

WASHINGTON STREET MISSION

The evangelist, Billy Sunday, left a permanent mark in Springfield, Ill. following his campaign here in 1909. Some of those who attended and were converted were to become concerned about how their new-found faith might be more adequately expressed in some tangible way.

Following a time of Bible study and prayer, a group of Springfield businessmen organized to found a rescue mission to minister to the poor, needy and transient peoples of Springfield in the years just prior to World War I.

One of these men, Robert T. Brown, then Secretary of the Vredenburg Lumber Co., soon became President of the Board and when the Superintendency was vacated in 1919 he was elected to that post which he held until his death in 1940. The focus of mission activities and programs was shaped by his vision and direction during these critical years.

Mission activities have included evangelistic meetings, Bible studies, Sunday Schools, English classes, food distribution, housing assistance, special ministries, children's services, camps, and individual counseling.

Following Mr. Brown's death, his son-in-law, Robert O. Miller, guided the mission until 1970 with the able assistance of his wife who continued as director until her death in 1980.

Today the mission continues under the dedicated leadership of Mr. & Mrs. James Beatty and a dedicated Board of Directors who seek to provide the resources to continue to meet the spiritual and physical needs of the people of Springfield today and tomorrow.

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"EVERLASTINGLY AT IT"

1910-1985

WASHINGTON STREET MISSION
408-410 North Fourth Street
Springfield, Illinois 62702

JANUARY 10-13, 1985

Thursday, January 10, 1985

7:00 P.M.

THE TRADITIONAL MISSION

BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE

James Beatty, Director - Presiding

Candle Lighting Ceremony

Traditional Week Night Program

Visitors are Welcome

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

AMAZING GRACE

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.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
That hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath bro't me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

Saturday, January 12, 1985

7:30 P.M.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Thomas O. Kay, Presiding

Welcome

"Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow"

America

Invocation James Beatty

Greetings J. Michael Houston
Mayor of Springfield

The word of the Lord Psalm 90
Rev. John Standard
Springfield Bible Church

Hymn Now Thank We All Our God

About the Mission Robert Walbaum
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Greetings Robert T. Miller
Crossland Mission

Musical Selection Chorale
Laurel United Methodist Church

Greetings and Challenge James Edgar
Secretary of State

Offering

Musical Selection

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Prayer of Commitment Rev. R. McDonald
Douglas Ave. United Meth. Church

Hymn Amazing Grace

Benediction Rev. Shaughnessy Small
Capitol City Church of God

Sunday, January 13, 1985

2:00 - 5:00 P.M.

OPEN HOUSE AND CELEBRATION

Tours and refreshments throughout the afternoon in the rooms to the rear of the building.

Music Programs in the Chapel

2:00 Hand Bell Choir
First Christian Church

2:30 Power and Praise
Christian Elementary School

3:00 Choir
All Nations Tabernacle

3:30 Choir
Cherry Hills Baptist

4:00 Choir
Third Presbyterian

4:30 Overcomers
Hope Evangelical Church

Thank you for your participation in this significant occasion for celebrating the work of God in Springfield and the lives of its people including each one of you.

Your regular offerings and gifts help to sustain the work of Washington Street Mission.