

Church

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The church constructed its first chapel on 2.5 acres bordering Mill Creek in 1925.

After its win in court, Turner Christian Church started Turner Memorial Home as a retirement community and made it a separate legal entity in 1933.

The church used Davis' estate to found what is now Turner Retirement Homes, and the two entities have maintained strong ties.

"It's always been close, the church and the home," said Veva Hall, a member since the 1960s. "We have always been close."

Helping the community

Since early in the church's history, it has banded together to help the community around Turner, especially to people who aren't members of the church.

In 1962, the home of Turner's first po-

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lice chief, John Rose, burned to the ground, and he was hospitalized for several weeks with injuries.

The church took up an offering of \$217.50 to help support his family that had no formal connection to the church.

It continues to assist the community by assisting those who need help paying Turner city water bills, assisting students in the Cascade School District, hosting the Turner-area food bank, support for Marion County Victims Assistance fund and welcome baskets to all new residents of Turner.

"We don't necessarily stop to think why we do it or we're doing anything special because we've always done it," said Mary Page, a church member since 1958. "We try to serve the community

and reach out to it and try not to exclude anyone."

The current building on Turner Road

The 1925 building needed maintenance and was limited in space, and discussions began in 1983 about a new church building.

It did a land swap with Turner Retirement Homes in 1987 for 8.4 acres in east Turner and built the first building on its current location.

"When we built these new buildings, I think the total money was I think \$350,000, and that was all donated," said Hank Rusten, a member since 1976.

The former Turner Christian Church

building is now apartments at the Turner Retirement Home.

The flood of 1996 damaged the newly installed sanctuary carpet at Turner Christian Church, but the members were able to dry the carpet and fix the minor damage. The flood of 2007 caused more extensive damage.

"It had really done damage and we had to take the drywall about 16 inches up," Rusten said. "We had to replace the carpets in the nursery and the sanctuary hall. We had volunteers that tore out all the old, wet sheetrock."

The church survived those episodes and has continued to grow to the point its preschool is at capacity and is looking to expand again.

Celebrating the church's centennial is about the church celebrating its longevity, but it's also a chance to recognize what good it has done in its community.

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Attendance

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Dyer said attendance is one of the biggest indicators of continued academic success as children go through school.

"I think honestly, really it feels nice that our kids work really hard at Cloverdale and the parents also work really hard at getting their kids here," Dyer said.

Cloverdale is one of three elementary schools in the Cascade School District. The district has an attendance officer who meets with principals from the district's schools weekly.

Dyer said Cloverdale recognizes students for perfect attendance in each trimester.

"We have a couple kids fighting to never miss a day of school k through 5," Dyer said.

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Cloverdale Elementary School students gather in a recreational field, a former patch of weeds and marshland that was groomed by community members, businesses and donations so it could be used playing games. Each person who donated time and equipment will be presented with a framed copy of the photo during a brief assembly at the school on Monday, June 12. COURTESY OF CASCADE SCHOOL DISTRICT





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