

DIVINE SCIENCE CHURCH
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**WRITTEN HISTORY
OF THE DIVINE SCIENCE CHURCH
OF THE HEALING CHRIST
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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GOLDEN JUBILEE NEWSLETTER
DATED MAY 6, 1984, CELEBRATING 50
YEARS OF CHURCH
IN WASHINGTON DC**

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HISTORY of the CHURCH of the HEALING CHRIST

What is the history of the unique little church that stands on the corner of 35th Street and Wisconsin Avenue at the edge of Georgetown? The building is a sturdy edifice, beautifully proportioned, surmounted by a bell tower that must have pealed forth an insistent message far and wide over the Georgetown area in earlier days. That it is considerably more than 100 years old is attested by the date on the Memorial Stone in the grounds in front of the building. Now on the grounds of St. Luke's at Wisconsin and Calvert.

IN MEMORIAM, CENTENNIAL

July 4, 1876

M. P. Sabbath School

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Not too long after the St. Luke's congregation moved, it was through arrangements initiated by the President of the Board of this Church, Attorney Harold P. Ganss, Sr., that the Mount Tabor building became the place of worship of our Divine Science Church of the Healing Christ, from 1956 to the present. Dr. Grace L. Faus was the first Divine Science minister here, and she was followed by Dr. Max Ballard who came from the St. Louis area to be with us for ten years. The present minister is Dr. Al G. Salazar and services are held regularly every Sunday morning at 11:00 A. M.

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"The knowledge of Truth comes through the heart by living it." —H.B. Jeffery

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WASHINGTON, D.C. CHURCH CELEBRATES 50th ANNIVERSARY

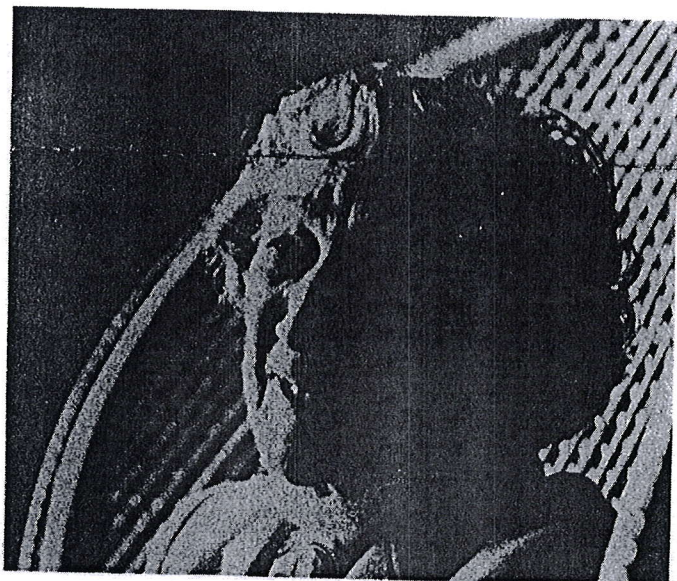


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Dr. Grace L. Faus

The Divine Science Church of the Healing Christ will celebrate the Golden Anniversary of Divine Science in Washington, D.C. in a special service Sunday, May 6, at 11 a.m. The service will be highlighted by the presence of its Ministers Emeriti: Dr. Grace L. Faus—Founding Minister of the church—and Dr. Max H. Ballard. Both Dr. Faus and Dr. Ballard will speak that morning from the pulpit.

Following the service, a gala dinner will be held at the Holiday Inn across the street from the church. Guest speakers at the dinner include the Reverend Maurita J. Wiggins, President of the Divine Science Federation International, Dr. Faus, and Dr. Ballard. The entertainment program will feature memories and memorabilia from "pioneer" guests who were active in the early years of the church, and a pictorial history and review of Divine Science growth and development in the nation's capital.

The Steering Committee for the Anniversary Celebration is chaired by Mr. Harold P. Ganss, Sr., who discovered the original church structure and who helped to oversee its remodeling. His committee is assisted by Mrs. Norene Diamond. Mr. Ganss will be the Master of Ceremonies at the celebration dinner, at which over 200 guests are expected.

(Ed. Note. I am indebted to the Reverend Carley Dawson, teacher, lecturer, writer, and Assisting Minister at the Divine Science Church of the Healing Christ, for the follow-

ing information. More details of the early history of the Washington church, and of its May 6 celebration, will be included in the next issue of this newsletter.)

"Dr. Grace Lightfoot Faus, the Founding Minister of the Church of the Healing Christ, originally came to Washington as a result of her mother's illness. She had earlier received her 'calling' while on her night rounds as a nurse in a Denver hospital. That night she heard a Voice, saying, 'You are going about healing the wrong way. The healing begins in the mind.' She abandoned her hospital work to study Divine Science.

"In Washington it was not long before she had attracted to her a group to meet weekly at a hotel on 16th Street. Soon she required a larger building for her meetings. The Church of the Healing Christ was originally a Methodist Chapel, and is now over one-hundred years old. Much has been done to modernize and restore the building, while retaining the flavor of the old church itself—its high ceiling beams and stained glass windows.

"Early teachers at the Washington church have been Eunice Hightower, Jean Hill—who still conducts the Consecration Class. Dr. Faus herself was my instructor in all four classes, as well as giving my Practitioner studies, together with Jean Hill. In 1968 Dr. Faus ordained me as a Divine Science minister.

"Dr. Faus retired in 1968, to be followed by Dr. Max Ballard for ten years. Then came a period of a year or more during which the Reverend Jennie Goicoechea, the Reverend Harold Ganss, Jr., and I took turns at giving the service, until Dr. Ballard succeeded in persuading Dr. Al Salazar to be ordained. Dr. Salazar is now in his fourth year as our minister. . . ."

All Divine Scientists visiting in the Washington, D.C. area in this season should visit this lovely church, at 202 35th Street, N.W. (telephone: 202 / 333-7630), and, if possible, join in the celebration.



