

# Central Park Church of Christ

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

June 2, 1985

## Evangelists

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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 doesn't 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. Our 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	Sunday, 5/26	Acts 2:42
CONTRIBUTION	Sunday, 5/26	345
BUDGET		\$5,026.00
		\$4,000.00

**"And the Lord added..."**

Baptized		Acts 2:47
5/22	Young H. Kang	
		340 Fairmount Ave., Apt. 507
		Jersey City, NJ 07306 (201) 435-2411

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



## Group Bible Discussions

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.	Isabella Geriatric Center 515 Audubon Ave., Rm. 1352 242 W 61st Apt. 5A 930 Old Mill Road 210 Charles Ave. 397 1st St. Apt. 1R 35 Fraser Place 60-11 Broadway #2R 3528 Cambridge Ave., American Stock Exchange 86 Trinity Place Y&R Advertising 285 Madison Ave., 4th Floor 1330 NJ Transit Corp McCarter Hwy & Market St.	<b>Adult Mixed</b> Steve Sapp  Tom Currenttz Steve Johnson Greg Eller Steve Kinnard/Joe Thomas Steve Sapp Mike Taliaferro Steve Johnson Mike Taliaferro  Steve Kinnard  Greg Eller	Manhattan  Manhattan Franklin Lakes, N.J. Staten Island Brooklyn Hastings-on Hudson, Westchester Woodside, Queens Riverdale Manhattan  Manhattan  Newark, N.J.
Wednesday, 12:00 p.m.			
Thursday 12:00 pm			
Thursday, 7:00 p.m.	319 E. 95th Apt. 21	Tom Currenttz	Manhattan
Thursday, 7:30 p.m.	35-25 77th St., Apt. B68	Dayn Smith	Jackson Heights, Queens
Thursday, 8:00 p.m.	638 Robert St.	Steve Johnson	Ridgewood, N.J.
		<b>Adult Women</b>	
Monday, 7:00 p.m.	35 W. 96th Street, Apt. 3A	Pamela Byer/Jacque Johnson	Manhattan
Monday 7:30 p.m.	937 Garden St. #2	Andee Epstein	Hoboken, N.J.
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.	132 E. 30th Apt. A.	Lisa Johnson/Anne-Brigitte Taliaferro	Manhattan
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	151 Lex. Ave. Apt.9D	Charlotte Hamilton	Manhattan
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	304 Mulberry St. Apt. L-H	Ann Yarri	Manhattan
Thursday 8:00 p.m.	3036A Gunther Ave.	Charlotte Hamilton/Debbie Miller	Bronx
Thursday 9:30 a.m.	35 Fraser Place	Charlotte Hamilton	Hastings-on-Hudson, Westchester
Thursday 12:30 p.m.	McGraw Hill Building 10th Fl. 6th Ave/ & 49th	Pamela Byer	Manhattan
Thursday, 6:00 p.m.	Nurse Annex RM 725 70th & York Ave.	Kristen Kirkland	Manhattan
		<b>Teen Mixed</b>	
Monday, 7:30 p.m.	262 Brookside Ave.	Matthew Fridley	Allendale, N.J.
Tuesday 5:30 p.m.	354 W 110th St. Apt. 3A	Matthew Fridley	Manhattan
		<b>College Men</b>	
Tuesday, 9:30 p.m.	818 East Campus	Steve Johnson/David Peden	Columbia University
Tuesday, 9:30 p.m.	526 Judson	Mike Taliaferro	New York University
		<b>College Women</b>	
Tuesday, 9:00 p.m.	5-11 Univ. Place Rm.415	Terri Gramling	New York University
Tuesday, 9:30 p.m.	Carman Hall, #805	Lisa Johnson/Leigh Kinnard	Columbia University
Thursday 9:00 p.m.	304 Mulberry St.	Ann Yarri	New York University
		<b>College Mixed</b>	
Monday, 12:30 p.m.	Student Center	Steve Kinnard	Brooklyn College
Wednesday, 2:00	305 N. Hunter	Tom Currenttz	Hunter College
Thursday, 12:30 p.m.	Loeb Student Center, #519	Mike Taliaferro	New York University
Thursday, 8:00 p.m.	University Courts, #7A-3	Matthew Fridley	Fairleigh Dickinson University

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