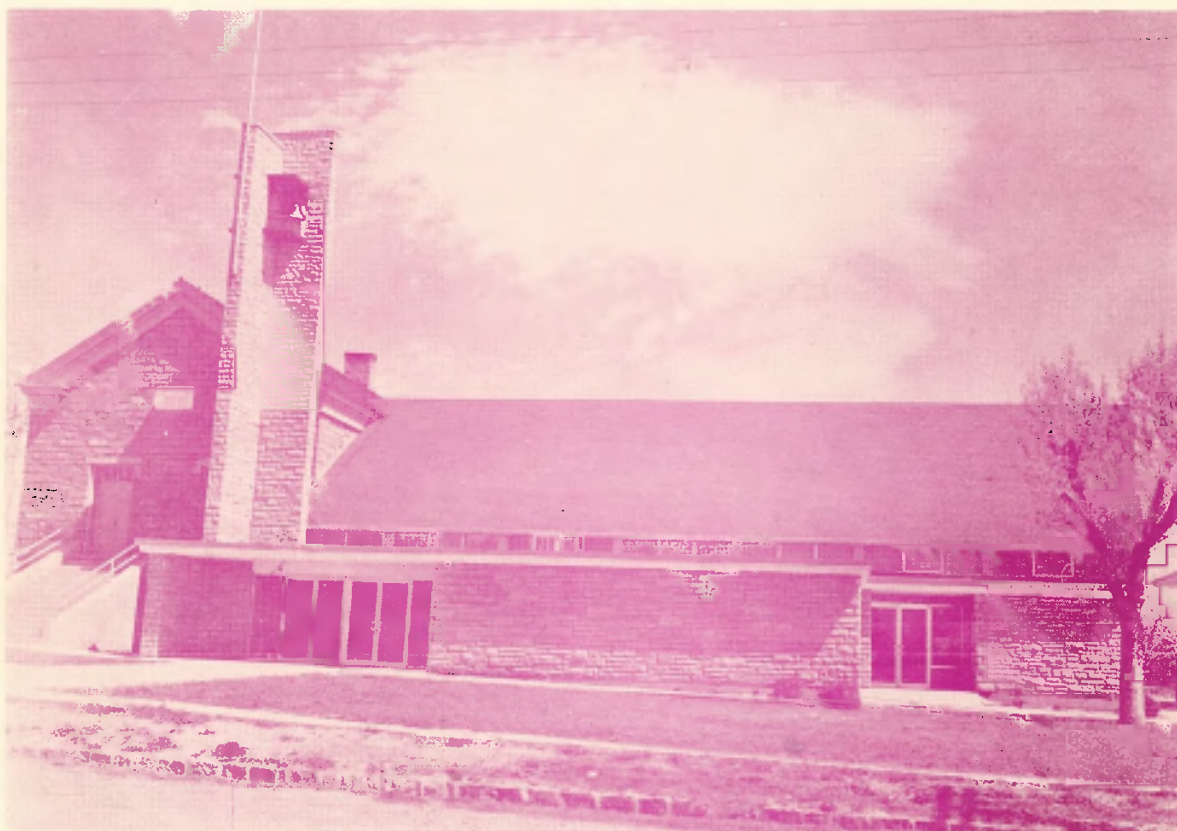
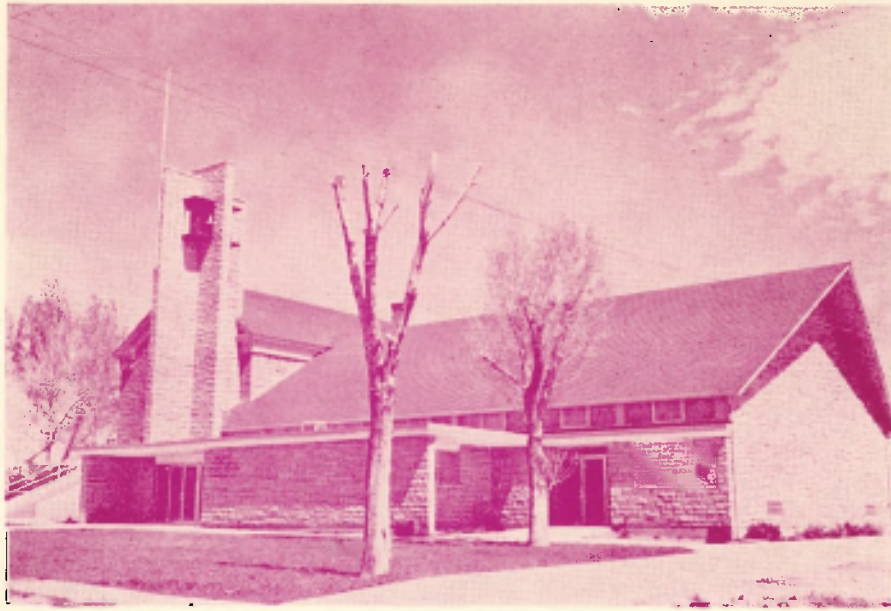

