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1. Jan. 24, 1954, the dedication of our new building  
over River and City of Birmingham way.

The activities building.

The faculty, Director and staff.

2. Our appeal to our friends - Mr. P.L.

using the date, i.e. of

1. February building a new, better and more dignified one.

SUBJECT: WHY A DOWNTOWN CHURCH?

Our university, our place.

3. Our appeal to the S.A.

1954-1955-③-~~January~~

Walk down to red road back to river, the  
subway.

New year Jan 3, 1954

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G.F.

## 1954 New Year's Sermon

Acts 18:10 "In I have much people in this city"

A pastoral note.

1. Jan. 24, 1954, the dedication of our new building:  
open house all day. A tremendous day.

The Activities Building.

The Parking - Recreational Building.

2. An appeal to our youth - 2nd, P.P.

Why the debt - for you.

Activities Building: 2 floors. But needed so desperately now.  
3<sup>rd</sup> " : roughed in. Lots of " : but not  
downward, " across the wall.

4<sup>th</sup> " . roughed in.

Then finished it all.

Air conditioning, entire plant.

3. An appeal to the S.S.

Jan 3 - 10 - 17 - 24) once in a lifetime.

Settled down to real work: teaching the Word, etc.  
and witness.

## Our Down-Town Church.

- "(a) Richmond, Virginia. "where, the First Baptist Church?"  
"Oh, it used to be right there but now, so many miles the way, that way!"
- (b) Kansas City, Missouri . . . . .
- (c) Memphis, Tennessee . . . . .
- (d) Reading a news item: First Baptist Church, Mississauga, Canada.  
Oldest church in Western Canada. Votes to disband: sole property to  
Methodist Holiness. Later item: they (the Holiness) follow it to  
Winghaven G.M., 8 P.M.

We have committed ourselves. This a re-affirmation  
of our purpose, our dedication under God.

## I. An ideological reason.

Of speaking politically, words say a democratic reason.  
"ideological" "social"  
"cultural" "humanitarian"

But use the term "ideological" - the way of <sup>opposition</sup> <sup>against</sup> <sup>Plato's idea</sup> <sup>of father</sup> ideas.  
Communism - the propagation of class hatreds.  
John Englekirk.  
labor, capital  
employer, employee  
rich, poor, bourgeoisie, proletariat

The pragmatic, empirical answer of the downtown church  
Every body's church.

Employer, employee  
capitalist - labor  
individual, illiterate  
rich, poor.

worshipping together, children in S.S. together, understanding, sympathy.

## II. A strategical reason.

Leave the heart of the great city without a witness!  
an empire of <sup>big men</sup>  
<sup>banking</sup>  
<sup>insurance</sup>  
<sup>brewing</sup>  
<sup>marketing</sup>

In the heart of it the hotel  
club of every description  
with lights  
the crowds by day, night

But no light of the cross? any Saturday noon?

1. For the Travellers, so-journer  
where the Fit Baptist Church rides the way, that  
But wait, friend. Right there the white lights  
" " " night clubs  
" " " old game ...

2. For the young people who come to the city  
(a) I grew up in the small town. the youth off to the city work.  
about our Recreational Club. "Over easy you?"  
"Let it be another!" we will  
win some, they

3. For the most, submerged population that inevitably  
abounds in any city.

(a) John Wesley, Methodism Abby. 5 of his famous sayings.  
reminds Two - the fit as the last.  
the last - "We buried the wealthy, but the most you in  
the fit: "the world is my parish" when pushes out --

the city is our parish (mine). No savings, pictures, you, and all.

(a) From the City Church.

Acta 18:10 "for I have need people in this city"

## WHY A DOWNTOWN CHURCH?

The fate of the downtown church.

(a) Birmingham, "Where the 1st church?" "Oh I used to be right over there, but now ~~where it was~~ <sup>where it is</sup> ...  
is ~~now~~ <sup>now</sup> ~~the way~~ <sup>the way</sup> ...  
there ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~the way~~ <sup>the way</sup> ...  
in the way."

