

Meetings At St. Paul's Church

(1956 till Present)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 800 North 'A' Street, has provided a large functional room for AA meetings continually for over 52 years. Our move to here, once again, was prompted by typical AA dissatisfaction.



Bob Murphy explains from his AA memoirs:

I always felt that we had a good Group when we moved to the American Bank Building, however it was not too awfully long until there were some mixed feelings among some of the members and there was a division within the Richmond Group of A.A.

Some of the members moved to a Room in the Leland Hotel, some moved to a room in a Parish House at north 10th. and "A" Street.

It was not too long after those who moved to the Leland Hotel found that this arrangement was not Ideal and so they went on the Search again for other Meeting quarters.

The Group that moved from the Leland Hotel was able to find a very nice Family Room in the St. Paul's Episcopal Church located at 800 North "A" Street.

At first the Meetings here were held on Wednesday Evening, then at the time I was a Member of a Camera Club which met on Wednesday Eve. and I found it hard to attend both Meetings on a regular Schedule.

It was not to long after this problem came up when the Group decided to change the day of the Meeting to Tuesday Nite.

This Group still meets here at the St. Paul Episcopal Church, and has since changed its name to the Tues-Nite Fellowship of A.A.

The Tue-Nite Fellowship Of AA Group became one of Richmond's largest groups. Among those who started this group were Red Anderson and Bob Murphy. A few regular attendees were Jerry Markey, Cecil P. and Maxine Adams.

The big yearly function of this group was their Thanksgiving Dinner, where they would import circuit speakers such as Charlie Martin, from Indianapolis. The attendance would fill the large room with fifty to sixty AAs and their families.

In the early 1990s problems arose with court-ordered people; some were simply misbehaved teenagers who naturally caused continual disturbance and others who were unhappy to have been forced there. One fine day most of the older members stopped coming and it appeared that this once large meeting would be no more; luckily, the following group took over the room . . .(next page)