The third party of the merger, the Aldersgate Methodist Church started as a Sunday School in 1896 under Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church, and was first known as the West Washington Mission.

In February 1947, the building and site of the Congress Street Church—a Washington landmark—recognized as "the oldest Methodist Protestant Church in the North American Continent" (117 years old at the time of the merger) was purchased by a company of devoted followers of Mary Baker Eddy. In 1957, extensive remodeling was completed at a cost of \$120,000, and the old Congress Street Church became a highly modernized place of worship for the First Church of Christ, Scientist.

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This historical background of this church building is documented in the Washingtonia Collection Division of the Martin Luther King Library of the District of Columbia, and may well be considered the basis for designating this site as a Washington landmark during the city's observance of this Nation's Bicentennial Celebration.

With appreciation for the opportunity to give service,
this Report is respectfully submitted by:

Cleomine B. Lewis, Chairman of
The Public Relations and Publicity Committee

The Washington Herald of June 3, 1929, gave an account of the celebration and the exhibits, including highlights of Senator Shortridge's address as the principle speaker, and indicated that the celebrated event was broadcast over stations WRC and MJSV.

The Washington Post, August 6, 1938, in its fourth of a series on Bible Classes in Washington Churches observed that the Harrison Bible Class of the Congress Street Church, named in honor of the former Police Inspector W. H. Harrison, comprised a membership of 282, including 125 policemen and a number of firemen on its active roster. It also observed that more than 150 Members of Congress addressed the class during its 10 year history, and that a large number of area University presidents and teachers and other outstanding public officials, including judges and cabinet members were either teachers of the class or class officials. Consequently, "the Georgetown residents in the vicinity of 31st and N Streets got reserve police protection on Sunday mornings".

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THE DIVINE SCIENCE CHURCH PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE
HAS TWO PROJECTS ON WHICH TO REPORT:

No. 1

This Committee assisted the Special Events Committee in a Metropolitan Washington area-wide promotion of our Divine Science Federation International's Special Lecture Series featuring Dr. Jack Holland as guest speaker during three evenings of special activities at our Church on January 6-8, 1976, which were also a commemoration of the 88th Anniversary of the Divine Science Movement and the 44th in the District of Columbia.

Through the efforts of this Committee, this Special Lecture Series—jointly sponsored by our Church and the First Divine Science Church of Washington, D.C.—was recognized by the D. C. Bicentennial Commission's Office of Programs as an official 1976 Bicentennial Activity in the Nation's Capital.

This Committee designed the colorful special invitational announcements that were widely circulated to "Salute America's 200 Years", the Divine Science Movement's 88th Anniversary and this Church's 44th, and to encourage the very fine attendance that resulted on each evening to hear our very distinguished guest speaker. This Chairperson wishes here to again thank the number of persons who assisted with its preparation, folding, and distribution.

No. 2

For a possible relationship also to the present 1976 Bicentennial Celebration, at the request of the President of the Board, this Committee researched the significance of the stone tablet on the front lawn of our Church inscribed:

IN MEMORIAM, CENTENNIAL
July 4th, 1876
M.P. Sabbath School

The following information not only points out the significance of the memorial stone, but also provides interesting historical background leading up to the presence of our Church family's worship services in this Church edifice of the former Mount Tabor Church—the original occupants here at 35th & Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.:

The May 30, 1929, edition of the Washington Evening Star carried an account of the Congress Street Church's plans to celebrate the centennial anniversary of its dedication, and cited the church as one of the oldest places of worship in the District and an outstanding landmark of Georgetown. The Star also noted that the record of the cornerstone laying had been found in the original minute book of Potomac Lodge, No. 5, F.A.A.M., which would be on display during the celebration, along with the gavel used by George Washington in laying the cornerstone of the Capitol and likewise used in the cornerstone laying of the Congress Street Church. It further stated that the record would also show that President Andrew Jackson and his Cabinet were present at the ceremony the century before.

Presbyterians Plan Last Service in Church Built in '02

By George Kennedy

The congregation of the Washington Heights Presbyterian Church will attend the last formal service of worship at 11 a.m. tomorrow in the little yellow stucco structure with Gothic windows and Tudor tower on Kalorama road N.W., just off Columbia road.

A week from tomorrow they will meet in the Woman's Club of Bethesda, first step in a permanent move to the suburbs and a new building.

A six-acre tract at Bradley boulevard and Greentree road, Bethesda, has been bought for a new church. Elder John B. Kerr is chairman of the building committee. Plans for the new structure, first units of which will cost about \$250,000, are being drawn by Frank J. Duane, architect.

The Rev. Lloyd G. Brown, minister of the church, will be assisted in tomorrow's communion service by the Rev. Dr. Ralph K. Merker, the General Presbyterian of Washington.

Many Outside Parish.

About a year ago the church began a community study and found that a majority of its officers and Sunday School leaders and much of its congregation lived outside the parish. With few exceptions they once had lived in the neighborhood.

