



*eastside*  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

thru the ages

# Introduction

- Over the next 6 weeks or so we want to look toward the future of the church that meets at Eastside
- That starts with looking at Eastside's past
  - Sir Winston Churchill said, "the farther back you can look, the farther forward you can look."
- Eastside has through out the years has been blessed with members building, cooperating and working together – "100s and 100s of people have been a part in the Lord's work at Eastside."
- 1<sup>st</sup> Bulletin – (August 4, 1957) Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only. The Church grows by the **ACTIONS** of the members and not just by their **INTENTIONS**.

# East Side highlights at a glance

- Douglas and Marshall (July 1944)
  - Del City – 1952, Ridgecrest - May 1969
- Starts with a vision (why?) – for the Lord’s church to grow in Midwest City
- East Side location – 10 Acres – 1957
  - July 18, 1957 - 15/20 men came together for the 1<sup>st</sup> business meeting
  - Legal name – Douglas Blvd Church of Christ
- Frame Building (200)
  - First Sunday July 28, 1957 (Class 195 – Worship 225)
- First ‘official’ service 4 Aug 1957 (w Bulletin)
  - Trouble already starting
    - Building was already too small (Worship 208)
    - Sermon too long (Roy Jackson)
    - Too much singing (Jerrell Southern) – windows vibrated / singing was wonderful
  - (1) 1<sup>st</sup> Bulletin – Mission - Let’s all support the new building program and show by our actions that we believe we have the truth and want to proclaim it to the world.

# East Side First Building



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WELCOMES YOU

*Bible Study 9:45am*  
*Sunday morning worship 10:45am*  
*Sunday evening 6:00pm*  
*Wednesday evening 7:30pm*  
*Minister: Harvey Scott*



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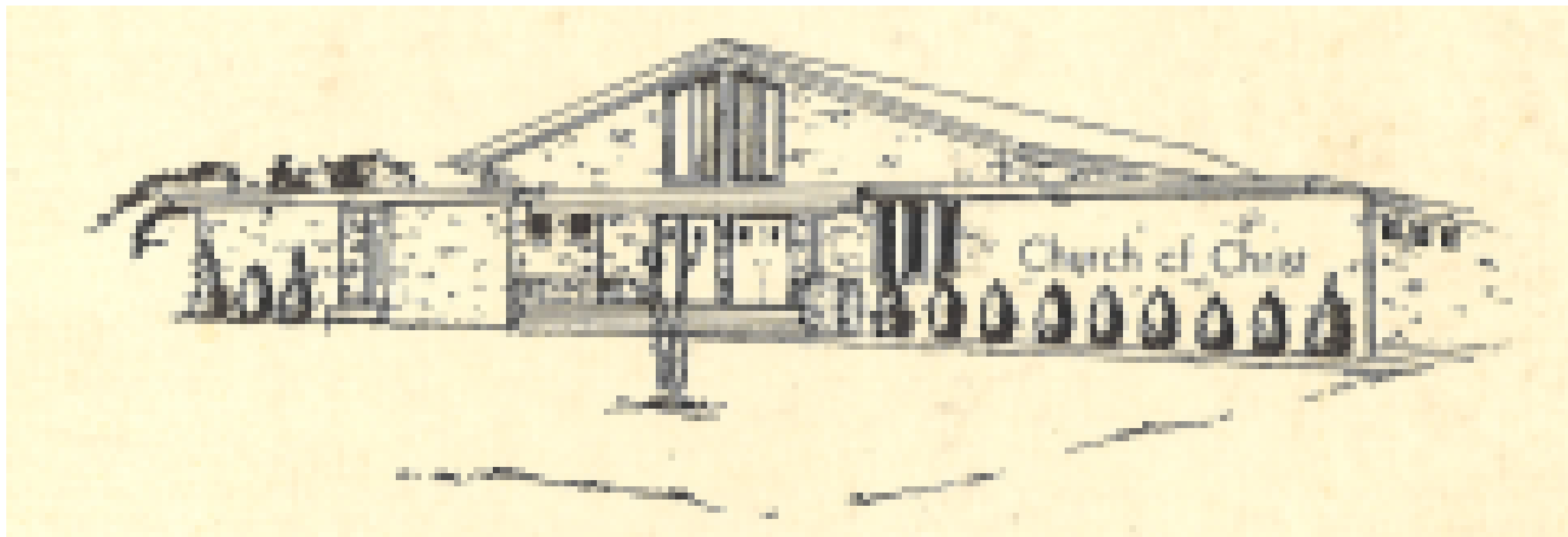
- 1958 – March - New Auditorium (500) (no wings)
  - 308 Bible Class / 375 in Worship
  - 1<sup>st</sup> building used for classrooms
- 1958 – Dec - 1<sup>st</sup> Preacher's house built \$10,000
- 1962? – 2<sup>nd</sup> Preacher's house built
- 1965 – First elders (2) / deacons (5)



