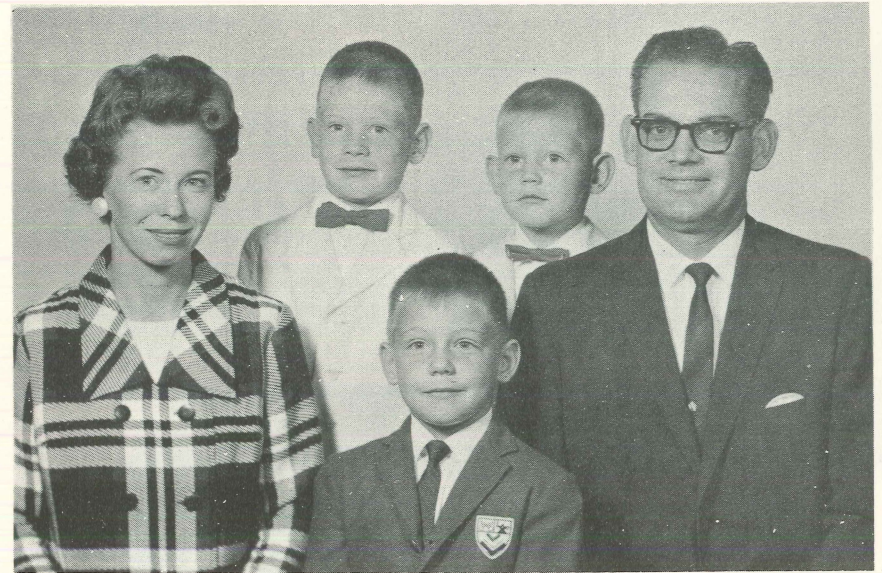


*Cameron, Missouri
Baptist Church*



1866-1966 100 Years of
SPIRITUAL GROWTH



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR AND FAMILY

It is with deep gratitude in our hearts that we have been allowed to join you in this momentous occasion. We are grateful for the privilege of working with you; we are grateful for God's love and goodness to us. Let us look back to a century of progress with great anticipation and hope that the future will bring even greater experiences because we accepted the challenges and promises of God.

Our family is happy to serve you, to help and to be a blessing where we can. We congratulate you on your faithfulness to the church, and to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May we labor together in greater love and faith throughout the years to come so all may come to know Christ as Saviour and Lord.

*Herbert G. Clinton
Helen, Gregory Keim, Dougie*

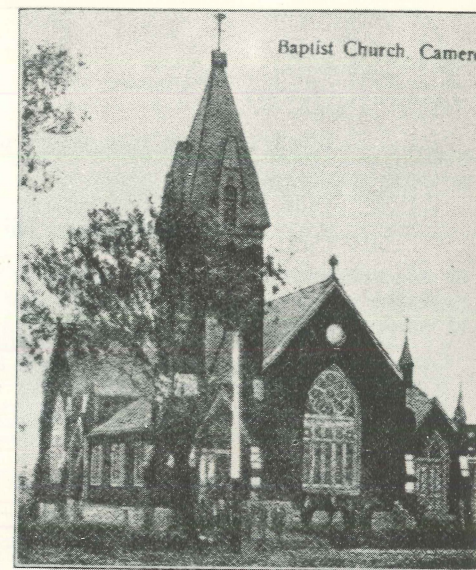


CAMERON BAPTISTS FIRST CHURCH

In 1868, Cameron Baptists joined with the Presbyterians and built the above sketched meeting house on the corner of Fourth and Orange Streets at a cost of about \$3,000.00. Later, they bought the Presbyterians interests in the building. It was dedicated in 1878. The dedication sermon was preached by the Reverends Pope Yeaman and J. H. Garnett. This building served until 1891.

CAMERON FIRST BAPTIST 1891 - 1959

In 1890, the church purchased a lot on the corner of Fourth and Chestnut Streets. The following year a new house of worship was erected at a cost of \$10,000.00. The debt was paid in full in 1899. It is now the Masonic Temple.



