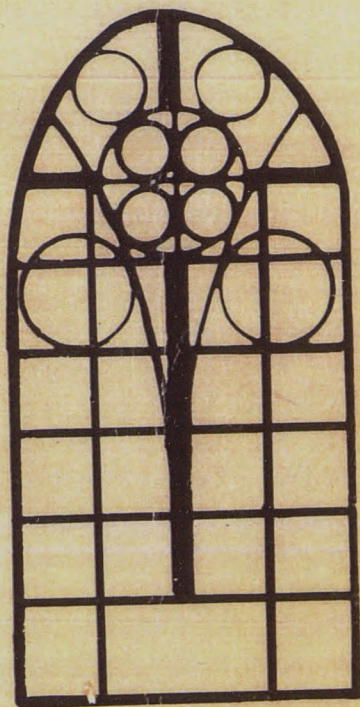


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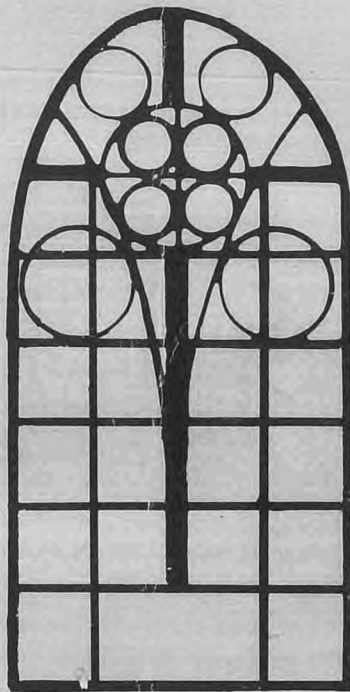


*I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the Lord.*

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CHAPTER III

CHURCHES OF DALLAS COUNTY

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The churches in Dallas County in the first generation were dominated by the Methodists, Baptists, Christians and Presbyterians.

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METHODISM IN DALLAS COUNTY

Reverend Wilbur Yeager, son of Reverend Elijah Yeager, was in 1930, 87 years of age, and this is what he said:

"My father, the Rev. Elijah Yeager, settled in the neighborhood of Bowers Chapel about the year 1838 when there were no church societies there, and started Methodism in that section. He taught school and preached all over the county. Even before the chapel was built there had been church services in that community. In 1837 or 1838 the M. E. Church South organized a church and built a small church on a knoll a little way from the present building.

"Methodist Episcopal Church South was started in 1848 and ran till 1862, when it was disbanded during the Civil War.

"When the Bowers Chapel was built in 1870, the church was designated Methodist Episcopal, dropping the term South. The cost of the building was \$1,000. The land belonged to my grandfather, E. Mikel Bower, and his son Emanuel and that is how the church got its name.

"The Bowers Chapel was the first Methodist Episcopal Church in the whole section. I think the first in either Dallas or Hickory Counties. (The earlier churches were M. E. South.)

"It was the center of the community at that time and from the time it was dedicated had quite a religious success.

"From that foundation or beginning Rev. Elijah Yeager, John R. Reser, Mrs. Virginia Andrews, Aaron Darby, the Rev.

James Reser, James Robertson, J. H. Vaughan and many other young men and women were trained. More than 15 young men went out into the ministry. Among them the Rev. Grant Reser, D.D. (became President of Marionville College; Rev. William Jasper Simmons, D.D. of St. Louis Conference, Rev. James Hall Glanville, Presbyterian, and C. W. Glanville, M. E. Church South." (End of quote by Rev. W. F. Yeager.)

Excerpts from Springfield paper:

"At one time it had a thriving busy membership of 250. Scores of prominent men and women in the ministry, medical and legal professions, as well as teachers and others have gone out from the Bowers Chapel church. It is one of the oldest buildings of any church in this region to have been used continuously since it was built in 1870. The observance of this celebration was in August 1930, a three weeks camp meeting held at the Chapel beginning August 18. Some of the charter members who attended the meeting were Uncle Wm. Darby, 88, of Urbana. Another who was not a member but contributed is Wm. L. Lopp. Also, Mrs. Isaac (Aunt Lucy) Reser, 84, Mrs. Annie Larose, all residents of that section. Since the organization of the church at Urbana and the improved transportation, it eventually absorbed the remaining members of Bowers Chapel.

