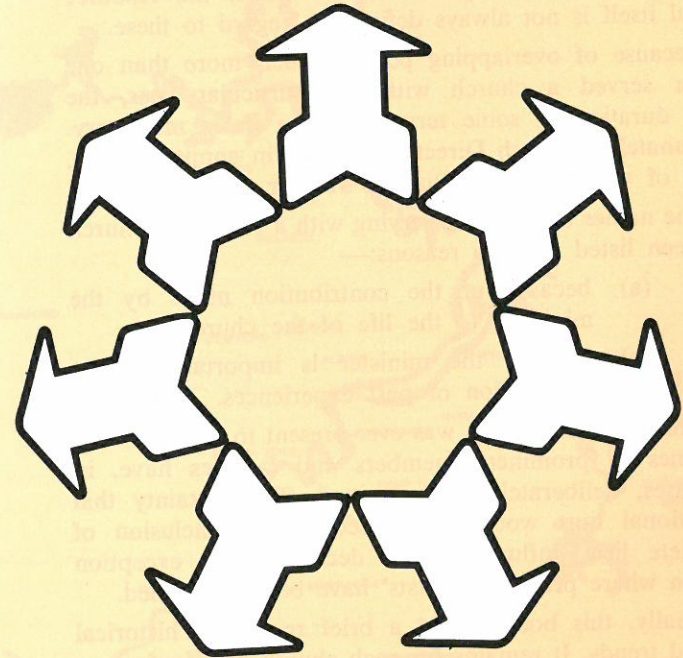


**100
YEARS**



PART TWO
Church Growth-
Brisbane & Country

The facts recorded in this book have been researched from A. R. Main's contribution to 'The Jubilee History of Churches of Christ in Australasia', but more importantly from the annual reports to Conference 1911 to 1982. It would seem that printed reports prior to 1911 have been lost or destroyed. Histories submitted by church historians have also been used as source data.

While every effort has been made to achieve absolute accuracy when recording names and dates, the resource material itself is not always definite in regard to these.

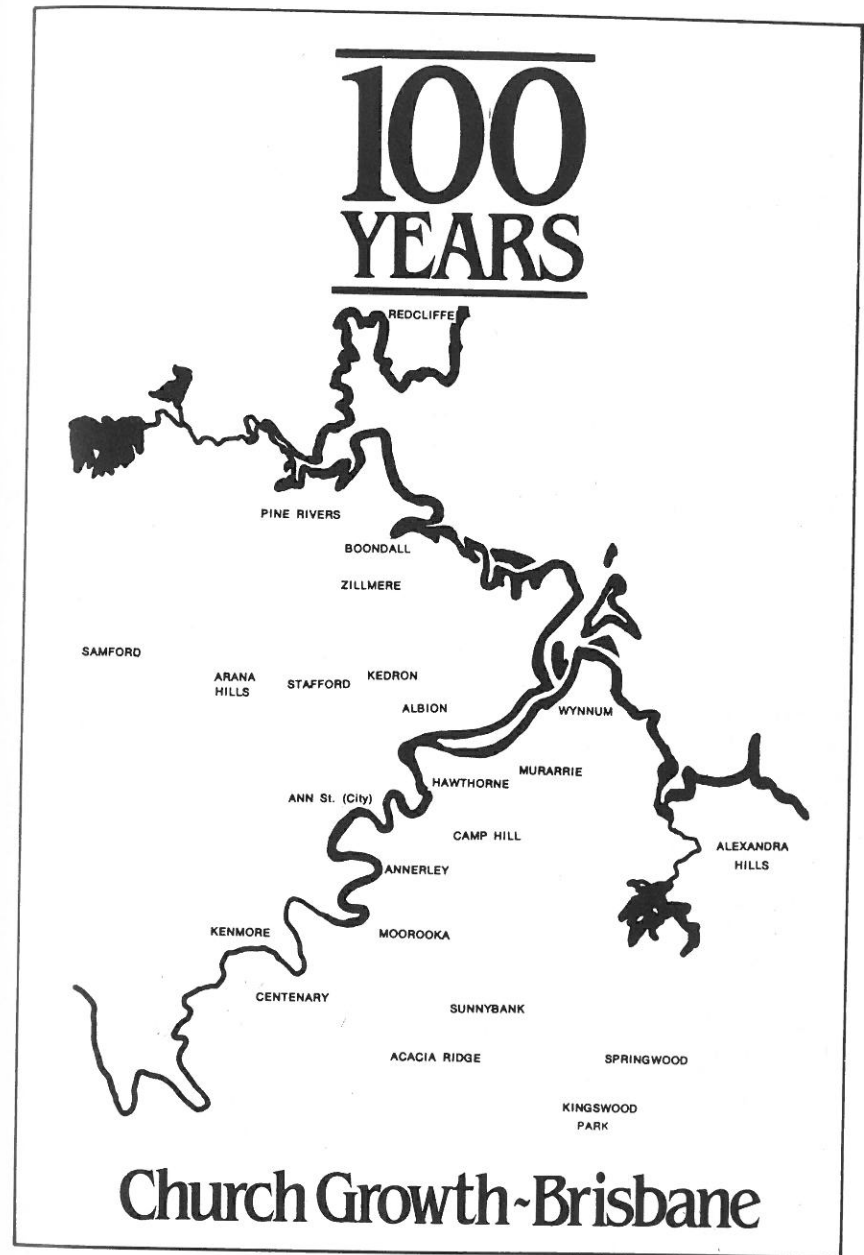
Because of overlapping periods when more than one minister served a church within a particular year, the quoted duration of some terms and the dates may vary. Unfortunately, 'Church Directories' listed in annual reports, instead of clarifying the situation further compounded it.

The names of ministers serving with a particular church have been listed for two reasons:—

- (a) because of the contribution made by the ministers to the life of the church;
- (b) because the minister is important in our recollection of past experiences.

Whilst the temptation was ever-present to do otherwise, the names of prominent members and families have, in most cases, deliberately been omitted. The certainty that unintentional hurt would be caused by the inclusion of incomplete lists, influenced this decision. The exception has been where prominent 'firsts' have been concerned.

Finally, this book is but a brief record of historical facts and trends. It remains for each church and conference committee to record its own 'in depth' history.



The dates when churches were established are listed in chronological order, followed by a brief report on each church:—

ZILLMERE	1882
ANN STREET	1883
ALBION	1911
ANNERLEY	1913
HAWTHORNE	1914
SUNNYBANK	1914
BOONDALL	1916
WYNNUM	1925
KEDRON	1929
MOOROOKA	1931
ROCKLEA	1934
ACACIA RIDGE	1953
STAFFORD	1953
MURARRIE	1954
CAMP HILL	1958
KENMORE	1965
ARANA HILLS	1966
SPRINGWOOD	1974
PINE RIVERS	1975
CENTENARY	1977
KINGSWOOD PARK	1977
ALEXANDRA HILLS	1979
SAMFORD	1979
INALA	1982

The early history of the Churches of Christ in Brisbane and its surrounds is at once an inspiration and a challenge to one's faith.

CHURCH GROWTH IN BRISBANE — 1882 - 1982

The unbelieving cynic in 1882 might well have said "Can any good thing come out of Zillman's Waterholes? Does this handful of people think they can turn the world upside down?" After all, earlier attempts to found a New Testament Church in Brisbane had failed; indeed Stephen Cheek wrote, in 1882, of Brisbane that "it was noted for its apathy." The first mission in 'Brisbane Town' had brought no apparent results.

ZILLMERE (then Zillman's Waterholes) had 21 members when the church was constituted on 23rd August, 1882. Its two leaders, Carl M. F. Fischer and Thomas Geraghty, had previously been members of the German Baptist Study Group, who became convinced that the plea and practices of the Churches of Christ were nearer those of the New Testament Church. In the interval between 1st August, 1882, when Stephen Cheek preached his first address in Queensland, and 23rd, 16 people were converted and immersed in the Waterholes. Stephen Cheek and F. W. Troy then moved on to Toowoomba. From this humble beginning the Holy Spirit then spread the gospel message in Queensland, working through individuals, through local churches, through conference committees — very often through all at once. Sometimes admiration for the splendor of the service of individual stalwarts of our plea tends to overshadow the work of the churches together in conference. It is easy to forget that Stephen Cheek, D. A. Ewers and others came to Queensland through the support of the Conference in Victoria. This doubtlessly influenced the Queensland churches, for the first conference in this State was held as early as August, 1883 when the membership of Zillman's Waterholes was 17. Some members of this young church had moved to other areas carrying the message with them. It is fascinating to read that in June 1883, less than a year after its birth, Zillmere church decided "to give the two largest out of every five collections to help the work elsewhere", a practice that continued for many years from which both Brisbane and Toowoomba were helped. Praise God for such faith and generosity!

It was probably because of this outreach to others that it was not till May, 1894, that the Zillmere church opened its first chapel; for the first ten years they had worshipped in the old German Baptist building. By 1903, membership had increased to 64 of which one third lived out of the district. Numbers have fluctuated markedly over the years. At times the church has worked in circuit with Boondall (founded 1916) and for one period with Kedron and Albion. So the witness has continued for 100 years.