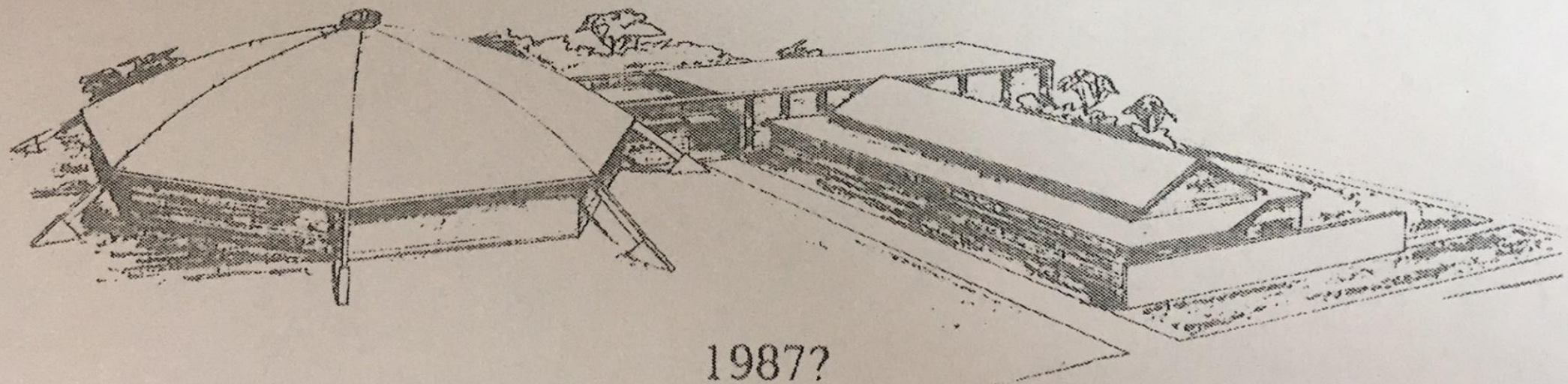
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- 1965? – Classroom wings added on to the north and south sides of the auditorium
- 2 story education building added
  - 1<sup>st</sup> building torn down
  - Room 109 did not exist
  - Room 110 was below ground level
- Certificate of Incorporation (Apr 1971)
  - Douglas Blvd Church of Christ
- Aug 20, 1977 – 43 teens were knocking doors
- Visions of a new building (men's breakfast on Oct 25, 1980)









