"Our Ministry of Reconciliation"

Our Church

- Our opportunity to give you and sense the life of your presence.
- Only been here a short time, like this church has a great deal to offer.

1. The attempt to begin this church and its feeling (Rees)

2. Then the beginnings.
   - Using Grandmother Communion and the Circuit Rider Rev. Helt"on.
   - The organizing of the Church - July 4, 1875 with 12 Charter Members.
   -large Meetings crowding into homes to save rent. #250 Allen Hall.
   - Beginnings of Lewis Falls College Classes in Church basement.
   - Nothing the older churches.

3. Mr. Bee and the explosion in church on a Sunday morning. (Rees)
The great concern of this Church in keeping up with the demands of the times.

- In five years from 1947 to 1953, the idea of the Church was conceived, accomplished, and the mortgage burned.

(End)
2. What We Have Founded: In Our Church

1. Warmth, Friendliness and an Open Heart.

   - All times of people who love each other and who walk together.

3. A Church that wants to deal with big issues.
   - Our faith.
   - The great problems of the day.
   - Challenge of Christian education, youth and the home.
   - CHET Program: $40,000.

4. Church that wants to help people find Christ in a great way.
   - Our prayer service.
   - Comments and letters.

We invite you to consider making this your spiritual home.

1. Not like your home church.
2. We will not baby you or coddle you.
3. The Kingdom of God needs toughness and fiber.
The Big Picture of the Church

- Not a building on a corner.
- Not just another organization asking for a little time with the cup.
- Not just a debating society.

1. With the Great Issues of Life.

2. Issues of Showing God's love for men and bringing men home to God.

- J. B. Priestley - Coventry - 1958
  "Father forgive!

- Paul called It. Reconciliation.

Men Are Away from God and Away from Each Other

1. Man has wandered from God
   - Misused their freedom in sin and rebellion.
   - Deliberately put up as bitter gods.
   - He repents in both.

2. The sermon at the country fair
   - The boy who had stolen the can.
God has acted to bridge the chasm

1. The coming of Jesus Christ is the great reconciling act of God.
   - He is the center of this.

2. He is forever forgiving sacrificial love.
   - Government official being taken back by his wife.
   - John Newton's great hymn.
   
   Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
   That saved a wretch like me!
   I once was lost, but now am found,
   Was blind, but now I see.

The Church is God's reconciling community.

1. We come with joy, thanks, and service.

2. We are agents of reconciliation to individuals
   - Howard bias in Washington
   - Mr. Coker and Mrs.

3. The reconciling agent for society.
The Gate Is Narrow

The Way of Discipline

1. Pember Valley at Washington - stripping off the bark

2. Colorado River cutting the Grand Canyon.

3. The Down of a Dedicated Life - Marie Curie
   - born in Poland. Father a poor teacher.
   - Education at Great Persuade cause.
   - Wonderful marriage to Pierre Curie.
   - Four years on the Isle of France. While seeing the radium one night after the children were in bed. No patent.
   - Going on after the death of Pierre.

"Life is not easy for any of us. And what of that? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe we are gifted for something and that this thing we can do at whatever cost be attained."
Jehovah and the Two Roads

(1) God's Claim on His Life
   - Vision at Twelve with Doctors.
   - Jury of the Twelve Years.
   - Struggle to leave home.
   - Being Baptized and Tempted.
   - Fierce devotion near the end.

(2) Reaping the easy response of those who wished to follow.
   - Crowd after the feeding of the 5000.
   - Rice Young rules.
   - The excuse given.

(3) To be spoke with feeling of the two roads.
The Broad Road Which Leads to Destruction

1. The Road of Unbridled Freedom – No Responsibility.

The Road of Being Distracted by Little Things

- Keeping up with Others
- Popularity

Putting Our Selves at the Center of Everything

- Our World is No Bigger Than We Are
- Our Appetites, Our Comforts, Our Advancements

Drifting Unseen in the Crowd.

The Narrow Road That Leads to Life

1. The Road of Spiritual Authority, Our Master

- Live by Some Commitment

2. Christ Is High Central Authority.
   - Unknown
Lack of discipline

Attitude - commitment
Keeping your eye on the ball.

What goes on in my life

The bond of Athletics - the achievement

Fun of music - sense of humor - being whole - whole words.

Fun of marriage - "Discipline to achieve"

Allie Van Johnson - "Marina"