

# Dedication of Our New Church



NOVEMBER 27th, 1971

*Smithtown* GOSPEL TABERNACLE

NEW YORK AVE. & COLONIAL ROAD, SMITHTOWN, NEW YORK

## 2 Chronicles 7: 1, 2, 16

- 1 Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the house.
- 2 And the priests could not enter into the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord's house.
- 16 For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

# The Pastor

We WELCOME you on this DAY OF DEDICATION. Today we worship in a new building, the fulfillment of the vision and dreams of the members and friends of this church who have labored and given sacrificially that this building and equipment might become a reality. The craftsmen who placed their material of wood, brick and stone are to be commended for the excellent workmanship and effort which is in evidence today. *Our thanks to you.*

The future will prove the wisdom of this undertaking. Now as never before, as members, of this body of Christ, we need fresh vision, faith and dedication to follow where He leads. The material support and moral undergirding of the present congregation have been a wonderful experience for all of us.

We dedicate ourselves, along with these buildings, to God who will use us for His own glory. Let these halls be used only for worship, Christian instruction and fellowship.

We WELCOME all who have come from far and near, and may the service of this day leave you spiritually enriched.

Maurice V. Anderson  
*Pastor*

# A Brief Historical Note

## BEGINNING:

Summer	1950	Home Prayer Meetings by Charter Member – Henry Sumstad
September	1950	Temporary Meetings started in Hauppague Hall Pastor: Harry C. Ring

## EARLY DEVELOPMENT:

Winter	1955	Corner lot purchased on New York Avenue and Colonial Road. Pastor: Wesley Braaten
April	1956	Ground Breaking for permanent sanctuary
December	1956	Dedication of Church Building
September	1958	Purchase of first parsonage
May	1959	Incorporated as sovereign church
Summer	1960	Educational Wing added
September	1965	Purchase of present parsonage
Spring	1970	Purchase of Building adjacent to present parsonage
Fall	1970	Ground Breaking for New Sanctuary
November 27,	1971	Dedication of New Building

*The future is as bright as the promises of God*

# Dedication Service

Saturday – November 27th, 1971 – 3:00 P.M.

Organ Prelude	.....	<i>John Martindale</i>
Welcome	.....	<i>Pastor Maurice Anderson</i>
Invocation	.....	<i>Rev. Arne Dahl</i>
Tabernacle Choir	... ..	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>
Congregational Hymn	... ..	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>
Solist	.....	<i>Evie Tornquist</i>
Presenting Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	.....	<i>Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring</i> J.S. Bach (Brass Choir and Piano)
Announcements		
Church Building Presentation	... ..	<i>Raymond Setran</i> (Chairman, Building Committee)
Acceptance—Church Building	... ..	<i>Robert Sandbo</i> (Chairman, Board of Trustees)
Corner Stone Unveiling		
Act of Dedication	... ..	<i>The Pastor and Congregation</i>
Congregational Hymn	....	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>
Tabernacle Choir	.....	<i>Hallelujah Chorus</i> G.F. Handel (from Messiah)
Message	.....	<i>Rev. Ivar Frick</i>
Prayer of Dedication	.....	<i>Pastor</i>
Benediction		

# Act of Dedication

MINISTER "Having been prospered by the good hand of our God and enabled by His grace and power to complete this house of worship, to be used for the glory of His Name, we will now stand in His Holy presence and dedicate the building to Him.

*"To the glory of God our Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift;"*

*"To the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior;*

*"To the praise of the Holy Spirit, source of light and life."*

CONGREGATION "We, the members and friends of this Church and Congregation, recognizing our own unworthiness, and relying upon God for wisdom and strength, do hereby covenant that we will study the peace and unity of the Church to the end that this House of God may serve completely; For the assembling together of the rich and the poor to praise God who is the Maker of them all; For the worship of Him who is a Spirit, in spirit and in truth; For the preaching of the Word of God in its fullness; For the proclamation of our Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior from sin;

MINISTER "In grateful remembrance of all who have loved and served this Church; with hearts tender for those who have joined the Church Triumphant:"

CONGREGATION "We dedicate this Building to the Lord our God."

MINISTER "For worship in prayer and praise; For the preaching of the Word; for the celebration of the Holy Sacraments:"

CONGREGATION "We dedicate this Church Building."

MINISTER "For comfort to those who mourn; For strength to those who are tempted; For the sanctification of the family; For the instruction and training of children and youth; For the Building of character; For the giving of hope and courage to all human hearts:"

CONGREGATION "We dedicate this church building to the Lord our God."

MINISTER "For promoting Christian patriotism; For developing a moral conscience; For the suppression of evil in all forms and everywhere; For the coming of the Kingdom of God on earth:"

CONGREGATION "We dedicate this Church Building."

MINISTER "As a tribute of gratitude and love, a free-will offering of thanksgiving and praise, from those who have tasted the cup of Thy Salvation and experienced the riches of Thy grace:"

CONGREGATION "We, the people of this Church and Congregation, now consecrating ourselves anew, dedicate this entire House of the Lord, for the worship of Almighty God, and to service of our fellow men, in the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior."

# Acknowledgements

It would be a virtual impossibility to list the responsible and contributing people who made this day possible.

We wish that it were possible to recognize all who have given money, material, labor, time and energy to build and equip this Church Building.

We will never forget all of those nameless men and women, young and old, whose lives have been written into the brick and stone of this venture for God.