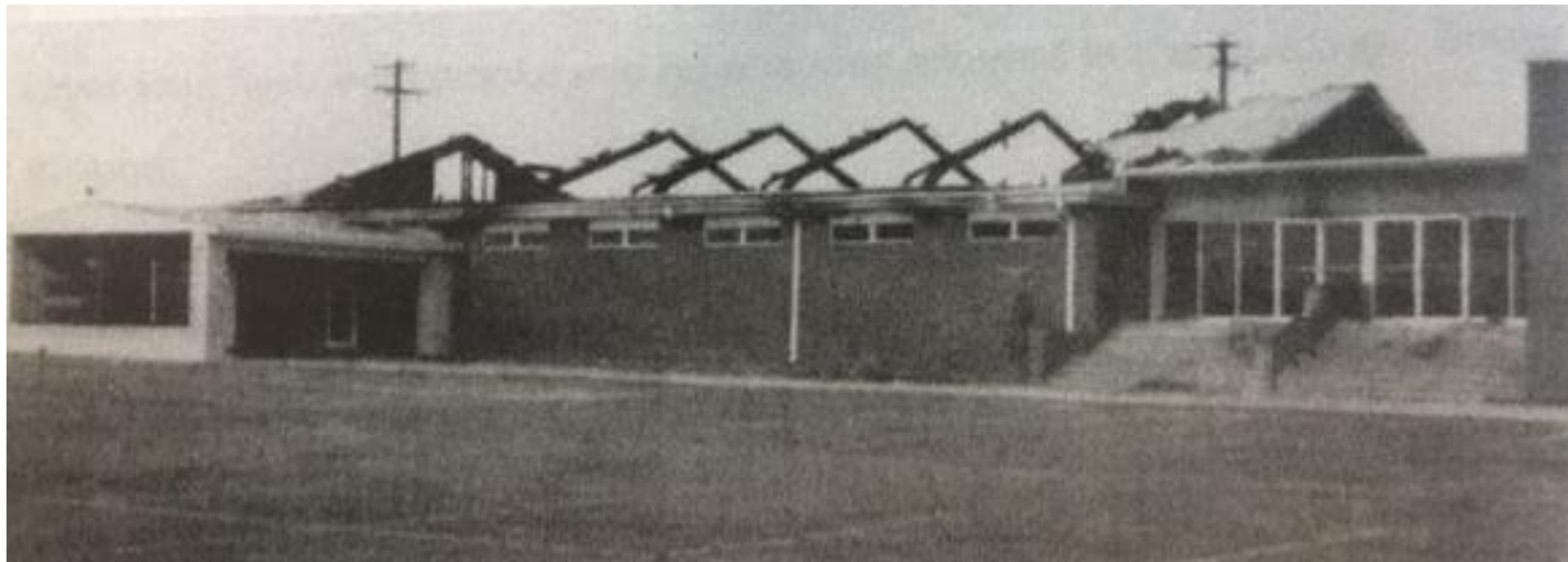
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- Nov 16/17, 1980, Fire Destroyed the Auditorium
  - Continued all support for missionaries
  - Met at Carl Albert / Ridgecrest Elementary
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Apr 1981 - Ready to be back at Eastside - 200 + at each service, met in the Fellowship hall as soon as possible (2 services)
  - Built 6 classrooms in the parking lot
  - 130 workers for a campaign
- July 25, 1982 moved to the 'new' auditorium
- May 1984 – Legal name changed to Eastside church of Christ













# Eastside # highlights at a glance

- Apr 1972 – 462 Class / 483 worship
- Sep 1979 – 683 Class / 719 worship
  - Bible School Drive
- Nov 16, 1980 – 440 worship
- Apr 1981 – 425 Class / 447 worship (232 / 215)
- July 25, 1982 – 500 Class / 589 worship
- Apr 1986 – 705 Friends Day
- Sep 1986 – 773 Bring a Friend Day
- Apr 1987 – 790 Bring your whole family day
- Aug 1987 – 612 Alejandro Ciencia
- Jan 6, 1991 – Evening services cancelled for the 1<sup>st</sup> time
- Mar 5, 1995 – 760 Gospel Meeting Willie Franklin - Mortgage Burning
- July 1997 – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 625