CAMERON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENT AND FUTURE

Cameron Baptists are proud of the new church built in 1959 at a cost of \$200,000. The present building is located on East Ford Street between Walnut and Chestnut Streets. Dedication services were held at the site in 1955. Ground breaking was in 1958.

HISTORY OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Cameron, Missouri

One hundred years ago this month in August, 1866, a group of Christians decided it was time to start a Baptist Church in Cameron. With a nucleus of twelve people led by W. W. Wheeler, Israel Christy, and Joseph Yates, a church was organized. They began to worship in the old school house, but later moved to the roomier Smith School on East Fourth Street.

In 1868, they joined with the Presbyterians and built a meeting house on the corner of Fourth and Orange Streets. The cost was about \$3,000.00. Two or three years later, they purchased the Presbyterian's interests in the building. It was dedicated in 1878. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Reverends Pope Yeaman and J. H. Garnett.

On October 20, 1871, a great fire occurred in Cameron destroying about forty homes and businesses. Among the homes destroyed was that of the church clerk, Samuel Matthis, which contained all of the church records. A new set of records was written from memory. Reverend Robert Livingston was pastor at that time.

Support of the minister and expenses of the church were made by subscriptions and donations. When a member was in arrears, he was promptly reminded. Dinners and bazaars as well as other fund raising events were held. Eventually the church became convinced that this was not the Biblical manner to support the Lord's work. The pastor's salary was very small - even for that time - \$450.00 annually. Recalling that this was during the difficult times following the Civil War, it is not surprising that the debt to the Presbyterians was slow in payment. At one time, the church organ was taken to Plattsburg and sold at sheriff's sale for \$50.00 to satisfy the debt.

Discipline in the early days of the church was very strict. Exclusions from membership were made for drinking, profanity, telling falsehoods, walking disorderly, and immoral conduct. Continued absence from services also was reason for exclusion.

The first baptism in the church was March, 1872. By 1874, there were ninety members.

This has always been a missionary minded church. In 1867, the church joined the North Liberty Baptist Association, and was faithful in giving to home, state, and foreign missions. Clinton County Association

was organized in 1922. The church still remains a member. The Women Missionary Society first appeared in North Liberty Association notes in 1902. The present WMU was organized in 1918.

Having outgrown the first building, the church purchased a lot in 1890 on the corner of Fourth and Chestnut Streets. During the following year under the pastorate of Reverend J. B. Denham, a new house of worship was erected at a cost of \$10,000.00. This debt was fully paid by 1899. The pastor's salary at that time was \$600.00 annually.

By 1904, the membership had increased to one hundred fifty-four.

In 1917, during the pastorate of Reverend J. T. Parker, the need for more room was felt. A basement was dug under the church allowing room for more educational facilities, a dining hall, and kitchen. The first budget was set-up in 1917. 1921 marked the beginning of the Every Member Canvas.

Our first parsonage was located at Fifth and Nettleton Streets. It was given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Lou Close in 1935. This home was later traded in on the home on East Fifth Street. The latter remained the parsonage until 1966 when the present parsonage was purchased on North Nettleton Street.

The first Vacation Bible School was held in 1938.

During the pastorate of Reverend T. M. Estes in 1941, the 75th Anniversary of the church was observed.

With the growth of the Sunday School and church membership, the need was again felt for more room. In 1951, while Reverend Fred Terry was pastor, plans were made to remodel and enlarge the church building. Plans were also considered to erect a new building on the same location. The membership had increased to 355. Later it was decided to build on a different, less crowded site. A lot on East Ford Street was purchased for \$1,500.00, and dedication services were held at the new site on May 1, 1955. Ground-breaking ceremonies were observed on January 12, 1958, conducted by Reverend Marvin Hughes. Actual construction of the present edifice was begun in January, 1958. The church had \$50,000.00 in the building fund. Bonds were issued and sold to raise the additional capital needed for the \$250,000.00 building.

