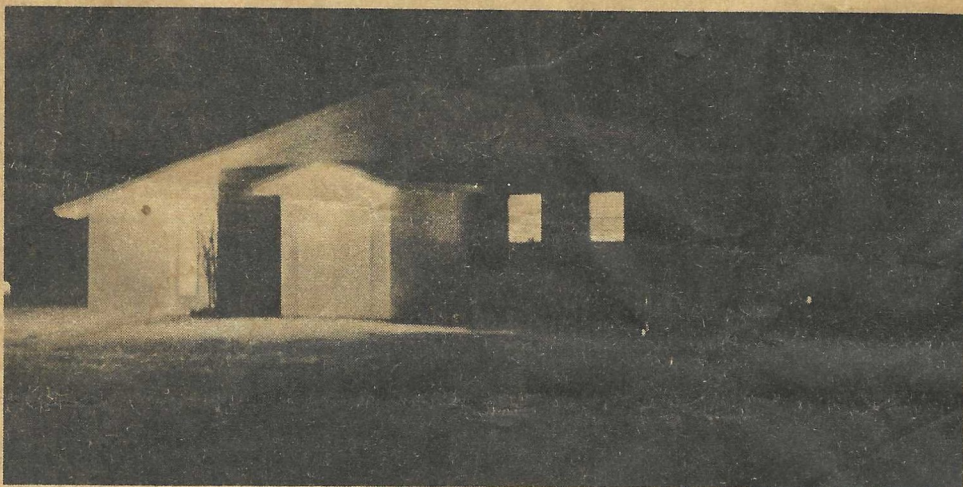


Tabernacle Church

A little more than 2000 years ago a small group of disciples met in an upper room. They were confused, discouraged, filled with fear and doubt. But all this would change soon, for we read in John 20:19 that Jesus came and stood in the midst of them and said, "Peace be unto you." He breathed on them and they received the Holy Ghost. History records what happened after that. And in the rest of John and Acts, and in the other books of the Bible, we read a fantastic story of how those filled with the Holy Ghost went throughout the land doing mighty works for the Lord.



Just 5 years ago on March 16, 1967, a group of people (about 150 men, women, boys and girls) met for a fellowship dinner on a beautiful Sunday afternoon at Wickham Park. Among this group were many who were discouraged, disheartened, disillusioned and weary. And yet, there was joy, hope, faith, love and understanding. Most of all there was a sense of trust in each other — something most of these people had not felt in a long time.

Most of these were members of a local congregation. However, God had spoken to many and through a series of circumstances had brought them to the knowledge that His desire for this group was that they separate themselves from the local body of which they were members — begin a new work. It was to be a new local congregation with Him as the Head — one where His love would bind the hearts and bring peace, understanding, trust, happiness, completeness to the fellowship of believers.

They listened as Jamie Buckingham read from the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5:13-16. "Ye are the salt of the earth: But if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith

shall it be salted? It is therefore good for nothing, but to be cast out and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick: and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

There was a real sense of need for each to be loved, to be understood, to be trusted, and accepted. To find in this new church an environment in which we could be ourselves and still be loved signaled the beginning of the fulfillment for which we so long had dreamed — yet somehow had been missing in recent years.

Somehow, God knew our frustration and anxiety better than we. He began a process of growth in each of us. As each worked in our different places of service we were all made aware of our great need to know what God's will for us was. Many began seeking more earnestly than ever before, and God began to break through.

In February, just before the first anniversary of the

church, the Pastor, Jamie Buckingham, attended a regional convention of the Full Gospel Business Men in Washington, D.C. As he stepped into the pulpit the following Sunday morning, even before he spoke it was evident that something had taken place in his life. There was a radiance that had never been there before, and the Holy Spirit's presence was so strong it was as though a warm cloak had been placed around each of us in that little church. It was one of those times when we just wanted to be still and know that God was there. When he spoke it was to give one of the most outstanding testimonies we had ever heard. He told us how, while he was in Washington, God had spoken to him and had baptized him with His Holy Spirit. He testified of a filling which had given him a new release and a new power within that he had never known. Oh, praise the Lord. It was a wonderful day. The angels must have all been singing in heaven as they witnessed what was taking place here in this little spot of God's earth.

It was not long until prayer meetings were begun in some of the homes. They were well attended and many were

brought to a closer walk with Christ. Many received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and received the gift of speaking in tongues. God was doing something that most of us did not understand, and many found hard to accept. But when we seek to follow our Lord, He will bring us into His light and reveal to us what we should do — and when we should do it. As we discovered this we begin to find a peace that literally did pass all understanding. We discovered something of His love and how it could free us from all bondage and fear.

This is what has happened to the folks at the Tabernacle.

Tabernacle Church is composed of energetic followers of Jesus Christ who have banded together for the purpose of worship, fellowship, service, and growth. People of all denominations can feel free to worship here. Meetings and Services consist of people with many religious denominations and people from other states.

Sunday School at 10 a.m. and Morning Worship follows at 11 a.m. At 6:30 p.m. is a Believers Meeting.

The meeting place is at 1616 Ferndale, opposite Aurora Rd. at Crane Field.