# What makes Eastside Tick?

- Bible Class
- Printing Bulletins
- Library (1966)
- Preacher Boys (1967)
- Singing Emphasis Night (1984)
- Singing Jubilees (1984)
  - (7:00 – midnight)
- Church Camp – BCCC, QMCC, RCCC, LCCC
- Nursing Home Singing
- Teacher Training (1969)
- Golden 60s (1985?)
- Roller Skating
- Holiday Banquets (Furr's)
- Graduating Seniors
- Campaigns
  - 196? Trailways bus (\$11,000)
- Missions
- VBSs on the Road
- Mission Trips
- Ladies Bible Class
- Ladies Fall Retreats
- Pew Packers
- Brother Keeper Units
- Care Groups
- Prayer Ministry
- Circle up after baptism
  - The Cleansing Wave
- Fire - Nov 1980
- Moved in 'new' auditorium (July 1982)
- Bible Call (1983)
- Amen Program
- Widow-widowers banquet
- Neighborhood Bible Classes (6)
- 50,000 Bibles to Russia (Nov 1992)
- Clothing Giveaway (1993)
  - Bus Barn
  - Prior – Christian Service Center (Oakcrest)
- Burning the mortgage (Feb 1995)
- Murrah Building bombing (Apr 1995)
- LTC (1996) Dallas, Tulsa, Rogers
- Tornado of 1999
- 2001 – Challenge to read 2.5 M verses (2,637,943)
- 2003 Challenge 5 M with Choctaw (More than 7.5 M)
- WBS / WEI

# What makes Eastside Tick? (cont)

- 2001 - 9/11
- 2004 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thanksgiving Dinner
- 2005 - Renovate the Auditorium and plans for a new Family Center
- 2005 - Breast Cancer Awareness Group
- 2007 - Auditorium / Family Center Finished / 50 Anniversary Bash (2)
- Family First
- Turkey Bowl
- 2020 - Covid
- 2023 – Tornado
- 2023 – Open House – 40+ Door Knockers - 1300 + doors knocked
- Daily Bible Reading
- Summer of Service
- Serving our Savior (Monday evenings)
- Housing the Homeless
- Host
- Care Portal
- Joy
- Holiday Connections
- Trunk or Treat
- Feed the Titans
- Homecoming Parade
- Veterans Brunch
- Voting Place
- Evacuation Site for one of the schools

# Missions

- Local

- Ada / Weatherford Bible Chairs
- Airport Church of Christ
  - Jesus Cervantes
- Bear Valley
  - Levi Saylor
- Bible Talk (Choctaw)
- Prison Ministry
  - Cooper Lay
  - Dustin Archer
- Host
- Manuelito Children's Home (NM)
- Many Farms (Arizona)
- Search TV (Edmond) [1980]
- Spanish Work
- Tipton Home (OK)
- Truth for Today
  - Eddie Cloer

- Foreign

- Ecuador (Quito SoP)
- Ghana (Michael Fourjour)
- Global Christian Studies
- Guatemala
- Indonesia
- World Bible School
- World English Institute

# From the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bash Bulletin

- Clay
  - Devoted to God's Word
  - Strong Leadership
  - Service
- Dale (Pray for:)
  - Loss of Loved ones
  - Families with children at home
  - Leadership Challenges
  - Looking forward
  - New building
  - Service men and women in Iraq and other places
  - The Lost
  - We would always be involved in teaching the truth.

# Eastside bulletin name changes over the years

East Side Church of Christ	1957
Eastside Bulletin CHURCH of CHRIST	1976
EASTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST	1983
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- Lanier's letter – dedicated and loving family atmosphere of the members and the soul-conscious leadership – A real family, a family of God
- Bob Pope – Years ago when I was appointed an elder, it was my dream to be one of the elders of the largest church of Midwest City. I watched as we grew from 200 to 400 to 600 in AM Worship Service, then slowly back down to around 400 again. With an auditorium that seats well over 1000, I'm sure there must be some disappointment that we have failed to grow and fill our auditorium. I do not have the answer – only theory. For we have the best preachers, elders, deacons, and teachers anywhere. We've all heard it said, "if each 1 saves 1, we will double in size," and that must be true.
- Bob Pope – In the first 3 chapters of Revelation, the Lord sent a message to the 7 churches of Asia, some condemnations, some commendations, and some warnings. If this would happen today, how would Eastside fare?
- Poster
- My Thoughts



- I had a big missing block from 2007 to 2024 – what are some of the things that make Eastside be a place where you want to be?

