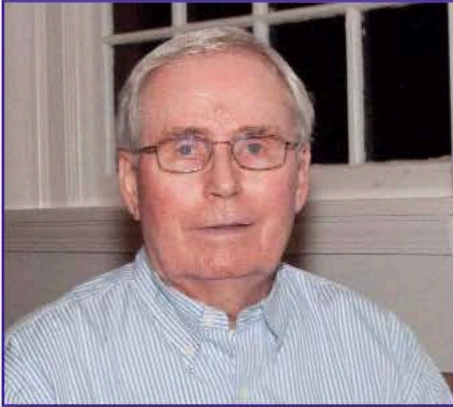


# Christ Church Looks Back

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This year *The Vineyard* is helping the parish family celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of Christ Church on Patterson Street by looking back at historical documents from 1948-1949. The February edition reprinted the program from the laying of the church cornerstone in September 1948 and included a list of items placed in the cornerstone. Now, in March, *The Vineyard* reproduces the Minutes of the Vestry meeting of September 5, 1948. Those Minutes, though brief, provide considerable specific information about the church construction project.

The document identifies the architect as Mr. Greer. Other materials in the parish records confirm that he was, in fact, Lloyd Greer, one of Valdosta's most eminent architects of the past. The contractor is listed as Mr. Tinker, who was found to be the owner of Tinker Concrete Company of Macon. Jerome Tillman, then Senior Warden, provides a concise review of the financial status of the building project and warns that the

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## Christ Episcopal Church Valdosta.

Regular Meeting of the Vestry—Sept. 5th, 1948

Services held at 11 A.M., with meeting immediately following. Present were: Messrs White, Tillman, Morrison, Dawson, Robinson and Macks, with Messrs Caldwell and Goodin also present.

Mr. Tillman gave a review of the building situation, showing our exact position--\$28,187.15 on hand, with \$23000.00 coming from the Bishop. It is not enough for our purposes, and we must add to our funds, especially securing payment of promises and unpaid pledges. We need \$2136 to actually complete the building (without assembly hall) and another \$5 to 7000 for furniture and fixtures.

Mr. Macks advised construction bond had been placed and issued, covering performance of Mr. Tinker, the contractor.

Rev. White reported that final plans had been made and accepted for the larger and more efficient kitchen, as decided upon by the ladies and the building committee. Hardware and lighting fixtures will be chosen by the Rector and [the architect] Mr. [Lloyd] Greer.

Rev. White emphasized the necessity of close cooperation of all in the actual operation of the Church, not only the small group of "Old Faithfuls" – real assistance needed from all of the congregation.

Mr. Dawson was appointed superintendent of the Sunday School with Mr. Fry assisting.

Rev. White advised that the old cornerstone of the former Church building had been cleaned and re-engraved and was ready to be set. It was decided to hold the ceremony on Friday the tenth, with Mr. Goodin acting as deputy for the Bishop.

Being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Robert G. Macks  
Clerk of the Vestry

money available "is not enough for our purposes." He points out the approximate sum needed to complete construction "without assembly hall," meaning the present parish hall, and to pay for "furniture and fixtures." Consequently, the raising of additional funds was necessary. Future editions of *The Vineyard* will use other documents to show how the needed money was found and the entire construction job, including the parish hall, was completed.