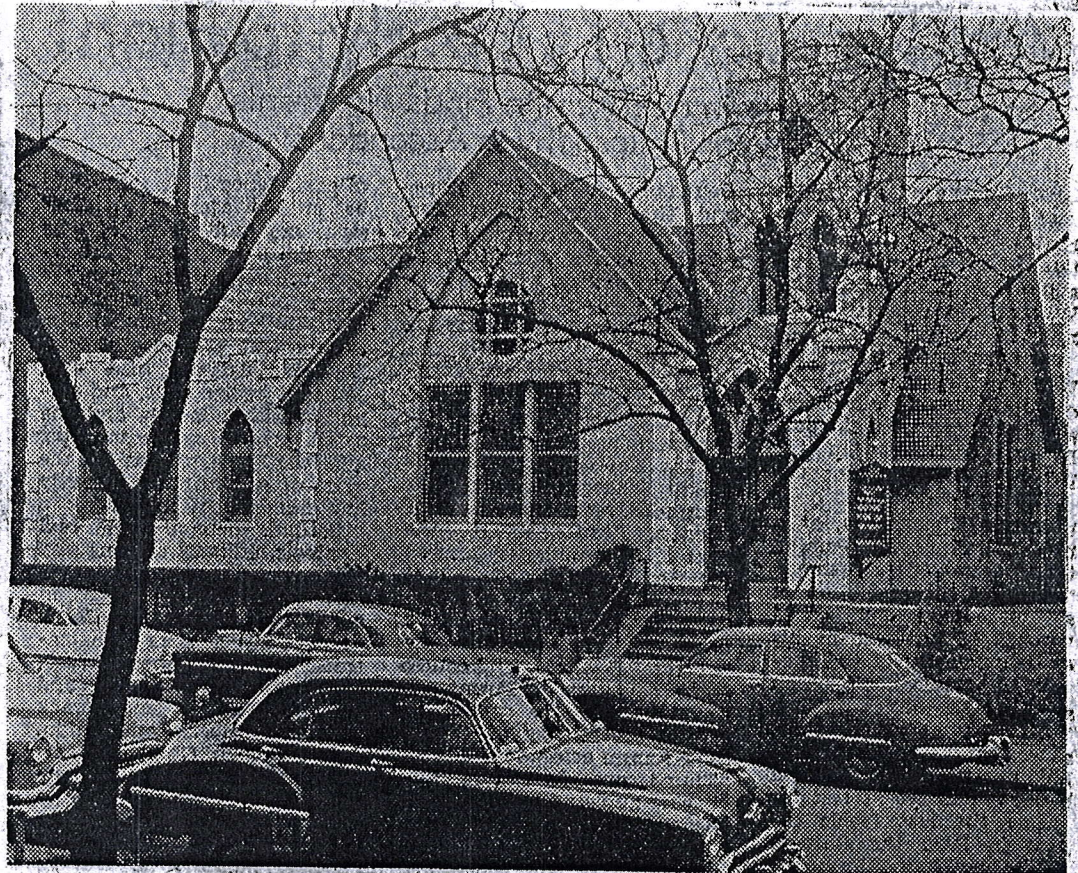
The study showed that there were six other Presbyterian churches within a radius of one and one-half miles. Attendance reflected the transient nature of the neighborhood. After one Sunday service when members were asked to stay for a meeting only a handful remained. Apparently five out of six attending were not members.

The same study showed that an area to be served was in Montgomery County; that there were only three Presbyterian churches west of Connecticut avenue in the county in the triangle of Bethesda, Rockville and Darnestown.

The decision to move to the suburbs followed.

From Horse and Buggy Days.

The church, which is almost as old as the century, dates its



CONGREGATION LEAVING OLD CHURCH FOR SUBURBS—This is the Washington Heights Presbyterian Church, 1862 Kalorama road N.W., soon to be vacant because members are starting a new building in Bethesda, Md. Most of the members have moved to the suburbs.

—Star Staff Photos

beginnings to the "horse and buggy" days when a group of women of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, decided that there should be a Sunday School for the many children of the neighborhood, which then seemed a long way from the downtown church. It has always been said that the church was "cradled in a manger," because the Sunday School was started in the stable of the George Trusedale estate, "Tanglewood," near the church.

It was started in 1900 by Mrs. Clara Bliss Finley, daughter of Dr. D. W. Bliss who had been President Garfield's physician, and her house guest, Mrs. Calvin White, who had been a missionary in China.

The church was built in 1902 and greatly enlarged in 1908 as a memorial to Frank B. Gibson, a Washington banker. Appleton P. Clark, jr., the architect who designed it, is still a member.

The Rev. Dr. John C. Palmer was minister from 1912 to 1944. He was a Scottish Rite 33d degree Mason and attracted to the



THE REV. LLOYD G. BROWN

church many Army and Navy officers interested in Masonry.

Many Notables Attended.

William Jennings Bryan, an ardent Presbyterian, frequently worshipped in the church, although he was not a member. The late Clifford K. Berryman, the cartoonist of The Star, was

a trustee. William McChesney Martin, jr., chairman of the Federal Reserve system, is president of the board of trustees.

The late Maj. Gen. Merritt W. Ireland, surgeon general of the Army, was a trustee. Wilbur LaRoe, jr., now an elder of the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, was an elder and superintendent of Sunday schools. George A. Myers, the soloist, is an elder. The late Theodore C. Noyes of The Star was president of the board of trustees. Air Force Maj. Gen. Rush B. Lincoln, although an Episcopalian, served as a trustee. His wife was a member.

The boards of the church, elders, deacons and trustees are continuing until a new congregation in a new church elects its leaders.

Mr. Brown, who is 36, has been the minister a little over three years. A native of Harrisville, Pa., north of Pittsburgh, he is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and served as a chaplain in the Navy's transport service in the Pacific during World War II.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

National Pentecostal Holiness Church
610 Maryland Ave. N.E.
H. Ray Stewart, Minister.



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Evangelical Church Site Bought in Rockville

The Board of Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed purchased a church

Church Radio and Television

The following religious programs will originate in local stations tomorrow:

Roosevelt McIntyre, of Meridian Hill Baptist Church, speaks.

7:30 p.m., WWDC—The Rev. Charles E. Cornell, of St. Mary's

Radio

MOUNT PLEASANT CHAPEL, 1874

(Archives of St. Luke's United
Methodist Church)

One of the founders of Georgetown's Methodist Protestant Church on 31st Street was John Eliason, whose son owned the tannery that operated where the Safeway is now on Wisconsin Avenue. Hides to be tanned were supplied by the many butchers who had their pens and slaughterhouses in the vicinity of the tannery, and many of these butchers also belonged to the Methodist Protestant Church.

In 1874, Benjamin Franklin Hunt, who had recently built himself a house on the highest point in Georgetown (where the Russian Embassy is now), pledged \$500 toward the building of a mission chapel above the tannery. Joseph Weaver donated part of the triangular lot between High, Fayette, and Madison Streets – i.e. Wisconsin, 35th and Whitehaven. Joseph's brother Henry provided additional financing for construction of the chapel. Henry's daughter Mary married Phillip T. Hall, who was briefly the pastor of Mount Pleasant.