This is a list of early Methodist ministers buried at Bowers Chapel cemetery: W. S. Asbury, B. Kitterman, Benjamin Millikan, Thomas Glanville, W. S. Hubbard; Charles C. Russell, James H. Slavens, Elijah Yeager, Wm. H. Reser, Basil E. Niblack, Moses or Daniel Darby.

The Urbana Methodist Church was organized soon after the Civil War.

Uncle Mat Reser was a licensed and local preacher of the Urbana area for many years. Rev. Jay Simmons in the early 1900's and Rev. Dave Simmons, his son, served several years.

Urbana Methodist Pastors: H. H. Bowman; Graves; T. H. Prall, in early 1920's Gordon Lockey; Carl A. Stevenson; N. E. Wood; F. W. Denton; G. L. Ferrensburg; J. M. Smoot; W. A. Wilson; Fred McClanahan; O. E. Patton; W. B. Hollingsworth;

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J. E. Jones; S. A. Gardner; Lynus Stevenson; Harold T. Urton; H. C. Spive; Tom Stribbling; Don Enright; E. E. Templeton; and Arthur C. Olson, present pastor.

A new church house was built in 1951 at a cost of \$27,500; the dedication was in 1952 by Bishop Holt. Present membership is approximately 150.

History of the Methodist Church at Buffalo from 1839-1964

The church was organized in a log school house just West of the present cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Horace Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Randleman, Mr. and Mrs. William Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Will Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Randleman, Mr. and Mrs. Williams were charter members of the church. The church, divided over slavery in 1844, Buffalo going M. E. South.

Pastors of Buffalo Methodist Church: W. D. Tuggle, 1843; James M. Pope, 1852; Eli H. Robertson, 1852-56; Hezekiah Harryman, 1857; James Fleming, 1858; G. W. Fisher, 1859; Anthony Bewley, Nelson Henry and Hezekiah Lithium all in 1861; H. B. Foster, 1862; Frank B. Reko 1863-64; W. W. Wood, 1865 of North Methodist; A. Barber, 1870; E. F. Wells, 1871; Isaac Entswick, 1872-75; A. Barber, 1876-77; H. Dalton, 1878; W. S. Hubbard, 1879; J. Miller, 1880-82; Isaac Swick, 1882-84; Wm. F. Yeager, 1885-86; E. H. Baird, 1886-87; Moses Anderson, 1887; A. J. Graves, 1888; H. C. Weeks, 1890-91; J. A. Murray, 1892; William J. Pyles, 1893; George Jacob Hunt, 1899; James B. Brewington, 1900; Joe J. Keenan 1901-04; Benjamin F. January, 1902-04; Frank P. Reno, 1904-06; Thomas T. Gidenon, 1906-07; C. B. Bryan, 1907; Peter Davies, 1910-11; E. Stanberg, 1911-12; C. C. Huli, 1912-13; C. V. Suter, 1913-15; J. W. Manuel, 1915-16; J. T. Carnett, 1916-18; F. B. Longnecker, 1918-20; H. G. Gardner, 1920-22; B. B. Bess, 1922-23; George M. Hansford, 1923-24; W. L. Requa, 1925-26-27; W. R. Dalton, 1928-29-30-31; John J. Taylor, 1932; William McNeill, 1933; J. R. McFarling, 1934; L. C. Thompson, 1935; Paul Antle, 1936-37-38-39; C. A. Stevenson, 1940-41; Ava Pitchford, 1942-43-44; W. L. Brandon, 1945-46-47; Ralph Hawkins, 1948; J. A. Hutchinson, 1949; V.

Carl Hickman, 1950-51; H. J. Rand, 1952; W. E. Crawford, 1953-54-55; R. L. Mobley, 1956; M. E. Marshall, 1957-58-59-60; George Meyer, 1961-62; H. Cash Wyble, 1963-64; Norman Logan, 1965-68; Wayne Jones 1968-71; Fredrick Zahn, 1971-

Fifty-four pastors between 1863-1964 at the Buffalo Methodist Church. In early days Methodists sponsored 15 classes in homes, schools and churches. All were in the Buffalo Circuit until 1888 when the Urbana circuit was organized.

