

Tribute to the Old White Chapel

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It is difficult for us to part with the things that we have learned to love. The tug



of nostalgia is powerful; the invisible fibers of memory that bind us to the past are like strands in a cable and are not easily severed.



Heartwarming

reflections on thrilling events - - beautiful episodes and mental savoring of gospel gems - - will linger a lifetime.

It was in our beautiful White Chapel that we received messages of inspiration from numerous General Authorities - - many of whom have passed on. We have watched many Stake Presidencies, Bishoprics, High Councils, and officers and teachers of auxiliary organizations use their time and talents in the Lord's service.

Isn't it marvelous to ponder about the wise, patient, dedicated ward and stake leadership that encouraged us to accept assignments? These responsibilities have helped transform our attitudes, abilities and outlook for a bright future of service and happiness.

It was in the White Chapel that many of us were motivated to discover dormant abilities and sample the joy of service. We have learned to lead, to follow, to participate, to teach, to sing, to entertain and be joyful as we learned to put the gospel in action in our own lives.

Isn't it gratifying, although we are always reluctant to part with the past, that we as members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, can look forward with exuberance to a bright future of constant growth, change and progression!

May we greet the dawn of a new era of growth with a radiance of spirit; an eager stride in our step and a constant wonderment of, and gratitude for, God's glorious bounties!

Editor's Note: It's hard to get used to the empty place on the corner of Main and State Streets where the Old White Chapel stood for 45 years. The chapel was built in 1940 for the membership of the Hurricane North Ward and was later used by other wards, including our Fifth Ward. Church officials determined that the building should be torn down and we have all been watching that process during the last few weeks. Those using the building are now meeting in the newly completed three-ward chapel in Riverview Estates.