Of the 84 who had held membership up to 1903, 63 had been immersed there — chiefly young people involved in Sunday school and Band of Hope. Mr. Bruce, snr. was superintendent of the Sunday school

for over 25 years and was also secretary for more than 40 years from 1898.

The church depended upon lay and visiting speakers for most of its early history.

Many other churches were being established. Mr. Stabe who moved into the area before the turn of the century, paid £20 for property where work could be commenced at Boondall. A Sunday school was started, teachers being members of his family and their friends. Members of the Fischer family (including Mrs. Lottie Hoens) were involved in the early establishment of the Ann Street church. Other churches were started as members of the Zillmere congregation moved out into other areas.

In the church's 80th year, many improvements and renovations were carried out to beautify the church property — a new brick front, two vestries, a new baptistry, interior and exterior painting were all part of the 'new look'. A youth hall was also added. the baptistry was dedicated to the memory of Stephen Cheek and the new pulpit to the memory of the pioneer families, Fischer, Stabe, Bruce and Albury.

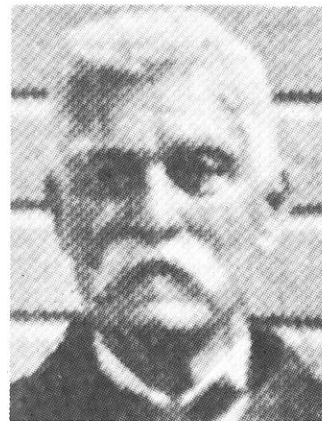
A tent mission conducted by J. K. Bond also commemorated the 80th anniversary and resulted in 27 primary decisions and 22 re-dedications.

Auxiliaries contributed greatly to the outreach of the church. The boy's brigade was commenced in 1968 and the girl's brigade in 1976. Auxiliaries currently active are:— Bible school, boy's and girl's brigades, C.W.F., Bible study group, bike club and early morning prayer group meets each week.

In the early days the church depended upon lay and visiting speakers. Circuits were formed at various times with Hawthorne, Boondall, and Kedron; some help was received from Albion. Subsidies were often paid by the Home Missions Committee towards support of the ministry

Ministers who served were: (year of commencement is shown) — A. E. Marler (1918), E. Adermann (1919), E. Butler (1922), E. Adermann (1923-25), S. Neighbour (1926), W. Rothery (1931).

A northern suburbs circuit comprising Kedron, Boondall and Zillmere (with some assistance from Albion) operated between 1935 and 1942. Ministers involved were: H. G. Payne, J. Methven, W. Davidson, C. J. Williams, (D. R. Stirling also assisted): F. B. Alcorn (1945), J. B. Grant (1946), H. E. Greenwood (1947), C. J. Williams (1952), R. Clymer (1952-58) D. H. Paddon (1958-63) Ron V. Holt (1964-71) P. Moyle (Student 1972-73) M. Tepper (1974-76) P. Matthews (1977) D. McKay (student 1980), J. Ramsay (student 1981) I. Walker (Student 1982).



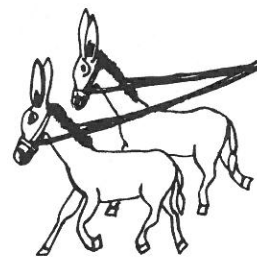
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CARL FISCHER



STEPHEN CHEEK



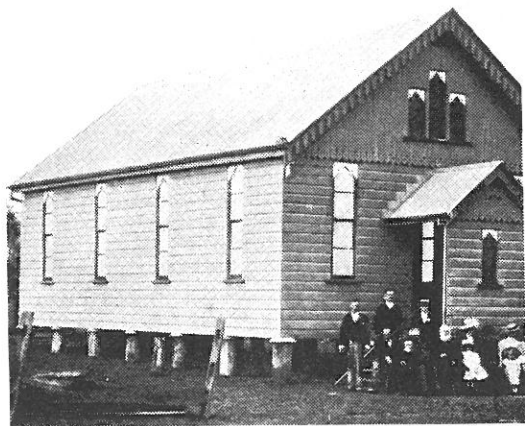
"Running expenses! How about that?"

"BUSHWAGON EVANGELISM"

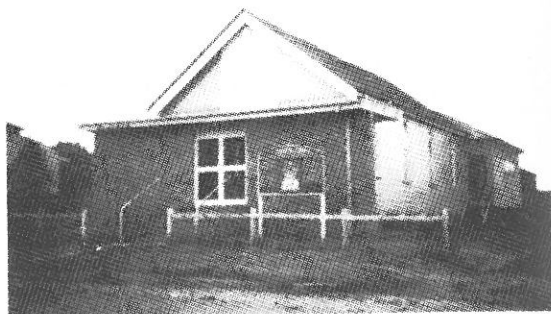
— extract from 1923 Conference Report .

"A good strong four-wheeled hooded wagonette with fittings and shelves, etc., purchased at Toowoomba would cost £60. A pair of suitable horses and double harness would cost £35, total £95. The sum of £25 per year as running expenses would be ample. In the hands of the **right** man, the enterprise should be self-supporting after the plant is purchased."

. . . Any ministers interested?



ZILLMERE
CHAPEL
1900



ZILLMERE
CHAPEL
1962



A. R. MAIN (1900)

EARLY
ANN STREET
MINISTERS



W. T. CLAPHAM (1896)

ANN STREET, BRISBANE — 1883 — 13 kilometres south of the country village of Zillmere in the growing town of Brisbane, on 23rd September, 1883, a handful of people met for the first time, in the Synod hall. Included were brethren Crawford, Keith, Paradine, T. Wright and Mrs. Wright. They had none of the apathy noted previously. In March, 1884, two converts were immersed by D. A. Ewers who, following appeals for help after Stephen Cheek's death on 17th February, 1883, had come to Queensland as an evangelist. By August, 1884, when the first conference was held in Toowoomba, Brisbane church had 21 members, one of whom, Theodore Wright, was appointed conference president. Again in 1889, Victoria reached out to help Brisbane church financially so that they could secure W. S. Houchins, and his two year ministry brought rapid progress.

Under the leadership of W. T. Clapham as evangelist, from 1896 to 1900, the church secured its first building at 430 Ann Street, where it still meets. The deposit of £100 was borrowed from the bank by Mr. Clapham, who had faith that this and the balance of £1000 would somehow be provided. The fact that another church body wished to buy the building added spurs to his faith. Major renovations during the ministry of F. Collins (1932-39), major additions in 1952-53 when R. W. Graham ministered, and further additions in 1971 have contributed to make 430 Ann Street effective as a place of witness and for many years a centre of conference activities. By 1900, when A. R. Main became minister, membership was around 200 with about 120 breaking bread on the Lord's Day.

Space allows only a few of the many 'highlights' in the church's almost 100 years to be recorded. A feature of the church life before 1898 was open-air meetings held on the corner of Queen and Edward Streets on Sunday nights following on those of the Salvation Army. Open-air meetings were also held for an hour on Tuesday evenings on vacant land in Wharf Street. The open-air venture was an effective part of the church's ministry.

The 1939-45 war brought packed meetings morning and evening with scores of Australian and American servicemen in attendance. Chaplains of both countries occupied the pulpit.

Under the ministry of F. C. Hunting, with its emphasis on training in presiding, reading, and reaching out to help other churches, an assistant minister was appointed. Lay preachers helped at Rocklea and in later years at new causes at Nambour and Southport.

Features of C. G. Flood's ministry were organised visiting of inner areas near the church and establishment of an 'Under Shepherds Plan' to assist with pastoral work over the increasing area of membership.

The concept of a Brotherhood Centre was introduced by L. G. Read in 1962. Thoughts of selling the property and moving elsewhere were put

aside when the adjoining property came on the market. The Conference was invited to join the church with the ultimate aim of having a combined Brotherhood Centre for worship, conference and committee offices.. The property was acquired but later sold in 1972.

1976 saw an increasing involvement in Brotherhood activities and in the 'wider church'. A pastor was supported in New Guinea from 1970, another in Korea from 1974.

In the 1970's, the composition of the church membership changed markedly as increasing numbers of young people settled in outer suburbs, due to high land and travel costs, and became active in the work of newer churches. The majority of the members were then in the later years of their lives.

Table of ministers showing year of commencement: F. W. Troy (1884), H. Goodacre (1885), D. A. Ewers (1886), J. Park (1888), W. S. Houchins (1890), P. A. Dickson (1892), W. T. Clapham (1896), A. R. Main (1900), H. Maston (1903), J. Colbourne (1904), C. Watt (1907), J. I. Mudford (1909), W. H. Nightingale (1912), A. C. Rankine (1915), F. Alcorn (1922), H. Bassard (1927), F. Collins (1932), A. Brooke (1939), R. L. Williams (1940), R.L. Arnold (1941) L. A. Trezise (1942), F. C. Hunting (1944), C. J. McKenzie (1947 for 18 months), R. W. Graham (1949), C. G. Flood (1955), L. G. Read (1962), L. G. Armstrong (1967 for a record term of 9½ years), R. White (1978), D. Eagling (1982-).

The church was wonderfully blessed by short term ministries with E. T. Hart, Dr. Lloyd Jones and C. G. Flood during 1977-78 and by E. T. Hart 1980-81.