BUFFALO METHODIST CHURCH

The beautiful Gothic style brick church now in use was erected in 1889 at the cost of around \$10,000. The trustees were George W. O'Bannon, Jacob Drake, Israel Olinger, F. A. Van Norman, S. S. Carr, T. J. Weatherby and W. L. Morrow, Sr. It is still in excellent condition and is one of the truly beautiful works of art in the city of Buffalo.

The Wesley Annex was added to the south in 1953 and was designed to carry out the architecture of the original building. It was dedicated in 1956 by Bishop Holt of the Missouri Conference, Robert Lehw, Supt. of Sedalia district and Rev. W. E. Crawford, pastor. The plan was organized by the pastor J. H. Rand who presented the plan for the building. In 1967 an educational building was added to the west of the annex providing needed classrooms for Church School classes and a fellowship room in the basement.

Many personal gifts from individuals and family memorials have added much to the beauty and comfort of the church. Rev. Fredrick Zahn is present pastor (1972) and active membership is around 250.

A new parsonage was built in 1956.

—Amanda Holt, Oct. 1972

The Church Grove Class was organized in 1845 by Robert Foster, at the residence of David Brundridge, with David Brundridge and wife, Catharine, Sarah and Samuel Williamson, Rebecca Maddux, Mary, Sarah and Melvina Fraker, Susan

Taylor, Mr. Hastings and Mr. Vinsant as constituent members. This class continued to worship at private homes and school houses until 1871, when its present frame edifice was erected at Church Grove, at a cost of \$1,000. The pastors have been as follows, viz.: R. Foster, 1845; John Wheeler 1846; Willard and Paul 1847; T. J. Smith, 1848; H. E. Smith 1849; J. C. Williams, 1850; M. Hawkins and D. C. O'Howell 1851; J. C. Williams, 1852; Green Woods, 1853; Samuel Bradley, 1854; S. Hadley, 1860; J. Monroe, 1868; Blakeley, 1870; C. Dryden and R. Baker, 1871; J. G. Mitchell, 1872 to 1876; C. Dryden, 1877; J. B. Landreth, 1878; J. A. Mathews, 1879; and since that time the pastors the same as Buffalo. Church Grove is southwest from Buffalo about seven miles.

A new chapel has been dedicated in 1973 as a union chapel.

Montgomery's Chapel, organized in 1872 by Rev. G. G. L. Mitchell. Membership 27. Four Mile, M. E. Church was organized in 1887. Membership 40. Elixir, five miles northeast of Urbana is served by Urbana pastors.

The Liberty Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in the year 1840, at the home of James Hughard, in the immediate vicinity of the present Liberty Church. Located about 3 miles southwest of Long Lane, Mo. The presiding minister was Rev. Glanville, Mr. James Hughard and wife, Mr. A. D. McHaffey and wife, and others were charter members.

For a number of years the people held their meetings in the old school house, which was then located just south of the Powell home on top of a hill.

In 1869 the church was reorganized. The Rev. C. F. Dryden officiating. S. J. Latimer and wife, A. Shook and wife, William Shook and wife, Isaac Miller, W. H. Ball and wife, John Miller, and many others were charter members.

The following year a building was erected across the road just southeast of the present building. Logs were hauled to the mill by ox teams. Later when the house needed repairs, the pine lumber was hauled on wagons from the pine mills in Arkansas and was tongue and grooved by C. M. Imhoof, a carpenter.

This church was dedicated on Oct. 20, 1873 by the presiding minister, Rev. C. P. Jones. The membership at this time was about 80.

In 1905 the present building was erected just east of the gate of the cemetery. A building 28 feet by 40 feet was built for the sum of \$450. New seats were also made at that time.

For a few years the church was used as a community building, where young people met for singings, etc. In the afternoon Sunday School was held for some time.

The church has been kept in good repair through the years and several changes have been made. The pulpit originally was placed in the east end with the doors facing west. A porch was built later with the main door now facing east. Hardwood floors were put in, also gas heat was installed.