The first service in the new building was held on May 10, 1959 in the form of a short "House Dedication". Formal dedication was held on November 15, 1959. The sermon was presented by Dr. W. Ross Edwards,

A LOOK AT THE CHURCH'S PROGRESS

	1906	1931	1945	1955	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
CHURCH MEMBERS	141	233	164	291	331	311	329	411	422	410	429	447	476
BAPTISM	14	26	7	13	37	20	11	20	27	6	20	18	25
TOTAL ADDITIONS	20	62	19	31	71	37	38	53	56	22	44	50	44
SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	122	255	173	442	462	390	390	437	495	512	528	524	530
SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	80	104	79	185	181	200	218	257	262	242	290	283	253
T. U. ENROLLMENT	0	36	35	73	89	66	75	0	67	32	0	0	0
T. U. AVERAGE	0	0	0	38	41	46	49	0	30	10	0	0	0
W. M. U.	0	46	78	79	104	110	0	157	122	98	159	155	157
BROTHERHOOD	0	0	0	30	45	53	0	0	68	32	28	44	34
FOREIGN MISSION GIFTS	\$31.50	\$26.44	\$49.29	\$59.75	\$108.81	\$127.23	\$112.07	\$161.90	\$202.60	\$315.00	407.80	498.58	533.38
TOTAL MISSION GIFTS	\$122.50	\$515.93	\$902.46	\$3,056.65	\$3,348.99	\$4,089.87	\$2,102.15	\$851.94	\$756.63	\$786.61	658.75	1,300.82	1,742.88
TOTAL GIFTS FOR ALL PURPOSES	\$1,257.23	\$3,341.04	4,240.23	\$18,917.80	\$17,918.40	\$17,293.77	\$23,573.18	\$28,679.22	\$34,741.43	35,921.65	35,196.78	38,674.00	42,558.79
NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS	29	0	115	53	69	75	75	106	100	117	134	146	129

CENTENNIAL FOOTNOTES

RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP

Allen, Bertha
Allen, Gene
 Peggy
 Susan
Alley, Marjorie
 Gayla Faye
Anderson, John
 Lorene
 Johnny
 Mary
Anderson, Ida
Baber, Bess
Bacon, Lloyd
 Dorothy
 Cheryl
 Kay
Bacon, Elsie
Baker, James
 Madge
 Frances
Barker, Charles
Barnett, Rex
 Anna
Baron, Lillian
Bates, Lucille
 Gary
 Charles
Beam, Clyde
 Una
 Una (Miss)
Beavers, Jennings
 Corinne
 J. B.
Beckwith, Nell
Belk, Iva Ruth
Belknap, Dean
Benson, Glenn
 Imogene
 Paula
 Glenda
Blair, Donald
 Betty
Boosinger, Della
Botts, Jennings
Boyce, Ida
Brady, Orville, Jr.
Bray, William
 Sharon
Bray, Thomas
 Jean
Brown, Thomas
 Helen
Brown, Lloyd
 Gertrude
Bruening, Maude
Burnett, Myrtle
Burton, Coleen
Burns, Iva
Butcher, Leonard
 Mabel
Butcher, Irene
 Randall
Caldwell, Emeril
 Mary
 Carol
Callaway, Elvin
 Ada
Campbell, Oren
 Marthalene
 Beverly
Casper, Sarah
Chapman, Lawrence
 Carol
 Kevin
Christian, Thomas
 Ruth
Christman, Edna
Clark, Ruth
Clevenger, John
 LaVada
Clevenger, Linda
Clinton, Herbert
 Helen
Collins, Cornelia
Collins, Robert
 Lois
 Robert
Combs, Clifford
 Madge
Cooper, Charles
 Ruth
Corn, Bertha
Craven, Neil
 Louise
Creason, David
 Ida
Curtis, James
 Evelyn
 Angela
 Rebecca
 Barbara
Curtis, Catherine
Curtis, Carmen
Curtis, Orville
 Emma
Darby, Walter
 Mary
Daugherty, Roy
 Ruth
Davis, Richard
Derstler, Clara

