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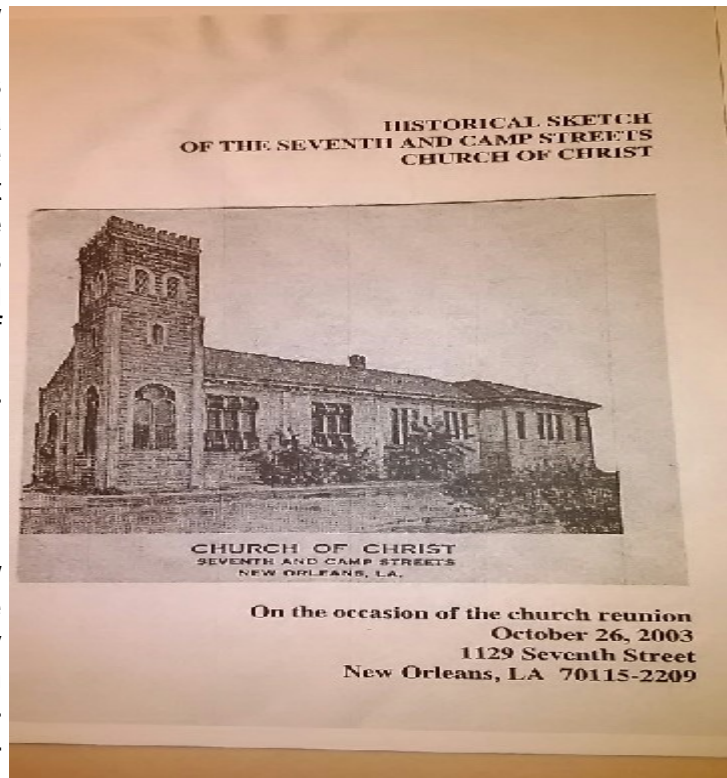
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Seventh and Camp St. Church of Christ, N. O. La.

This is one Christian's review of the wonderful working of God through a small group of believers showing what can happen when a man and his wife are yielded to the leading of the indwelling Holy Spirit (Ro. 2:1-2). My information came from Brother Ed Coon III and his wife Linda. When I called, thanking them for a generous gift to Words of Life, I offered to write about Seventh and Camp. They sent lots of fascinating information for my use.

Several hundred miles north of New Orleans, in Sullivan County, Indiana, Stanford Chambers grew up. Early on he began sharing the Gospel of Jesus in his community and in any place he could have an audience. His preaching helped establish several congregations in Sullivan and Greene counties.



In 1839 in New Orleans, Alexander Campbell preached The Word. A small group in his audience agreed with his teaching and began meeting together, though irregularly, to worship God in spirit and truth. The group was legally chartered in 1845. In 1905 the group opened a Christian High School. In 1907 the present building was constructed to serve the needs of the congregation and the Christian High School. That is the building that was sold in 2018.

In 1907 Stanford Chambers and family were called to New Orleans to assist the preacher in church ministry and in the Christian High School.

In 1908 Stanford was asked to be the full-time minister to the congregation and in 1909, to also be the Principal of the school. The previous minister stayed on, working with Brother Chambers through 1909. The Christian High School functioned from 1905 through 1922.

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Here is the record compiled by Brother O.C.Nicks for 1918 through 1921. His records demonstrate one man's commitment to the call of God in the work of saving souls.

1918, 10 baptisms. Brother Chambers preached 96 times outside of New Orleans. Several men filled in including Evairate (Ki) Herbert of Jennings. During the year \$137.75 was given to mission work.

1919, five responses, two for baptism. \$297.71 sent to missions. In April Brother Boll conducted a month long revival meeting, the last week given to prophecy. Brother Chambers preached 80 times at Seventh and Camp, not counting prayer meeting talks and 180 times at some 15 places outside of New Orleans.

1920, Brother Chambers preached 90 times at Seventh and Camp, 26 times in two tent meetings (in the recently purchased tent), one from 5/11 to 5/23 at General Taylor and S. Rampart Streets, the other from 6/15 to 7/1 at St. Claude and Pauline Streets. Also a number of street meetings and other meetings were conducted.

The minister made 276 visits, 65 to hospitals. Also some 90 discourses at nine outside points (above 30 added). \$250 sent to missions. Brother Chambers raised from brethren elsewhere, for the Louisiana French Mission, \$2499.32.

1921, Brother Chambers preached 67 times at Seventh and camp, 13 times on the streets and 125 times at nine points outside New Orleans; 9 baptisms. New congregation at Glenmora, Louisiana with 33 charter members. Filling in at Seventh and Camp were Brothers Nicks, E.A. Coon, and Sitman."

Brother Chambers was a kindly and compassionate man whose untiring energy allowed him to share the saving gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. His life and work epitomized the teaching of Colossians 3:17, which reads, "*Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.*"

At age 93 and blind, he preached from memory in the Berea Church of Christ building, in Sullivan County, Indiana, one of the many missions he started in this area in his early years.

Brother Nicks said, "Seventh and Camp was quite liberal with its minister sparing him to mission points where great good has been accomplished." Brother Coon adds that when Brother Chambers preached at places other than Seventh and Camp, and was paid, he always sent the money back to the church to apply to the mortgage debt.

I think of Sister Chambers, caring for his home and family for days on end, while he was somewhere preaching or teaching or visiting the physically and / or spiritually sick. Brother Chambers was available to be used mightily of God *because of* the supporting role of his wife.

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A quote from 2016, "Seventh and Camp receives many visitors. Though small today, she is the mother church for many congregations. She is the oldest congregation in the overall Louisiana a cappella fellowship influenced by the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement." ... "All congregations in this Movement in New Orleans and elsewhere in south Louisiana, have some roots in Seventh and Camp."

Years passed. Attendance dropped to five members. On September 3, 2017, the decision was made to close the building. Thus ended the 110 year history of Seventh and Camp Church of Christ; a house for worshiping the God of Creation, for weekly communion services remembering the death of Jesus, our Redeemer, and for rejoicing in the baptism of new believers.

The building sold on May 10, 2018. Remaining members were welcomed into the Hickory Knoll Church of Christ in Harahan, Louisiana, where two former Seventh and Camp members serve as deacons.

Brother Coon said the life and work of Brother Chambers was their example for distributing the funds. Brother Chambers' great loves were saving souls through preaching the Word, educating students in Christian High Schools, and teaching a cappella singing for worship.

With these guide lines, the group chose to help *fund* Words of Life which is sponsored by Churches of Christ and individuals interested in sharing the saving gospel of Jesus to the English-speaking world, to *fund* Seventh and Camp Church of Christ scholarships at Ambridge University, Montgomery, Alabama, an on-line Christian School sponsored by Churches of Christ, to help *fund* Portland Christian High School in Louisville, Kentucky where Brother Chambers was principal after leaving New Orleans, and to help *fund* Christian Youth Camps where young people learn about Jesus and also learn to sing a cappella for worship.

I praise God for Brother Stanford Chambers, for his loyalty to the Word and for his example of working to save souls for the Kingdom of God.

I offer his life's work as an example of commitment to the call of God in Matthew 28:18-20.

Until Jesus comes, pray for laborers in the spiritual mold of Stanford Chambers.

May God forgive our complacency.

Buford Smith

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