

Acts 2:17

Our Dream Be Tomorrow

SUBJECT: The Twelfth Anniversary

(The High School Proposal)

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THE TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY

Seeing visions, dreaming dreams: old, young. Adh.
love our church, planning, praying for its greater ministry.

The associated letter
The future work, obeying Christ Jesus in ^{examples}
teaching
KOLVOVQ. community life.

1. The purpose of the church can never be just a funeral chapel.
In a quiet cemetery, like Stoke Poges, of Gray's "Elegy
Written in a Country Churchyard" "The Little Church
of the Flowers" in Faint Lawn where my father buried.
- The children who still live
- The work remaining to be done
- "God breeds his workmen, but carries on his work <sup>in widely
different
places</sup>
- Hamden in a Memphis paper: "Dry down tears
You can't see dry road and
your eyes full o' tears.
As your hand is helping down
what are a tear?
Dry down tears."

The ministry of the church here - in sorrow
bereavement. But must be more. In the place
of intense life. youth, manhood, womanhood, and
all the issues of living its deepest values.

2. The ministry of the church can never be static, outmoded, unchanging.

Like the children of Israel - on a pilgrimage, new ways, new problems, a lens to conquer.
Truth, principles, never change. Methods do.

of my first little churches, greater time, half-time. a sermon - all month long. behind in prayer, study, meditation.
But now with radio, TV, radio - a thousand distractions.

of the village store. Crockery barrel. chess. store.
But now the supermarket.

3. The year, and the years, that lie ahead.
Just beginning. On the threshold.

But a bridge - a reminder - a milestone.
Over \$800,000.00. Can do nothing in advancement until that is out of the way.

(1) How we propose to remove the bridge.

800 units of \$1,000.00.

Payable in 4 top years. This '56 + '57, '58, '59.

Not unreasonable: Dept. of Commerce - a title in 1 year do it.
: Some reasonable. Others of no more.

(2) Why the earnest appeal to pay the debt.

- ① Our grateful privilege.
1 Bldg. given. This was ought to pay for.
- ② Must pay. Do it now.
- ③ Interest. Over 40M - now 35-40M
- ④ Too long toyed. 1947-1956 10 full years.
3 more
13 enough
Other churches, far smaller, paid off.
Ours just this one hanging - $\frac{1}{2}$ to million.
- ⑤ One campaign. Only one. This, alone.

THE OTHER TWO REASONS

⑥ No secret to hide: to expand our teaching,
training ministry.

Nursery appeal
Junior appeal
Young Adult appeal
Adult I Mrs Ernest Bottcher
Scattered over 5 blocks.

Conlin? Try to - but no solution.
of 647 young people now
1205 " " projected in 1960.

Debt again? Nothing but what we can
already easily do.

⑦ to build a high school. [elementary school also?]

The investment in these great buildings. Use them.

The Vocal Building 1 1/2 million dollars

The cafeteria

The kitchen house

The financial possibility: 50 M equip
\$300 red. 500 = 150 M
tuition, and our church.

The purpose: to teach the truth as we see it, believe it, read it, accept it, under God, in the Holy Scriptures.

Rev. 2:13 Jesus to the pastor of the church at Bergamos.
"I have had not denied of faith, even in those days
wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who
was slain among you."

The word is full of compromise, sentimental liberalism,
fence straddlers, middle men, pride themselves on
"their splendid balance" "equity" "moderation"

Stephen, James, Antipas, Peter, Paul, Sarnauds,
Hess, Kuhnau, Tyndale, said the price of this
compromising faithfulness at the martyr's stake,
but this blood was the seed of the true church.

- when told Rowland Taylor "to rise to rise
may" he answered, "So to rise ~~should~~ be the
greatest part of his life."

- when asked upon Hooper that he would, he
answered, "I have taught the truth with my tongue
as you and I shall now hold it with my hand."

Our call from heaven.
(a) soon "the year"