Church is held twice monthly, sharing a minister with the Methodist Church at Buffalo. Sunday School is held every Sunday. There are about 40 members on the roll, several possible direct descendants of the charter members.

(Written by Mrs. Melvin Cheek, Long Lane, Mo.)

Warden Chapel Church was built in 1870. It was dedicated in 1880. Land was donated by the Warden family, and deeded to the church by A. V. and Frances Rhoten.

The church started keeping records September 26, 1892. Since then, pastors have been W. B. Morgen, B. E. Niblack, J. M. Matthews, J. F. Pike, J. F. Haymes, J. M. King, Rev. Boswick, O. E. Patton, J. K. Speer, R. M. Shook, Joe Day, C. F. Welch, Ava Pitchford, H. C. Green, Jewell Smoot, B. E. Dillon, Fred McClanahan, Paul Mayfield, O. B. Randall, Wayne Jones, J. P. Willbanks, Charles Byrd, Paul Hannah, Wilmer Green, Rex Hodge, Leslie McClanahan, Damon Hudson, Robert Moger, and John Gregory.

In 1933 when C. F. Welch was pastor, a Revival was held in a tent west of the church with H. F. Goodnight as Evangelist, with 103 conversions and a large number uniting with the church. The membership at this time was 138.

In 1941, when Jewell Smoot was pastor, the church was

refinished on the inside and stuccoed on the outside.

In 1954, when Wayne Jones was pastor, the church was remodeled and the west addition built on.

In 1969, when Robert Moger was pastor, the interior was completely redecorated.

Present membership is approximately 120.

"Kirk's Chapel was organized soon after the close of the Civil War at Kirk's Cemetery in Miller Township by Rev. William Stewart (or Steward). William Kir, J. R. C. Tucker, C. C. Young and Eliza Wimpfrey were among the original members. This organization had no church edifice until 1888, when it erected a frame house at a cost of \$500. It now has a membership of eighty-seven in 1889."—(Goodspeed)

CHRISTIAN CHURCH HISTORY IN DALLAS COUNTY

William Potter (1819-1896) and B. H. Bills from Springfield preached at High Prairie in the early 1840's. This log church house was located near the Lester Potter home. High Prairie Christian Church is a grandchild of Old Log Church and is now (1971) worshipping in the third building. The church has given two men to the ministry; Ken Mitchell and Allen Hawley. Some of the charter members were William Potter, Clarks, Goodnights, Hastons, Davisons, Teeple and Barclay. In 1891 Albert Haston was buried in the High Prairie Cemetery. Isaac Haston deeded land for the present church site. A frame building was erected in 1884. Hiram Hill and Greenberry White hauled lumber for the new building from Marshfield, Missouri. In 1940, a new rock building was built and dedicated. Thirty years later a new addition was added while Ken Mitchell was pastor. Bible School average 100 in 1970. (Data provided by Steve Potter, Sr.)

Prairie Grove Church has mothered ten congregations and produced a dozen preachers. One hundred and twenty-four members in 1895, was the highest membership ever reached. Some of the preachers and pastors of early days were Morgan Kelly, L. T. Satterfield, Frank Coy, J. W. Richardson, Thomas

Hutchinson, Shepard, Pendergraft, J. J. Lane, F. J. Yokley, F. M. Hooten, James Tennison, Walkers, Sechlers, Bridges, Watkins, Gregg, E. Davison, J. D. Babb, Sam Hendrickson, R. E. Harrell. Decreasing population and the coming of the Amish church made Prairie Grove church life very weak. J. H. Lynch was the resident pastor for fifteen years and was buried in the Prairie Grove cemetery, as were J. W. Gregg and Morgan Kelly. Recent pastors are from Ozark Bible College.

Atteberry Shed, west of Charity, had a congregation in the 1840's with B. B. Bills as pastor. Later Lawson Satterfield was known to have preached here with a revolver on his stand and one in his belt. He wore a blue uniform.

The Charity Church developed from the Atteberry Shed with G. W. Atteberry and Mr. Pendergraft as leaders. The church was meeting in 1891. J. D. Babb, R. B. Turner, J. W. Gregg were pastors. George and Herbert Tinsley held revivals in 1914 and 1915, resulting in thirty additions. The church then numbered 53 members. M. V. Rea was layman leader for years as Sunday School Superintendent.

