

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held at the Church
on January 12th, 1953, at 7:45 P. M.

The retiring seven
members were:

Seawell Brandau
R. S. Cheek
Audley Cole
William Kingsbury
S. E. Linton
Dr. Joe Minor
Cecil Wray

Those scheduled for
retirement in 1953 are:

Sam Berger
J. P. Davis
Joe J. Howell
Norvell Rose
Dr. Hofner
John Steele
S. B. Ziegler

Those scheduled for
retirement in 1954 are:

Jerry Hart
W. H. Lambeth
W. R. Manier
Harvey Pride
Walter Stokes
J. H. Tidman
Ted Woder

Those Vestrumen scheduled to retire for the year 1953
and 1954 were reelected, and the following men were elected
for three years:

Dr. Hearn Bradley
Warren Brown
W. D. Campbell
Owsley Cheek
Arthur Henkel
George Langstaff
Lester Robb

Sanford Garner, the 1952 president of the Christ Church
Men's Club, made a splendid report of the Club's activities.
At the conclusion of his talk, the following men were elected
officers for the year 1953:

W. R. Manier, President
J. H. Tidman, Vice President
Owsley Cheek, Secretary & Treasurer
W. H. Lambeth, Public Relations.

The following made reports:

Warren Brown for the Council
Mrs. John Whalley for the Settlement Guild
Cecil Stokes Jr. for the Young People
Mrs. S. B. Ziegler for Daughters of the King
Mrs. E. B. Stevenson for Chancel Society
Bung for Ucolyte Guild
Mr. F. W. Henkel for the Choir
Mrs. John Steele for Rector's Aid
Mrs. Robert Read for Women's Auxillary
Mr. John Steele for Sunday School
Ted Woder for Brotherhood of St. Andrews

Norwell Rose, Assistant Treasurer, report for 1952
Mr. Joe J. Howell Jr., Chairman Finance Committee
Mr. Dudley Gale as Senior warden
Mr. Sanford Garner as Assistant Rector
Mr. Williams as Rector
Bishop Dandridge made a few remarks.

Following the business session, we went to the Parish House for hot chocolate and fellowship.

Peyton Williams
Chairman

J. H. Sidman
Secretary

Minutes of the Meeting of the Vestry held at
the Parish House on Friday, January 23rd, 1953.

This organizational meeting was called for the
election of officers and any other business brought before
it. Those present were as follows:

Ted Woder
Warren Brown
Dr. Bradley
Dr. Sholmer
Mr. Lambeth
Mr. Paschall Davis
J. H. Tidman

John Steele
Joe Howell
Jerry Hart
Norwell Rose
Cusley Creek
G. C. Campbell
Lester Robb

The following officers were elected for the year 1953:

Walter Stokes, Senior Warden
Paschall Davis, Junior Warden
J. H. Tidman, Secretary
Harvey Bride, Treasurer
Norwell Rose, Assistant Treasurer
G. C. Campbell and C. M. Holt, Joint Custodians.

Dr. J. W. Markham and Dr. Robert Alvarez were elected
delegates to Canterbury House Board.

The following 21 men were elected to the Council for
the year 1953:

Dr. Robert Alvarez
Wm. J. Lambie
Cecil Stokes
John Scales
C. M. Holt
J. D. Mosby
J. W. Crutcher
J. J. Bayer
G. B. Crisler
H. G. Gillespie

Frank Green
G. W. Crouch
Carl G. Roach
Sanford Garner Sr.
Tom Boss
Robert Read
Cliff Harrison Jr.
H. B. Hussey
Shade Murray
Louis Edge
Dr. J. W. Markham

Delegates to the Diocesan convention in Memphis, to
wit: Paschall Davis, Joe Howell and Ted Woder, made interesting
reports on the happenings and their reactions.

Mr. Joe Howell, speaking for Mr. Gilbert Rose, asked that
everyone be present for the luncheon at the Andrew Jackson Hotel

for a discussion of the future of St. Philip's,
Donelson.

There being no further business, the meeting
adjourned.

Pepton Williams
Chairman

J. H. Tidman
Secretary

Minutes of the Meeting of the Vestry held
at the Parish House on Friday, February 10th, 1953

Vestrymen present were:

Walter Stokes
Sam Berger
Dr. Hearn Bradley
G. D. Campbell
Lester Robb
Joe Howell
Sam Ziegler
Dr. N. S. Shofner

W. H. Lambeth
George Longstaff
Jerry Hart
Paschall Davis
Norwell Rose
Owsley Cheek
Arthur Henkel
Warren Brown
J. H. Tidman

The meeting was opened by our Senior Warden, Mr. Walter Stokes. Prayer was by Sanford Garner, since the Rector was detained at the funeral of Mr. Donald Southgate.

The various committees for the year 1953 were announced.

Due to the vacancy on the Vestry, Mr. C. N. Holt was elected to serve the unexpired term of Mr. Will R. Manier Jr.

Mr. Warren Brown, chairman of the Music Committee, reported on the choir. While he had the floor, he asked if he might move that proper resolutions be prepared regarding Mr. Will R. Manier Jr., which motion was adopted by a standing vote of the Vestry. The chairman (the Rector had arrived) appointed Mr. Walter Stokes and Mr. Warren Brown as a committee to prepare suitable resolutions.

