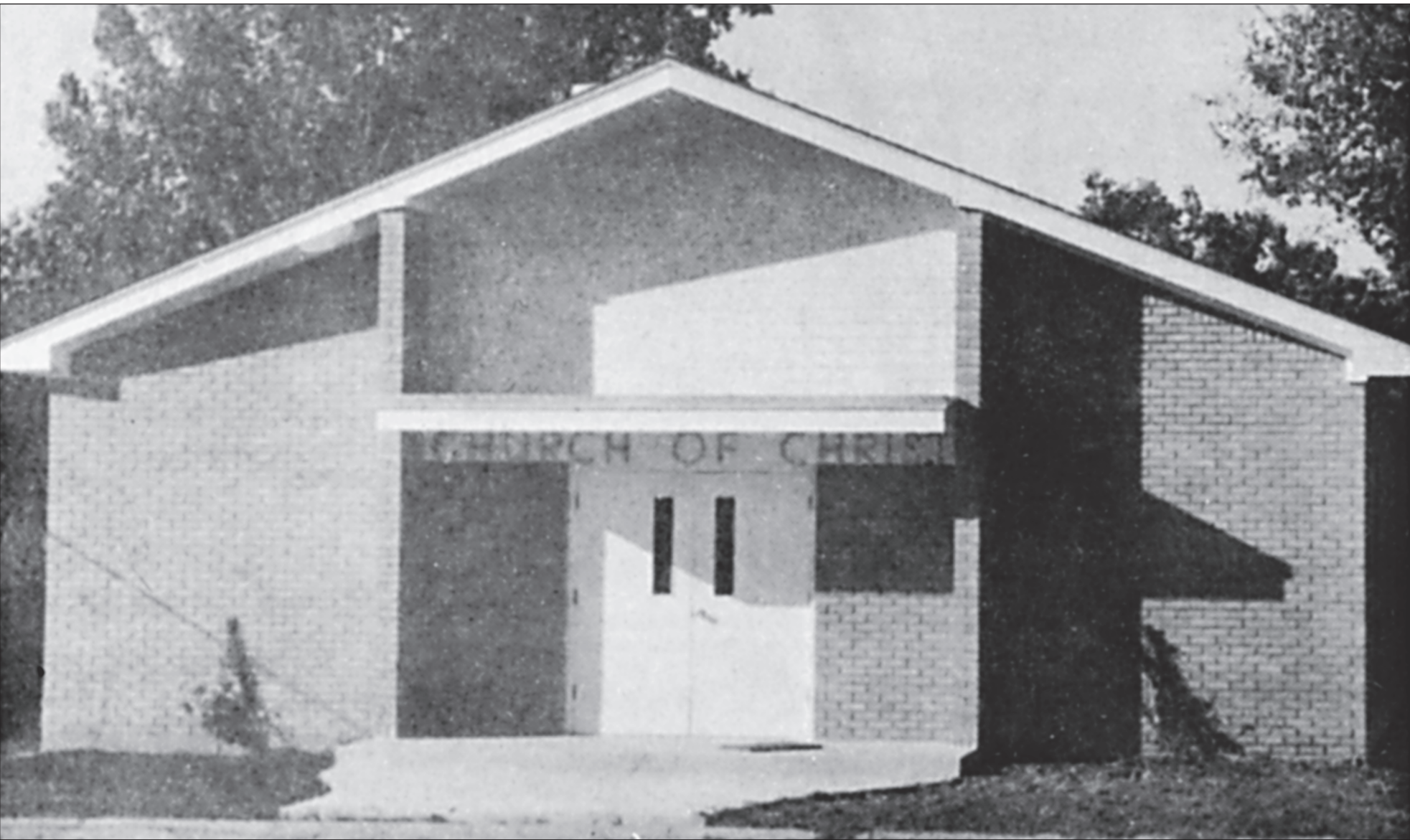


HISTORY & FOLKLORE



From Illustrated Press of Liberty County, Thursday, October 31, 1963 –
New church building for Dayton Church of Christ will hold its formal opening Sunday, November 3. The premises will be open for visiting at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, and area singing will be held at 3 p.m. following. Singers from all over the surrounding Gulf Coast area will be there.

From Texas Illustrated,
December 22, 1977 –

The Fire Next Time

by Kevin Ladd

Mr. Frank Abshier – the first Frank – lost his first wife, Sophia Susan Garrard, when she died after the turn of the century. A number of years passed and Miss Idora Kenney came to Walter as a schoolteacher. Mr. Frank just so happened to meet Miss Idora and just so happened to successfully woo her into marriage.

One day after their marriage, Miss Idora had prepared breakfast for Abshier and his group of growing sons and sounded the warning that there was no firewood. Either the men did not consider the possible ramifications of this fact to a woodburning stove or else chose to ignore it; they nonetheless finished breakfast and ambled happily out to the fields for the morning work.

Miss Idora began preparing for the noon meal immediately. She made up her biscuits, placed them in the oven, put meat in the frying pan, doused peas and beans in pots of cold water, and then took her accustomed chair on the front porch. Of course, there was no wood in the stove to burn and consequently, no fire either.

Mr. Frank and his sons came bustling into the house at precisely noon, seating themselves expectantly at the table. Miss Idora set the bowls and plates of uncooked food on the table and watched as Mr. Frank gave it all a suspicious eye.

“Why, this food’s raw!” he claimed, after a closer inspection. “That’s right,” replied Miss Idora, “I’ve done my part, but y’all didn’t do yours.” They say the wood was flying around the Abshier home that afternoon.



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Laughing deer at Trinity Valley Sportmen’s booth at the TVE is amused at Charles Robertson, fair manager. Deer belongs to Bob Jamison, board chairman of Dayton State Bank and head of Jamison Insurance Agency, Dayton’s oldest.

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