(b) Kansas City

- (c) Eating breakfast with Lauren Cook, Marion, Louisiana. Memphis 1st Church already sold:  
"I don't care, USA, college." "Where won't?" He replied, "I would like, right in the middle of the city."  
interested me: And about Mississipi, Canada, 1st Church is dead? it. United  
Church in Western Canada. Disbanded. But sold property to Pentecostal believers; they  
fill the great auditorium to overflowing morning and evening. But I like him.  
my best desire.

### I. A MUNDANE SOCIAL REASON. A human, earthly, mortal reason.

If speaking politically would say a democratic reason.

But we shall just look at it from a ~~sociological~~ <sup>social</sup> viewpoint. That <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>of</sup> all people,  
~~especially~~ <sup>especially</sup> church people.

What is it? To segregate themselves; to turn into cliques; erect social barriers.

Rich people - with their rich church.

Poor people - " poor church. High church - those who like you.

The intelligent - " " <sup>intelligent features</sup> ~~intelligent~~. Low " " <sup>intelligent</sup> ~~intelligent~~ <sup>features</sup>.

" illiterate - " <sup>illiterate</sup> ~~illiterate~~ <sup>features</sup>.

The power of the downtown church: everybody's church.

Rich poor. Intellectual: illiterate. High, low. Capitalist, labor. Middle class. Businessmen.

The great contributors: understanding one another. Working together. Their children...

## II. A MILITANT REASON.

In the thick of the fight: holding up the banner of the cross where Satan has his throne.  
Shall we leave the Lord? these great cities without a witness? The hotel  
ballroom, night club, den, bar, joint; the white lights, the crowds at night, the  
jewels, the bootlegger, evil does. Finance, business, merchants, manufacturers.

The Traveler and sojourner who comes. Where a church? miles this way . . .  
miles that a day . . .

But wait friend! right here & there  
there "night club."

The young people from home in town, country, here for business reason, why, need . . .  
drunks into temptation.

The church militant: on the march. For this reason, the son / God manifested  
to destroy the works of the devil.

"Let me have my church on a busy street  
gather the race, money go by.  
The many miles are good; the more the better,  
as good and as bad as.  
I would not sit on the corners and  
on such the Devil's ban.  
Let me have my church on a busy street  
as to a friend to man."

## III. A MISSION REASON

The road, subversive, treacherous, undependable population that is rapidly increasing  
a just city. Other sections of a city, who makes them? Neighborhood church? The downtown  
church the keeper, watcher, barrier of it all. The city one parish, it poor, ready as all.

(a) With Paul Deacon \$12,000.00 due, Boston Dryden Home. Is grand we never get it;  
no place, heat for the children in the winter. John H. Collins, Mrs. Board, Trustees,  
"The city streets issue no diplomas, they confer no degrees, but they educate  
with forth precision."

Other boys and girls, young people, some now, may, may be the future  
of the nation, make ours our ministry.

(a) Christopher Dennis, minister. He was earnest.

The Broad Street Dept: seeking the lost.

engaged in the  
rich neighborhood.

9/18/45

Lk. 19: 41 "And when he was come near, he smote the city, and revenged over it."

Why a downtown church

[ We have been working thru the Bells, the last week is the  
end of our 3rd. Stayed out at Bittery, apparently in the home  
of May, works, to garage. This occurred, as he came the first time  
into the city. ]

a great city moved the heart of Jesus.

The church is the heart of the city - what's it?

(2) Richmond. "Where is the first church?" "Oh, it used to be right there, but now, so many miles the way that way."

(1) Kansas City today - - - - ? " "

(c) Memphis, Tenn. "I understand the first church building  
a new church home, when?" "yester..."

(1) Reading, <sup>in a very thin</sup> about the First Baptist Church of Winnipeg,  
Canada. Oldest church in Western Canada. Voted to  
dissolve. Sole property to Pentecostal Holiness. [ Both article -  
they fitting it to overflowing, A.M. & P.M.]

Once in awhile to me: "Why not sell, build a  
magnificent new church out in the suburbs?"  
Why leave it here?

## I. There is an ideological reason.

If speaking politically would say a democratic reason.  
" " sociologically, " " social vs.  
" " culturally " " humanitarian vs.

