

CONFERENCE CALENDAR 1954-1955

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Education office 1901 N. Douglas, Oklahoma City,
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Wesleyan Service Guild—Turner Falls
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Youth—Officers training—Turner Falls
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aining Center—Oklahoma City University
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Adult and Leadership Training Camp—Turner Falls
Family Life and Adult Fellowship—Leadership
—Camp Egan
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al Board of Missions—Missionary Conference—Mt.
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of Local Church Commission in Missions—Mt. Se
onference Methodist Men—Purdue University, Lafay-
ndiana
Society of Christian Service—Camp Egan
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nal Leadership School, Mt. Sequoyah
Service Guild, Camp Egan
rch Conference—Mt. Sequoyah
Men's Retreat—Camp Egan
e Young Adult—Turner Falls
nal M.Y.F. Workshop for Conference, District and
istrict Officers—Mt. Sequoyah
e Church Vocations—Camp Egan
e Older Youth—Turner Falls
e Older Adult—Turner Falls
Picnic—Devil's Canyon (near Hinton, Oklahoma)
Day of Prayer for Youth
DAY, SPECIAL OFFERING TO BE TAKEN
n Day
Education Week
School—Ministers' Week—Oklahoma City University
Vide Communion Sunday
Conference on Family Life—Cleveland, Ohio
a City University Day—Special Offering to be taken
s Day
Order Sunday
Temperance and Reformation Sunday
ence Sunday
Foundation Sunday—Special Offering to be taken
l Meeting of District Superintendents
iving and Retired Ministers Sunday
Conferences and Missionary Institutes
unday in Advent
ment Sunday
al Bible Sunday
al Meeting of Executive Secretaries, Nashville, Tenn.
ma Methodist Home Day. Special Offering to be taken
Coaching Conference—Oklahoma City University
Year's Eve—Watch Night
Year's Sunday 1955
t Recognition Day
oma Camps Day. Special Offering to be taken
of Education Planning Conference, and Seminar on
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hing of Crusade for World Order Program
ters' Week S.M.U., Dallas, Texas
Relations Sunday
ion Church School Coaching Conference
Wednesday
d Day of Prayer
of Dedication
Sunday
dy Thursday
Friday
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CHURCH SCHOOL OFFICERS
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onal Family Week
ber's Day (Festival of the Christian Home)
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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month, World Service Sunday in the Church School. An

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busy street, in the home and in the hours of sorrow his presence was inspiring and comforting.

The pulpit was his throne. In his heart of hearts he was an evangelist. From his earliest ministry to its close he rejoiced in revival meetings. His brethren frequently called him to their aid. In his own pulpit he pressed for immediate decisions. He preached with that unction which excites sober and fervent emotions. At times he reached the high level of inspiration and eloquence.

It was in Colorado, whither he and his wife had gone for a little respite from the toil and stress of a large pastorate, and on the highway that his tender heart began to flicker and flash the message of farewell. His faithful wife took the wheel and rushed him to Durango, Colorado, and medical aid. But sunset was near, and at six o'clock in the evening, August 23, 1953, the gates of heaven opened wide to receive this gallant knight of the cross.

"How beautiful upon the mountains
Are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings;
That publisheth peace and salvation;
That saith unto Zion, thy God reigneth."

Sidney Henry Babcock

ROBERT LINCOLN GRANT

The Rev. Robert Lincoln Grant went to his crowning in an Enid hospital Nov. 14, 1953 after a lingering illness. He was born in Wedowee, Alabama, March 30, 1873.

He received his early education in Alabama and in 1895 went north for his college work in Appleton, Wisconsin at Lawrence University. In 1900 he answered a call for a young preacher in Oklahoma where he began his active ministry on the Enid Circuit at the Horner School-house, the Shackley School-house, and the Bethel Church east of Enid. The second year the little town of Cropper was added to the circuit. He was admitted to the Oklahoma Conference on trial in 1901 and into full connection in 1903. He was ordained deacon in 1903 and elder in 1905.

