

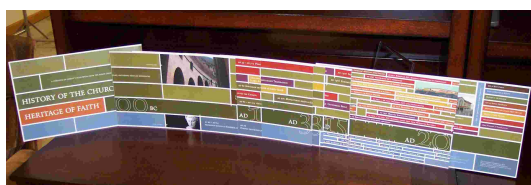
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...This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.
Isaiah 54:17

History of the Church Timeline



This beautiful color-coded timeline includes major events of 2000 years of Christian history, ending with the development of the Apostolic Christian Church in Europe and America. The varying colors and pictures also show main entries in the categories of sacred hymnology, the development of the Bible,

Christian persecution, etc., all correlated with major world events which were happening simultaneously.

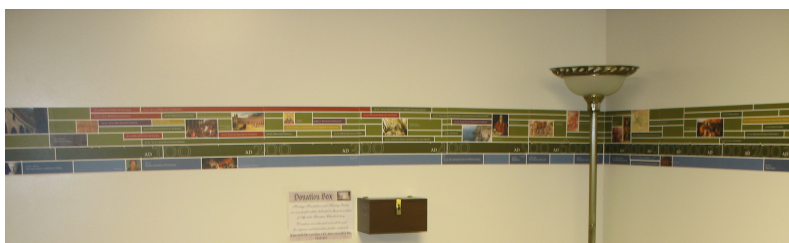
The timeline is a great teaching tool and can be used as a supplement to the Heritage of Faith church history course, or as a resource for anyone interested in Christian history. It is made up of 18 separate sheets and is available in two sizes. The large classroom-size timeline can be taped together using heavy-duty tape on the back side of the sheets and placed in its entirety on a classroom wall. The smaller size can be taped together and used as a desktop visual with accordion folds.

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(complete set is 24 ft. long).....\$25.00 plus shipping

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Large Classroom Timeline displayed at the Heritage Center

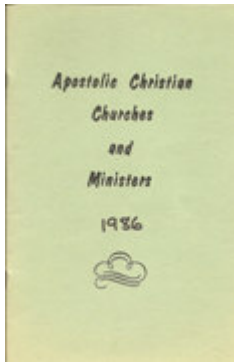
Have you ever wished you could pick up your *Stories of Faith and Courage* books and read just the accounts that occurred in the 1800's? Perhaps you want to read all the stories from Yugoslavia? Reference charts are now available for all three volumes of *Stories of Faith and Courage*. The stories have been categorized into alphabetical, chronological, geographical, sequential by volume, and topical lists. These free charts are available at the Heritage Center, or you may also request copies by emailing curricularesources@juno.com.

Do you have . .

Zion's Harp collection

According to a thesis on the history of the *Zion's Harp*, there are 14 versions of this sacred hymnal. Eight of them were published in Europe, and six of them were published in America. We are missing the four oldest editions. If you have any and are willing to loan them to the Heritage Center, please contact Darcy Stoller.

1. 1853-54 *Neue Zionsharfe*
2. 1864 *Neue Zionsharfe*.
3. 1869 *Neue Zionsharfe*.
4. 1879 *Neue Zionsharfe*.



The Heritage Center is creating a collection of **Apostolic Christian Churches and Ministers** books. The editions we need yet are:

- 1945 (original, not the "anniversary edition")
- 1950
- 1953
- 1956
- 1959
- 1971

If you have any of these editions that you are willing to donate, please contact Darcy Stoller at drstoller@juno.com or (309) 242-2257

Historic Sermon Project

The Heritage Center is still collecting printed sermons of deceased ministers from America or Europe, which we plan to organize in a searchable database in digital format. In the future, visitors to the Heritage Center will be able to select sermons for printing or copying to a CD for reading at home. Please include as much information for each sermon as you know, including the minister, date, church, and special event if applicable (i.e. funeral service).

Please send COPIES ONLY of any sermons you might be willing to share to:
Heritage Center Foundation, c/o Sally Fehr, 605 N. Fourth Street, Fairbury, IL 61739

Sermons may also be scanned and e-mailed to: jstoller@fairpoint.net. (PDF format only, please).

Did you know. . .

- “God’s Exaltation” #101, written prior to 1518, is the oldest hymn **text** in the *Zion’s Harp*.
- “Jesus Lives!” #120 is the oldest hymn **music** in the *Zion’s Harp* dating to a 12th century melody.

(Taken from The Origin, Content, and Development of the *Zion’s Harp* Hymnal of the Apostolic Christian Church of America by Robert E. Moser)

“The *Zion’s Harp* is not the oldest hymnal in the world, but it is by far the most doctrinal. A hymnal reflects a church’s soundness of faith.” --Henry Beer

A selection from history

The following words were spoken at a funeral service by Bro. Noah Schrock on **October 29, 1955:**

We know that God’s plan of salvation is oftentimes referred to as a mystery. It occurs to me that one of the greatest mysteries, and one that I am not able to explain, is in that it has pleased Him to entrust such weighty work to weak, fallible men. Even in times of old He had in Israel faithful leaders and shepherds, prophets, and kings, and He has pursued that same course in the New Testament times, to use, as mentioned, mortal men to teach and to look after and to provide for, in the spiritual sense, His people here on earth. He could have commissioned, perhaps, angels; He could have ordered it that they would have appeared here among us, and that they would teach God’s people. But in that perhaps God would not be so much glorified as when out of weakness some good can come to the honor and praise of His name.

Own a Piece of History

The HCF has an excess of German *Zion’s Harps* and *Heft* “long book” hymnbooks. Both German books were used exclusively in Apostolic Christian churches until English translations were published. If you are interested in obtaining one, contact Sally Fehr at (815) 692-3407 or sfehr@fairviewhaven.org.

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If you do not wish to receive future newsletters from the Heritage Center Foundation, you may remove your name by emailing or calling the phone number listed above.

Remarkable Response

Thank you to the generous donors who responded to our request for financial assistance and made possible the further printing of *Stories of Faith and Courage*.

Tax deductible contributions can be sent to the Heritage Center Foundation, 605 N. Fourth Street, Fairbury, IL 61739, c/o Sally Fehr. Money given to this cause is used to cover printing costs for various projects and to purchase library equipment and supplies.

“God’s Exaltation”
Zion’s Harp #101, verses 1 and 8

Our great God, we praise Thee now,
Lauding Thee with exultation;
The whole earth before Thee bows
And adores Thy great creation.
As Thou, Lord, hast been of yore,
Thou wilt stay forevermore.

Graciously behold Thy flock;
Help and bless Thy heirs forever.
Lead us in Thy righteous paths;
From the enemy deliver.
Hear our earnest pray’r and plea:
Lord, Thy coming we would see.

Where is the Heritage Center?

The HCF is located in the basement of Fairview Haven Nursing Home
(Fairview Suites) at 605 N. Fourth St. in Fairbury. Enter in the north doors
facing the church, take the elevator to the basement, and it is three doors
down on the right.

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