Resident Membership Continued

Dice, Elmer
 Pauline
 Drake, Gene
 Sharon
 Drinnin, Andrew
 Constance
 David
 Sharada
 Dunaway, Ray
 Dunlap, Walter
 Flonnie
 Eckerson, Ruby
 Barbara
 Patty
 Edwards, Harold
 Lou Gene
 Nick
 Steve
 Edwards, Virginia
 Edwards, Judy
 Elliott, Mamie
 Emery, Maurine
 Ensign, Shirley
 Ensign, Rita
 Feighert, Dan
 Feighert, John
 Feltis, Dorothy
 Filley, Dinah
 Filley, Doris
 Filley, Tena
 Fisher, Ruth
 Rosemary
 LeRoy
 Flanders, Mack
 Renfro
 Flanders, Benny
 Yvonne
 Francis, Oscar
 Martha
 Fuller, Bessie
 Galbreath, Ruth
 Garnant, Omisha
 Gatenby, Marjorie
 Virginia
 Gates, Marilyn
 Gates, Stephen
 Gibson, Imogene
 Goodman, Billie Jo
 Gordon, Bennie
 Delores
 Larry
 Gordon, Elmer
 Roberta
 Ronald
 Grady, Mrs. Lowell

Grady, Thomas
 Grass, Arthur
 Gray, Eugene
 Green, Harold
 Helen
 Shirley
 Green, Virgil
 Griffin, Melvin
 Billie
 Marsha
 Griffin, Walter
 Ava
 Groebe, Kathryn
 Grove, Marvin
 Erma
 Grove, David
 Jean
 Hahn, Mary Ann
 Hahn, Edna
 Linda
 Dale
 Bill
 Hahn, Pamela
 Harris, Blenda
 Harris, George
 Harter, Ollie
 Juanita
 Dianne
 Hatcher, Beryl
 Richard
 Hatcher, Francis
 Debbie
 Hawkins, Eli
 Nellie
 Hawkins, Winifred
 Hawkins, Eldon
 Stephen
 Sandra
 Hills, William
 Sherrill
 Hoard, Faye
 Dale
 Hocklander, Roy
 Lillian
 Sandra
 Ruth
 Holley, Arch
 Dorothy
 Melvin
 Gary
 Hosman, Edna
 Huffman, Marshall
 Lucille
 Jenkins, Nellie

Resident Membership Continued

Jewett, Claude
 Betty
 Carol
 Patricia
 Carl
 Johnson, George
 Helen
 Jones, Sylvia
 Jones, Richard
 Eva
 Kemper, Adelaide
 Kemper, Virginia
 King, Edna
 Cathy
 King, Lyndon
 King, JoAnn
 Kirkpatrick, Gerald
 Edna
 Robert
 Kordes, Mary
 Kresse, Ruth
 Kromeich, Leah
 Leach, Charles
 Mary Lou
 Lee, Minnie
 Lewis, Jeannine
 Rhonda
 Lewis, John
 Lister, Linda
 Lister, Wyvetta
 Long, Mildred
 Lowe, J. Brooks
 Flo
 Lunsford, Ada
 McGinnis, Raymond
 Ella
 Mary
 McKee, Doak
 Helen
 McLarty, Joyce
 McLaughlin, Violet
 McQueen, Virgil
 Lorene
 McVicker, Monty
 Grace
 Malloy, Martha
 Massey, Charles
 Marjorie
 Scott
 Ellen
 Mattox, Billie Doris
 Michael, Gene
 Fanny
 Joy
 Kay
 Terry
 Mills, Jessie
 Moody, Jack
 Beulah
 Wanda
 Moore, Margaret
 Moore, Charles
 Moran, Lottie
 Morgan, Frank
 Addie
 Morgan, Jack
 Coleen
 Moser, Charles
 Donna
 Steve
 Mullenix, Edna
 Murdock, Elva
 Murray, Cora
 Nelson, Ray
 Beverly
 Michael
 Nevius, Keith Scott
 Nicholson, Arlene
 O'Dell, James Rex
 O'Dell, Dixie
 Osborn, Maro
 Cleta
 Osborn, Kent
 Dorcas
 Overlay, Madison
 Fauna
 Owens, Gladys
 Owings, Clifford
 Dorothy
 Pearl, Clarice
 Pearson, Marilyn
 Peters, Lynda
 Phelps, Paul
 Dorothy
 Phillips, Joyce
 Piper, Helen
 Debbie
 Place, Gardie
 Jerry
 Thomas
 Mary Anne
 Place, Marion
 Lettie
 Pope, William
 Flo
 Posey, Ordell
 Mary
 Wanda
 Poynter, Dorothy
 Reed, Charles
 Eileen
 Charles, Jr.