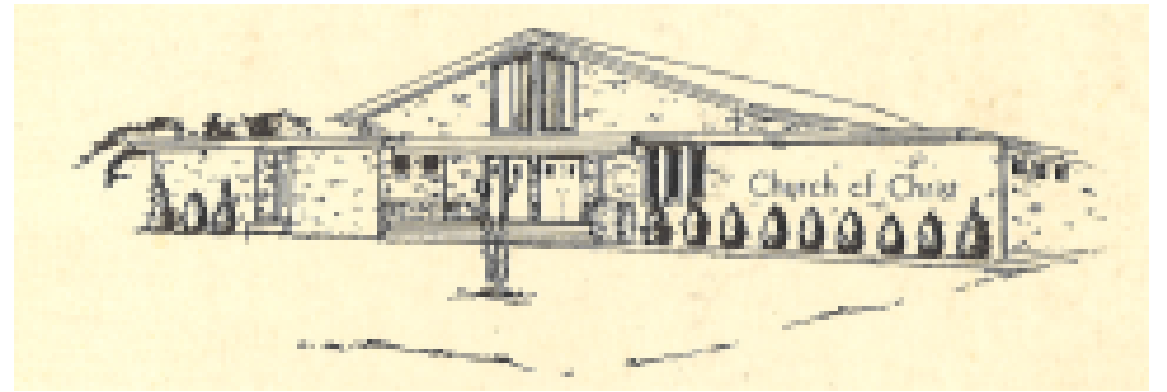
- WHY would anyone choose to come to Eastside?

- WHY would anyone want to visit and be part of this group?



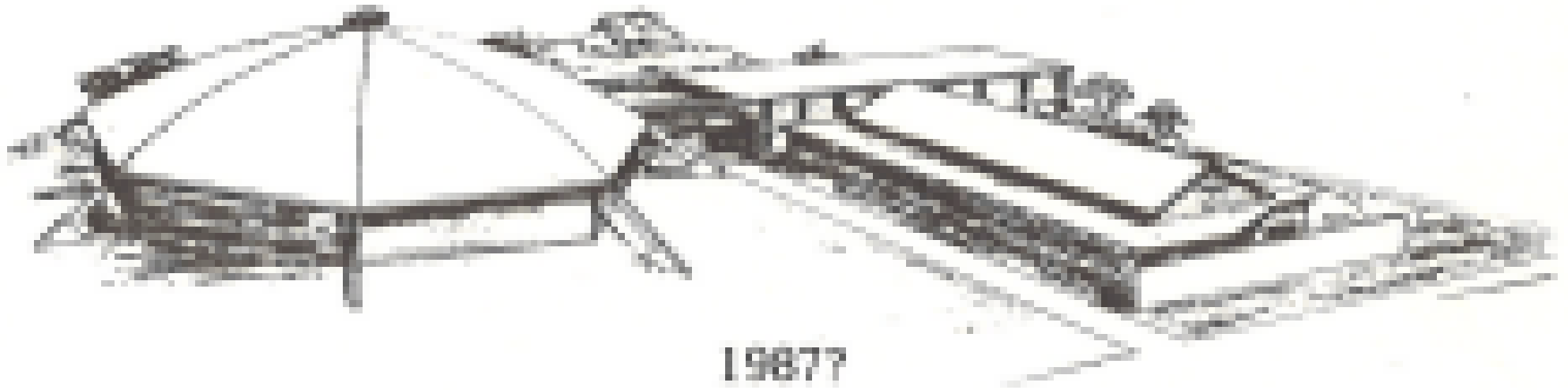


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