Mr. G. D. Campbell reported for the property committee. He discussed the pointing of the outside walls at length, stating that bids had been received from \$34,000 on down to two low bids of \$13,670 by Western Waterproofing and \$13,450 by Harold Moore and Son. Following Mr. Campbell's discussion, Joe Howell, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, asked that he be permitted to discuss the matter and after discussing church finances and ways and means of paying for said improvements, he moved that the Property Committee award the work of pointing up the outside walls, said contract to include a performance bond. This motion was seconded and passed. Further, the Vestry suggested that it be awarded to the low bidder, to wit: Harold Moore and Son.

It was then moved and approved that the Easter offering be applied as part payment on the work above mentioned.

Warren Brown stated that Mr. Henkel had found an assistant organist. Mr. Brown moved that the Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Music Committee, be permitted to make satisfactory arrangements.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with prayer by the Rector.

Reyton P. Williams
Chairman

J. Sidman
Secretary

Minutes of the meeting of the Vestry held at the Parish House on Monday, March 9th, 1953, at 4:30 P. M.

Vestrymen present were:

Warren C. Brown
 J. Paschall Davis
 E. Terry Hart
 F. Arthur Henkel
 W. H. Lambeth
 George D. Longstaff
 C. H. Holt

Lester Robb
 Norvell S. Rose
 Dr. H. S. Shofner
 Walter Stokes Jr.
 L. H. Tidman
 Theodore C. Yoder
 S. B. Ziegler

The meeting was opened with prayer by our pastor, and the minutes were read and approved.

Paschall Davis, chairman of the Endowment Committee, discussed the purposes and need of the endowment. The need of such was especially true since we are a down-town church. Ted Yoder, as a member of this committee, followed and stated that Christ Church as the mother Episcopalian church in Nashville had responsibilities such as the establishment of additional Episcopal churches and to continue to provide leadership. Gilbert Rose, also a member of this committee, outlined a proposed program to be followed. He mentioned that life insurance, gift of properties and bequests of various natures should be discussed and sought, and if this plan were followed, real results could be obtained. Warren Brown supplemented these talks by reading letters from Mr. Buckingham of Memphis and Mr. Hayes of Chattanooga, in which they related their endowment experiences. The various talks were interesting and thanks were expressed for the reports. Motion was made and seconded that brochure be prepared and distributed, and that the committee continue active work on this project.

Norvell Rose distributed the Treasurer's report for February, which was accepted with thanks.

Walter Stokes moved that Miss Siegrist, as assistant organist, be paid \$40.00 per month and that such amount be added to the 1953 budget. The motion was approved.

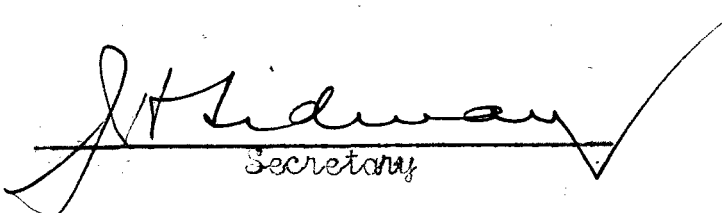
Clarence Holt, as co-custodian of property, discussed the exterior work being done. He related that some of the down-pipes were stopped up and that this should be corrected, otherwise the over-flow would soon ruin the cleaning processes. The custodians were authorized to do this and other necessary work and report cost at the next vestry meeting.

Mr. Stokes, as Senior Warden, stated that in his memory the committees of Christ Church had never done better work, for which he expressed heartfelt thanks. He submitted resolutions

on Mr. Will R. Manier Jr., which he prepared with the help of Mr. Warren Brown, which resolutions were adopted by a standing vote followed by prayer by the Rector. These resolutions are here copied in the minutes for permanent record.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned and the Vestry as a whole went to St. George's for the joint meeting of the Men's Clubs of the two parishes, where we heard a very interesting talk on the ups and downs of Christianity over the past 2000 years by Bishop Carothers.

Chairman


Secretary

Minutes of the Meeting of the Vestry held at the Parish House on Monday, April 18th, at 4:30 p. m.

Vestrymen present were:

Warren Brown
 J. S. Campbell
 Cusley Cheek
 Paschall Davis
 Arthur Henkel
 J. M. Molt
 Joe Howell
 W. H. Lambeth

George Longstaff
 Harvey Pride
 Lester Robb
 Norvell Rose
 John Steele
 Walter Stokes
 E. H. Tidman
 Ted Yoder

Following the opening prayer by the Rector, minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Rector then presented for approval certification of the Rev. Sanford Garner to the standing committee for ordination to the priesthood, which certification was heartily and unanimously approved. The Senior Warden, Mr. Stokes, expressed our appreciation to Sanford for what he has done and has meant to us, which sentiments were whole-heartedly voiced by all present.

Harvey Pride, as Treasurer, submitted the March report, which was accepted with thanks. In the course of his remarks on the report, the suggestion of a hand-rail on the 9th avenue entrance was made.

The custodians, Messrs. Campbell and Molt, gave us a progress report on the painting and cleaning.

Mr. Warren Brown and Mr. Arthur Henkel, reporting on the choir, discussed the replacement of Mr. Sharp in the choir and stated that the organ work was progressing nicely.

At this point, the Rector stated that the Monday Lenten Services came out very satisfactorily both from a standpoint of a successful devotion and attendance. Mr. Campbell stated that the average daily attendance was 141, which was better than it had been in some recent previous years.

The Rector remarked on the Christian Education work and the urgent need for immediate action, stating that it should be our No. 1 project. He briefly outlined the visit by the national church representatives scheduled for the week of April 20th.

Mr. Pride suggested that proper acknowledgment on behalf of the Vestry be made to Mr. Livingfield Moore for the new frontal cloth. The next day the Rector called and asked if he might write the letter expressing the appreciation and thanks of the Vestry.