Resident Membership Continued

Rhoad, Kenneth
 Maxine
 Janie
 Sue
 Rhodes, Danny
 Louise
 David
 Susan
 Rhoads, Helen
 Louise
 Rightmire, Dewey
 Sandra
 Warren
 Rogers, Herbert
 Dorothy
 Harold
 Rogers, Roy
 Ross, Mayme
 Sanders, Bessie
 Sandgreen, Alice
 Sears, Laree
 Seitz, Gene
 Hilda
 Charla
 Seitz, Sue
 Shelman, Linda
 Shelman, Larry
 Shelman, Rene
 Sigrist, June
 Silkwood, Myrtle
 Sims, Bonnie
 Dorothy
 Donna
 Slater, Linda
 Sloan, Sherry
 Sloan, Verla
 Sloan, Larry
 Sloan, Betty
 Smith, Harold
 Patricia
 Smith, Joseph
 Smith, Melvin
 Smith, Kathy
 Souders, Chester
 Carolyn
 David
 Spidle, Stephenie
 St. Clair, Mary
 Steeby, George
 Leta
 Stephens, Christine
 Stewart, William
 Irene
 Bill
 Stewart, Ray
 Pearl
 Stinson, Virgil
 Strong, Frank

Strong, Merlin
 Sykes, Janet
 Taylor, Richard
 Bobbie
 Albert J.
 Debbie
 Taylor, Carl
 Bessie
 Dwain
 Gary
 Debbie
 Taylor, Delphia
 Taylor, John
 Lyla
 Taylor, Morris
 Sadie
 Thomas, Virginia
 Thornton, Carolyn
 Thornton, Clara
 Troutner, Beverly
 Gary
 Terry
 Troutner, J. V.
 Elizabeth
 Troutner, Ross
 Trueblood, Delbert
 Mary
 Tunks, Magdaline
 Townsend, Lloyd
 Ulrich, Bessie
 Uthe, L. L.
 Patricia
 Utt, Elvin
 Norma
 Elvin, Jr.
 Bonnie
 Vasterling, William
 Anna
 Voris, Paul
 Eva
 Judy
 Russel
 Voyles, Ernest
 Lucille
 Vanderpool, Marvin
 Walker, Bobbie
 Virginia
 Walker, A. D.
 Eldon
 Walker, Clinton
 Ethel
 Woner, Mallie
 Young, Lula
 Young, Marie
 Zimmerman, Ethel

Resident Membership Continued

Walker, Barbara
 Patricia
 Walker, Ruth
 Paul
 Susan
 Walker, Larry
 Sharon
 Walker, Martha
 Walker, Herschel
 Georgia
 Ward, Leola
 Warden, Katherine
 Watson, Rachael
 Weddle, Leo
 Vera
 Whiteaker, John
 Wickizer, Carol
 Wilford, Ernest
 Williams, Mertie
 Wilson, Jack
 Maryln
 Wilson, Julie
 Witt, Ernest
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