ALBION — 1911 — The year is 1910! There are stirrings in the faithful band at Ann Street, but some concern too. A. J. Green and F. Enchelmaier who live in the northern suburb of Albion, have felt the call to establish a church there. Others caught the vision, but at first some doubted. Was it wise to weaken the 'city' church? Eventually the Albion church began with the blessing and financial support of the Brisbane church. At the first meeting, held in the Good Templar's hall in Stoneleigh Street on 1st January, 1911, L. Gole and J. I. Mudford of Ann Street, were invited to preside and preach. For 12 months the church was assisted by Ann Street speakers and regarded as part of that church. Then, on 6th January, 1912, the Albion members constituted themselves as a separate church with their own officers. Albion was indeed a fitting place for a new church for back in 1871 a band of four christians had broken bread together in the Albion home of the McAlisters, and had one convert to make it five. The discontinuance of this group seems to have been due to removals from the district.

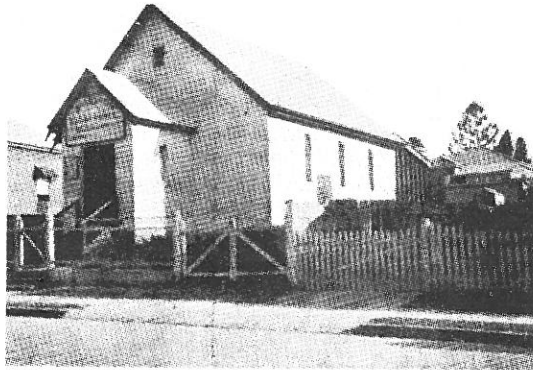


ANN STREET SEWING CLASS — 1901
 Top Row (l - r): Mrs. WATERFIELD, Mrs. KENT
 Second Row (l - r): Mrs. REICH, Mrs. SWAN, Mrs. STABE, Mrs. BEST, Mrs. READING
 Third Row (l - r): Mrs. KNIGHTS, Mrs. MOFFAT, Mrs. MAIN, Mrs. JONES, Mrs. DINGWALL
 Front Row (l - r): Mrs. GORDON, Mrs. HACKETT.



ANN STREET CHAPEL
Venue of the 1930
Federal Conference of
Churches of Christ in
Australia

GOOD TEMPLAR'S HALL
ALBION, 1911



ALBION CHAPEL
1915

The move to Albion was historic. It set a pattern. In 1929, under the ministry of H. G. Payne, Albion sponsored a new cause at Kedron, which in turn sponsored Stafford (1953). Stafford's offshoot was to Arana Hills (1966), which in turn reached out to Samford (1979). The same pattern can be seen elsewhere. In 1914, Ann Street (as the Brisbane church has come to be called) reached out to Hawthorne and to Annerley. Annerley mothered Moorooka (1931), Rocklea (1934) and Acacia Ridge (1953). Similarly Wynnum, which had its beginnings in 1925, nurtured Murarrie (1954). Centenary (1977) was an offshoot of Kenmore (1966), which in turn owed much to Albion and Ann Street.

Let us go back now to the beginnings of some of these churches. —

The Albion church had its first tent mission in 1911. By 1913, it had ceased to receive financial assistance from the Home Missions Committee and was able to buy land in McLennan Street where the first church was built in 1915. By October, 1917, the membership was 65. The first major addition to the building was in 1926 when a hall was added to cater for the Bible school and the rapidly expanding youth work, notably in boys' clubs and later a girls' club; membership of these was to reach over 70, and club concerts were to attract up to 250. Always encouraging and assisting in these activities was Mr. F. Enchelmaier who was Bible school superintendent from its inception in 1911 to 1927.

Albion members have always been ready to serve in Conference activities, and in other ways to reach out to others. One cannot think back on the history of Albion without giving thanks for men like F. Enchelmaier, H. W. Hermann for his work for Overseas Missions and C. R. Burdeu with his wide-ranging work, but especially in Social Service and Kenmore College. There are, of course, a host of supporters who made the witness of this church so effective, and the church has been served by a number of outstanding ministers.

In 1939, an attractive brick front and entrance porch were added to the building. A few years later, a dwelling adjacent to the church property was acquired to serve as a manse and in June, 1980, another adjoining house was purchased thus providing great potential for future development and service.

Many evangelistic missions have been conducted down the years, the most notable being a six week tent mission at Kedron led by the Hinrichsen-Arnold mission party which resulted in a church being established there.

Youth activities were a feature of church life: Junior Christian Endeavour was established in 1913, Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour in 1925, two boys' clubs in 1925; the Square Club and Kappa Sigma Pi were replaced by explorers and a good companions girls club was commenced in the 1950s; Life Boys and Boys' Brigade

began in the 1960's. A Christian Youth Fellowship was formed in the 1960's: Tweenagers Group commenced in 1975 and Young Adults in 1976.

The church pays tribute to the many dedicated leaders who have maintained a vital youth work throughout the church's life.

The character of the Albion district changed considerably during recent decades to that of an inner city suburb. The need for supportive community measures is evidenced in the church's concern for the inmates of Woolenville home where members visit the aged on a regular basis, in the setting up of a 'Spare Timers' club in 1978, and the providing of a distribution centre for 'Meals on Wheels'.

Table of ministers with year of commencement: A. W. Jinks (1912), A. E. Forbes (1912), H. U. Rodger (1914), G. Hudson and R. Graham (between 1915 and 1917), E. Davis (1917 for 5 years), L. Larsen (1923), H. G. Payne (1925 for 10 years), D. R. Stirling (1935 for 5 years), W. McDowell (1940 interim), R. Williams (1941), P. C. D. Alcorn (1943 for 6 years), C. H. J. Wright (1950 for 5 years), G. J. Andrews (1955 for 5 years), M. H. A. Pieper (1960 for 5 years), Dr. J. H. Jauncey (1965 — 3 years part-time and E. Watson student 1966), M. J. Bedwell (1968), B. Benz (1970 for 4 years), J. Wiltshire (interim 1974), C. A. R. Smith (1975 for 5 years), L. Armstrong and Dr. P. Jauncey gave oversight 1980, D. J. Gurney (1981-82).

ANNERLEY — 1913 — We now see a new influence in the establishment of new causes. To this point, the Spirit has formed churches by the grouping together of grown-ups, the spread of the message being mainly from adult to adult. Now we begin to see how true it is that a little child shall lead them. In February, 1913, a Bible school was started at Ipswich Road, Annerley, under the leadership of Mr. A. Rieck, senior, and this grew rapidly. In May, 1913, W. Nightingale (the Ann Street minister who did much in planning and visitation) and L. Forbes conducted a tent mission at Annerley Junction. The first communion service was held in a private home in August, 1913, and 'open air' and mid-week meetings were started.

The Annerley church was formed in February, 1914, when a letter signed by the Ann Street secretary commended to the new church 28 Ann Street members transferred, saying "The church is proud that a section of its members should be seized with the importance of thus pressing forward the Lord's work in their community and prayed for abundant success for the Master's glory and that numbers of men and women may be won to Him whom we serve". Early meetings were held in Walker's Memorial Hall. Land was bought in 1919, and in that year the vacant Mt. Vernor church building was transferred to this site. The Hinrichsen-Brooke mission held in 1924

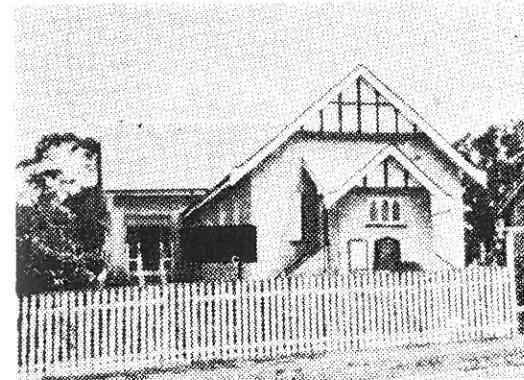


ALBION
BOARD OF
OFFICERS
1915

Seated: G. DIXON, F. ENCHELMAIER,
H. W. HERMANN (Secretary), G. E. HALL.
Standing: M. BOWLES, A. G. GREEN.



ALBION
CHAPEL
1982



ANNERLEY
CHAPEL
1940

added 60 members, and with the aid of the Home Missions Committee, Charles Young was appointed full-time minister. His 10 year ministry was marked by great progress in all aspects of the work. In the bad depression years many churches found it hard to meet their commitments, yet the Annerley church somehow found the means to help the men in the large camp of unemployed in Yeronga Park. Often 100 sat down to a free meal on a Sunday night. In all over 4,000 meals were provided. Perhaps the work done by Charles Young can be judged by the tribute of one Catholic Nun to another as he drove past in his sulky — "There goes a man of God". On one occasion he came home without his boots — he had given them to a barefoot man beside the road.

It was in 1931 that Annerley started the work at **Moorooka** and a chapel was erected in a day. In the same year there was an outreach to **Stones Corner**, but this was discontinued after a few years. The group meeting there were paying off a block of land which later was sold and the proceeds given to assist the start of the work at **Camp Hill** in 1958.

At **Rocklea**, a former Annerley member, Mr. Bell, had for some years held a small Sunday school in the Masonic Hall. Later Miss Russell played a prominent part in this work: so also did Annerley young people, and this resulted in the formation of a church in 1934, and the building of a hall in 1941. The church at Rocklea was carried on for a number of years until, with the increasing industrialisation of the area, it was finally closed. The chapel and the hall were removed for use at Dayspring Renewal Centre, Boonah, and Silverdale, respectively, and finally the land was sold, the proceeds being made available for the thriving work at Springwood.