There is a tendency common to all social groups. What is it?  
The tendency of all groups is to segregate themselves.  
to turn into factions, cliques, classes,  
to erect social barriers.

That tendency is found powerfully working — in religion.  
of fundamentalism what is it? Mostly cast. Seemingly impossible to overcome.

Rich people — in a rich church.  
Middle class " " " middle class".  
Poor " " " poor "

The intelligent — with a scholarly factor, forever.

The illiterate — " " rattle houses.

The opportunity and power of a downtown church

Everybody's church.

Rich - poor  
Intellectual - illiterate  
Capitalist - laborer.  
Employer - employee

Understanding - worshipping together - children in S.S. with

- There is a strategical reason.

Shall we leave the heart of this great city  
about a witness?

The heart of an empire <sup>Business</sup>  
<sup>markets,</sup>  
<sup>merchandise</sup>

In the heart of it - the hotel ballroom

the night club  
the bar in the lobby  
the white lights  
the crowds at night, day  
the gamblers, prostitutes, and dogs.

But no light of the cross? my Father's throw?

for  
1. The traveler and sojourner.

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in that way.

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another.  
" " a night club  
" " a gambling joint

(2) The visitors during 1949 with signed. 7,705  
49 a 48 states  
concluded with

(3) While at Chicago asked to go to city suburban churches  
" " members asked to go to city suburban churches  
No - in the heart of the city.

Let us have a church on a busy street  
where the race <sup>money</sup> money goes by  
The men who are good the men who are bad  
A good ad or bad ad  
I would not sit on the corner's mat  
I don't like the people here  
Let us have a church on a busy street  
and it's hard to man.

The reason to do your friendly interested, Down Patterson more than 1st Bpt. 16.  
" " ought to be designated, named, Down again.

2. for  
The young people who come to the city  
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temptations harder.

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where the race tracks go by  
The men who are fond of the girls who are bad  
are good and go bad as it is.  
I would not sit on the church's mat  
but on the express' box. Every street  
let us have a church on a busy street  
and it is hard to man.

The reason to do your friendly interview, (Down Patterson) more than 1st Bpt. 16.  
" " ought to be designated, named, Down S. J. again.

2. The young people who come to the city  
(2) I grew up in a little town. The youth - 16 to 18 years old  
temptations lurk.

(III)

3. For the vast submerged, underprivileged populations  
that inevitably abounds in any great city.

(a) John Wesley, Wittenminster 5 farms says p.

The last: "God bears the work now but the work goes on"  
The first: "The world is my parish." Then comes this out of  
the canon of Agnes.

The city is our parish [field], its poor, needy, all.  
The work goes on.  
Missions abroad.

Missions at home.

The fire now.

The one this yrs.

The Good Shepherd light us now billy.

(b) Walter Pater 1837-1894 English essayist, wrote 2 letters,  
1885 with "maine th Epicurean". In the first he  
philosophy withdraws one of the old Roman gladiatorial  
comrades, and says that what was needed was the  
heart that would make it impossible to witness  
such woe and floodshed; and the future would belong to the  
few who kept such a heart. By just that the blessedness was  
what is needed - the heart that makes such it  
impossible to live in a city without filling their about  
Jesus. Wishing them to do. The future belongs to the few.  
Lies forever till Jesus comes.

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Revenger Seminar  
Jan 1, 1949

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### THE CITY CHURCH

"God bless the church on the ~~avenue~~<sup>down the street</sup> And who sent his disciples to labor  
That hears the city's cry. for Him  
The church that sows the Seed of the Word Where the forces of evil breed.  
Where the masses of men go by; The church that gives and the church  
The church that makes, 'midst the city's roar, that lives  
A place for an Altar of Prayer, As seen by the Master's eyes -  
With a heart for the rich-a heart for the poor, God bless the church on the ~~avenue~~<sup>dangerous street</sup>  
And rejoices their burdens to share. That answers the city's cry."  
The church that's ~~more~~<sup>more</sup> to the call of Christ  
Who wept o'er the city's need,  
(Ralph Walker)

Can. "the power of clear faith"

## The City Church

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The church that's moved by the call of Christ  
who wept over the city's need,  
who sent his disciples to wash for him  
where the faces of evil breed.

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