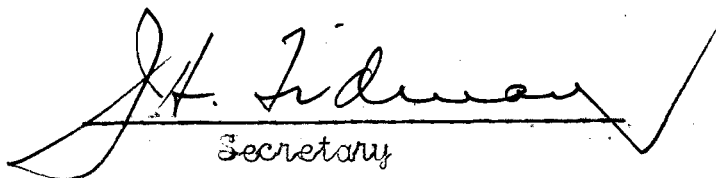
Mr. Howell, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the Easter offering to date was \$2031. He also stated that, since it had proven a wise step, the finance committee wanted to set up the leaders for the 1954 Every-Member Canvass. An excellent choice of two men was made in Warren Brown as Chairman and John Scales as co-chairman.

Mr. Stokes in his report as Senior Warden commented on the success of the Lenten and Easter services. The Senior Warden drew attention to the use of the church for burial services of Dr. W. S. Quinland, distinguished member of the Meharry Medical Faculty and for thirty years Treasurer of Holy Trinity Parish. After a full discussion in which it was sought to determine a policy which should govern similar cases in the future, the Rector requested the adoption of a procedure whereby he would advise with the members of the Executive Committee before committing the use of the church property. Thereupon a resolution giving effect to the request was adopted unanimously.

Warren Brown asked that we invite the Council to attend the May meeting and also urged that our records and minutes be put in proper shape by getting them all together and adopting some safeguards for their permanent keeping.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with prayer by the Rector.

Chairman


Secretary

Minutes of the Meeting of the Vestry held at the
Parish House on Monday, May 11, 1953, at 4:30 P. M.

Vestrymen present were:

Dr. Hearn Bradley
Warren C. Brown
G. D. Campbell
Cusley R. Cheek
J. Paschall Davis
E. Jerry Hart
George D. Longstaff
C. M. Holt

Harvey Pride
Lester Robb
Norwell S. Rose
Dr. N. S. Shofner
Walter Stokes Jr.
J. H. Tidman
Theodore Yoder

Following the opening prayer by the Rector, minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Rector then welcomed to the meeting the members of the Council, who had been asked to join us for the May meeting.

Mr. Pride as Treasurer submitted the April report, which was discussed. Mr. Pride stated that through April \$23,502 had been collected against our 1953 budget. He also stated that the Easter offering to date was \$2,064. Mr. Norwell Rose, who was partly familiar with the Church books, moved, which was seconded, that the Finance Committee, review and study our bookkeeping methods and see if some improvement could be made.

Mr. Howell, our Finance Chairman, was unable to attend.

Messrs. Holt and Campbell gave us progress report on the exterior work, which they stated was 80% completed. They also stated that it was imperative that the window frames be re-painted and that they should be painted, the cost of which would amount to \$802.75. In this connection Mr. Hart, as chairman of the property Committee, stated that there were certain other items that should not be over-looked but they were not immediately necessary. After discussion, it was moved and seconded that the work involved in the amount of \$802.75 should be done subject to the findings and approval of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Mosby, as President of the Council, made an excellent talk and gave us a report on the Lenten services.

Jed Yoder reported on the study groups which were taking place every other Sunday, stating that three sessions had been held with an attendance of from 11 to 18 people and that the next meeting was scheduled for May 24th.

The Rector then asked for nominations for two delegates to represent Christ Church at the Vanderbilt Student Work Committee.

Dr. Stowe, professor of Classical languages at Vanderbilt, and Cliff Harrison Jr. were asked to serve and represent us.

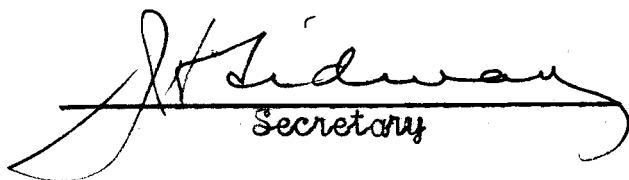
Mr. Stokes as Senior Warden commented on the exterior work and the many compliments that he had received on the new appearance. He also spoke of the spirit of comradeship and fellowship which presently exists in Christ Church. He felt that the influence of this feeling was having a salutary effect on all members. He also mentioned how sorry we were to lose Sanford Garner Jr. and further it had been suggested that a fund be raised as tangible evidence of our feelings for him. Mr. Pride agreed to act as treasurer of this fund.

J. H. Tidman, President of the Men's Club, reported on the testimonial dinner plans scheduled for Bishop Sandridge on Wednesday, June 10th.

The Rector in his report stated that Rev. John Holt, Professor in the Seminary, Austin, Texas, would help out with communion services throughout the summer and also take over the services during August. The Rector also urged the attendance of as many Christ Church people as possible at the church conferences scheduled at Sewanee and Dubose during the summer.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Chairman


Secretary

Minutes of the Meeting of the Vestry held
at the Parish House on Monday, June 8th, 1953, at 4:30 P.M.

Vestrymen present were:

Dr. Hearn Bradley
Warren C. Brown
G. D. Campbell
F. Arthur Henkel
Joseph J. Howell
W. H. Lambeth

C. M. Holt
Lester Robb
Dr. N. S. Shofner
Walter Stokes Jr.,
J. H. Tidman

Following the opening prayer by the Rector, minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Will R. Manier which is here copied for the record:

April 20, 1953

Christ Church Vestry:

My dear Mr. Stokes:

I have read and re-read the beautiful testimonial from the Christ Church Vestry and I want you to express for us all our deep appreciation. It will be a document which will be always cherished in our family - for those who are to follow him - a permanent memorial to one whose life should serve as an inspiration for time to come to all who are kin to him.