Theodore Barnes was Henry Weaver's stepson. Barnes's house, across Wisconsin Avenue, served as Mount Pleasant's parsonage for more than forty years. Barnes's wife Alice had the honor of being the First Member of Mount Pleasant Chapel, and their daughter Pauline Barnes Woodruff was its longtime church organist. One of the inaugural sermons was delivered by Rev. Edward J. Drinkhouse, who was married to Theodore's sister Angelina.

Considering that the Hunt, Weaver and Barnes families were all connected to the same trade, the report that people called the little clapboard church with its patterned slate roof the *Butcher's Chapel* is not hard to believe.

Minutes, Congress Street Methodist Protestant Church, May 5, 1873,
Archives of St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Georgetown Courier, March 7, May 2, 23, 30, July 4, September 26, 1874
Evening Star, May 30, 1874

"Fiftieth Anniversary at Mt. Tabor, Washington, D.C."
The Methodist Protestant, June 11, 1924.

-- Carlton Fletcher







1888 - 1913

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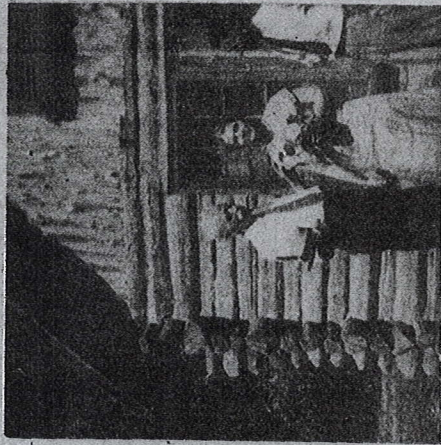


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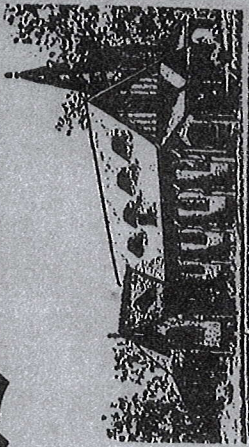
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Present Church

May 6, 1984

50th Anniversary Church Service

Today, May 6, was a special occasion for the entire congregation of the Divine Science Church of Healing Christ. The Special Service was well attended as the founder of the church, Dr. Grace Faus, led the congregation during a meditative service.

The service was highlighted as Minister Emeritus Dr. Ballard, who served the church for ten years, 1969 until his retirement in 1979, delivered the lesson. The topic for this occasion was "Divine Science: The Golden Thread."

The three ministers of the church, the current minister Dr. Salzar and his wife, Dr. Ballard and his wife, and Dr. Faus were all greeted by the congregation after the service during a joyous and loving reception.

DINNER PROGRAM

HOLIDAY INN

TOASTMASTER — HAROLD P. GANSS, SR
WELCOME — MISS JANET FRIEDLINE-PRESIDENT
INVOCATION — DR. AL SALAZAR
DINNER

REMARKS — DR. GRACE FAUS
REMARKS — DR. MAX BALLARD
ENTERTAINMENT

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JAMES PRETZLAFF — ACOMPANIST
REMARKS — REV. MAURITA WIGGINS, FED. PRES.
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS — HAROLD P. GANSS
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Our 50th. Birthday Cake

How about The Beautiful Birthday Cake. The artistic handiwork of Sharron Schirm. Can you imagine the work in baking a cake for 200 and being decorated with a replica of our church.

Many, many thanks to our loyal member.

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Greetings From President Reagan

THE WHITE HOUSE

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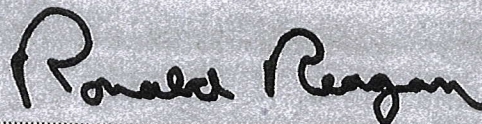
To the Congregation of
The Divine Science Church
of the Healing Christ:

Congratulations on the occasion of your 50th anniversary.

Religious faith has always been the essence of strength for free peoples. As guardians of this faith, our churches and synagogues seek to continually renew the spirit of brotherhood, family, and concern for one's fellowman embodied in the Judeo-Christian tradition. This is the spirit that built and preserved our freedom and made us a humane and God-fearing people. From early times the fire of faith has burned brightly all across this land, and as long as it lives, so will the America we cherish.

As we commemorate this anniversary, let us all resolve to revitalize the spirit of community which sustains us. Let our wisdom be vindicated by our deeds. And when our work is done and the busy world is hushed, then may God in His mercy give us a safe lodging, a holy rest and peace at the last.

Again, congratulations and God bless you.



Greetings From Our Church President

Our 50th Anniversary is a joyous celebration for all of us. Some of you were here 50 years ago when it all began. The rest of us arrived at some other point in time. My arrival date was 1974. Dr. Ballard was the Minister and I knew I had found a new home. My exposure to the Divine Science teaching started my first Sunday in church when I signed up for Harold Ganss Sr.'s Fundamentals class. When I reflect on my involvement the last few years I am very thankful for the patience and understanding extended to me by my teachers and fellow Truth students.

This church has served as a stable spiritual influence for 50 years and I am deeply grateful it was here for my time of discovery. I personally want to say thank you to Dr. Grace Faus for being the instrument through which this all came about. I am grateful to Dr. Ballard for his guidance and true dedication to the one Presence. Dr. Salazar has continued the work started by these two people. He is an effective leader for our present day congregation. We are able to celebrate 50 years of Divine Science because each of these individuals had a thorough understanding of Divine Law and they put it into practice.

In celebrating the birthday of our church each individual is really celebrating his own personal birthday in spiritual unfoldment. This is a personal matter and only you can reflect on what the Divine Science experience has meant to you. This knowledge does bring a certain amount of responsibility. It is now our turn to pass on to others the best of what we have learned. I sincerely hope that at the 100th anniversary celebration we are looked upon favorably by those in attendance. Let it be said of us that we learned our lessons well and lived our lives according to our highest understanding. So happy birthday to all of us. Enjoy this day and remember it fondly, for we have shared many things.