Washington Ward Dedication Souvenir



Sunday, April 23, 1961---7:00 p.m.



Dedication

Majestically, dear Lord, our "Ward Home" stands
An ensign to our energy and skill—
Insignia of beauty that commands
Our love and faith in keeping with Thy will.

May hearts that come within these walls be pure—
In worship and amusement may we be
So thoughtful of each act that we are sure
To ever be approved, dear Lord, of Thee.

We dedicate this Home to Thee this day—
This monument with all its trees and flowers,
And may Thy Spirit ever lead the way
To exaltation in this Home of ours.

Lord, read our souls and bless, we ask again.
Be Thine the glory evermore. Amen.



ELDER HOWARD W. HUNTER



ELDER ELDRED G. SMITH

Elder Howard W. Hunter of the Council of the Twelve Apostles has been appointed to participate in the exercises and offer the dedicatory prayer Sunday, April 23, at 7 p. m. Eldred G. Smith, Patriarch to the Church will accompany him.

East St. George Stake Presidency



We, the Bishopric of the Washington Ward wish to express our gratitude to the Stake Presidency for the fine support and help they have given us in our building program.



MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE AND THANKSGIVING

As our building program terminates we of the Bishopric reminiscently acknowledge with gratitude and thanksgiving how the Lord has blessed us in the full realization of our project, sensing with joy that our fond dream has come true.

Success has been achieved, not by large contributions of a few, but the combined effort of the Ward in general, each member bearing his or her share of the burden, all of which evokes profound satisfaction, not only in the completion of this edifice, but in the fact that the movement has stimulated greater unity and strength among the members.

We sincerely thank the Priesthood and Ladies auxiliary Dinner organization for their undivided support, fully cognizant of the adverse conditions under which they have labored. We sensitively appreciate the time put forth by those who have rendered assistance, also for the spirit of co-operation that maintains among the members. Deeply we recognize and appreciate the contributions of money and labor that have been unstintingly given to the cause.

May the Lord continue to bless us in the future as He has in the past. That we may be drawn fraternally closer. That the spirit of common brotherhood be continuously enriched. May we be guarded from the evils that surround us. May our hearts be filled with a desire to serve Him, and that individually and collectively we may be shining lights in the community, is our fervent prayer.

Clerks—Victor E. Iverson
Charles Larry Jolley

Quentin A. Nisson
Rhaldo A. Turner
Glen Tobler

HIGH PRIESTS



Left to Right, Irwin Waite, secretary; Otto Stewart, first assistant; Herbert Knell, president; James E. Turner, assistant.

ELDERS QUORUM



Left to Right, LaVon Hall, president; Mervin Iverson, assistant; Clare Tobler, secretary; Keith Iverson, assistant (missing).

THE MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD GROUP

There are two grand divisions of priesthood in the Church, comprising (a) the Melchizedek that functions in things spiritual, and (b) the Aaronic that deals with things temporal. The Melchizedek, comprising high priests, seventies and elders, are units of stake quorums, and are subject to the supervisory administration of the Bishopric in the Ward to which they belong as members.

This splendid group of men are the insignia of the Church's requirement as worthy and noble servants.

PRIESTS



Reading left to right, Quentin A. Nisson, president; Victor E. Iverson, advisor, Larry August, Ronald Bracken, Doyle Sandberg, Garth Paxman, LaVell Tobler, Gerald Turner, Leo Tobler, LaMar Ferdig; kneeling, Neil Stephens, general secretary; Ralph Staheli, and Richard Tobler.

TEACHERS



Reading left to right, Robert Nisson, Richard Ainsworth, John Mills, Randy Adams, Larry Harris, Rhaldo Turner, Bishop's counselor; Gerald Gibson, Haven Paxman, advisor; Pat Judd, and Greg Tobler.

