

The Chicago Temple Timeline

1915, January 11	The Chicago Methodist Church Aid Society (Aid Society) is incorporated
1915, June 23	The Aid Society takes possession of the First Methodist Episcopal Church building and property
1920, February 5	Church Trustees authorize the Aid Society to purchase 21 and 27 North Clark Street
1921, September 27	Church Trustees request the Aid Society to consider the name “City Temple” for the new building
1922, March 30	The new building now is being referred to as the “Chicago Temple”
1922, April 30	A farewell service to the fourth building (the Methodist Church Block) is held
1922, May 1	Demolition of the fourth building begins; worship services are moved to Powers’ Theatre (124 West Randolph Street)
1922, November 5	The cornerstone is laid. Participants include Mayor William H. Thompson and General Charles G. Dawes
1922, December 2	The first wedding (Edward G. Crotty and Mabel E. Aberdeen) is held in the unfinished building
1922, December 20	Chicago City Council authorizes an exception to the city building code in order to erect the tower
1923, May 1	Office portion of the building opens to tenants
1923, October 6	The cross atop the spire is installed
1924, March 1	Installation of pews is completed
1924, May 11	Worship services are moved to Cohan’s Grand Opera House (119 North Clark Street)
1924, June	Second floor rose window is installed
1924, August	Sanctuary decoration is completed
1924, September 21	Last worship service is held at Cohan’s Grand Opera House
1924, September 28	Chicago Temple is officially dedicated
1924, October 5	Norman Wait Harris Memorial Organ is dedicated
1925, December 7	Cross on top of the spire is officially lit by President Calvin Coolidge
1935, April 21	Turner Memorial Chimes dedicated
1950, January	Tower parsonage completed
1952, December 28	Chapel in the Sky dedicated
1955, September 25	First mortgage paid off and burned