Janet Friedline
President

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History Of Divine Science And Early Teachers In Washington

The History of Divine Science begins in Pueblo, Colorado, a Mrs. Bingham had been ill for many months, and Pueblo Doctors could do nothing further for her. They suggested that she go to Chicago for at least a year, to take a treatment available there. Mrs. Bingham was appalled. She had a husband and four small children, and felt she couldn't leave them for so long a time. A friend then suggested that the sick woman consult a remarkable healer, Emma Curtis Hopkins, Mrs. Bingham took this advice, went to Chicago, and after only three weeks of study and treatment with "the teacher of teachers" as Emma Curtis Hopkins came to be known, Mrs. Bingham returned to Pueblo radiating health and joy.

Nona Brooks, and Fannie Brooks James, Nona Brooks was in very frail health, and for a year had been praying: "God give me light!" It was during the fourth class lesson at Mrs. Bingham's that she felt herself to be encased in a great light, brighter than the sun. Brooks found herself to be completely healed. Not only was she healed: a difficult family financial situation was improved.

Nona Brooks and her sisters disagreed. One was that the world did not exist, and was a delusion. Nona and her sisters decided that Form was a part of God-Activity; the world was to be understood and interpreted.

In 1887 they began serious study, and soon systematized the teaching that Divine Science was later to put forward: which is that all of creation is an expression of God and partakes of the same substance; and that the whole universe has sprung from the Mind and Word of God and was good.

In 1889 Mrs. Cramer came to Denver to give her first Class there. The Three Pueblo sisters were overwhelmed to find that their studies and those of Mrs. Cramer matched perfectly. When they met they all knew that they were intended to be together.

Classes by the Pueblo Sisters began in Denver, Althea Small began healing work, Fannie B. James had Classes in her home; Nona Brooks was teaching in Public Schools, then resigned and began activity in teaching and healing.

The first Teachers, beyond those innovators already mentioned, were Anna L. Palmer, Mrs. C.L. Baum and Josephine Preston, Ada B. Fay was one of the first Bible Teachers; others were Martha Stark, Agnes Galer, and Mrs. Galligher.

Nona Brooks ordained Dr. Max Ballard, who became Minister Minister at the new Crestwood Church in St. Louis, later moving on the Church of the Healing Christ, founded by Dr. Grace Lightfoot Faus in Washington, D.C. He remained there for ten years until his retirement.

Dr. Irwin Gregg was for many years the Minister of the Divine Science head Church in Denver.

Early Teachers here have been Eunice Hightower; Jean Hill, who is still conducting the Consecration Class:

Rev. Carley Dawson, Rev. Jennie Goicoechea, Rev. Harold P. Ganss, Jr. and Harold P. Ganss, Sr. Dr. Faus taught all four basic courses and the Practitioner—Teacher Courses and Certified all the above to the Service of God.

In 1967, Harold P. Ganss, Jr. was Ordained in Denver after being instructed by Dr. Faus. In 1968 Dr. Faus Ordained Carley Dawson as a Divine Science Minister, Herbert Cole, was also Ordained at the same time.

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Dr. Al Salazar studied with Dr. Ballard, who certified him as a Practitioner—Teacher and later Ordained him to the Ministry.

The Church has established the position of Minister of Education and today Rev. Harold P. Ganss, Jr. has developed a procedure and program that is of vast interest to Divine Scientists and benefit to the Church.

Historical Background Of Our Church Building

Over 150 years ago, when Georgetown was included in the State of Maryland, a group of people organized a Religious Organization, and with the help of some citizens in the area, the original Church Building plot was donated for Church purposes to revert to their heirs of the donors, if not so used. From time to time, it was used by different groups namely Tabor Methodist Church and other groups until it was finally used as Calvert Methodist Church.

The Building was erected with a stone foundation quarried from the site with walls 2 feet thick, and with hand hewed lumber and joists from the latter being 12" x 12". The roof, being of slate, was extremely heavy, and thus steel supports were installed running from side to side to keep the walls intact. Originally, it was lit by candles, and the chandler in the center of the sanctuary still shows the receptacle.

Thereafter gas was brought in and the pipes are still in evidence, protruding from the walls near the pulpit. The original edifice was small, with the wall behind the altar being the back of the Church.

In 1915, the part now occupied by the Library and side entrance was added. This remained as the Methodist Church until 1956.

In the early 1950's, the Congress of the United States determined that a roadway known as Whitehaven Parkway, was necessary from West to East, into the City of Washington, and it empowered the National Capital parks to condemn such land necessary to complete the project and extend Whitehaven to the City. The Church was included as a property to be condemned. With this in mind the Methodist Church, purchased property at Wisconsin, Ave. and Calvert, Street and constructed their new Church, but discovered that if they moved, they would lose their financial interest in our Church Building. The Highway project was held in Limbo, because of objections of families with persons buried in Rock Creek Cemetery, through with the roadway was planned.

At that point, Harold P. Ganss, Sr., Chairman of our Church Board at that time, learned of the problem, and on January 25, 1953, communicated with Edward J. Kelly, the then Superintendent of the National Park, Service, requesting that the Service proceed to condemn the property, (they still had had funds) pay off the Methodist

Church and lease the property to the Divine Science Church. This was done.

After negotiations, a lease was signed on September 15, 1956 and we moved in, in November, after extensive remodeling.

Since that time, the Church has made many improvements and has received plaudits from the Government and the residents of the Area.

At the time of our dedication, in 1956, President Eisenhower, recognizing the need for the New Thought Church in Georgetown, sent a beautiful Congratulatory Message to Dr. Grace L. Faus.

From time to time, Members of the Officials Executive families have attended services, including the Director of Historical Publications of the "WHITE HOUSE" and other buildings, several cabinet members, the Architect in charge of the renovation of the White House, who also designed the home of Dr. Grace Faus, in the Mountains at Bailey, Colorado.

