



Elder Reuben and Sister Viola Moldenhauer and their son, Glennie. This was in June of 1959, just before they left for Eureka, South Dakota, after having served the Nampa church for about nine and a half years.

ished, the building will have cost just a little under \$10,000.00 for materials and the little labor that had to be hired. This, however, does not include the installation of a new 2-unit gas-heating system this fall at a cost of \$625.00 to replace the coal furnace which was first installed and was not doing a satisfactory job of heating.

It is certainly gratifying to have this fine place for worship, and the satisfying part of it is that everything is paid for, except \$325.00 on the new heating system.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

After having served the church from 1950 until June 3, 1959, Elder Moldenhauer moved to Eureka, South Dakota to serve as pastor and district overseer. For several years of his service in Nampa he also served as overseer of the district, and this

necessitated his being absent quite often. In order to have regular pastoral services, Elder Roy Davison was elected to serve as assistant pastor, and he ministered in this capacity for about two years, until failing health made it necessary for him to resign just prior to September 26, 1955.

Following Elder Moldenhauer's departure, Elder Carl Bentz, who had been pastoring in Calgary, Canada, accepted the local pastorate, and served the church until February 6, 1961, at which time he and Sister Bentz retired to their home in Lucile, Idaho.

From this date until the arrival of Elder and Sister Ray Benight on July 16, 1963, the church was without a full-time pastor. However, the group was fortunate to have Brother Edward Miller in their membership, for although employed full time in secular work, he very capably filled the pulpit on Sabbaths much of this time, without pay.

For a few months prior to the Benights coming to Nampa from the Portland church to assume the full-time pastorate, Brother William Blankinship, of Kent, Washington, gave of his time (also without pay) to take over the spiritual leadership of the church. The Benights are still serving the Nampa church where the average attendance is about 40.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Following is a thumb-nail sketch about the activity of the women of the Nampa church as furnished by their present secretary:

SEPTEMBER 19, 1953: The ladies of the Nampa church met for

the first time in the home of Sister Ruby Cory for the purpose of organizing. This we did with 11 charter members. Sister Myrtle Davison was elected our first president. Since we had no name, it was decided that each member was to bring a name and from one of these a name would be selected. Each member was asked to bring blocks to the next meeting to make into a crazy quilt. The quilt was sold for \$5.00, and this started our fund-raising drives.

OUR THIRD MEETING: Sister Zella Meikle's name suggestion, "The Helping Hand Group," was selected as the name by which we were to be identified. It was decided to hold our meetings monthly on Wednesdays, and that there would be no regular dues, but an offering would be taken at every meeting.

AS THE YEARS PASSED BY: The fund-raising projects continued. Money from baked food sales, bazaars, and quilt making slowly helped to build up a bank account. As it grew, we hoped—hoped that our dream of having a church of our own would become a reality.

EARLY SUMMER OF 1959: One of our members had to leave us. Many tears of sorrow were shed as

we kissed Sister Viola Moldenhauer good-bye and asked God's blessing for her and her family in their new home and place of endeavor for the Lord. Our dream of a church grew nearer to reality, as we all worked hard to raise money. When the building committee needed money badly we decided to give our savings of \$750.00 to the building fund.

THE YEAR 1961: brought us our goal as the church was completed sufficiently so we could use all of it, except for the rest rooms. Our hearts were filled with love and thanksgiving toward God. We, the Helping Hand Group, felt that we, ourselves, had had a share in the church work. There was still much work ahead of us, for there were more needs to be supplied, but we rejoiced that God had permitted us to progress as far as we had.

THE YEAR 1963: We gave \$270 for fixtures and plumbing for the rest rooms and for a hot water heater.

THE YEAR 1964: This year (thanks to the leadership of our pastor and the enthusiasm he inspired) we netted more money than we ever had before from a single project. We received \$446.81 from a rum-



*The Helping Hand Group
working on a quilt in the
church basement,*