All that you say of him, so beautifully, is true. Who should know that better than his wife who was so privileged to be with him for over a score of years in close fellowship and deep affection and harmony.

Most gratefully yours,

Ruth Manier

Messrs. Lambeth and Tidman gave an interesting report on the forthcoming testimonial dinner for Bishop Sandridge.

Bun Campbell reported that the organ work was completed and gave us the good news that we were billed for \$4000 instead of \$4200. Mr. Henkel, in connection with these repairs, stated that everything was satisfactorily completed and that he was well pleased with the work.

Clarence Holt gave us a progress report in written form on the exterior work. Following a discussion of this report, the Senior Warden asked that the report be filed with thanks to Messrs. Campbell and Holt for their continued interest in this work.

Joe Howell, in the absence of the Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report for the month of May. Following discussion of the report, Mr. Howell stated that it would be necessary to borrow some money, and asked that the Treasurer be permitted to borrow up to \$5000 to complete operative or capital improvements. Mr. Howell stated that he hoped at the year's end that the loan would not exceed \$2500. After discussion, Mr. Howell moved that this loan be made, which was seconded and approved. Following his report, he mentioned one other item that he had neglected to mention to the Finance Committee, and that was the question of our 1954 pledge to Canterbury House. For the year 1953, we had pledged \$1250 instead of \$1500 as we had been requested. Canterbury House was asking that we increase the 1954 pledge to \$1500. After some discussion and in view of our heavy expenditures, it was decided to defer action on this request until the budget set up for 1954 was in process of being completed.

The Senior Warden in his report mentioned the suggestion by Warren Brown that our old records should be gathered together and preserved in some adequate manner. Mr. Stokes stated that in his search for material for the resolutions which he was writing on Bishop Dontridge, he found our records in several different places. Certainly they were not being preserved in a proper manner and neither were they safe. He moved that the chairman study the appointment of a committee and report at the next meeting.

The question of electric fans for the choir was discussed. This was left to the property and finance committees.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Chairman



Secretary

Minutes of the meeting of the Vestry held at the home of J. H. Tidman on Monday July 13th, 1933 at 8:00 P.M.

Vestrumen present were:

Warren C. Brown
Paschall Davis
E. Terry Howell
W. H. Lambeth
George L. Longstaff
C. H. Holt

Harvey Bride
Lester Robb
Dr. H. J. Shofer
John L. Steele
J. H. Tidman
Theodore C. Woder

Following the opening prayer by the Rector, the minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

The Rector told us of the application of Theodore C. Woder who desired to study for the Order of Deacon. In this connection he asked those present to sign an application which he addressed to the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Tennessee. Needless to say the application was gladly signed by all present.

Mr. Bride, as Treasurer, made report for use, which was accepted with thanks. He also reported the gift of \$100.00 on Church Improvement with the proviso that nine other people make a similar gift.

Joe Howell made a brief report as Financial Chairman.

C. H. Holt reported that final inspection of the church repairs had been made the preceding Saturday had found all satisfactory except for seventeen minor items. He also reported on a new bulletin board which someone wanted to sell to the church at a ^{with} cost of \$265.00

The Secretary was asked to write and express our thanks to the Women's Auxiliary for the new water cooler, and the Rectors Aid for the new church fans; also to G. B. Crister for the childrens fountain.

Messrs. Steele and Tidman reported on their attendance to the recent meeting of the Association of Churches.

Mr. Lambeth suggested that resolutions read at the Testimonial Dinner for Bishop Handridge be incorporated in the minutes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

J. H. Lidman
Secretary

Minutes of the special meeting of the Vestry called by Mr. Walter Stokes, Senior Warden, for 4:20 p.m., July 28th, at the Parish Hall.

Vestrymen present were:

Sam W. Berger, Jr.
Warren C. Brown
G. J. Campbell
Owley R. Cheek
Paschall Cavis
Jerry Hart
Joe J. Howell
W. H. Lambeth
George G. Longstaff

C. M. Holt
Harvey Pride
Norvell Rose
Dr. Shofner
Walter Stokes
J. H. Tidman
Jed Yoder
S. B. Ziegler

At the request of Mr. Stokes, Jed Yoder opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Stokes then told us the purpose of the meeting--that Mr. Williams had received a call from Charleston, West Virginia. During the discussion the following all angles were discussed. It was moved and seconded that an appropriate telegram be sent Mr. Williams urging him to stay with us. Also a Committee composed of Messrs. Norvell Rose, Chairman, Lambeth, Cavis, Brown, and Dr. Shofner was appointed by the Senior Warden to draft proper resolution urging Mr. Williams to stay.

Those present thought that the Council should be formally advised of this call and it was therefore decided to have another meeting for Tuesday afternoon, August 4th, at 4:30, of the Vestry and Council.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Warren Brown.

Walter Stokes
Chairman

J. H. Tidman
Secretary

Minutes of the special meeting of the Vestry and Council held at the Parish Hall on Tuesday, August 4th, 1953 at 4:30 P M--which meeting was called by our Senior Warden, Mr. Stokes.

