere as they proclaim his word.

The Central Park Church of Christ first met on May 29, 1983 when nine people had a simple service in a studio apartment on Park Avenue. A contribution of \$247.00 was offered and the entire congregation fit on an elevator! Three days later we had our first baptism and during that week a total eighteen Christians committed themselves to the task of beginning a congregation in "the Big Apple." The second Sunday the church met (the first service we ever had in the 76th and Central Park West address where we now meet), 37 people were in attendance and the contribution was \$552.00. Since that time our attendance has grown to over 180 on Sundays and our contribution is over \$2,500.00 per week. One year ago we had three group Bible studies, all in Manhattan. Now there are nineteen, scattered throughout three boroughs, three counties, and two states. We began with two Bible talk leaders. Now there are twelve.

Most exciting, of course, have been the additions the Lord has made to the church. Our goal was to have 60 baptisms our first year and to God's glory 61 were baptized into Christ! The goal that is yet before us, to have 100 new conversions this year, is too great for us, but we have a God who can do more than we imagine!



When we began we set a goal to be self-supporting by the end of the first year of the ministry, with an optimistic plan to accomplish this task early-by February 1984. We were able to announce even earlier than that, January 15, that we were a self-supporting congregation!

Our special contribution in February, a goal set at \$4,000.00, which was to help us as a newly self-supporting church, was even exceeded. Over \$8,500.00 was given when every member of the church sacrificially gave for the purpose of building a congregation that will fill this metropolitan area with the teachings of Jesus!

And when we began one year ago, we were reaching out to only one college campus. Now we have ministries on four different campuses, having had 40 students baptised this year.

I believe God wants us to be confident and bold as we begin this second year of our ministry. The need of the hour is to see families won for Christ. We have been blessed during this first year with numerous families who have placed membership with us. Together we will see our Lord work in the hearts of husbands, wives, and children as we continue to labor together.

And with addition of Mike Taliaferro as evangelist, another goal God blessed us with, and Ann Yarri as intern, what will we accomplish through God's power this next year?

More than we can imagine!

Steve.

"They devoted themselves..."

ATTENDANCE	Sunday, 6/3	Acts 2:42 186 \$ 2,742.00
CONTRIBUTION	Sunday, 6/3	\$ 3,000.00

BUDGET

"And the Lord added..."

6/1	Maribell Hernandez	Acts 2:47 378 Madison Ave., Paterson, N.J. (201) 684-3378
6/3	Gene Cone	Not Available

SPECIAL WELCOME

Our service today is a special one as we celebrate our first year here as a congregation, and to all of you who are here as our guests we would like to offer a very special welcome. We are a non-denominational congregation striving to be christians only without any sectarian beliefs. Our goal is to be actively engaged in restoring the type of church life and effect we read of in the Bible. Our service today, though special, is typical of the way we always worship together in a very simple, New Testament way. We want everyone to feel welcome and come back at anytime you can to join us in our worship to God.

We also want to express a special welcome to Jerome Williams and the Heaven Generation Singers, from the Garnet church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This group has come a long way to entertain us today. Welcome to New York City and thank you very much.

Our schedule today will be as follows:

*Worship Service: Singing
Communion
Sermon
Close of Service*

Dinner: Buffet Style

*Entertainment: During dessert
Heaven Generation Singers*

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 20-22
July 22
August 7-9
August 15-18

Spiritual Enrichment Seminar
Special Foreign Missions Contribution
National Campus Minister's Seminar
Florida Evangelism Seminar

Group Bible Discussions

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Monday, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, 8:00 p.m.

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, 5:00 p.m.

Monday, 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 9:30 p.m.

Monday, 8:00 p.m.

Monday, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Adult Mixed

Isabella Geriatric Center
515 Audubon Ave., Room 1352

Roebling Mgmt Co.

235 Moore St. #101

34 Ethel Avenue

394 First Street, Apt. 2L

Y & R Advertising

285 Madison Ave., 5th Floor

South Street Seaport

35-25 77th Street, Apt. B68

760 Ogden Place

Adult Women

80 Madison Ave., Apt PHD

160 Claremont Ave., 3A

242 W. 61st Street, #5A

930 Old Mill Road

Adult Men

110 W. 69th, Apt. A

Teen Mixed

34 Ethel Ave.

35-25 77th St., B68

College Coed

425 E. 25th Street, Room 956

160 Claremont Ave., Apt. 3A

College Men

723 Hayden

College Women

Weinstein Hall, Room 628B

Judson Hall, Room 317

Other Classes

Equipping

On to Maturity/Men

On to Maturity/Women

Manhattan

Hackensack, N.J.

Allendale, N.J.

Brooklyn

Manhattan

Manhattan

Queens

Dobbs Ferry, Westchester

Manhattan

Manhattan

Manhattan

Franklin Lakes, NJ

Manhattan

Allendale, NJ

Queens

Hunter College

Columbia University

New York University

New York University

New York University

Steve Johnson - Mike Taliaferro

Steve Johnson - Mike Taliaferro

Lisa Johnson

New York City School of International Missions

Obeying All things
Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

80 Madison Ave., #PHD
Manhattan

Steve Johnson

Central Park Church of Christ
4 West 76th & Central Park West
New York, N.Y. 10023

BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
NEW YORK, NY
Permit No. 1958

Roger Lamb
1004 Harmon
Urbana, IL 61801

