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The Arcadia Christian Church Collection MS 314

Arcadia Community Church Collection

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Walter Parrish
Title	The Arcadia Christian Church Collection
Dates	1894 - 1994
Quantity	.25 linear feet
Collection Number	MS 314
Summary	This collection consists of history papers, photographs, handouts newspapers, a letter, and a plat map all in relation to the Arcadia Christian Church, Arcadia, Kansas.
Repository	Pittsburg State University, Leonard Axe Library, Special Collections & University Archives 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccol@pittstate.edu
Access Restrictions	There are no restrictions and the collection is open for research. Researchers must use the collection in accordance with the policies of the Special Collections & University Archives, Leonard H. Axe Library, Pittsburg State University
Languages	English
Biographical Note	The original Arcadia Christian Church was built in 1893, although the congregation surrounding the church was started in the 1880s as a Sunday School class. In 1892, the State of Kansas granted the congregation a charter which resulted in the building's construction. The church cost \$1,600 and had an organ, a church bell (installed in 1897), and a seating capacity for 300 people. The Sunday School held at the church brought about the most participants. For its first ten years, the church had difficulty in finding a regular pastor. One traveling pastor that was briefly appointed was popular writer and pastor Harold Bell Wight (1872-1944), who held bible studies on Friday nights and occasionally a Sunday service. In

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1909, Arcadia saw an early revival of Pentecostalism or “holiness people.” In 1914, after 21 years, the church became the First Church of Christ. In August 1915, G. W (George William) Corporon (1887-1969) became pastor, holding the position until 1919. By 1918, the Sunday School had reached 300 attendees and the yearly average of conversions and ascensions were approximately 200. After Corporon’s first resignation in 1919, the church went through a series of pastors, and saw a decline in membership. When G. W. Corporon returned in 1925, the church began to uptake home mission work, and the church once again saw an increase in members. In 1929, Reverend Corporon resigned for a second time. After a brief period of temporary pastors, Reverend. H. G. Kenney became pastor from 1930-1932. The church saw another brief period of steady growth. In 1933, Reverend Corporon returned for his third and final tenure, and was the church’s minister until his final retirement in 1943.

Processing Notes

Collection processed in March 2021.

Detailed Description of the Collections

Series 1: Photographs of Sunday School

F.1

Class 4, Sunday School, 1896
Men’s Sunday School (Date Unknown)
Sunday School 1953

Series 2: Pastor G. W. Corporon

F.2

Nevada Daily Mail, May 2nd, 2001

Series 3: The History of the Arcadia Christian Church

F.3

The History of Arcadia Christian Church 1933 (Includes a list of pastors)
History of Arcadia Christian Church 1994
Names in Church History

Series 4: 1943 50th Anniversary

F.4

Program (one original, two copies)

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Series 5: 1994 Centennial

F.5

Fort Scott Tribune Sep. 14, 1994

Pittsburg Headlight Sept. 17, 1994

125 registered attendants

Personal Memories of the Church

History of Arcadia Christian Church presentation by Edna Lundberg (1994)

History of the J.O.Y. Sunday School class

Program

Photo for Fort Scott Tribune, Inside

Photo for Fort Scott Tribune, Outside

Pittsburg Headlight Aug. 27, 1994

Series 6: Miscellaneous

F.6

Arcadia plat map, 1935 (Oversize, file labeled cities)

1990 Birthday and Community Calendar (two copies)

1971 Membership Directory

1973 Membership Directory

Article about T. G. Van Dusen (local undertaker)