# Central Park Church of Christ

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

June 2, 1985

### **Evangelists**

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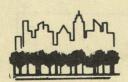
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#### Services

Sunday 3:00 p.m. Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Friday 8:00 p.m.

Sponsoring **Group Bible Discussion**for adults and students in

Manhattan
Queens
Brooklyn
Staten Island
Bronx
Long Island
New Jersey
Westchester County



### TWO YEAR REPORT

June 5, 1983 - June 2, 1985

"One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city." So Paul stayed for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God."

Act 18:9-11

I am not sure whether to say these past two years have seemed like forever or have passed rapidly. Only two years ago eighteen members formed the Central Park Church of Christ and began meeting at 76th and Central Park West. It does'nt seem too long ago when we had our first service and 37 people met together and only filled up four pews! On the other hand, seems like New York has always been home. God has blessed us all individually and collectively by allowing us to be a part of his Kingdom, but in addition to that I feel extra blessed - He lets us be a part of His Kingdom here, in New York City! Certainly David's psalm is true to me, "The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance." (Psalms 16:6) In the past two years our attendance has grown from a meager beginning of 37 to an average of 350 on Sundays. contribution has grown from that first contribution of \$520.00 to an average of \$4,975.00 per week. And of course the greatest news is that in the past two years 235 people have been baptized into Christ and almost 90% of those not only remaining faithful but multiplying!

When we began the ministry we had only three bible talks. Beginning this week 39 bible talks will be conducted weekly, spreading effectively the good news of Jesus Christ. Those original talks were all in Manhattan. Now our ministry covers all five boroughs of New York City as well as 5 different areas of New Jersey and also Westchester County. Campus ministries play a vital role in the congregation and five campus ministries are actively in progress since one third of our conversions these past two years have come off college campuses.

Already this year we have witnessed many of our goals set last January come to pass. After our trip in April to India, Steve Kinnard announced the targeting of our third city for the purpose of beginning a multiplying ministry, that city being Delhi. This makes our list of target cities at the present time Sao Paulo, Brazil with the Taliaferros; Nairobi, Kenya, with David Peden; and Delhi, India, with the Kinnards. Also of the 10 staff interns we hoped to appoint this year, six have already been added to the staff; Matthew Fridley, Thomas Gurrentz, Charlotte Hamilton, Steve and Leigh Kinnard, and Pamela Byer. Over forty are training with the congregation's school of missions and have desires to go into the full time ministry or be part of a church planting by this congregation. Praise God for these brothers and sisters and all their efforts.

Today we are also seeing one of our goals come true. Being our second anniversary, this day was chosen as the day for a special \$20,000 contribution. Last year \$20,000 was collected and put entirely into mission work, specifically in supporting the start of a church in Stockholm. As God has done more than we've asked with every other goal set before him. We are eagerly waiting today to rejoice as God surpasses our wildest expectations.

After Paul was in Corinth for a while God told him to keep on preaching for He had many people in that city - people as yet unsaved. But in the next year and a half and many of those people" turned themselves" in to God. In two years God has shown us He has many people in this city. But accomplishments are meant to build on, not rest upon. There are still millions lost and who also should soon be God's people. How will our next years report read? I can hardly wait.

Steve Johnson



## "They devoted themselves..."

ATTENDANCE CONTRIBUTION

Sunday, 5/26 Sunday, 5/26

345 \$5,026.00

Acts 2:42

BUDGET

\$4,000.00

### "And the Lord added..."

Acts 2:47

### **Baptized**

5/22

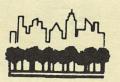
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### Change of Plans

Spiritual Enrichment Weekend previously planned for next week has been postponed. However, two weeks from today, on Father's Day Les Johnson, minister for Dekalb Church of Christ, Dekalb, IL, will be our guest speaker. Les, of course is also known to me as Dad. We will be very blessed to hear from this man of God as Lisa and I will also delight in my parents company as they visit with us that week.

Steve Johnson



# Upcoming Events -----

June 2 August 6-8 Special Contribution International Campus Minister's Seminar

#### Group Bible Discussions

#### Adult Mixed

Monday, 7:30 p.m. Monday 8:00 p.m. Monday, 8:00 p.m. Monday, 8:00 p.m. Monday, 8:00 p.m. Monday 8:00 p.m. Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 12:00 p.m.

Thursday 12:00 pm

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8:00 p.m.

Monday, 7:00 p.m. Monday 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Thursday 8:00 p.m. Thursday 9:30 a.m. Thursday 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

Monday, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, 9:30 p.m.

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Monday, 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, 2:00 Thursday, 12:30 p.m. Thursday, 8:00 p.m.

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McCarter Hwy & Market St. 319 E. 95th Apt. 21 35-25 77th St., Apt. B68 638 Robert St.

35 W. 96th Street, Apt. 3A 937 Garden St. #2 132 E. 30th Apt. A. 151 Lex. Ave. Apt.9D 304 Mulberry St. Apt. L-H 3036A Gunther Ave. 35 Fraser Place McGraw Hill Building 10th Fl. 6th Ave. & 49th Nurse Annex RM 725 70th & York Ave.

262 Brookside Ave. 354 W 110th St. Apt. 3A

818 East Campus 526 Judson

5-11 Univ. Place Rm.415 Carman Hall, #805 304 Mulberry St.

Student Center 305 N. Hunter Loeb Student Center, #519 University Courts, #7A-3

Tom Gurrentz Steve Johnson Greg Eller Steve Kinnard/Joe Thomas Steve Sapp

Steve Sapp

Mike Taliaferro Steve Johnson Mike Taliaferro Steve Kinnard

Greg Eller Tom Gurrentz Davn Smith

Steve Johnson

Adult Women Pamela Byer/Jacque Johnson Andee Epstein Lisa Johnson/Anne-Brigitte Taliaferro Charlotte Hamilton Ann Yarri Charlotte Hamilton/Debbie Miller Charlotte Hamilton Pamela Byer Kristen Kirkland

Teen Mixed Matthew Fridley Matthew Fridley

College Men Steve Johnson/David Peden Mike Taliaferro

College Women Terri Gramling Lisa Johnson/Leigh Kinnard

Ann Yarri College Mixed Steve Kinnard

Tom Gurrentz Mike Taliaferro Matthew Fridley Manhattan

Manhattan Franklin Lakes, N.J. Staten Island Brooklyn

Hastings-on Hudson, Westchester Woodside, Queens Riverdale Manhattan

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