A few highlights from the church's history deserve mention.— During the depression years of the early 1930s, the minister, Chas. Young, voluntarily reduced his salary to help church finances.

In 1935 a group of young people conducted Sunday services at Woodridge. These included Vic. Parker who preached his first sermon at Woodridge.

Harold Finger went from Annerley to the College of the Bible in 1939, later distinguishing himself in mission work in the New Hebrides (Vanuatu) and New Guinea.

In 1957, 22 Annerley members who began meetings in the Camp Hill School of Arts then transferred and became the nucleus of the new church there.

During Haydn Sargent's ministry (1962-7), the church branched out into other other areas of services — printing, television, care for drug victims, and young people's coffee shops, all of which were new and productive ventures of that ministry.

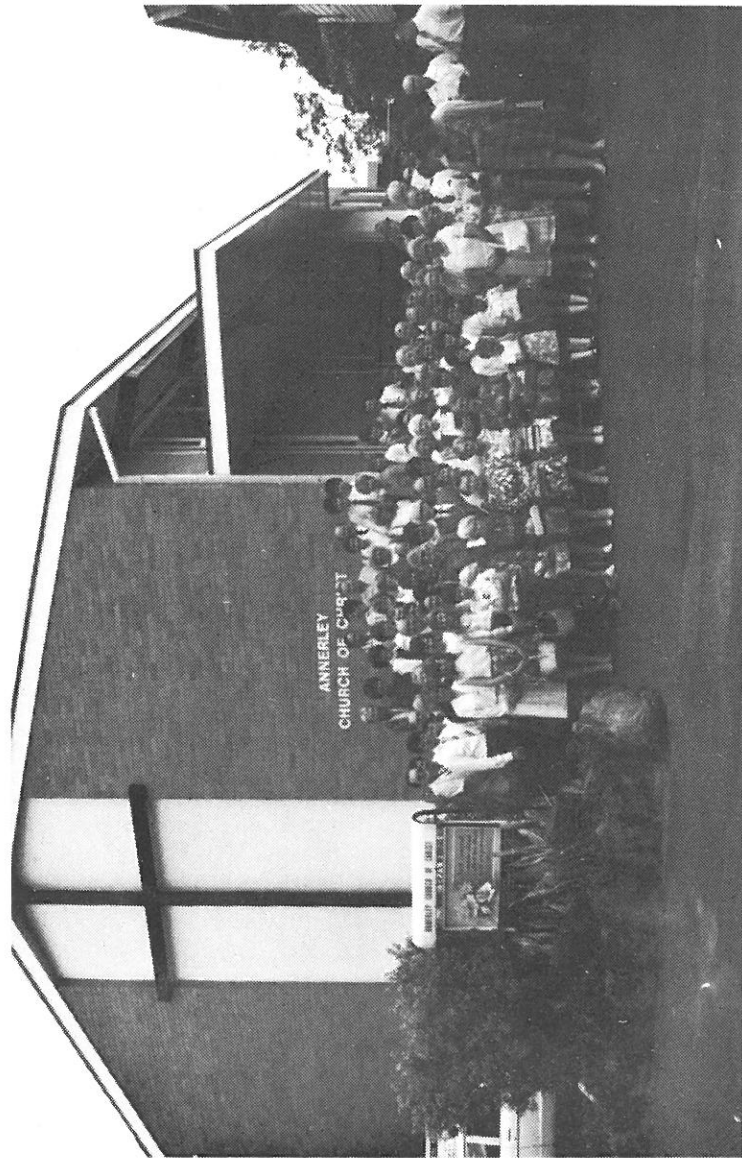
In 1964, Keith Farmer entered the Woolwich (N.S.W.) Bible College and received a small regular weekly assistance from the church. After successful ministries in the south, Keith went on to become principal of the college from which he graduated.

During a time of financial stringency in 1969, the church asked its minister, Colin Smith, to preach a series of sermons on 'Stewardship'. Cliff Coward of the Ipswich church was present to hear one of these sermons. He took up the problem, and subsequently I.C.A. was formed in which the churches at Ipswich, Camp Hill and Annerley co-operated in a scheme which has continued to become a great help to many more churches than the original three.

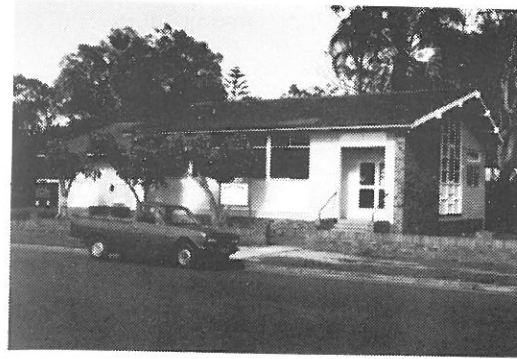
Table of ministers with year of commencement of ministry:— R. Graham (1915 circuit with Hawthorne, subsidised by the Home Missions Committee), C. Young (1924 at the start of his ten year ministry a circuit with Sunnybank was formed and subsidised by the Home Missions Committee. Sunnybank withdrew from the circuit in September, 1927 and Annerley became self-supporting in June, 1929), E. Davis (1934), N. G. Noble (1938), H. E. Greenwood (1941 part-time ministry in association with the Executive and youth committee until November, 1943), C. A. Latimer (1949), W. J. Campbell (1952), V. T. Parker (1954, eight years), H. Sargent (1962, five years), F. L. Ewers (1968, week-end ministry), C. A. R. Smith (1968, four and a half years), R. Bennett (1973, six years), L. D. Woodward (associate minister, 1977-80), D. Hammer jnr. (1980), Dr. D. G. Hammer (Interim 1981).

SUNNYBANK — 1914 — In January, 1913, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Woff arrived from Victoria to settle in Sunnybank and began worship with the United Protestant Church. There they found kindred spirits in Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gager and with them began to celebrate the Lord's Supper whilst still active in the work of the U.P.C. Soon others joined them in these services in their homes till, on 21st June, 1914, they met formally as a group 'pleading for a return to primitive Christianity in the district, for worship and communion'. By August of the same year the group were busy clearing land they had purchased and at the 32nd Conference held in April, 1915, they were admitted as a member church. There were 18 foundation members. It was 1918 before the first building was erected by voluntary labour. This building was removed in 1922 to a more central site. During the first 10 years the church was assisted by speakers from Ann Street and Albion. In later years it had an affinity with Acacia Ridge church to their mutual advantage.

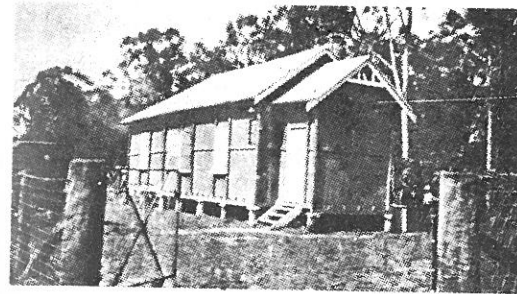
In recent years, a number of property transactions resulted in the church's acquisition of the present chapel and hall in Station Road,



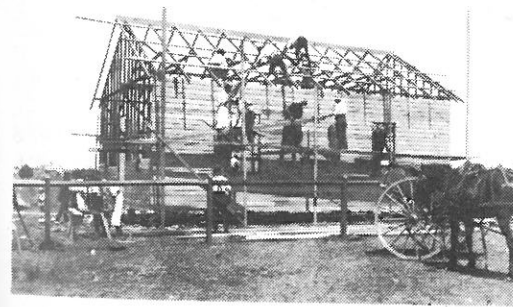
ANNERLEY CHAPEL AND CONGREGATION, 1983



SUNNYBANK
CHAPEL
1983



SUNNYBANK
ORIGINAL CHAPEL, 1918



HAWTHORNE
"Built in a day"
CHAPEL
1914

and a new manse in Lister Street, much of the building improvements having been carried out by voluntary labour.

The church has been most active in catering for the needs of the youth of the district. In addition to Bible school, Christian endeavour and brigades, a variety of clubs have been formed whose members have performed well in the sports days and carnivals organised by the Youth and Christian Education Department.

A women's fellowship and combined men's fellowship have featured in the life and witness of the church.

An activity of special note in which there was 99% participation by members and which led to a deepening of the church fellowship in a real way, was 'Operation Christian Action'. Members were placed in groups according to age and position: set questions were discussed under the guidance of a leader.

Noteworthy also is the work of original member Cyril Woff who served 30 years as chairman of the board and for many years was active on Conference committees.

Ministry — During the first ten years, the church was assisted by speakers from Ann Street and Albion. A South Brisbane circuit comprising Annerley, Moorooka, Sunnybank and Stones Corner, functioned for some years from 1938 with the assistance of Home Missions Committee subsidy.

From 1947 to 1964, the church relied on part-time help, during which period K. Horne (1952-7) served part-time with the Youth Department.

A circuit, formed with Acacia Ridge in 1964, operated till 1969. In 1957, the church was able to call a full-time minister and again in 1960.