DEACONS



Reading from left to right, First Row, Gary Ainsworth, Ned Tobler, John Paxman, Claude Milne, Michael Sandberg, John Adams. Second Row, Stanley Turner, advisor; Glen Tobler, Sam Mills, Leaf Turner, David Jolley, Ralph Iverson, Sheldon Neilson.

SENIOR AARONIC GROUP

The Aaronic Priesthood, comprising priests, teachers and deacons, are full quorums that come directly under the supervisory administration of the Ward Bishopric.

The early training of these fine young men in leadership is outstandingly potent to develop for subsequent ordinations to the Higher Priesthood as disclosed in the explanation of the Melchizedek Priesthood.

The above is a splendid group of chaste, virtuous, clean-living boys in the offing for loftier advancement.



Left to right, Joseph Judd, Ervin Hall, Clarence Bundy



Above is a picture of the interior of the new Relief Society Room with the officers seated on the front row. They are from left to right, Julia Dewey, secretary, Stella Tanner, Counselor, Lova Adams, President and Minnie Vincent, Counselor.

The Relief Society is the oldest auxiliary organization of the Church. It was organized by the Prophet Joseph Smith on March 17, 1842, and from the beginning, it's aims and objectives have been to care for the poor, the sick and unfortunate, to foster love for religion, education, culture and refinement; to stimulate faith, to study and teach the Gospel.

The Relief Society greatly enjoys the advantages of their new and beautiful modern room and kitchen. It's facilities cannot but help improve it's various functions.

An invitation is extended to all women of the Ward to become members of this soul-enriching work, for the nobility of womanhood is attained and realized through the loving service to which this Society leads.

The Loveliness of Womanhood is but the Flowering of Devoted Service.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL



Left to right, Woodrow Staheli, first assistant; Austin Iverson, superintendent; Joseph Judd, assistant; Lydia Stephens, secretary.

The great aim of the Sunday School is to more fully develop (a) faith in God the Father, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost, and (b) to consecrate both time and possessions for the perfection of the Kingdom on earth, (c) the elimination of selfishness, the furthering of actions both individually and collectively, and (d) the practice of engendering in hearts the practice of universal brotherly love.

The Sunday School greatly enjoys the advantages of our new and beautiful modern building, and the Junior Sunday School especially enjoys its lovely new assembly room, eliminating the crowded conditions that existed in the old room. The facilities of our lovely new building cannot help but improve both branches of the Sunday School.



Reading left to right, Garth Paxman, secretary; Gordon Worthington, first assistant; LaVon Hall, president; Clare Tobler, second assistant

THE YOUNG MEN'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

World-wide educators and moulders of opinion freely point to the M.I.A. of the Mormon Church as being foremost in providing for the sane and potential conservation of leisure time.

Religion, education, and physical development are fundamental in rounding out the fine fibres of budding manhood and mature youth. In this field the M.I.A. has realized great success.

In Washington Ward, through past years, the Y.M.M.I.A. has been potential in the development of youth that today are outstanding leaders. Our Ward has also, during the past few years achieved outstanding success in our young men's athletic program, of which fact we are most proud.

With the completion of our new and beautiful edifice, constructed with facilities fully adequate to M.I.A. progress, we look forward with joy to what may be realized in fields that characterize wholesome development.

We appeal to the young and old of our community to become one with us in this meritorious Mutual Improvement Movement, remembering that there is no age limit to M.I.A.

YOUNG WOMEN'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION



Reading left to right, Carma Staheli, president; Vilate Neilson, counselor; Wanda Sandberg, counselor; Evelyn Worthington, secretary.

The First Presidency of the Church issued the following statement on April 1, 1941: "The sole and ultimate aim and purpose of the Mutual Improvement Association of the Church is to plant and make grow in the hearts of their members a testimony of the Christ and of the Gospel, of the divinity of the mission of Joseph Smith, and of the Church, and to bring the people to order their lives in accordance with the laws and principles of the restored gospel and Priesthood. There must be thrown around all our activities the strongest possible religious atmosphere. It must never be forgotten that the only excuse for the existence of an auxiliary organization is the attaining and building a testimony of the gospel, and of the Messiahship of Jesus."

We, as a Ward, are proud of the young women in our M.I.A. and the fine and outstanding activities they have sponsored in the fields of Athletics, Dance, Drama, Speech and Music.