Recent pastors: E. T. Sechler, Orville Hodge, Dan Brown, Dean Hoover, E. W. Owens, Faust Matthews, Jerry Whited and K. Finley, Membership is near 100.

Foose Church was organized in 1906 by Clark Smith. Membership reached 35 in 1916 while at Clark's Grove. The church house was moved to Foose. Later, the church merged with Prairie Grove and High Prairie. Foose Church burned about 1923. Pastors were Clark Smith, J. D. Babb, J. W. Gregg.

R. C. Harrell and J. D. Babb sponsored a group of Disciples at Handley, 1913-1914. Church disbanded during the Depression of the 1930's with most of its members going to Conway.

The Lindley church was organized in 1873 with nine charter members from the Tinsley, Wise and Fowler families. A revival with 56 additions was held by T. S. Tinsley, Jr., in 1887. Hendrickson and Babb added 17 members in 1902. Clark Smith and E. Davidson closed a meeting with 13 additions in 1905. Sixteen preachers from Lindley church - four Tinsleys, four

Babbs, Hendrickson, Turner, Wise, Mills, Richardson, L. Roberts, Marion Blankenship, Leland Anderson. In 1915 only 50 members, Sunday School of 40. Frank Runyan held the longest pastorate, 1962-1972. Sunday School enrollment thirty members. Anderson, Gamel, Geib, Holland, McCaslin, Abel, Varner were some of the families. Gene Hill was pastor in 1971 for six months.

Extinct churches at Union Home, Plad, Leadmine, Oak Hill. G. W. Hamilton was at Plad 1899-1901 and had a group of 35 members. Urbana reached a membership of 30 by 1915. Mr. Coon, Walter Johnson, O. L. Davis, Charles Turner and John Davis were lay leaders. F. J. Yokley, R. C. Harrell, J. D. Babb, G. M. Martin preached. Orville Hodge, preacher, from Urbana. Church inactive by 1966.

BUFFALO CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Disciples of Christ movement was introduced in Buffalo in the early 1870's by Eld. B. H. Bills who preached only one sermon there. During the next few years other unsponsored ministers conducted evangelistic services in the county court house, resulting in various numbers of conversions and baptisms.

In 1875 Elder Armstrong held an evangelistic meeting and baptized 15 converts. He then organized a church. It was not permanent but seems to have been active for a time. Later James Tennison preached in the court house. Forty baptisms in his first revival; twenty-six in his second.

The present Buffalo Christian Church was organized in 1885 by Evangelist W. H. Watson in the Dallas County courthouse, following a vigorous revival in which 50 persons were added. Constituent members of the church were: Richardson and wife, Smith Johnson and wife, R. S. Brownlow, Mrs. Humphrey, J. N. Cline and wife, Asa R. Vanderford and wife, John Vanderford and wife, M. F. Vanderford and wife, J. N. Vanderford and wife, T. J. Jones and wife and others to the number of about 50. Among its members were probably members of the Armstrong

organization since Evangelist Watson recorded: "At Buffalo remains of an ancient congregation gathered up and put to work \$820 to build a house." This seemed to connect it with the Armstrong organization or with some other not previously mentioned.

(In 1885 or 1886 a building was erected on North Maple Street four blocks north of the Buffalo square.) Revivals continued at intervals and in 1888 C. H. Patterson held a great revival during which 106 persons were added.

In June 1888 following the Patterson revival, the Buffalo church called its first pastor, J. W. Hopwood who also held a revival at Antioch. Ministers serving since then have been: T. S. Tinsley, Jr., J. S. Becknell, F. J. Yokley, S. E. Hendrickson, J. D. Babb, F. E. Butterfield, J. Q. Biggs, D. A. Niccoll, F. M. O'Neal, Dr. M. E. Genge, V. R. Walker, R. A. Blalock, J. W. Larimore, J. H. Boling, V. R. Walker (second pastorate), A. Mendenhall, Martin T. Pope, J. H. Lynch, Charles W. Johnstone, Faust Matthews, Harold Day, Chas. S. Macy, Paul R. Tibbs, Ray Priestly (interim pastor) and Harold T. Mayes, the present pastor, is serving on his 13th year.

