

Pastor's Study,
8712 Russell St.
Detroit 11 Mich.

To the pastor and Members who will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the church.

This is Feb. 16, 1947 and I have pastored this congregation for five years. Under my leadership, all that is in the 1945 Year Book and in the records you find were done. I found the church willing and wanting to do big things but lacking in leadership and program. Under God, we reorganized the church, formed new organizations, set up a new program, taught the people, showed them how to do and be, encouraged education, and opened the church office. It was a hard bitter struggle.

They accused me of many things among them that I would never build the church and that I was too much prayer and worked and planned for the building.

The officers were good men but did not have a breadth of mind and long range eyes.

We started this church Sept. 1945 and went fine until Aug. 1946 when the contractor and his workmen quit you know, no money. The church wanted to sue but I prayed and we went to work. I was chairman of a committee of six, Sam Hill, Sam Frazier, John Owens, James Crawford, and E. M. Masch. Many of the members quit and said all kind of ugly things.

By hard work and faith, we entered the first Unit the third Sun. in Dec. 1946 and owed nearly \$10,000.00. Today we have it down to \$3,000 and hope to pay it all tonight.

When you read this letter, I will be at home with God and all this generation will be gone. But we did our best. The church had never had a name and we put the name in stone and in the heart of the people. God has led us safely and I close this letter to you by saying, keep together in peace, love and understanding.

I did what I could. I led the people on. My wife was with me. Here is a list of all who were officers under me. One Wiley Graves left the church when we needed him most. He did much to help the church but the church thought he ought not to have been paid and so he left us.

We had a great service today. Thirteen new members joined.

God bless you and the church is my prayer.

Yours for the Lord,

Stephen C. Campbell
Pastor