Reading from left to right, the newly installed presidency, Grace Iverson, president; Yvonne Kendall, counselor; Flora Mills, counselor; Helen Nisson, secretary. Coordinator of Junior Sunday School, Nada Iverson. Recently released Primary presidency, Beatrice Tobler, president; Carol Tobler, counselor, and Evelyn Turner, counselor.

THE PRIMARY ASSOCIATION

There is an adage that says: "As the twig is bent, so is the tree inclined."

Solomon says: "Train a child when it is young and when it is old it will not depart from it."

Many of the leaders of our Church attribute their fundamentals of life building to the Primary Association development in their childhood, for therein were precepts, ideas, sweet ethics, tender guiding hands who in love and kindness set them on the right track.

It is an insignia of love for a Primary officer to give time unstintingly for the development of a child or children not her own, yet realizing that, "of such are the kingdom of Heaven," and duty is their joy and recompense.

The Primary Organization has benefited greatly in their continuing efforts to promote reverence in the young people through the completion of our beautiful new Chapel with it's many beautiful furnishings and facilities.



Left to right, Otto Stewart, chairman; Thelma Jones, secretary; James Turner, assistant; Squire Mangum, assistant, missing.

GENEALOGY AND TEMPLE WORK

Genealogical societies, which in no sense are auxiliary organizations but are appendages to the Holy Priesthood, under which authority they function, have been charged with promoting and effecting this meritorious work, which embraces in its scope (a) scientific research for direct family linkings of the living to dead ancestors, and (b) to urge and assist the living to have temple marriages solemnized for eternity, and (c) to promote and effect, by proxy in holy temples, eternal marriage of deceased husbands and wives.

With the completion of the new Washington Ward Chapel with its many facilities available, the Society, in the spirit of love and service, anticipattingly looking forward to greater achievements in this essential part of vicarious salvation, believing with revelation, "that we without our dead cannot be made perfect."

THE LADIES AUXILIARY DINNER COMMITTEE



Names—left to right—Wanda Sandberg, Lova Adams, Thora Sorenson, Della Turner, Ivie Hafen, Vilate Neilson, Violet August, Stella Tanner, Helen Nisson and Rosa Waters. Erma Iverson, also a member, missing due to illness.

Under the able leadership of Vilate Neilson with Stella Tanner as chairman and Della Turner as Pastry Chairman, these women have given unstintingly of their time and labors in preparing and serving the delicious Ward Dinners put on from time to time; and also the preparing and serving of dinners at the weekly meetings of the Lions Club and various other civic organizations.

They are shown above in the beautiful new kitchen of the new Chapel, which they rightly feel they have earned through their diligent efforts.

We, as a Ward are proud of the devotion and united efforts of these women, without which this Chapel could not have been completed so soon; Realizing, that there are so many others who have willingly and devotedly served whose names cannot be mentioned due to the essential brevity of this publication.

HISTORICAL REVIEW

The original Ward Chapel, which has served as a nucleus for the present newly constructed building, was erected in 1877 under the direction of Bishop John Woodruff Freeman. It stood as erected until the administration of Bishop Calvin Hall who had the original wooden porch and steps removed and replaced with the concrete fixtures which are still in use at present.

In 1941, under the direction of Bishop Wallace Iverson, the Chapel was remodeled, new classrooms and pews were added, with a general renovation throughout the building, resulting in a greatly improved edifice.

This building served the Ward members satisfactorily until the year 1955 when, during the early months of the administration of Bishop Quentin A. Nisson, there was seen the need of a larger building together with better facilities in regard to classrooms, rest rooms, and a larger assembly room to meet the needs of the rapidly growing Junior Sunday School. The Relief Society Organization was also in need of larger quarters and better kitchen facilities.

Realizing the enormity of the undertaking, but nevertheless determined to carry the program through, the Ward, under the able leadership of Bishop Quentin A. Nisson and his counselors, Rhaldo A. Turner and Glen Tobler, commenced fund raising proceedings, toward the goal of a new Chapel addition on the old original building. Beginning in the spring of 1956, the Ward members were asked to contribute 2% of their monthly earnings to start the Chapel Fund. This money was collected each month by the Relief Society Visiting Teachers. In April of the same year an Easter Bake Sale and Dance was held, the forerunner of a long list of Bake Sales, Dinners, and Ward Celebrations in the fund-raising effort.

