



**LIGHTHOUSE DELIVERANCE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST  
GRAND PRAIRIE SIGNIFICANT LANDMARK  
Site Medallion No. 54  
1913 WE Roberts St.**

After moving to the Dalworth area of Grand Prairie in 1944, the Lord placed a burden of souls on the heart of Pastor W.E. Roberts for the people living in the Dalworth Area.

In 1945 the work began with two or more families from the community, with prayer services and Bible studies held from house to house. According to Dr. Roberts they also conducted revivals on porches of the two or three families.

In the spring of 1945 the first building was built at 1913 Sherman St. The building was 20'x24' in size. The first service in that building is estimated to have been on June 1, 1945. It was through praying and fasting that the Lord began to bless and souls were added to the church from the results of our faith.

About 1950 continuing with the blessing of God , the need for a larger building became apparent with the faithful membership the building was enlarged to 28'x44', and we purchased the lot on the east side of the church.

With membership continuing to grow, in 1955 we again enlarged our church building to size of 36'x70', this time we made the Grand Prairie Daily News, and the new foundation was poured around the existing building and the walls erected while we still had service in the old building.

It is estimated that in 1969 we enlarged our building to 36'x90' adding a dining room, ladies lounge, nursery, finance office, and pastor's study.

Somewhere between 1976 and 1979 we purchased the lots on the west side of the church and added to front of our church a vestal view. This was a great improvement as it gave us a chance to check ourselves out before entering into the sanctuary.

In 1988 we added a fourth phase: the present fellowship hall, new pastor's study, remodeled the old dining room, and purchased 1921 Sherman Street.

Still growing in 1994 we purchased 1901 Sherman St. going with vision of the founder and pastor with the intention of building a new sanctuary on this lot.

Keeping with the vision of continuing growth, the Lord put in the heart of Dr. Roberts to incorporate Lighthouse Church of God in Christ, we then became Lighthouse Deliverance Church of God in Christ.

In the sixty years we have been established, the Lord has called many of our members from labor to reward. In April 2003, the Lord added to that reward list our founder Dr. W.E. Roberts and in September 2004 he added Mother Juanita Roberts.

In June 2003 God sent us a pastor after His own heart, Elder C.V. Simpkins, Jr. and now after 60 years Lighthouse is still vibrant and moving forward in ministry.