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CENTENNIAL
COUNTDOWN
21 months

MORTGAGE
PAYOFF
COUNTDOWN
\$617,623
TO GO

*"Celebrating God's faithfulness in the past,
His strength for today,
His promise for tomorrow"*

Mortgage payoff
initiative established
by the Facilities &
Finance Committee.

**Let's burn the
mortgage on
11/4/2012!**

*Watch for details
in next month's Centennial Times*

Celebrating One Hundred Years 1912-2012

**We're planning a party that's been a
hundred years in the making!**

PLANS ARE WELL UNDERWAY FOR AN ENTIRE YEAR
OF CELEBRATION STARTING JANUARY 2012,
CLIMAXING ON OUR ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND,
NOVEMBER 3-4, 2012.

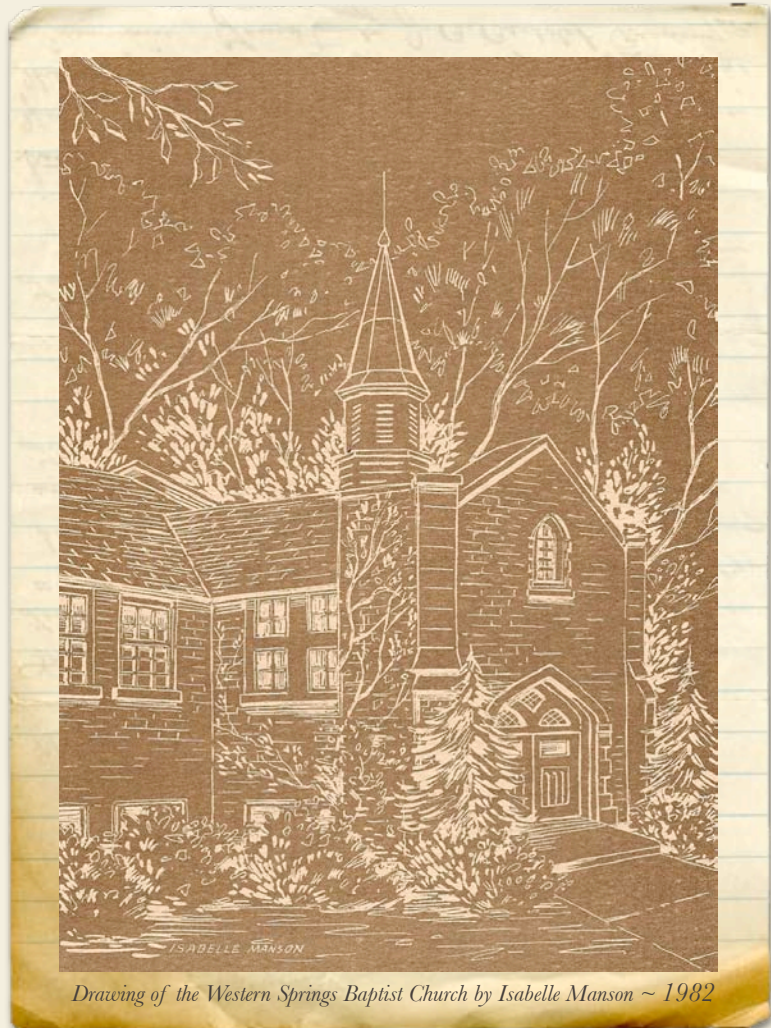
One hundred years as an established
church family is reason to celebrate, not that
Baptists need a reason to party. We seem
drawn to any reason to create a potluck or bake
a cake. For this occasion, however, we are
planning an all out 'year of celebration'. Mark
your calendars and notify friends and family.
This is one celebration you will not want to
miss!

CHOSEN THEME FOR OUR YEAR OF CELEBRATION:

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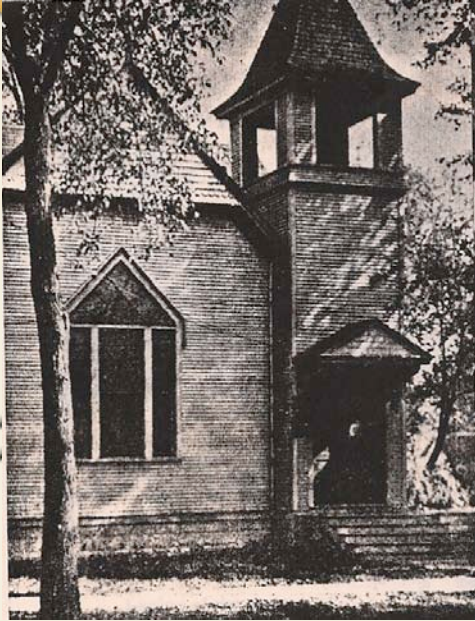
CENTENNIAL TIMES TO KEEP YOU POSTED

Each month the *Centennial Times*, a
newsletter of the WSBC, will keep you
informed and in the know. You will find articles
of interest about every facet of the planning as
well as monthly articles sharing the story of our
unique heritage as a church. Special needs will
be shared as well as informative news of plans
in the making. Don't miss a copy—to be placed
in your mailboxes monthly.



Drawing of the Western Springs Baptist Church by Isabelle Manson ~ 1982

Centennial Times, Sondra Brunsting, Editor, Western Springs Baptist Church, <wsbaptist@sbcglobal.net>



The First Missionary Baptist Church of Western Springs was located at the northeast corner of Grand Avenue and Walnut Street. (Photo taken prior to 1912)



The Baptist Mission in 1912. Our first building. A storefront in Western Springs. Pictured: William Quimby, Edmund White, Burton Rhodes, Lawrence Castrodale.

WHAT ARE WE CELEBRATING?

The year was 1912. The First Missionary Baptist Church of Western Springs, located on the corner of Grand Ave. and Walnut Streets, met weekly for Sunday morning worship and Sunday School. On August 12th of that year, several members discussed the formation of a new assembly following disagreement over a published declaration of faith, adoption of by-laws and voting procedures and proposed methods of evangelizing the community. Seventeen individuals signed a declaration to withdraw from the existing church. Electing a moderator and clerk and adopting a revised *Articles of Faith*, the Baptist Mission was born, forerunner to the present WSBC.

On September 1, 1912, 17 charter members of the Baptist Mission held their first Sunday service in the kindergarten room of Grand Avenue School. By Oct. 13th, a vacant store on Park Avenue had been rented, refurbished and dedicated (*today 4475 Grand Ave., Western Spgs.*). A Constitution and by-laws were adopted by the congregation on Sunday, November 24, 1912, a date now celebrated as our anniversary.

Written by Marguerite Orth

MEET THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

For the past year, the Centennial Committee, under the authority of the Church Board, has laid the groundwork for our celebration. Committee members, Barb Swift, Sondra Brunsting, Sandra Wilsey, Howard Amerlan, Paul Best, Janet Helin, and John Gervase have joined forces to design and coordinate a churchwide initiative, preparing for a year of celebration. Every committee and ministry in the church will be involved. There will be something for everyone to do.

WE NEED YOU! COME JOIN THE FUN!

Interested in becoming a part of the historic celebration? Come hear more as you meet with members of the Centennial Committee and explore how **you** might become involved in *The Event of the Century!*

Continental breakfast

Saturday, February 5th

from 9-11 a.m.

Fireside Room

RSVP: Church Office~ (708) 246-1530

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