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Ground broken for 2 new churches in area

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Sunday for new buildings for Quayle United Methodist Church in Salina, and for Temple Church, a non-denominational fellowship of rural Gypsum. Both have unusual histories.

Bid-letting has yet to be set for the Quayle building. The church is being relocated from 911 Birch to a 5-lot site at Cypress and Comanche streets. The present structure is a house converted for church use when the former black congregation relocated from North Salina to become interracial.

The decision to build was made, after church officials from local to Kansas West conference level agreed the congregation can make a special contribution toward interracial understanding, cooperation and community service.

The new Quayle structure will be a one-story building with basement. Worship and classroom facilities will be on the ground floor, and fellowship hall and classroom areas in the basement.

A rural setting

Construction begins this week on the rural Temple Church 4 miles southwest of Gypsum near the Dickinson-Saline county line.

Ted Lindgren, Assaria, has the contract for the frame building with brick veneer. The design made by a church member, War-

ren Redden, calls for auditorium with 100-seat capacity, 5 regular classrooms and a multi-purpose room which can serve as classroom, sanctuary overflow and fellowship hall, with kitchen adjacent. Don Ade, Gypsum, is chairman of the church board and building committee.

Many rural churches are closing as membership declines, but Temple Church is growing "because people are looking for answers, find that the Bible has them, and look for a place where the Word of God is taught", said the Rev. Dennis Mullins, pastor.

From New York

The congregation, one of 2 of its kind in the United States, was started 85 years ago by German emigrants from New York state, who selected Gypsum as the site for a new colony. The building was completed in March, 1886, a year after the settlers came to Saline county.

The 85-year-old building will be removed when the new structure is completed in 3 to 4 months. Equipment and furnishings were bought in recent years and will be retained. The old church bell, which also sounded at noontime during the week, recently was rediscovered, and will be kept.

Temple Church



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