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For nearly half of its 100 years, Birmingham has had Christian Science Church services. Starting out in 1895 as a small group of people who met to pray, the church expanded and eventually built a beautiful sanctuary on the corner of Woodward and Maple.

With the recent population growth in the Birmingham area and the resulting increase in the congregation and Sunday School enrollment, the facilities soon became overcrowded. Two complete sessions of church and Sunday School were instituted in October, 1936, to accommodate the larger audiences.

In 1946, it was decided to renovate and remodel the existing building rather than move to a new location. Purchase of the property adjacent to the rear of the church provided the additional space for this expansion.

The first step was a one-story addition to the Sunday School, doubling its capacity. Remodeling of the church was begun in May, 1946, and during the remodeling period, services were held in the Community House. Sunday School classes met in the already finished addition.

The project was completed in March of 1947, and members returned to the enlarged church which was redecorated, reorganized and refurbished throughout. Regular Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services and Sunday School for pupils up to 20 years of age are held. In addition, church annual sponsors several sessions on Christian Science by members of the board of Lecturers of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Mass., which are open to the public.

The church also maintains a Reading Room at 395 S. Maple where the Bible and Christian Science literature are available for reading, borrowing or purchase.

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