



Highway Tabernacle

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Dear Friends:

God is directing the spotlight of Christian concern on the cities of the world. For 95 years the message of the gospel of Christ as the power of God unto salvation has beamed forth from Highway Tabernacle in downtown Philadelphia. As the second oldest Assembly of God in the world, many missionaries, pastors, and Christian workers have gone forth.

On that Thanksgiving Day more than 9 decades ago, a small band of dedicated people began this congregation as a center-city lighthouse. Their first objective was to carry on gospel work among all classes of people, both at home and abroad. Through the great depression, world wars, neighborhood deterioration, and now restoration, through abortive attempts to move from center city and the rebuilding from the devastation of the recent fire, the church has marched victoriously forward in step with God's purposes.

With the changing demographics of our city, Highway Tabernacle has emerged as a multi-ethnic congregation. It represents a prototype of the diverse peoples and nations spoken of in Revelation, chapter seven. This Thanksgiving Day we will celebrate the 95th anniversary and the restoration of the sanctuary. Our esteemed general superintendent, Reverend Raymond G. Carlson, will be our guest speaker, along with many distinguished guests of the past and present.

At two o'clock, we will meet for a great Thanksgiving Day Rally in the sanctuary of Highway Tabernacle. The Fellowship Banquet will convene at 5 p.m. in the Wyndham Ballroom at the Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel within walking distance from the church. Included in the program will be special music and a historic video. Many of the far-flung family of Highway Tabernacle will meet in joyous reunion. Some may wish to send a additional gift of gratitude for their spiritual roots found in Highway Tabernacle. We will be printing an anniversary souvenir booklet with several memorial pages. A gift in honor of a loved one will greatly assist in the ongoing ministry of Highway Tabernacle to this city.

Reservations will be made on a first come basis. Tickets to the banquet will be sent upon confirmation of your reservation. October first is the deadline for reservations to the historic banquet.

God, Himself, has sustained Highway Tabernacle through many generations, and the best is yet to be. Your prayers are valued.

As His Servant,

Stephen Bogdan, Pastor

"By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted." Proverbs 11:11