The Building is an inspiration to all, and if walls could talk the History of the United States would be unfolded in such a way that we would be enlightened far beyond what has been recorded in the History Books.

Divine Science Church Of The Healing Christ 50 Years Of Travel !!

Divine Science in Washington came to the area in 1934. Consciousness increased wherever the Church met. We were taught and later understood more fully that the Church was not located in a building, but within the hearts and souls of the Ministers and Congregations.

Yes, in 1934 Dr. Grace L. Faus, Minister emeritus came to Washington, D.C. and founded the Divine Science movement which would continue and is still growing after 50 years of increased awareness of the Truth of all being. Millers Cabin at Pierce Mill in Rock Creek Park served at the first location for Dr. Faus Work. In the years to follow the Church would locate at the Old French Embassy at 16th. St. N.W., The Marshall Field Home, from Old French Embassy 1 block North of 16th. St., the American Legion Hall located on 15th. St. N.W.

Grafton Hotel at the Corner of Connecticut, Ave. N.W. and Desalles Street, N.W. opposite the Mayflower Hotel, the Pen Women's Club in Downtown Washington, Stonleigh Court Hotel at Conn & L Sts. N.W., the Raleigh Hotel at 12th. St. N.W. and finally a standing Church Building with Sunday School room and downstairs auditorium located in Georgetown at 35th. St. and Wisc. Ave. N.W. where they have just celebrated 25 years at the same location.

The understanding of the inner presence of God always present, acting in and through its members and Six Ministers has sustained Divine Science in Washington and will enable it to grow for years to come. We are fully aware that we are in our right place at the right time according to God Principle.

Gathering Of 1st Members Of Church 1934



Emeritis

Grace L. Faus



Born and receiving her education in the State of Colorado, Grace L. Faus was led to Divine Science after an illumination, while working in a hospital as she was ministering to the ill. She was fortunate to have as her teacher Nona L. Brooks, the Founder of Divine Science, and as Grace studied under the leadership of this wonderful and inspired soul, the tremendous impact of her inner being was transferred to Grace in such a way that it was never forgotten. In February, 1932, she came East to be with her Mother. So Grace, after due consideration, was led to the decision to remain here.

At that time there were small groups interested in New Thought.

The urge was with Grace to spread the word so that all could be benefitted by New Thought.

In February, 1932 the group had grown to twelve, they met in Rock Creek Park at Miller's Cabin every Sunday morning for breakfast, studies and prayer. By the Fall of 1932 the group had grown in numbers, and the Pen Women of America invited Grace to hold her sessions in their studio. By 1934 the attendance grew and as a result, the First Divine Science Church of Washington, D.C. was established.

As time went on, Grace Faus saw the need for larger quarters as more people were attracted.

As a result Stoneleigh Court, formerly at Conn. Ave. & L Street became the Church home, then the Grafton Hotel, which occupied the corner of Conn. & DeSales St. before being demolished.

It was here that the first graduation ceremony took place for the 12 students she then had in her Class, and to make the entire matter a huge success, Grace had as her honored guest, Dr. Nona L. Brooks.

Dr. Edna Lister, then President of the I.N.T.A. heard of the wonderful work Grace was heading in Washington, and invited her to the Congress, which was meeting in New York. From that meeting, Grace truly enlarged her world of understanding, for it was there that she met Emmet Fox and other great leaders in Truth. She returned home inspired, revitalized and filled with the desire to let all who would listen, to the secret of a fuller life.

Growth was the outcome, and her Church did expand in numbers. With each sizable expansion, it was necessary to move. and this she did, first to the Burlington Hotel, then the Pink Palace, the former home of Marshall Field of Chicago, the American Legion Building, where the famous Walter Russel spoke to an overflow crowd; then the Raleigh Hotel and finally the French Embassy, before moving to our present Church Building.

ALways looking forward, looking forward to new pastures for service to greater numbers of persons, the present Church Building was obtained, and on November 11, 1956, the Church Building was dedicated. The then President, Dwight D. Eisenhower, recognizing her Spiritual leadership extended his Congratulations to her on this great step forward due to her untiring efforts.

In 1948—Grace received her Doctor of Divinity Degree.

Perhaps her greatest achievement is her ability to convey to others the Basic Principles of Truth, with the understanding that it is necessary for one to enjoy the fullness of life. From these inspirational lessons and lectures, hundreds of individuals have had the good fortune to Graduate from her Course of Study.

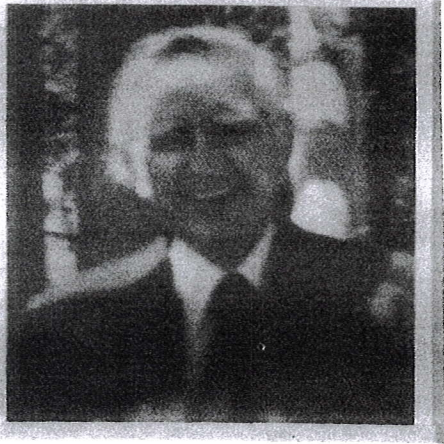
Besides these Graduates, she also instructed many in Classes as Practitioners, and individually trained those ready for the Ministry. At least six or seven were ordained after receiving instructions from her and they are deeply indebted to her for this training.

Through the efforts of Grace Faus, the Dial-A-Sermonette Message was instituted, perhaps the first one in New Thought.

In order that more can understand the Truth, Grace started a Metaphysical Library, as well as a stocked Book Department. It has been a benefit to thousands and has enabled those, who were unfamiliar with the Truth, to obtain a greater understanding.