He was the youngest of four brothers to enter the ministry and is the uncle of our Bishop, A. Raymond Grant now of Portland, Oregon Area. He spent all of his ministerial life in Oklahoma serving 39 years and retiring in 1941. Churches served by Brother Grant include: Billings, Norman, Edmond, Tonkawa, Kingfisher, Cherokee, Woodward, Waukomis, Kaw City, Thomas, Fairview, Watonga, Lamont, Medford, Hennessey, Shattuck and back to Billings.

In 1902 he was united in marriage to the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Horner. He is survived by the wife of the home and two daughters: Mrs. D. S. Waters of Enid and Mrs. W. R. Brown of Fairview; and one son, R. C. Grant of Chicago; one sister, Mrs. Alice Parker of Altus, Oklahoma; five grandchildren, and thirteen great grandchildren.

He was a man of profound convictions and courage to defend them, a faithful and diligent pastor.

In the same pulpit, where in 1903 he saw the sunrise of his active ministry begin, he stood 38 years later, after forty years' service to see the shades of a declining sunset on his active work and retired in 1941, serving in the retired

relation for 8 years, Cleo Springs and Oakdale, Ringwood and Concord, Lahoma and Ames.

Services were conducted November 17th in Enid by Robert J. Smith, Virgil Alexander, M. M. Alden and O. W. York.

Robert J. Smith

A. MAX HOLCOMB

A. Max Holcomb, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Holcomb, was born April 10, 1902, at Brown, Oklahoma. He joined the Methodist Church at the age of eight. He was graduated from Northeastern College at Tahlequah, and received a M. A. Degree in school administration from A. & M. College in Stillwater. In 1927 he was married to Elizabeth Dickson of Stigler, and to this union one child, Barbara, was born.

Brother Holcomb served as principal and school superintendent in Eastern Oklahoma for several years before entering the Methodist Conference. In 1934 he received a local preacher's license and preached in several churches in the area, serving one year as pastor at Oktaha. After coming into the conference, he served one year at Spiro, two years at Stilwell, three years at Sallisaw, and four at Hennyetta.

In August, 1952, Brother Holcomb became seriously ill, and although a very sick man, was able to fill his pulpit each Sunday until April 8th, when he preached his last sermon by remote control.

Brother Holcomb's ministry and his courage during his illness was an inspiration to all about him. He died on June 8, 1953, and was buried in the Sallisaw Cemetery. Dr. Don LaGrone, District Superintendent, was in charge of the funeral service, and Rev. Guy C. Millard, preached the sermon. Dr. Don Schooler and Rev. J. C. Harris assisted.

He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Paul Chambers, and a grandchild, Becky Ellen Chambers.

JOHN HARVEY HUBBARD

John Harvey Hubbard was born in Zanesville, Ohio, on Thursday, August 25, 1861. He died in Wichita, Kansas, May 4, 1954, being 92 years of age. He was buried in Aurora, Missouri on May 7, 1954. Reverend Hubbard was married to Hattie C. Rhoades, April 1, 1891 in Rolla, Missouri. To that union were born six children, five of whom are still living.

Reverend Hubbard served the Methodist Church in Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma and at his retirement was a member of the West Oklahoma Conference. While in Oklahoma he served in the following churches: Stroud, Weatherford, Hennessey, Excelsor, Carney, Cleveland, Wagner, Krebs, Dow, and Selman.

In order that Reverend Hubbard could make a fuller contribution to the Kingdom of God in the communities he served, he usually printed a little pamphlet which was called "The Gospel Trumpet" and scattered them free to all the homes in the community regardless of membership. Being a printer by trade, he was for a number of years the editor of the Conference Advocate as the Conference would be in session. Through his printing he made a fuller contribution than he could have otherwise.

His widow, Mrs. Hattie C. Hubbard, will live for the time being at 1026 Dayton Street, Wichita, Kansas.

William A. Hubbard