Vestrymen Present were:

O. Cheek	Pride
Robb	Shofner
Yoder	Rose
Longstaff	Stokes
Brown	Tidman
Holt	Steele
Howell	Hart
Campbell	Henkel

Councilmen present were:

Gillespie	Alvarez
Shale Murray	Hussey
Green	Crisler
Gardner	Voss
Bayer	Scale
Lambie	Harrison
Crouch	

At the request of Mr. Stokes who presided, Ted Yoder opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Stokes, after announcing the purpose of the meeting, read the telegram that he had sent to Mr. Williams which I have made a part of the minutes--

July 30. 1953

Rev. Peyton R. Williams
5315 Cary Street Road
Richmond, Virginia

Special Vestry Meeting today directs me to say we reaffirm our faith in your leadership and request that you appoint a time for a Committee to visit you in Richmond for the purpose of detailing our views of the Christ Church challenge and your relation to it. If you had been present you would know with what sincerity we speak to you. Incidentally the Vestry accepts responsibility for capacity attendance at DuBose. Council will meet with Vestry Tuesday afternoon. Wish you might see fit to give me some reassuring word to present to that Meeting.

Walter Stokes, Jr.

Mr. Stokes also read Mr. Williams' reply to the telegram as well as Mrs. S. B. Zeigler's letter to the Rector which she wrote as President of the Christ Church Women's Auxiliary. These two letters are recorded in these minutes.

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Norwell Rose read Resolutions prepared by his Committee which were indorsed and forwarded to Mr. Williams in Virginia, accompanied by letter written and read by Mr. Stokes--copy of letters are here recorded.

Knowing that the forthcoming Monteagle Conference slated for September 18th was close to the Rectors heart, it was urged that every one commit themselves and others to attend.

The meeting closed with prayer by Yoder.

Wm. H. Rose
Chairman

A. L. Luman
Secretary

Minutes of the meeting of the Vestry held at the Parish Hall on Monday, September 14th, 1953 at 4:30 P M.

Vestrymen present were:

Warren Brown
G. J. Campbell
Paschall Davis
Jerry Hart
Arthur Hemkel
Joe J. Howard, Jr.
C. M. Holt
Harvey Pride

Lester Robb
Norwell Rose
Dr. Shofner
John N. Steele
Walter Stokes
J. H. Tidman
Theo O. Yoder

The meeting was opened by the Rector. Minutes of the July meeting read and approved - then the Rector introduced Reverend Robert Turner who was going to assist him while attending Vanderbilt's School of Religion. The Rector thought that Mr. Turner would be of inestimatable value to him and to the church.

The Rector also presented our young friend Thomas Hill Carson who ~~was~~ in his Senior year at Sewanee. The Rector asked if we would, to certify to the Standing Committee in order that he might be qualified for the sacred Order of Deacon. This was gladly done by all members of the Vestry who were present.

Mr. Williams stated for the record that Bishop Sandridge had vacated his office in the Parish Hall since his retirement was due to take place Monday, September 21, 1953.

Mr. Williams also stated that he wanted to express his deep thanks and appreciation for all the nice things said and done while he had under consideration the call to Charleston, West Virginia.

Mr. Pride as Treasurer, made the August report which was received with thanks. Mr. Pride reported a gift to the church by Mr. Paschall Davis of the profit realized on the sale of some White Oil Company Stock. Our thanks are extended to Mr. Davis.

Mr. ^{Holt} ~~Hart~~, for the Property Committee, stated that all seventeen minor items mentioned at the July meeting as outstanding had been satisfactorily completed and that all Bills for the outside cleaning and repair work, including organ, had been paid. He further mentioned that he hoped that by the October meeting that the railings for the 9th Avenue entrance would be installed, the cost thereof, a little less than \$100.00 was being graciously given by the Rector from a fund in his possession.

Mr. Tidman reporting on the Men's Club stated that finances were in a precarious state, that the Men's Club owed

Mr. Lambeth some \$ 130.00 and no funds on hand to defray the cost of the October and November meetings. After discussion Mr. Howell moved, which was seconded, that the Church undertake the October meeting. The suggestion was also made that dues notices be sent the men of the Church.

Mr. Howell, chairman Finance Committee, discussed the forth-coming Every Member Canvas. He outlined the fact that we had two objectives - one the running expenses of the Church or the regular budget - Secondly, our three year plan to raise \$ 30,000.00 for the Building Fund. He gave the results of the two objectives for 1953, which by the way was the first year of the Building Fund Campaign. For 1954 the Finance committee moved that separate campaigns be ~~made~~ for the regular budget and the Building Fund. Motion was carried with thanks to Messrs. Brown and Scales for heading up both campaigns. Mr. Howell went over the proposed Budget for 1954. It ^{was} moved and seconded that it be tentatively approved at 67,064.13.

For the Endowment Committee, Mr. Davis reported the gift of a \$1000.00 Insurance policy by Mr. John Scales.

Mr. Stokes as Senior Warden, voiced an expression of appreciation to Reverend John M. Holt for his help and work during the summer. He also suggested that we record in these minutes that the Reverend Robert Turner was our assistant Rector beginning September 1, 1953, and the Treasurer, by motion made and carried was authorized to pay Mr. Turner his stipend for balance of 1953. Further, Mr. Stokes, voiced our appreciation to the Rector for his decision to remain with us.

As a result of the Chancellor, West Virginia call -

The Rector in closing the meeting asked our help, cooperation and attendance in making the Monteagle Conference a success. It promised to be most fruitful, by giving us an opportunity to re-examine our attitude - our sense of direction, and all in all, a basis of real growth in the future.

The Meeting adjourned with ~~a~~ benediction by the Rector.

Rector

J. H. Ideman
Secretary

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Vestry and Council of Christ Church
Wednesday; September 30, 1953; 7:45 p.m.