Little has been mentioned about her quiet and understanding work with individuals, who have had miraculous healings due to her faith, and of those who have received the inspiration necessary to live a more abundant life. It is with these thousands that she has done her finest work: quietly, without fan-fare, bringing to them health, happiness, abundance and peace of mind. She has literally led by the hand an uncounted number of people, lifting their spirits to a higher level of consciousness. No matter what the demand, no matter what the hour, day or night, no matter who be in need, with no distinction for race, creed or color, she was, and is, always available. Her soft and soothing voice, her calm and deliberate action of pointing the way, her method of making one recognize the true, inner being, has given necessary assurance to the one in need. She is the beacon light to a perfect Life of Truth. She is surely the emissary of Christ. She has carried the Word and done it well. She is the Christ Spirit of Truth embodied in the Physical being of Grace L. Faus. Truly a Child of God.

Dr. Max H. Ballard Minister Emeritis



Dr. Max Ballard was born in Lincoln, Nebraska and received his early education there in Iowa. Planning on a musical career, he attended and completed his education at Nebraska Wesleyan and at Colorado, A & M. He attended Lamont School of Music and taught music for three years. He was a member of the Denver Grand Opera Company and performed leading roles in *Il Trovatore*, *Aida* and *La Traviata*.

Dr. Ballard carries the distinction of being one of the youngest men ever ordained by Nona Brooks, co-founder of Divine Science. After his ordination on June 6, 1941, Dr. Ballard began his ministry in Pueblo, Colorado with a small group of 18 members. Within 5 months a state charter was granted and the Pueblo Divine Science Church was established.

His success with this church was responsible for a call from the First Divine Science church of St. Louis in 1956. While there he founded the Crestwood Church of Divine Science. He served both churches until 1969 when he accepted a call from the Divine Science Church of the healing Christ in Washington, D.C. until his retirement in 1979.

Upon his retirement, Dr. Ballard and his wife Billie moved to Arlington, Texas where they lived for 4 years. They currently reside in Sarasota, Florida.

Dr. and Mrs. Ballard have four grown children. David and his family live in Nebraska; Gayle and her family live in St. Louis, and Layne and Michael live in Arlington, Texas with their respective families.

The Ballards are grandparents several times over.

Dr. Al G. Salazar



Dr. Al G. Salazar moved into the Washington D.C. area with his family in 1965. He planned a musical career and completed his education at St. Marys of Texas and our Lady of the Lake College. Dr. Salazar taught music and performed professionally for several years prior to moving to Washington.

Upon his arrival to the Washington area he enrolled at Catholic University where he received his Doctor of Philosophy degree several years later.

Dr. Salazar "found" the Divine Science Church of the Healing Christ in 1971 and completed the four basic Divine Science classes within 6 years. He was Dr. Ballard's student and received his ministerial training under him. He was ordained on July 1, 1981 by Dr. Ballard in Arlington, Texas.

Dr. Salazar accepted the call to the Washington church in September 1981 and has been the minister since then.

Prior to his present ministry, Dr. Salazar was employed by the Montgomery County Public School system for 17 years in different capacities. Prior to leaving the field of Education for the ministry, Dr. Salazar was involved with the School of the Performing Arts for the Gifted and Talented.

Dr. and Mrs. Salazar have four children and currently reside in Olney, Maryland with the two youngest. The two oldest children are away in college. Al is a student at Stanford University in California and Ana marie attends Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia.

Arnold Salazar graduates from Good Counsel High School in Wheaton, MD next month and Arlene attends Farquhar Middle School.

Mrs. Salazar is employed by the National Bureau of Standards in Gaithersburg, MD.



**PRESIDENT
DIVINE SCIENCE
FEDERATION
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To Dr. Al Salazar, the Members and friends of the Divine Science Church of the Healing Christ in Washington, D.C.

On behalf of the General Council of the Divine Science Federation, I would like to extend our warmest greetings and congratulations on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of your church. It is certainly a landmark event and speaks most eloquently of the high consciousness of the leadership and congregation of your church. Your ministers emeriti, Dr. Grace Fauss and Dr. Max Ballard, as well as your present minister, Dr. Al Salazar, have provided the Washington area with the pure teachings of our Divine Science faith and many people have grown spiritually - many lives have been transformed.

We know that the Church of the Healing Christ will continue to be a blessing to your community and will enjoy continued growth in love, abundance and a realization of His presence throughout the next fifty years.

Again, our loving congratulations.

Maurita J. Wiggins

For the General Council
The Rev. Maurita J. Wiggins

Divine Science Federation Born In D.C. 1956

Divine Science has grown in the last 50 years and the Washington church and its members and leaders have a great deal to be proud of. In 1955 at a Meeting of Divine Scientists held in Denver, Colorado, at the Mother Church, it was decided that a Federation of Churches would be needed if Divine Science was to grow. The Mother Church and its leaders had spent timeless time and effort to answer questions and problems about Divine Science and its teachings, but the members of the Denver Church and others felt that the burden was too much for a few dedicated workers to accomplish, no matter how much they loved doing it. A steering committee was formed and meetings held during the year saw fruits of the labor come into being at the next yearly meeting that was scheduled for Washington, D.C. in 1956. At that time plans were laid before the group, decisions were made to elaborate and formulate plans for legal inception and formation of a Divine Science Federation International to be headquartered in Denver with an elected Board of Directors, elected from Member Churches from coast to coast at that time.

In 1957, the Federation was culminated with a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and members of a Board of Directors to oversee the Business of Divine Science and the furtherance of Divine Science principles world wide.

The mission of the Divine Science Federation International was to:

1. Aid in spreading and promoting the teachings of Divine Science, a Christian Metaphysical Religion.
2. Provide a sense of unity among the churches and centers.
3. Maintain an office which will serve as a central clearing house for information, help, publishing, organization of services, etc.
4. Promote and enhance communications between churches, ministers and Federation.
5. Coordinate and supply services that can be done better and more easily as a group than by individual churches and centers.
6. License practitioners, and license and ordain ministers.

