

Wayne Church History

By Harry Haugh

May 15, 1999 is the 20th anniversary of the burning of the mortgage of our Wayne Church. Pastor Rivera has asked me to give a short history of the Paterson Church and leading up to the Wayne Church, including the mortgage burning service and beyond.

From 1905 and 1917 the Paterson Church met in various places such as Public halls, some homes and occasionally in tents. Two of our members here today attended these churches with their families in this time period. Bill Suhrie with his mom and sister and two brothers and Hattie Baker Tyler with her mother. Around 1918 the members moved to the Paterson German Church located on Temple and N. 8th Street in Paterson. The German members would meet in the morning and the English Church met in the afternoon.

In 1934 we purchased a church on N. 2nd Street and Haledon Ave., in Paterson, and worshipped there for many years. In 1936 two of our long time members, Grace and Charles Lambert were the first ones to be married in our N. 2nd Street Church. In 1950 the Paterson Pathfinders became the first Pathfinders club in New Jersey. In 1960 we built our Waldwick Church School, thanks to the Negretti family who donated the property on which our school stands today.

In 1973 we decided to look for property in the suburbs to build our new church. We sold our church in Paterson and for one year we met in the First Christian Reformed Church in North Haledon. We then moved to the Waldwick Church School Auditorium where we held our Sabbath School and church services there.

We were still looking for property to build our own church when we found one acre of land on Ratzer Road, in Wayne. Being near Route 80, 23, 46 and 202 and many local roads we knew that the Lord directed us here and we purchased this property at once.

On March 21, 1976 ground was broken for the Wayne SDA Church. During a severe rain and thunderstorm, Newton Miller, the Wayne mayor at that time welcomed us with open arms.

With the help of elder Chris Kober and elder Woodrow Whidden, construction began in our church and by Christmas Day 1976 we held our Sabbath School and Church Services in the fellowship room downstairs since the chapel upstairs was not quite ready to hold services then. Our church building was completed early in 1977 and on April 16 at 10:30 AM we had the consecration of the church under the supervision of Pastor Woodrow Whidden and one of our former elder George Strait gave us a brief history of our Wayne Church. Elder Joel Thompkins, the New Jersey Conference president gave the consecration around and the Hackensack church choir sang "Bless this house".

Harry Lowe an elder of our church at that time gave the benediction to close the morning services.

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