Those present:

COUNCIL

Cliff Harrison
Frank Green
A. B. Crisler
William K. Lambie
Robert Alvarez
Henry Gillespie
Arthur Crouch
Tom Doss
Sanford Garner
John Mosby
Shade Murray
Joe Byar
John Scales

VESTRY

A. Q. Campbell The Reverend Peyton Williams
Warren Brown The Reverend Robert Turner
Walter Stokes
Dr. N. S. Shofner
George Langstaff
Lester H. Robb
Harvey Pride
Terry Hart
Joe Howell
Owsley Cheek
Norvelle Rose
Paschall Davis
Theodore Yoder
Clarence Holt

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Williams, who led our opening prayers.

Warren Brown announced that he had received a gift of \$50.00 from Mrs. Walter Pyle, to be used as part of a special improvement fund for the Parish House. It was agreed that these funds should be kept in a special savings account for that specific purpose and that Mrs. Pyle should receive a letter of acknowledgment and thanks. *Carol*

Mr. Williams presented and read his letter of resignation from Christ Church, to take effect immediately after Christmas. His letter is attached to these minutes. *walt*

Walter Stokes, Senior Warden, replied for the Vestry and Council to Mr. Williams's letter of resignation.

(Mr. Stokes's statement to be inserted.)

Mr. Williams formally thanked Mr. Stokes for his statement and suggested that there were several things which the Vestry and Council should immediately consider. He stated that it was his desire to send out a slightly modified version of the letter, which he had just read, to the whole congregation and, while he had originally intended that no announcement of it should be made until October 11, the newspapers were already aware of the situation and he, therefore, felt it the best policy to have such a letter go out on Thursday, October 1, and the release of the announcement made to the newspapers for Friday evening, October 2. It was the consensus of opinion of all present that such a plan should be followed.

Mr. Williams then referred to the Canons of the Church, Canon 26, Section I, which stated that upon submission of a letter of resignation it must be favorably accepted by the Vestry. Mr. Stokes moved, seconded by Mr. Garner, and passed unanimously that Mr. Williams's resignation be regretfully accepted, with deepest and most heartfelt appreciation for his Christian service to Nashville and Christ Church. Mr. Williams then pointed out that under Canon 47, it was the Warden's duty to notify

the Bishop of his resignation and, before any new Rector was chosen, that the Bishop should be notified and should approve the Rector selected and that following the selection the proper ecclesiastical authorities be notified that he has been selected and accepted.

Mr. Stokes then stated that it was his intention to appoint a committee of not more than seven, widely representing the various interests in the church, to survey suitable persons to be called and to report its findings, perhaps selecting three who might be suitable. He stated that he preferred to defer the full naming of the committee, if it met with the approval of the Vestry, for a day or two until he had time to fully consider the situation. Mr. Stokes moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Hart, and passed unanimously that such a committee be appointed to survey and make recommendations to the Vestry of available men.

Mr. Williams stated that he wished to make a statement on behalf of the Reverend Robert Turner. He stated that he and Mr. Turner had discussed the situation brought about by Mr. Williams's resignation and that Mr. Turner wished to have it thoroughly understood that he would submit his letter of resignation January 1, to become effective at the will of the Vestry, that it was his desire to serve the Parish in any way he possibly could if they so wished his help, that he was willing to continue his duties until June as had been originally planned and, upon the assumption of duties by the new Rector, should he, Mr. Turner, still be at Christ Church that he would immediately tender his resignation to the new Rector. There was a general appreciation voiced of Mr. Turner's thoughtful offer.

There were several suggestions made that it might be helpful to have it announced in the Church bulletin that the committee to be appointed would welcome suggestions from the parishioners. Mr. Stokes suggested that he would want to have the committee make an immediate canvas of names and discuss some of the possible candidates at the next Vestry meeting, October 12.

Mr. Yoder suggested that before proceeding further he felt that it would be a wise policy to have the Vestry and Council discuss thoroughly the qualities which we felt a new minister should possess and also set forth what we felt were the needs and functions of Christ Church. Mr. Crouch, Mr. Mosby, Mr. Robb and several others expressed themselves in agreement with this idea. Mr. Rose, Mr. Davis and Mr. Stokes expressed some doubts as to the effectiveness of such a procedure, feeling that we all were of one mind already as to the kind of person we wanted and of the function of the Church. After much discussion it was then agreed that those members of the Vestry and Council who felt it possible should meet in the Sunday School Chapel on Third Floor of the Parish House on Sunday morning, October 4, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss these matters and to crystallize the opinion prior to the committee getting to work and to the next Vestry meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with closing prayers led by Mr. Williams.

Respectfully submitted,

Lester H. Robb

Minutes of the Meeting of the Vestry held in Parish Hall, Monday, October 12, 1953 at 4:30 P.M.

Vestrymen present were:

Warren Brown
A. S. Campbell
Cusley Cheek
Paschall Davis
Arthur Henkel
W. H. Lambeth
George Lambstaff

Harvey Pride
Lester Robb
Norvell Rose
Dr. H. S. Shofner
John Steele
Walter Stokes, Jr.
J. H. Tidman
Theo Yoder
J. B. Zeigler

The Rector opened the meeting with prayer. He then read the following letter from Bishop Dandridge dated September 14, 1953.

Rector and Vestry
Christ Episcopal Church
900 Broadway
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear friends:

For a good many years you have furnished to me as Bishop of the Diocese two very desirable rooms for use as my office and the office of my secretary. You have done this without compensation. You have also furnished me, gratis, with light and heat and some of the necessary furniture. Please accept my heartfelt thanks.

Thirty years of intimate fellowship have made Christ Church and its people very dear to me. I will not even attempt to say how dear. It is not easy to leave, but I am thankful that I am to be not very far away, and hope our contacts during the years to come may be many.