In the fall of 1956 the Ward began to present weekly movies in the Recreation Hall and, weather permitting, on the adjacent Patio of the City Park. These movies have become an integral and enjoyable part of the ward activities, as well as contributing immeasurably to the building fund.

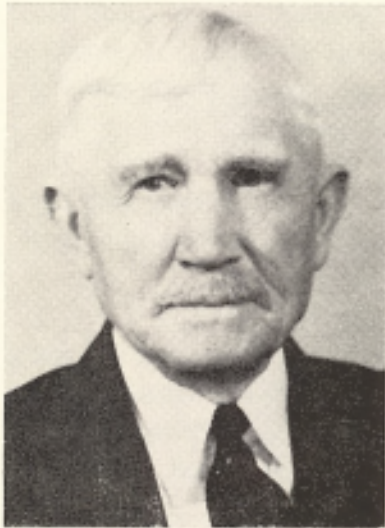
In December, 1958 the Ladies Auxiliary Dinner Committee was organized and began the serving of weekly dinners to the Lions Club in St. George. Although this proved to be a large undertaking, entailing a great deal of hard work, it has been a continuous source of money for the project.

During the years of raising money for the Chapel, the Ward acquired a Chuck Wagon, which helped dispense the hot dinners and plate lunches sold at the various celebrations. Also, they purchased new movie equipment for the Ward movies and twelve large banquet tables to facilitate better service at Ward dinners.

The Ward Recreation Hall was also remodeled and renovated during this time. New curtains and drapes were added, the ceiling lowered, a cooling system installed and all newly decorated. This resulted in a greatly improved building and has made an enjoyable and lovely place for Ward gatherings and socials.

As a Ward we feel fortunate in having our Chapel and Recreation Hall in close proximity to the City Park and Patio, making a closely integrated unit for Worship and social activities.

CONSTRUCTION UNDER WAY



WILLIAM E. TOBLER

On November, 1959 ground-breaking ceremonies were held. A large crowd was present, and the beautiful prayer offered at that time was given by brother William E. Tobler, who was ninety-three years of age.

Construction got under way in January, 1960 under the direction of Bishop Quentin A. Nisson and Counsellors Rhaldo A. Turner and Glen Tobler. Arrah Martineau was selected to be Church Building Supervisor, and from that time on had supervisonal authority over construction with assistance by Chester Simmonds, Church Building Supervisor. The beautiful new edifice stands as the result of this man's efficiency and fine workmanship.

Architects Gardner and Rasmussen of Cedar City, who prepared the plans which were approved by the Church, gave the edifice architectural attention during the progress of construction.

The actual construction began with many skilled and unskilled members working with a zest, digging foundations, making cement forms, pouring cement and moving many hundreds of yards of earth.

In the membership of our Ward we have been blessed with many of the skilled artisans necessary to the construction of the building. Inasmuch as native Sandstone was used as the principal construction material, we are fortunate in having skilled rock workers, under the direction of Edward F. Nisson and son Darrel, who gave freely of their time and labors in this work.

The Bishopric recognizes with gratitude the assistance rendered by the skilled and unskilled workers of our ward. Much of the labor was done evenings by already tired workmen who often could be found on the job until near the midnight hour.

In the essential brevity of this writing, space will not allow mentioning names of many who ardently assisted in construction. Little by little the work progressed until eventually, following endless detail in finishing touches, the complete edifice was joyfully realized.

THE FINISHED SANCTUARY OF BEAUTY

The facade of the building is constructed of native sandstone, quarried north of the city, with pitched arshlar design and Langly slanted joints.

To blend the old building with the new, a sixty foot bell Canpanile, also constructed of sandstone, rises majestically in the form of a simulated cross. This houses the century old Bell used for many years by the ward on the old chapel, and then at one time discarded and almost sold for scrap iron. Now, once more it takes its place in the religious affairs of our Ward, it's D-sharp tone ringing out the call to worship.

The chapel interior, with its color scheme of soft pale blue predominating, is pleasing to the eye, while the pews and other installations, finished in a natural wood tint, harmonize with their surroundings.

Mention must be made of the palatial pulpit, sacramental table and paneling, all being the insignia of rare and professional arcraft. In all, the chapel, richly embellished with beautiful drapes, impels a soft quietude that at once evokes a spirit of reverence and worship.