7. Enable and enhance the growth of new churches and centers.

8. Develop, with the help of the churches, the goals and the vision of the future of Divine Science.

Services of the Federation include: print free literature; publish *Aspire Magazine*; reprint out-of-print books; provide arbitration services; sponsor visiting speakers to make tours of the churches; provide an office which serves as a clearing house for information; license and ordain properly qualified practitioners and ministers; give assistance to churches and centers needing a minister by putting them in touch with available ministers; publish a quarterly newsletter (*Divine Science Messenger*) to all churches and centers.

The Federation continues to look for ways to be of more help and service to the member churches and centers by: developing a questionnaire and sending it to churches and centers whereby better communications between churches and Federation can assist in solving common problems; develop and print resource books—churches are being asked to forward to Federation copies of their church constitution and by-laws. A file of various examples will be available to new churches and centers and to establish ones that need to update and change them from time to time.

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The Federation will search for public relations materials that will be helpful to be sent to each member church. When sufficient funds are in hand, they will be made available to buy time with public relations firms and the ideas will be shared with member churches and centers; a step by step program will be developed to encourage the growth of individuals into small groups, and small groups into future churches; regional representatives and general council members will keep in touch with these groups on a periodic basis to provide moral support and help, there will be visits by ministers and teachers from the churches in the region; free booklets will be provided with directions for setting up a simple set of books, a bookkeeper or C.P.A. will be available in each region who will be willing to give assistance when requested; the Federation will set aside 10% of the yearly budget for the sole purpose of helping centers and small churches grow into large churches; churches and centers may choose to invite any member of the general council to represent the Federation at their anniversary dedication, commemoration or other special event, the Federation will cover one-half the cost of travel expenses.

Goals for the Federation include buying a computer to help with record keeping and mailings, which has been accomplished. When finances permit, a committee will be formed to find and locate a Federation office, separate and apart from the Mother Church or First Church. Divine Science roots will be examined and recorded for posterity. Sermons, teachings, and articles of Nona L. Brooks and other pioneer leaders will be published in *Aspire Magazine* for future publications. This is an on-going project.

Revision of by-laws to provide for a General Council with more balanced regional representation of churches and possible enlargement of general council. This project is in process. Telephone prayer service to be manned 8 hours a day, five to six days a week, with trained volunteers to offer to pray with those calling in and then send them free books, prayer request forms, etc. In more distant future, an 800 line will be available for those who cannot afford a long distance call. Fundings for this project is needed.

The Federation will seek top-notch writing and production talent for producing our own radio and TV advertising. These will be beautiful and uplifting inspirational messages with local Divine Science Churches named at the end. Funding for this project is also needed.

This, then, is a look at what the Federation is, where it began, what it strives to do through service, and its hopes and goals for expansion—physically, mentally, and spiritually. There is no end to examine, because as life goes on, new and creative ideas come to mind and then to creation and fruition. God works in and through each of us. Each of us has an opportunity to formulate and express our ideas for the furtherance of Divine Science, it's principles and practices for the increasing consciousness of our at-onement with the Father. The embodiment of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man as one in Truth. God is love and so it ever is.

Alumni Association

The Alumni Association of the Divine Science Church of the Healing Christ, is organized for the purpose of forming a union of graduates of the Divine Science Classes or Courses of the Church of the Healing Christ, who are in accord with Truth that it will bring deeper vision and greater power to every member; and through the membership, to stimulate a wholesome support of the Church of the Healing Christ, and to lend spiritual help and assistance to all its members.

The Alumni Association was first formed the latter part of the 1950's. The following have served as President: Hazel Comstock, Leona Lobley, Marion Potter, Maxine Strunk, Nettie Wilkinson, Lael Rose, Earla Harwood, Rev. Harold Ganss, Jr., Ana Rasmussen, to the present President—Norma Sabus. Special mention should be given for the dedicated service of Rev. Harold Ganss, Jr. who served for eight years.

Among those who served as Secretary/Treasurer are the following: Theda Grant, Elizabeth Sullivan, Beatrice Dodge, Betty Wright, Norene Diamond, Laura Sherman, Janet Friedline, Mary Hudgens, Carey Donigan, to the present Secretary—Rosemary Downs. Norene Diamond did an outstanding service for holding the office for 12 years.

Karlis Paucitis is currently serving as Treasurer. Willis Stewart is the present Vice-President fulfilling the vacancy of Ada Lofton.

In reviewing records, it is interesting to note that May, 1975, had the largest amount of graduates a total of 16.

The Alumni Association has contributed through the years to numerous church projects. Including many varied activities, are the following: Building Fund, Organ Fund, Retirement Fund, Divine Science Federation International, Divine Science Education Center, furniture, kitchen equipment (pans and stoves), Book Department, Nursery, and numerous receptions and coffee hours.

The Alumni Association presented a special picture of Dr. Grace Faus upon her retirement to the Divine Science Church. The Association has contributed to the sponsoring of guest speakers. Members of the Alumni have given of their time and support to needy projects in the community, such as, the collection of clothing and canned food and food baskets for persons in need.

Funding for the Alumni Association has been through dues of members, bake sales, Gift Shop, Mini-Retreats, Bingo, Book Department, dinners, and contributions.

The Association acts as an arm of the church in supporting all members of the congregation in the Principles of the Truth. The Alumni in the last few years is directing its energy into sponsoring guest speakers, mini-retreats, and supporting and perpetuating activities that will further promote the teachings of Divine Science. The Discussion Groups held monthly on Sunday mornings, consisting of graduates, has proven to be very successful. These Discussion Groups have brought together graduates in further study and in presentations. Publicity is given to special programs of religious instructions, meditations, guest-speakers, mini-retreats, with an outreach to involvement of graduates on committees and active participation.

A needed project is our new Visitation Committee, to visit nursing homes, hospitals, and the inactive church member due to illness or special conditions. We are expanding on knowing our church members special needs, and working toward living in our Oneness outwardly to create an active unity.

Our Ministers are our special guardians, and the Alumni supports them in the special needs of our growing and changing conditions in a unity that fulfills the desire for all in the Higher Consciousness. Through numbers there is strength in living and knowing the Truth.