Following is a table of ministers who served the church, showing year of commencement:— C. Young (1924-27 in circuit with Annerley), W. Rothery (1930), G. Burns (1933), P. C. D. Alcorn (1938), H. E. Greenwood (1940), T. M. Kirkwood (1942), C. J. McKenzie (1944), A. Norling (1947), K. Horne (1952-57), J. McCormick (1957), B. Nowitzke (1960-62), W. McDowell (1963 part-time), V. T. Parker (1965 for 5 years) supported by Kenmore students, T. South (1967-68) and G. Chambers (1969); V. G. Boettcher (1970-71), G. F. R. Ellis (1972 part-time, supported by G. Sonsie, student), J. Friebel (1974), R. Feldhahn (1976), P. Rama Rau (1977), Dr. D. G. Hammer (1978 interim part-time), E. L. Muller (1979 part-time and D. Grant student), B. Brooks (student 1981), J. Ramsay (student 1982.)

Special tribute is paid to A. J. Rogers for help in ministering, and A. Marler who also helped at various times over 26 years before moving from the district.

HAWTHORNE — 1914, completes the trio of churches formed in this year. This cause began with a Bible school started by Mr. R. Haigh (father of Mr. G. V. Haigh) in 1912, and conducted in a hall near Hawthorne ferry. The school made rapid growth prompting the building of a meeting place which resulted in the erection of a church building in a day (14th November, 1914). Largely due to the ground work of Ann Street's minister, Mr. W. Nightingale, who travelled by train and bicycle to places as far as West Moreton securing help and food, workers arrived for an early start and a late, exciting finish at 8 p.m. which enabled Mr. Nightingale to conduct a service in the completed building that same night.

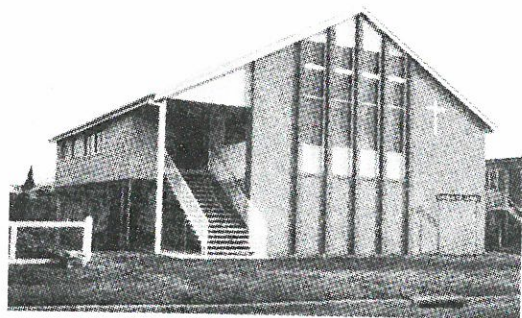
Subsequent additions were a hall at the rear of the building and a new wing on the eastern side. In 1970, because of the deterioration of the old building, and sinking foundations, the building was raised and renovated to become a beautiful, well furnished chapel, the ground level serving as a hall.

A mission was conducted by H. Ball in 1927; another was conducted in 1936 by G. Tease and V. Morris, and Woolwich students (Allan Webb, Alan Leane and Barry Benz) conducted a mission in 1960.

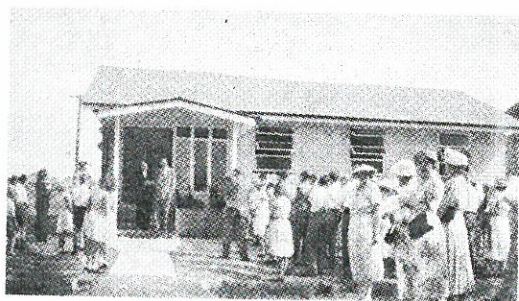
During the first Billy Graham-Leighton Ford Crusade, there were 12 first decisions. For some time the Hawthorne and Annerley churches formed a circuit; on occasions the Wynnum church also joined in a circuit, but for the most of its life, Hawthorne has had its own minister, with assistance from time to time from the Home Missions Committee. In recent years, Kenmore College students have made their contribution and there has also been a circuit with Murarrie.

Ministers serving have been:— R. Graham (1915-16), G. Burns (1917-18), A. E. Marler (1918-19), E. Adermann (1920-21), E. Butler (1922), J. Larsen (1924-26, weekend ministry), J. K. Martin (1928), Miss V. Callinan (1931), G. Burns (1933-35), G. O. Tease (1936-38), W. Rothery (week-end ministry between 1939-45), A. R. Norling (1947), C. J. Williams (1949-58), G. H. Eager (1959-65), L. Van Laar and L. Berthelsen (1966-68, students), L. Berthelsen (1969-70), V. T. Parker (1971-72), H. Francis (1973), D. W. Telfer (1974-75), G. Hyman (1976, student), C. Charles (student, 1977-78), B. Bell (1979, student), F. Beale (1981-).

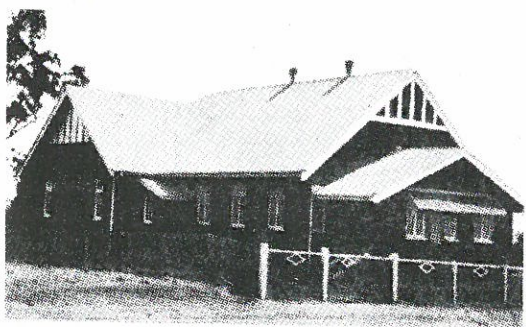
BOONDALL — 1916 — In January, 1916, W. J. Way, Home Mission organising secretary, was conducting a week's mission at Zillmere and he inspired the church to begin a new cause at 'Nudgee College' about £20. First a bush shelter was erected, then stumps were put or 'Cabbage Tree', later known as Boondall. One pound deposit was paid on a block of land, the price of which appears to have been



HAWTHORNE
CHAPEL
1970



BOONDALL
CHAPEL
1958



WYNNUM
CHAPEL
1943

in anticipation of 23rd December, 1916, when a chapel was built in one day with voluntary labour. Prime movers in this project were James Bruce and C. Stabe.

Preachers who came from Brisbane were met at the Nudgee College railway station and returned there after evening service, where a paper flare was lit to signal the train from Sandgate to stop! In February, 1922, E. P. Adermann was engaged as minister, apparently in circuits with Zillmere and Hawthorne until 1925. S. Neighbour ministered in 1926. A northern suburbs circuit including Kedron, Zillmere and Boondall operated with some help from Albion from 1935 to 1942. H. G. Payne, D. R. Stirling, J. Methven, W. Davidson, J. Larsen and C. J. Williams ministered during this period. F. B. Alcorn provided a vacation ministry in 1945-46. J. B. Grant served in 1946-47 in circuit with Zillmere and H. E. Greenwood gave part-time oversight in 1947. F. B. Stow, conjointly with the Youth Department, ministered between 1948 and 1950.

In 1952, a circuit was re-formed with Zillmere and R. Clymer ministered 1952-58. During his ministry, a manse and a new chapel were erected; a new cause at Redcliffe was nurtured and brought into a circuit which became independent of Home Mission subsidy. D. H. Paddon followed 1958-63; Redcliffe withdrew from the circuit in 1962. Ron V. Holt ministered at Boondall and Zillmere 1964-68. The following ministers served at Boondall:— P. J. Jauncey (1968-71), J. Ismail (student 1972), M. Pelling (1973), G. Sonsie (1974), P. J. Jauncey (1975-78), M. Gibson (1979-80), J. Bennett (student 1980, full-time 1981-).

Despite its limited resources in the early days, the church has maintained a faithful witness over the years. Its youth outreach and brigade work have been meaningful in its growth and development, and from its membership have been those who provided significant contributions to the work of the Brotherhood such as S. Chalmers in Social Service activities and in the role of president of State Conference.

WYNNUM — 1925 — The origin of this church goes back to meetings in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hinrichsen in Bride Street, Wynnum. A mission was conducted by Brethren E. C. Hinrichsen and L. Brooker in 1925, resulting in 38 converts. Land in Mary Street (now Berrima Street) was donated by A. Hinrichsen and men from metropolitan churches rallied to help the Wynnum folk build a chapel in a day on 12th December, 1925. The first service was held there next morning.

At first the Wynnum church was worked in a circuit with Hawthorne. Later, tent missions were held with E. C. Hinrichsen and V. Morris

and with G. O. Tease and V. Morris. In 1953, Wynnum reached out to form the Murrarrie Bible school and church (1954).

During W. Giezendanner's ministry in 1953, a Bible school was started at Murarrie. Later, a church hall was built, and twelve members transferred to start the church there.

The interior of the chapel at Berrima Street was remodelled in 1972, and new concrete stumps were placed under the buildings. The Toowoomba men's society assisted in this project — another instance of the Toowoomba church's brotherhood spirit.

Ministers who served were A. Fisher (January - March, 1926), H. Bassard (1926-27), J. K. Martin (1928-29), W. J. Campbell (1930-35 and 1939-41), G. O. Tease (1936-39), (the circuit with Hawthorne ceased in 1939), W. J. Davidson (1942-45), W. J. Rothery (1945-47), W. Giezendanner (1947-62), P. French (1962-65), D. Armstrong (1966-68 student), J. Friebel (1969 student), R. Bassett (1970 student), assistant to G. F. R. Ellis (January - August, 1970), B. Thygesen (student 1971 and full-time 1972-74), R. Bowden (1975), R. Mutzelburg (student 1977-79), B. Brooks (student 1980), L. Stafford (student 1981 and full-time 1982).