Bishop Quentin Nisson and his Counselors, and the Ward in general, are to be congratulated upon the erection of this Sanctum of Loveliness.



Singing Mothers

First row, left to right, Vilate Neilson, Julia Dewey, Caddie Neilson, Bonnie Milne, Delores Adams, Darlene Neilson, organist; Nellene Averett, Laura Ford, Florence Jolley.

Back row, Marie Newby, Yvonne Kendall, Gwen Nisson, Carol Tobler, Ruth Hall, Agatha Knell, Elva Adams, Evelyn Turner, Ada Nordell, Marcia Crawford, Norlene Stephens, Sylvia Jolley.

Evelyn Turner, Director.

Washington Ward Choir

Ferd Neilson, director, Erma Iverson, Laura Ford, Darlene Neilson, organists.

Members, Rula Martineau, Evelyn Turner, Delores Adams, Julia Dewey, Vilate Neilson, Caddie Neilson, Yvonne Turner, Bonnie Milne, Marcia Crawford, Marie Newby, Ruth Hall, Gwen Nisson, Agatha Knell, Misha Bigler, Nellene Averett, Carol Tobler, Ada Nordell, Sylvia Jolley, Norlene Stephens, Florence Jolley, Ivie Hafen, Frank Staheli, Gerald Turner, Richard Tobler, Mervin Iverson, Ralph Staheli, LaVell Tobler, Glen Tobler, Wilford Neilson, Herbert Knell, Israel Neilson, Willard Nisson, Clare Tobler, Archie Tobler.





Washington Orchestra



Frank Staheli
Washington's Old Time
Musician



Erma Iverson - Ward Music Chairman



WASHINGTON'S FAMOUS GRANNY BAND

PICTURE OF INSIDE OF CHAPEL



PICTURE OF INSIDE OF RECREATION HALL





DENNIS IVERSON
Missionary



HAVEN PAXMAN
Custodian



DARWIN TOBLER
Missionary

Teen-Age Girls Group of Washington Ward



Front Row. Left to right, Vicki Adams, Brenda Bracken, Shirley Ann Adams. Back Row: Left to Right, Alice Jane Ferdig, LaRae Adams, Ann Tobler, Sandra Sorenson, Glenda Milne, Claudia Whitney, Christene Cooper, Janette Nisson, Anna Marie Jones, Connie Iverson, Shirley Prsbrey, Schenet Stevens, Judy Paxman, Gail Cooper, Mary Neilson,, Gloria Gibson



Beginning of
Chapel
Construction



Arah E.
Martineau

Church
Building
Supervisor

Stone Masons
at Work

Left to right, Edward F.
Nisson, Willard O. Nisson,
Hugh Gibson, Darrel A.
Nisson.



GOD GIVE US MEN

God give us men. The time demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and
Willing hands.

Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor; men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And damn his treacherous flatteries
Without winking.

Tall men—suncrowned, who live above the fog
In public duty and in private thinking

Program

Prelude Music	Laura Ford
Opening Hymn	"How Firm a Foundation"
Choir and Congregation, directed by Ferd Neilson	
Invocation	Archie Tobler
Song	"Beside Still Waters," Ward Choir
Remarks	Stake President, Rudger Atkin
Song	"Bless This House," Ward Choir
Remarks	Bishop Quentin A. Nisson
Remarks	Patriarch Eldred G. Smith
Song	"Lord We Dedicate This House to Thee," by Singing Mothers
Directed by Evelyn Turner, Accompanied by Darlene Neilson	
Dedicatory Prayer	Elder Howard W. Hunter
Closing Hymn	"The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning"
Choir and Congregation	
Benediction	Wallace Iverson
Postlude Music	Laura Ford

List of Bishops of Washington Ward

from 1857 to 1961

Robert D. Covington	1857-1858
(Branch President)	
Robert D. Covington	1858-1869
John W. Freeman	1869-1877
Thomas J. Jones	1877-1881
Marcus Funk	1881-1888
Andrew Sproul, Sr.	1888-1908
Calvin Hall	1908-1924
Arthur A. Paxman	1924-1925
Victor E. Iverson	1925-1931
Williard O. Nisson	1931-1934
Wallace J. Iverson	1934-1943
Alton L. Jones	1943-1946
Ernest Tobler	1946-1950
Woodrow W. Staheli	1950-1956
Quentin A. Nisson	1956-