With deep appreciation and affection,

Faithrully yours,

E. P. Dandridge

The Secretary read the Minutes covering the September meeting of the Vestry and also the Minutes of the called meeting of the Vestry and Council held September 30. These Minutes were approved as written.

Mr. Holt, for the Property Committee, commented that the railings for the 9th Avenue entrance would be installed within a week or so.

Mr. Pride, made his report as Treasurer for September. In his comments he reported payment of \$ 1000.00 on our \$ 5000.00 note due Bank. He also reported gifts of \$416.00 to the Building Fund.

Warren Brown, gave an able presentation of the forthcoming Every Member Conveys. November was designated as Loyalty Sunday. At the end of the meeting a film was shown stressing the theme "What shall I give for what God has given me?"

Mr. Henkel made a short report on the Choir.

At this point the Rector suggested, if agreeable, that the second Monday in January 1954 be approved for the Annual Parish Meeting -- Approved.

Mr. Pride stated that the Finance Committee recommended that the Christmas offering be retained for Christ Church. Mr. Stokes, in this respect suggested that this recommendation be accepted but that we delayed action until the November or December meeting of the Vestry since ample time was available.

Senior Warden Report: Mr. Stokes reported that in accordance with Canon 47 of the Church, he had notified Bishop Barth of our Rectors resignation. Notice thereof was also given Canon Sharp. Too, Mr. Stokes, reported that he had written Bishop Dandridge since he felt that we owed him this courtesy. In this connection, Mr. Stokes stated that Bishop Dandridge in his reply stated after expressing his regrets that Mr. Williams was leaving, that he would give thought and study to suggestions for our consideration for a new Rector. The Senior Warden, had, after study, appointed the following committee to seek a new Rector.

Dudley Cole - Chairman, Paschall Davis, W. H. Lambeth-Secretary, Joe Howell, Theo Yoder, S. B. Zeigler, J. D. Moseby. Mr. Stokes, serving in an ex-officio capacity. Mr. Stokes, reported that this committee had met for lunch the preceding Tuesday to consider and discuss this objective further, that they would meet each Tuesday thereafter until the work was done.

The Rector reported upon a visit from the Ways and Means Committee of the Women's Auxiliary. He further urged our support of the Council in its work to further the work started at the recent Dubose Conference. He also gave us the good news that a Bible Class was being held every Sunday from 10 to 11.

There being no further business the meeting was
adjourned with benediction by the Rector.

Rector

J. H. Z. Luman
Secretary

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Vestry held
in the Parish Hall October 28, 1953, at 4:30 P.M.

Vestrymen present were:

Walter Stokes, Jr.
J. H. Tidman
Norvell Rose
C. M. Holt
George Sonstaff
Cusley Cheek
Warren Brown

W. H. Lambeth
S. B. Ziegler
W. S. Campbell
Theo. Woder
Dr. H. S. Hojmer
Joe J. Howell
Paschall Davis

Non-members of the Vestry who were present but serving on the Committee for the calling of a new Rector were:

Mrs. Ziegler
Messrs. Mosby and Gale

Mr. Walter Stokes, Jr., Senior Warden, presided. The opening prayer was given by Mr. Woder.

The first order of business was the approval of the following resolution which was moved by Norvell Rose and seconded by W. S. Campbell:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that this Vestry authorizes and directs the conversion into cash of \$4,100 Series C Savings Bonds, dated October 1, 1941, Nos. 3142043, 267645, 267587, M231669 and M175590-1, and hereby approves such steps as may be taken by the Episcopal Endowment Corporation of Chattahoochee to effect such conversion."

The Chair then stated that the purpose of the meeting was to hear the report of the Committee working on the call of a new Rector. He then called upon Dudley Gale, Chairman of the Committee. Mr. Gale reviewed the work of the Committee. He read various letters and recommendations, which resulted in a very comprehensive report.

A good deal of time was spent on the Committee's recommendation of Dean Raymond J. Ferris. Various members of the Committee voiced their thoughts regarding Mr. Ferris. Mr. Gale read letters regarding Mr. Ferris which had been written him from different sections of the country, all of which were very flattering. At the conclusion of his report Mr. Gale recommended the calling of Dean Ferris, which met the wholehearted and unanimous approval of the entire Committee.

In the deliberations, Mr. Robert Turner, Assistant Rector, was called into the meeting to answer any questions that might be asked by members of the Vestry. Mr. Turner had formerly been in the Canal Zone and had had occasion to become acquainted with Dean Ferris and know some of his work.

Upon motion by Mr. Langstaff, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Vestry approved the Committee's action. Mr. Gale was asked to call Dean Ferris by telephone and invite him to come to Nashville at his earliest convenience. Too, the file regarding Dean Ferris was to be sent the next day by the Senior Warden to Bishop Barth, which action would be necessary in order to secure the approval of the Bishop of Dean Ferris before the call could be formally accepted. Too, this method complied with the Canons of the Church.

It was understood and agreed that the same salary presently being paid to our Rector would be offered Dean Ferris.

The Vestry expressed its thanks to the Committee for the arduous task which they had performed to date.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with prayer by Mr. Uoder.

Dean Howard
Senior Warden

J. H. Ludman
Secretary

Minutes of Meeting of the Vestry held in the Parish
Hall November 9, 1953 at 4:30 P.M.