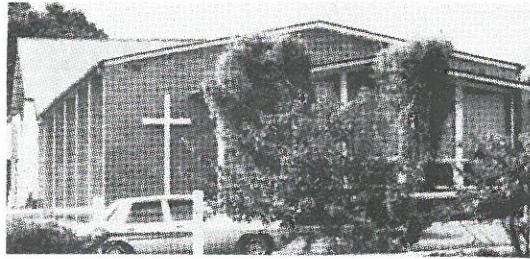
KEDRON — 1929 — In 1928, the Albion church whose membership had increased approximately 50% in the preceding three years felt impelled to branch out into a new area. At first Gordon Park was favoured, but the Baptists commenced a cause there, so Kedron was chosen. Early in 1929, a six week's tent mission was conducted by E. C. Hinrichsen and R. L. Arnold. It was highly successful, so land was bought on the main northern highway and a hall erected (mainly by voluntary labour on 18th and 25th May, 1929). The first communion service was held on 2nd June, the initial membership being 102; of this number 83 were immersed during the mission. Albion church continued to take financial responsibility till September when Kedron advised that they felt able to stand alone. It is significant that figures in 1934 showed the Albion membership was higher than before Kedron was started, and Kedron church then had a membership of 115, and a Sunday school of 153. *"There is that that scattereth and yet increaseth."*

From time to time, additions have been made to the original building, the major one being in 1959 when the 1929 building was shifted to the rear of the land and a fine new building was opened on 21st November.

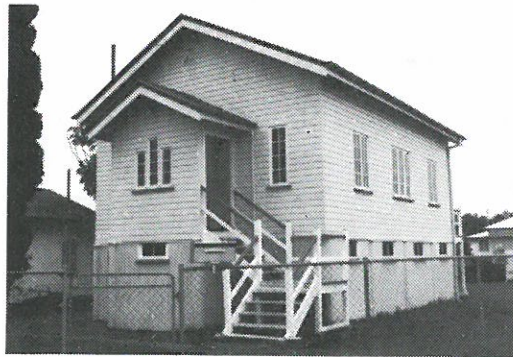
In 1952, the church began a cause at Stafford and again later, Kedron members in the Strathpine area banded together with others to form the Pine Rivers church in 1975. Kedron members have also been active in Conference work. Few congregations can boast that



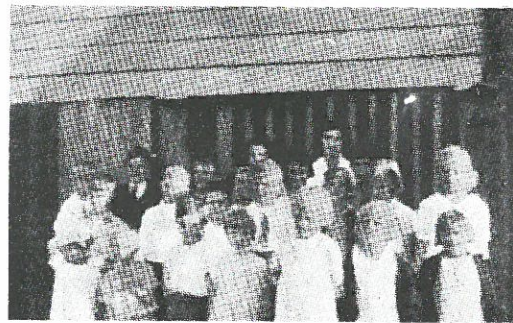
KEDRON CONGREGATION AT SILVER JUBILEE — 7th June 1954



KEDRON
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CHAPEL
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SCHOOL
1946

included in their number have been four state, two federal presidents and two state presidents of women's conference.

Ministry — Those serving in ministry were W. W. Toshach 1929-32), N. G. Noble (1933-35). Between 1935-42, the church was a member of the northern suburbs circuit comprising Boondall, Zillmere and Kedron with some help from Albion. Ministers were:— H. G. Payne (1935-40), J. Methven (1940-41), W. Davidson (1941-42), C. J. Williams (1942).

The church became self-supporting in ministry in 1946 and ministers served as follows — J. C. McKenzie (1946-47), A. R. Norling (1947-49), V. T. Parker (1949-53), F. Langford (1954-56), F. D. Craig (1957-58), J. McCormick (1958-63), G. L. Chapman (1964-68), G. F. R. Ellis (interim 1969), R. K. Sansome (1970-74), C. Dredge (interim 1975), J. Dow (1976-79), D. Hamilton (1980-82).

A most rewarding witness in the life of the church from 1977 onwards was the 'Telelink' ministry. Through the medium of six conference-type telephone hook-ups, over 70 people, mainly "shut ins" in scattered areas, were cared for and shared the opportunity of joining in mutual devotions.

MOOROOKA — 1931 — The seed of our work at Moorooka was sown in February, 1929, when a Bible school was started in the near-by suburb of Clifton Hill in the home of Mr. P. Ryan. Soon it had an enrolment of 30 and was linked with Annerley church, at whose annual meeting on 19th February, 1930, it was reported that the children of the new school 'had started a land fund'. It was felt that the Moorooka area offered more scope for development so land was purchased by the Annerley church on Beaudesert Road, Moorooka. The working bees held on two successive Saturdays in May went far to complete a suitable building, though it was not until 26th July that the first church service was held in it. Between the two dates, G. O. Tease conducted a tent mission adding to the number of members.

It is interesting to read that Moorooka's first financial contributions to the Annerley-Moorooka circuit were 15/- (\$1.50) per week, plus 6d. (5c.) towards the upkeep of harness and sulky. Apparently Annerley fed the horse driven by that amazing man, Charles Young! The Moorooka Bible school at one time had the largest enrolment in the State.

The church became independent of the Annerley church in March, 1933, but continued to work in a circuit served by Annerley ministers until 1936. T. Weir was appointed minister for 1937, then L. Larsen served in a voluntary capacity to June, 1938. A circuit consisting of

Sunnybank, Stones Corner and Moorooka churches, with P.C.D. Alcorn ministering, operated until June, 1940. Under the ministry of H. E. Greenwood, Annerley joined the circuit which ceased in June, 1941. Ministers who served from then onwards were: G. Milligan (part-time, 1941-42), T. M. Kirkwood (1942-44 in circuit with Sunnybank, then Moorooka only, (1944-48), R. M. Wilson (1951), L. Larsen (1952-53), V. T. Parker (1958-60 again in circuit with Annerley).

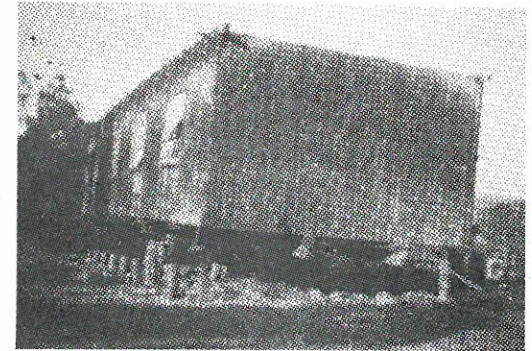
Special tribute and recognition must be paid to W. (Bill) Giezendanner, who served in ministry from 1962-82, during part of which time he was also editor of the 'Christian Echo', 1960-80. The Brotherhood was saddened by his accidental death in August, 1982.

From 1932 to 1952, no new Brisbane suburban churches were affiliated with Conference. It is hard to assign this lack of new churches to any specific reason, through no doubt, the very severe depression of the thirties and the 1939-45 war had marked effects on finances and on man-power, making it difficult for the existing churches to maintain their witness. A number of our ministers suffered real hardship whilst striving to help out-of-work members and the community generally.

STAFFORD — 1953 — Stafford's beginnings are linked with the Bible school. A Kedron teacher, Miss Lilla Tunley, worked also with the Children's Special Service Mission in the area opposite what is now 'Burdeu House' where former army huts were used for housing. Later these were closed by the government and the occupants moved to the Stafford housing estate. Here, in 1951, the open air campaigners held a school but soon discontinued it. For some time Miss Tunley and other Kedron members drove the children to Kedron Bible school. Kedron rose to the opportunity and in 1952, bought the block of land where the present church stands. This was an army building converted to a chapel and dedicated in March, 1954. In 1960, the Stafford school's enrolment was 154, including 19 teachers. The work at Stafford has not always been happy, numbers have fluctuated greatly and the suburb is now a centre with older homes and fewer children. Yet much good has come out of Stafford and there have been many instances of generosity by the Stafford members — not the least being a reaching out to and financial help for Arana Hills.

From 1953 to 1963, the ministers of the Kedron church also served at Stafford, viz. V. T. Parker (1953), F. Langford (1954-56), D. Craig (1957-58), C. J. Williams (1958-63) — C. J. Williams was engaged by the Kedron church but served full-time until the Stafford church became autonomous in 1963. J. Larsen served in 1972-73. Students from Kenmore College have rendered valuable service to the church and have gained worthwhile experience. Student ministries were:— D. Stewart (1966, currently director of Social Services), T.

ARMY DISPOSAL
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STAFFORD CHAPEL
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ACACIA RIDGE
CHAPEL
1983

MURARRIE
CHAPEL
1961



Holmes (1967), A. Griffiths (1968-69), A. Chalmers (1970), M. G. Suter (1967-68), G. Rogers (1979), D. Telfer (1980), T. Balzer (1981, student).

ACACIA RIDGE — 1953 — Acacia Ridge church has a peculiar distinction in that its early meetings were held under a tent-fly erected each Sunday, music being supplied by piano accordion. The erector of the tent-fly was Mr. Arthur White who had for some time held fortnightly meetings in his home. Mr. George Milligan gave the substantial block of land on which the present church is sited. On 3rd February, 1953, the first Sunday school met under the 'fly, under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rogers who had joined Mr. and Mrs. White in the work. Mrs. Rogers provided the music. It must have been a huge 'fly, for 45 scholars attended the first Sunday and 63 the next. At a later date, the number was 130. By dint of hard voluntary labour over 18 months, the land was cleared and a building erected. This was officially opened in May, 1955.

The work was carried on with lay preachers till a circuit was formed with Sunnybank (1965-69) under the ministry of Mr. Vic Parker. Over the years a number of Acacia Ridge members have gone out to minister with Aborigines and Overseas Missions.