## BUILDING COMMITTEE

Raymond Setran, *Chairman*  
Kittle Andersen  
John Arntsen  
Gerald Gusmano  
Herbert Jacobsen  
Steven Kozelitz

Ted Mendocha  
Ross Pileggi  
Vincent Reiso  
David Sandbo  
Robert Sandbo  
Erwin Wesel

## OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

### BOARD OF DEACONS

Herbert Jacobsen

Lauritz Johansen

## THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Robert Sandbo, *Chairman*  
John Arntsen, *Secretary*  
Steven Kozelitz, *Treasurer*  
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Kittle Andersen  
Gerald Gusmano  
Herbert Jacobsen  
Ted Mendocha  
Ross Pileggi

Recording Secretary . . . . . Toni Gusmano  
Sunday School Superintendent . . . . . Raymond Setran  
Deaconess . . . . . Nusta Andersen, Olga Hansen  
Missionary Secretary . . . . . Thomasena Hislop  
Women's Missionary Council . . . . . Dagmar Hageland, President  
Choir Director . . . . . Ann Mendocha  
Orchestra Director . . . . . Doug Mendocha  
Christian Service Brigade . . . . . David Sandbo, Chairman  
Pioneer Girls . . . . . Evelyn Jacobsen, Chairman

# What is the Business of the Church?

According to the Master's command, our business is to tell others the Good News of how He is able to help people and to change their lives.

For fifteen years we have been on this corner to serve this community. During that time we have financed three Building programs by the free-will offerings of devoted men and women, without canvassing for funds or the use of high pressure methods. We do not come now to ask for anything other than the privilege of helping you and yours by teaching the Word of God and witnessing to the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our doors are open to all the members of your family, and we extend to them a very sincere and cordial invitation to join us in the various activities of this church.

## OUR DOORS ARE OPEN

### TO YOU AND YOURS

Sunday	9:45 am	Bible School for all ages
	11:00 am	Morning Worship
	7:00 pm	Evening Service
Monday	7:00 pm	Pioneer Girls Boys Brigade
Wednesday	10:00 am	Prayer
	7:30 pm	Family Night
Saturday	7:30 pm	Prayer

Church Telephone Number — AN 5-2485

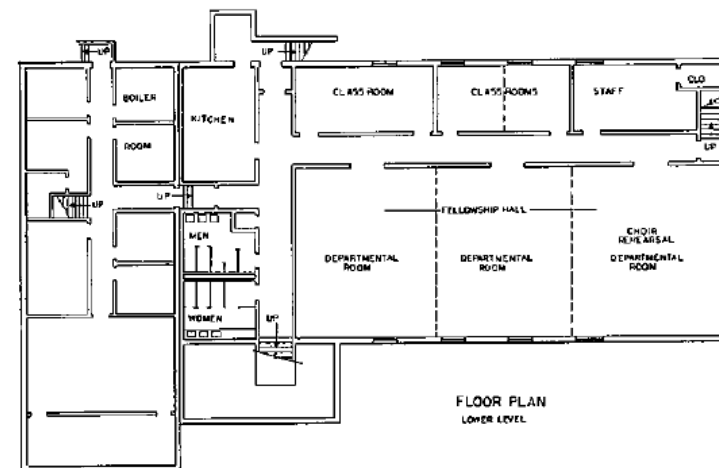
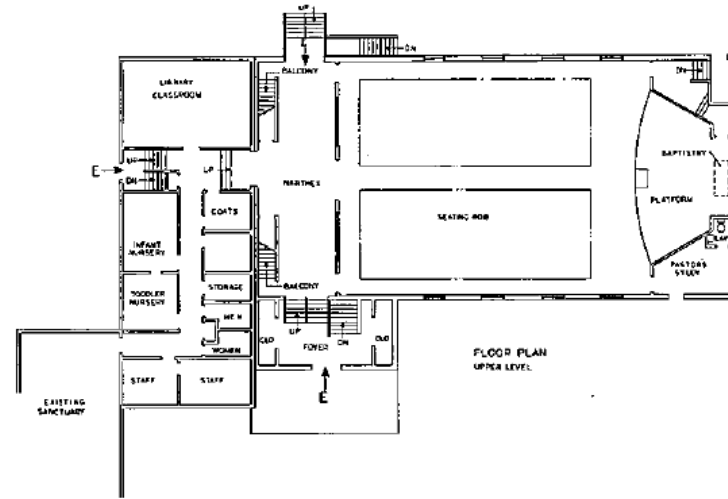
# In Memorium

## Henry Sumstad

*Henry Sumstad, one of the founders of Smithtown Gospel Tabernacle, esteemed among the members and friends, served faithfully in many capacities of the church work over a period of twenty-one years.*

*At the time of his heavenly call, he was a member of the deacon board. He was deeply interested in the new church being erected and looking forward to its completion and dedication.*

*God had something better planned, so on November 11th, 1971, he left his uncompleted task here to be made complete in God whom he loved and served.*



# Statement of Faith



WE BELIEVE the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. WE BELIEVE that there is *one* God, eternally existent in three persons: *God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.* WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years. WE BELIEVE in the Blessed Hope, which is the Rapture of the Church at Christ's coming. WE BELIEVE that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ. WE BELIEVE that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. WE BELIEVE that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer. WE BELIEVE that the baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it. WE BELIEVE in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.