Vestrymen present were:

Warren C. Brown
G. D. Campbell
Owsley R. Cheek
J. Paschall Davis
E. Jerry Holt
Joseph J. Howell, Jr.
W. H. Lambeth

George Langstaff
C. M. Holt
Harvey Pride
N. S. Shofner
Walter Stokes, Jr.
J. Haskell Tidman

The Rector opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Pride, as Treasurer, gave his report for the month of October which was accepted with thanks.

Mr. Holt reported that the railings for the Ninth Avenue entrance were returned for correction since they did not fit the space provided.

Mr. Campbell discussed the question of the Church charging some rental for weddings, this charge to cover additional heating, cleaning and janitor services. After some discussion, it was moved by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Stokes, that this matter be referred to the Property Committee for study and future recommendations.

Finance Committee. Mr. Howell, as Chairman, discussed the Church's finances stating that through October collection of current pledges amounted to \$46,631.87. He was hopeful that the remainder of the total pledges, to-wit, \$57,600.00 for the year 1953 would be collected.

Mr. Howell referred to the Christmas offering, stating that he thought in view of the increase in Diocesan assessments and apportionments and the fact that we had spent so much money on repairs, the members of the Finance Committee thought the Christmas offering should be used to partly reimburse the Church for repair expenditures already made. Motion was made, seconded and approved that this be done. Mr. Stokes suggested that the letter mailed with regard to the Christmas offering should explain that the offering would be applied on improvement expense.

Mr. Howell discussed the apparent misunderstanding with Canterbury on the question of whether our commitment for 1953 was for \$1,200.00 or \$1,500.00. It seems that Canterbury was under the impression that we pledged \$1,500 which did not conform to our budget. Mr. Howell stated that he would like to check his records and Canterbury's authority for this impression, and would report on this subject at the December meeting.

At this point the Senior Warden stated that the approval at the

Special Meeting of the Vestry held October 28th regarding the conversion of \$4,100 of Series G Savings Bonds held by the Episcopal Endowment Corporation was not complete. Upon motion by the Senior Warden, which was seconded, a corrected resolution was passed.

Mr. Warren Brown gave the following report on the status of the Every Member Convass. On Loyalty Sunday, November 9, 380 were present. 282 pledges were collected, totaling \$43,154.20, or 63% of our total budget of \$67,000. This left a balance of \$23,879.00 to be raised. 238 cards were outstanding and Mr. Brown reported that these were to be distributed among the Captains and Team workers. Congratulations were extended to Mr. Brown for his splendid report.

J. H. Tidman reported on the scheduled Sewanee Night, November 16th, urging everyone to be present.

Music Committee. Warren Brown reported on the new bass.

Warren Brown also brought up the question of the Memorial Book, stating that he thought that this should be given more consideration. In this connection, Mr. Stokes concurred and asked that he make a study of this matter and report at the December meeting.

Mr. Lambeth mentioned the hanging in the Church of the testimonial to Bishop Dandridge. Mr. Stokes thought a copy of this testimonial was available and stated that he would ascertain if this were true and report at the December meeting.

Senior Warden's Report. Mr. Stokes stated that he, Mr. Gale and Robert Turner had talked with Mr. Ferris regarding his call to Christ Church. He stated that they had a very encouraging conversation with Mr. Ferris. Further, Mr. Stokes read a letter from Mr. Ferris stating he was planning to arrive in Nashville on November 17th for a visit with us. Mr. Stokes also stated that Bishop Dandridge, Bishop Barth and Mrs. Ziegler and others had written Mr. and Mrs. Ferris. Mr. Stokes moved that the Treasurer be authorized to reimburse Mr. Ferris for his expenses to and from the Canal Zone. Approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Rector

J. H. Tidman
 Secretary

Minutes of Meeting of Vestry held in the
Parish Hall December 7, 1953 at 4 P.M.

Vestrymen present were:

Sam W. Berger, Jr.
Warren C. Brown
A. D. Campbell
Cusley R. Cheek
F. Arthur Henkel
Jos. J. Howell, Jr.
W. H. Lambeth
C. M. Holt

Harvey Pride
Lester Robb
Norvell S. Rose
Dr. H. S. Hofner
John H. Steele
Walter Stokes Jr.
J. H. Tidman
Theodore C. Yoder

In the absence of the Rector, Mr. Walter Stokes presided.

The two wardens and Joe Howell were elected delegates to the Convention in Chattanooga, with Cusley Cheek, John Steele and Lester Robb as alternates.

Messrs. Lambeth, Tidman and Cheek were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the installation and reception of the new Rector and his wife scheduled for Friday, February 26, 1954.

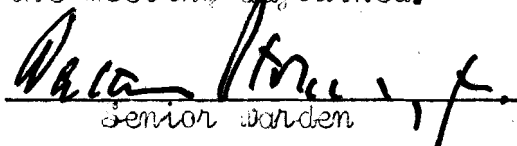
A discussion of the various appropriations was held and due to the incomplete status of the Every Member Canvass, the approval of the budget was moved over to the January meeting.

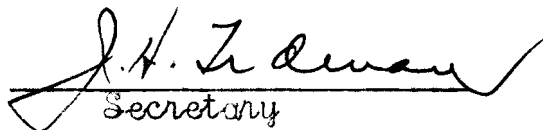
Messrs. Tidman and Lambeth reported on the farewell dinner to be given by the Men's Club for Billie and Peyton Williams.

Warren Brown reported on the Every Member Canvass, stating 419 pledges totaling \$58,869.90 had been made, these pledges averaging \$140.50. There were outstanding 27 pledges, out of which he hoped to receive \$2,544.00.

Mr. Stokes expressed to Warren Brown and John Scales the thanks of the Church for the marvelous job performed by them.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Senior Warden


Secretary