Further property improvements were effected — a hall in 1965 and a new 'A line' chapel in 1972. The costs of these projects were financed through I.C.A. and all debts were cleared by 1980. Other ministries have been carried out by N. Newton, assistant to V. Parker in 1968, then full-time (1969-72), V. Parker (1973-77), R. Wall (student 1977), G. Deuble (1978-79), V. G. Boettcher (1979-81), M. J. Gibson (1981), F. Davis (1982).

MURARRIE — 1954 — Like so many other causes, Murarrie commenced with a Bible school when, in 1953, three consecrated Bible school teachers from Wynnum pitched a tent in a yard belonging to a Christian family at Murarrie and gathered the local children together. In twelve months the school had outgrown the tent and was meeting in the local hall. Soon a communion service and youth meetings were added. At that time there was no other Protestant church in the district. Early in 1961, Murarrie secured its own home in Billungah Street, where it still meets.

A close liaison and/or oversight relationship existed between the Murarrie church and the Wynnum church. W. Giezendanner (1960-61) and P. French (1962-63) served in ministry with both churches.

In 1963, the church applied to Conference for affiliation following which circuit ministries applied with either Hawthorne or Camp Hill churches.

Ministers serving Murarrie-Hawthorne were:— G. H. Eager (1964-65), L. Van Laar and L. Berthelsen (both students 1966-67), F. Beale (1981-). Ministries (Murarrie church only) were:— W. Chapman (1968-71), D. Kuhl (1972), D. Harmer (1978-79), A. Lockhead (1980).

Murarrie-Camp Hill circuit:— B. Cutchie (1974-76).

The membership, though small in number, has maintained a vital witness in the Murarrie area. Its secretary for many years was A. J. Sheriff, president of Conference in 1964 and Conference secretary from 1974.

CAMP HILL — 1958 — On 24th July, 1957, a meeting was held in the Camp Hill School of Arts, presided over by the Conference president, Gordon McKelvie. Represented were Conference, the Annerley church and 15 local Christians whose membership was at Annerley, Ann Street and Hawthorne churches. Cottage prayer meetings were commenced.

It was resolved to start a new cause in this area. Church services were begun in the School of Arts on 15th September, 1957, followed by a Bible school. Of the initial members, 22 came from Annerley. In 1958, land was bought in Third Street and a hard twelve months of voluntary working bees began.

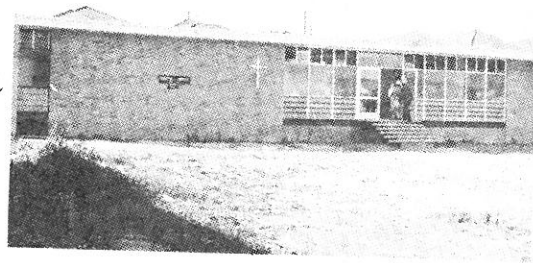
Plans were prepared for the development of a chapel, a hall and Christian education wing, the latter being chosen as stage 1, to act as a multi-purpose building. It was opened in torrential rain on 7th October, 1961, by S. Chalmers, Conference president, 300 people attending. The first minister, Kevin Harvey, newly graduated from Glen Iris College, arrived in early 1960. A manse in Raven Street was purchased. Some financial help from the Rosevale church and the Home Mission Committee made this ministry possible.

During a highly successful four-year ministry, Kevin Harvey helped to establish and consolidate the church in the community, and with the assistance of his wife, Gwen, a girls' and a boys' brigade were established in 1962. Both brigades flourished and were the basis of a successful youth-orientated programme for many years.

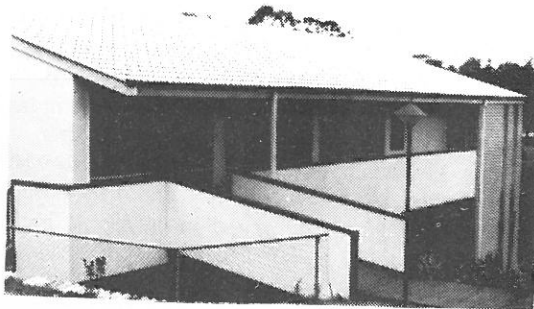
Wal. McDowell carried out a part-time interim ministry until A. Webb commenced a five-year ministry terminating in 1969. P. Burnham followed (1970-71). B. Cutchie served initially in a part-time, then a full-time ministry until 1980. T. Williams (student 1981) was followed by G. Rodgers, full-time, from late 1981.

A peak active membership of 175 was achieved in 1975. A Jack Bond mission in September, 1963, resulted in 17 primary decisions and several restorations and re-dedications.

CAMP HILL
CHAPEL
1962



CHURCH BUS
AND
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EVANGELISTS



KENMORE
CHAPEL
1983

Members have given practical service in different Christian spheres — Des Collins and Bruce Scott served as Conference presidents, Miss M. Parkinson (India), S. and M. Mitchell (Nepal), D. Anderson (New Guinea), Miss J. Muller (Vanuatu), M. Chandler entered ministry and at least seven others studied full-time at Kenmore or other colleges.

The church is 'on the move' serving the Lord in the Camp Hill area.

KENMORE — 1965 — The establishment of Kenmore Christian College in 1965 was greatly assisted by the Albion church who accepted the College principal, Dr. J. H. Jauncey, as part-time minister to be assisted by a college student. It was natural that thoughts turned to the opening of a church at Kenmore. Around this time the Ann Street church, being concerned that there was no church worshipping in Brisbane's western suburbs, had been seeking a place of worship, preferably in the Toowong or Indooroopilly area, convenient to a railway station as well as to St. Lucia where a number of Ann Street members lived. These members, the Hack, Burnham and Schulz families in particular, decided to support the move to Kenmore. The earliest meetings were held in the college lecture hall. The church building now in use was opened in 1974.

In 1965, 38 Church of Christ members mainly from the Ann Street church, transferred to form the Kenmore church. Meetings were held in the college dining room. The potential growth of the church was evidenced when 104 attended a communion service following the enlargement of the dining room.

The church undertook the financial responsibility of providing a separate building for worship which was completed in 1974. It also provided an atmosphere for college devotions and a more realistic setting for practicum classes. In 1980, discussions were entered into between the college and the church for the re-location of the church to enable the college to use the building as a library and for lecture purposes.

Ministers serving were:— Dr. J. H. Jauncey (to 1968), F. L. Ewers (1969-72), D. Hammer (1973-74), F. L. Ewers (1975), G. Beel (student 1976), D. Brown (1977-78), B. Roberts (1980-83).

ARANA HILLS — 1966 — Ray and June Wilson, active members at Stafford, began a Bible school in their home at Arana Hills on 8th May, 1966. A fortnight later they held the first worship and communion service. The school grew rapidly and over 100 children were meeting in the Wilson's home when a hall was erected 3½ years later.

The work has continued to expand steadily, outgrowing the general purpose chapel and hall on the corner of Hoxton and Bringelly Streets, but with good foresight, members had acquired land next door to allow for additional facilities. A number of members from Arana Hills have gone to serve in Aborigines and Overseas Missions. Within the State, Arana Hills has helped the new cause at Samford.

Historical Highlights — Active membership was four when the church commenced in May, 1966. By June, 1981, the number had increased to 77.

- November, 1966 — land was bought for \$2,100.
- January, 1969 — house and land purchased for \$10,000.
- December, 1969 — teams of workers from Harlaxton church helped local workers lay floor of new church building.
- January, 1970 — new building officially opened — cost \$14,000

These financial burdens lay heavily on the membership. The church joined the northern I.C.A. scheme, member churches of which agreed to allocate 5% of their contributions to a capital fund to help liquidate the Arana Hills debt. The church gratefully accepted the contributions but insisted that it be repaid in due time.

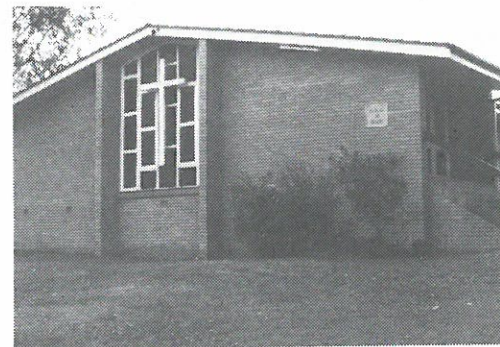
Ministers serving were:— C. McCosker (student 1966-69), G. Stadden (part-time 1970-71), G. Stibbe (1973-79), G. Risson (1980-).

SPRINGWOOD — 1974 — From August, 1973, members of various southside churches living in Springwood and neighbouring areas had been meeting in homes for mid-week Bible study, under the guidance of the Home Missions field officer, Gerald Parriott. On 3rd February, 1974, Roger Foletta was engaged as minister with the financial assistance of the Home Missions Committee. Growth was spectacular. In 12 months the membership doubled and at the end of 19 months, the Home Missions Committee subsidy was no longer needed. Meetings had been held under the homes of Mr. Doug Willis and Mr. R. Foletta, respectively. In 1976, land was bought, the site of the present fine church building on which much work was done by voluntary labour. The official opening was on 15th April, 1978.

Auxiliaries — In 1976, the girls' brigade leaders were commissioned and the boys' brigade followed in 1977. The first captains were Mrs. Rae Foletta and Mrs. David Burgess respectively.

