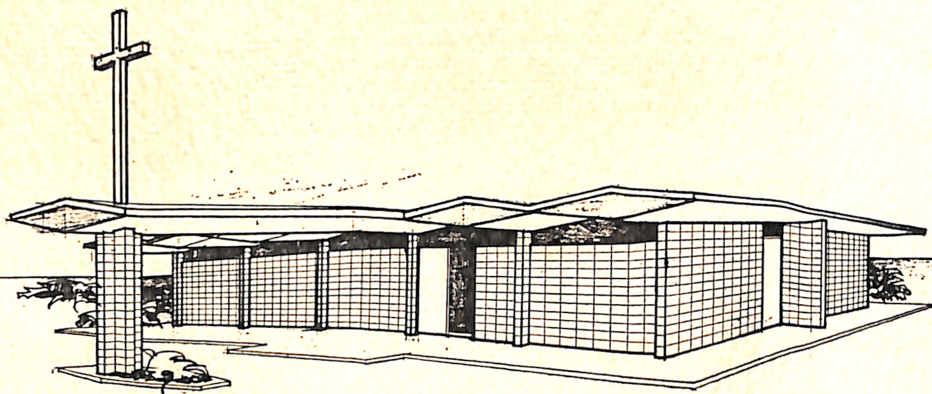


# Kalvesta Methodist Church



ARCHITECT'S SKETCH

KALVESTA, KANSAS

GROUND BREAKING  
CEREMONY

February 10, 1963 - 3 p.m.

WILLIAM T. WILKOFF, MINISTER

OREN McCLURE, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

EUGENE SLATER, RESIDENT BISHOP

MATTHEW CLAIR, JR., BISHOP, ST. LOUIS AREA, ASSISTING



## ORDER OF SERVICE

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

Rev. William T. Wilkoff

MINISTER: Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

PEOPLE: Praise waiteth for thee, O God, and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

MINISTER: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

PEOPLE: Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. Amen.

### INVOCATION:

Rev. Oren McClure

COLLECT: (Let all the people unite)

Almighty and everlasting God, who art ever exalted yet always nigh; grant that we may worthily offer unto thee, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, this ground upon which we stand, to be made holy with all sacred aspiration and divine purpose, as a place upon which to build a temple and a sanctuary where thy glory shall be manifest among us, and where all people shall come to call upon thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### PRAYER

Bishop Matthew Clair, Jr.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (People join)

### RESPONSIVE PSALM:

Rev. Oren McClure

MINISTER: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

PEOPLE: For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

MINISTER: Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his holy place?

PEOPLE: He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

MINISTER: He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

PEOPLE: This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face.

MINISTER: Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors.

PEOPLE: And the King of glory shall come in.

MINISTER: Who is the King of glory?

PEOPLE: The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

MINISTER: Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors.

PEOPLE: And the King of glory shall come in.

MINISTER: Who is this King of glory?

PEOPLE: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

### THE SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Rev. Oren McClure

### DECLARATION:

Rev. William Wilkoff

To the glory of God, in the presence of this congregation, I now request that ground be broken for The Methodist Church of Kalvesta, Kansas. Upon you as members of this congregation rests the responsibility and privilege to cause a church to rise here which shall be devoted to the honor and worship of Almighty God our Father, and to the glory of his blessed Son and our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

### THE BREAKING OF GROUND

(Here let those selected come forward: and read his sentence and as each turns a spadeful of earth, let the people respond.)

### BISHOP CLAIR:

That a church may rise here in which the ancient gospel of her Lord shall be proclaimed,

We Break This Ground Today.

### REV. McCLURE:

That a church may rise here where little children shall learn to love God and grow in the beauty of Christian grace and character,

We Break This Ground Today.

### HAYES BALDWIN — Chairman, Official Board.

That a church may rise here where through the years countless youth shall come to worship, pause to pray, and rise to serve.

We Break This Ground Today.

### RONALD SCOTT — Chairman, Board of Trustees.

That a church may rise here where the weary and heavy laden shall find that inner peace which the world can neither give nor take away,

We Break This Ground Today.

### MRS. MARVIN HOLDEN — President, Sewing Circle.

That a church may rise here where the Word of God shall be so read and preached that it shall become the Living Word, and the Sacraments so administered that all life shall become a sacrament.

We Break This Ground Today.

### ED. BOOTS — Chairman, Building Committee.

That a church may rise here where moments of meditation and hours of worship shall be touched with life-giving reality,

We Break This Ground Today.

### MRS. RONALD SCOTT — Church School Superintendent.

That a church may rise here where those who seek first the kingdom of God shall dedicate to the unfinished tasks of evangelizing the whole of life,

We Break This Ground Today.

### MRS. JOHN BRIGGS, Chairman, Commission on Education.

That a church may rise here where multitudes shall be refreshed in spirit, relieved from pain, released from bondage, redeemed from sin,

We Break This Ground Today.



WM. D. DANIELS — Chairman, Commission on Finance.

That a church may rise here where the unsearchable riches of Christ shall bear fruit in making our human loves constant, our homes Christlike, and our families creative centers of Christian influence,

**We Break This Ground Today.**

LARRY SCOTT — Youth Representative.

That a church may rise here where all who bow in sorrow shall rise in faith in him in whom to believe is life eternal,

**We Break This Ground Today.**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER:

Rev. William T. Wilkoff

**MINISTER:** Almighty and everlasting God, in communion with the saints in all the ages, and remembering the heritage that has been given us, we offer thee our praise and thanksgiving.

**PEOPLE:** O Lord, hear our prayer.

**MINISTER:** Help us to accept the privilege and responsibility of this thy fellowship of faith; here may we keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

**PEOPLE:** So may we fulfill the law of love.

**MINISTER:** Enable us, by thy grace, to dedicate ourselves this day to the great task which thou dost lay upon our hearts and consciences.

**PEOPLE:** In all that we do, be thou, O Lord, our strength and help.

**MINISTER:** Reveal to us the beauty of thy perfect law, the joy of our living Lord, so that with glad hearts we may move forward in paths of high devotion and great achievement.

**PEOPLE:** Be thou, O Lord, our guide and help for evermore. Amen.

BENEDICTION:

Bishop Clair