

CENTENNIAL TIMES

One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.

Psalm 145:4

CHRISTMAS "ALIVE"

- Imogene Hefner

Christmas was a service never to be forgotten. All the children wanted a speech to recite. Some were lucky to be in the play as angels, shepherds or Wise Men. Each age group had their own song to memorize and sing. We practiced long to make it just right, and on Christmas Eve the church would be filled. After the service, each child received a paper bag filled with candy, nuts and fruit. It truly was a "treat" because we only got some of these things at Christmas! The beautiful cedar tree and other decorations, along with carols and Christmas readings, made the story of Jesus' birth come alive for all of us.



*The Word became flesh
and dwelt among us.*

-John 1:14

FURTHER REMEMBRANCES OF MRS. LULA LAIL

- Pinkie Eckard

Because all parts had to be memorized, rehearsals for the Sunday School Christmas Program always started the Sunday after Thanksgiving. I remember that during the time of Christmas practice, which was always held at 2:00pm on Sundays, Mrs. Lail, who was so devoted to her class that she felt the need to be at every rehearsal, would come home with Ozzie and me for lunch so that she would be able to attend practice. This was after the death of her husband, John, and she had no transportation.