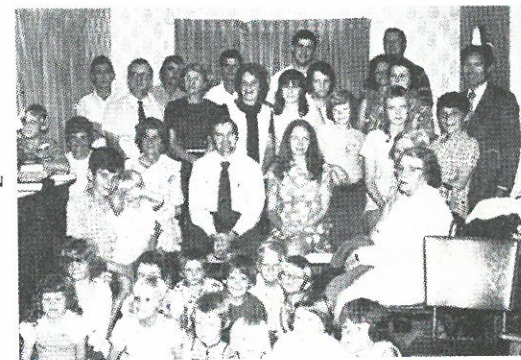
The first annual men's camp at Stradbroke Island was held in 1975. The first church family camp was held in 1977 with Randy and Marie Edwards as leaders. The church participated in a 'Deeper Life Mission' in October, 1975 and a 'Reach Out for Life' crusade in 1978.

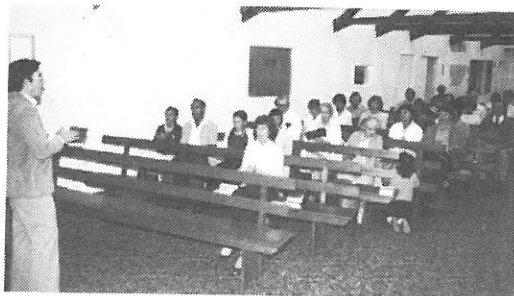
ARANA HILLS
CHAPEL
1983



SPRINGWOOD
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SPRINGWOOD
CONGREGATION
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PINE RIVERS
CONGREGATION
1975



CENTENARY
CHAPEL
Under construction
1983



CENTENARY
CONGREGATION
1979

In 1977, several members left the church to help in the establishment of the Kingswood Park church. Midweek prayer and Bible study meetings were started in the Beenleigh area in 1977.

Ministers who served were: R. Ellis (interim 1974), R. Foletta (1974-78), D. Birrell (student in 1979), A. Clarke (1980-81), G. Charles 1982-).

In 1981 active membership was 47 and there were 98 scholars in the Bible School.

PINE RIVERS — 1975 — When A. C. Male ran for parliament in 1972, he found there were about 20 Church of Christ families in the Pine Rivers area. He contacted the Home Missions Committee, suggesting that here was the nucleus of a new church. The Home Missions Committee director, Bruce Roberts, followed this up: mid-week meetings were begun, followed by Sunday school, and on 9th February, 1975, the first Sunday service was held.

From June to December, 1975, Jim Cunningham conducted an interim ministry with much success, and the congregation moved to a larger hall. In 1978, Malcolm Chandler was appointed full-time minister. A substantial area of land was purchased in 1981 as the site for a church building and possibly a home for aged people also.

During 1976, the church was led by two students, H. Inada and L. Muller. M. Chandler provided a student ministry in 1977 and full-time ministry from 1978-80. N. Proellocks followed in 1981.

CENTENARY — 1977 — This church was formed on 7th August, 1977, by a group of families previously in membership at Kenmore, the first meeting having an attendance of 32 members. Their purpose is to serve the rapidly developing Jindalee area across the river from Kenmore. Early meetings were held at Middle Park in the Lutheran hall. In November, 1977, a move was made to a vacant Methodist church at 17 Mile Rocks, but it is hoped in 1983 to have a building erected on land purchased at Jamboree Heights.

The work has been carried on mainly by voluntary speakers with some part-time ministers.

A feature of the church's life has been community involvement; the church organised the first open-air combined churches Christmas carol service at the Jindalee football oval in December, 1977; guests of Sinnamon Retirement Village which is in close proximity to the church have been entertained on special occasions; and pastoral work has been carried out by W. McDowell with guests of the Seven Oaks Spastic Centre at Fig Tree Pocket. Special services are held each year

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at Easter and Christmas for the guests, many of whom attend in wheelchairs. The church is very active in its youth outreach. It is proud of its record at the Youth and Christian Education swimming carnival in winning the Grenfell Shield in 1980 and 1981. The church hosted the annual Youth and Christian Education 'Teen Week' which began with a training camp on 8th May, 1981 and continued through the nights 21 to 24 May, 1981 at the Mt. Ommaney shopping centre with guest speakers, visiting singers and gospel bands. Guest speakers were relied on heavily during the first year — W. McDowell, J. Dow, H. Sargent, F. Beale, L. Morris.

W. McDowell performed a part-time ministry in 1979-80 and A. Taylor-Davis (in 1981-82). At its 4th annual general meeting on 23rd August, 1981, the aims of the church were defined and co-ordinators were appointed to be responsible for the areas of activity so defined, viz. worship, Christian growth, pastoral care, fellowship administration.

KINGSWOOD PARK — 1977 — Formerly known as Kingston, this work was commenced in February, 1977, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Smith at Kingston where mid-week Bible studies were held. In a few months the numbers had grown to 22 so a move was made to East Berrinba State School. Sunday communion services were started at that time. Later that year, Mr. Vic Parker was called to a part-time ministry and a manse and seven acres of land were bought. J. Oaksford ministered part-time (1979-80). The first full-time minister, Mr. Paul Seiler, was appointed in March, 1981. With 49,000 people in the surrounding area, the opportunities for Kingswood Park church are immense.

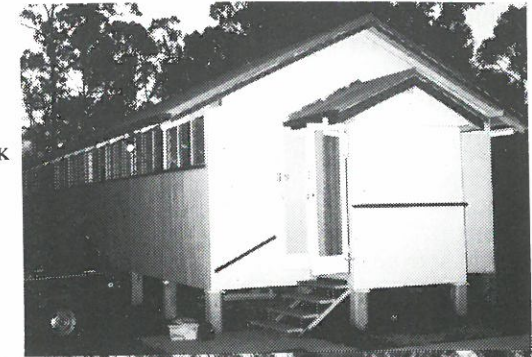
In September, 1979, an army disposal hall was purchased for \$250 and moved to the property. Following removal, re-stumping and painting, and a total cost of \$4,500, the 38 members had a permanent place of worship.

The Social Service Department purchased seven acres behind the church property for development as an emergency care home for children and a retirement village which will give the church property a double road frontage adding to its value and accessibility.

ALEXANDRA HILLS — 1979 — On 4th December, 1977, a meeting was held in Alexandra Hills State School to discuss formation of a mid-week Bible study group. It was not till 9th May, 1978, that the first such meeting was held, followed on 27th by the first gospel service. The first communion service was on 4th February, 1979 and the Home Missions Committee director, Bruce Roberts, who had put

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ALEXANDRA HILLS MEMBERS On newly acquired land, 1979



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so much work into this cause, must have been elated by the attendance of over 100. The church then constituted had 28 foundation members. A block of land with an area of 4.3 acres and a frontage to Allenby Road was bought in August, 1979, and the cost was \$31,000.

In May, 1979, a four-day survey of the district was conducted by Kenmore students assisted by B. Roberts. The outreach of the church developed progressively; early in 1980, a ladies' group was formed with meetings being held in different homes. Each year the group clothes a young Aboriginal from one of the missions. A 'young married' group which started in February, 1981, provided fellowship and contact with non-Christians.

The Sunday school which numbered 12 scholars and three teachers when it commenced in April, 1979 had grown to 54 scholars and six teachers by June, 1981.

Ministers who served with the church were Bruce Roberts, Roger Wall (student), Noel Smith (student), Jeff Pope (student 1980), Vic Parker (1981) and J. Telfer (1982).

Seven baptisms had been conducted since February, 1979.

SAMFORD — 1979 — When Mr. and Mrs. Barry Hodges started a youth group at Samford, nothing was further from their minds than the possibility that this might develop into a church. Most of the group were over 15 years, and the discussions were 'non Christian based', to quote Barry. True Barry and Ray Wilson had been workmates, but Ray's endeavours to sow the seed of Christianity had met with no apparent success, except that the Hodges children had attended the Arana Hills Sunday school some six to eight years before. Then the Holy Spirit intervened. Mr. and Mrs. Hodges were immersed at Arana Hills and spread their faith through the youth group, changing its character so that it became a Bible study group, with 12 to 14 attending the fortnightly meetings. They were encouraged by Ray Wilson and by the Arana Hills minister, Glen Stibbe. The first church meeting was held in the Hodges home on 28th October, 1980, and the first baptism was in the family swimming pool. Some assistance was obtained from a Kenmore College student, Greg Muller.

From the middle of 1981, the church met in the State School. By a momentous decision it was resolved that the engagement of a full-time minister was more important than the purchase of land, in anticipation of building. From January, 1982, with some financial assistance from Arana Hills, Toowoomba and Ipswich churches and the Home Missions Committee, Greg Muller has been full-time minister. At May, 1982, the membership stands at 31, compared with 21 at June, 1981.

INALA — 1982 — The first service was held on 8th August, 1982 at which four persons confessed faith in Jesus Christ.

The Home Missions Committee supported the establishment of the cause, the Annerley church contributing \$25 per week.

V. T. Parker provided part time ministry assisted by M. Gibson.

A suitable chapel in the area was acquired through the financial support of the Property Committee and I.C.A. in 1982.



INALA CHAPEL OPENING, November, 1982