Several of these have been natives of Dallas County, including: T. S. Tinsley, Jr., S. E. Hendrickson, J. D. Babb, Virgil R. Walker, and perhaps others. In 1915 Ardra Walker became the first Dallas County Missionary, serving Christian Churches. Elder George Watkins, native of Dallas County, served in still another manner. In 1918 he personally paid Rev. Keeling as Dallas County missionary. Since then until his death he paid \$1,000 annually to be divided among the Christian Churches in Dallas County. His wife and daughter continued the work as long as they lived. Perhaps others have served as loyally in other ways.

Buffalo Christian Church has built and occupied three buildings, as well as remodeled and expanded buildings already in use. Two of the buildings have become necessary because of disastrous fires in 1919 and 1947. On the night of the first Sunday in August in 1919, the belfry of the first building, which was a

one room white frame structure with two annexed class rooms, was struck by lightning and the building burned to the ground. The church furnishings were saved. For a time the congregation met in the unused South Methodist church while the building of another church at the same location continued. V. R. Walker, who had served as pastor for five years, offered to take a year off as pastor so more money would be available for the building program. The building was erected at a cost of \$10,000, with George Mauer of Buffalo as contractor.

The new building was dedicated on Sunday, December 3, 1922. Rev. Walker had returned as pastor after a year's absence and preached the dedication sermon with a former pastor, Elder T. S. Tinsley, Jr. assisting in the service. The new building was a brick-faced structure having many features lacking in the first building. It had a full basement equipped with class rooms, dining room and kitchen, a commodious auditorium with balcony and two class rooms at the rear of the auditorium, separated from it by folding doors. The auditorium seated 500 people.

This beautiful building was destroyed by fire of unknown origin on the night of February 24, 1947, only 25 years after its construction. An insurance policy for \$9,000 was collected and became the nucleus of the building program. The congregation moved temporarily to the American Legion hall during the construction of the third building. Built on the foundation of the former edifice, the new building was much smaller and was built in modernistic style. Its furnishings were modern. The sanctuary, which seated only 110 people in theatre type chairs, had an alcove which seated another fifteen in the same style chairs, giving it a seating capacity of 125. A public address system in the basement assembly room could also be used for overflow crowds. Later rich chancel furnishings were installed by Shields Wilson of Buffalo. In the baptistry background was a beautiful painting by T. W. Atteberry of Charity. Since the bell which had hung in the belfry of the two preceding buildings could not be found after the fire, a chime system was installed. This building was constructed by Mr. Rich of Lebanon at a cost of

\$25,000. It was dedicated on October 1, 1952, during the pastorate of Rev. Charles S. Macy. It had then been in use about five years.

Within a few years this building became too small to house the congregation. Paul Rich of Springfield was employed to draw plans to remodel the building. Two Sunday morning services were being held then, one at 8:30 A.M. and one at 10:50 A.M. with the Bible School hour between. The plan accepted was the building of a new sanctuary on the north side of the other building, separated from it by a wide corridor which served to connect the two. The cost of the new structure was \$80,000. Tom Herndon of Camdenton was given the building contract. Walter Bancroft of Buffalo, and perhaps other local men, were employed. The new sanctuary is constructed of concrete blocks, with brick veneer, the bricks identical with those in the original building. Built in the shape of a cross, the transepts on the east and west are occupied by the youth and adult choirs respectively. Stained glass windows add beauty to the sanctuary, the focal point being the lovely window above the baptistry. This window, as well as most of the others, is a memorial window. Dome lights provide a major part of the light but hand made chandeliers emphasize the beauty of the ornate chancel paneling and matching furnishings. The sanctuary with balcony included has a seating capacity of about 400.

In remodeling the old sanctuary two class rooms were formed on the west, leaving only a small chapel with its chancel furnishings intact. The balcony of the new sanctuary is built over the corridor which separates the sanctuary from the original building and serves to unite the two. A lovely stained glass window occupies the former entrance to the original building, completing the unity of the two. The former sanctuary, now the small chapel, serves in many capacities, as class room, for small weddings and for various small gatherings.

The first service was held in the new sanctuary on Sunday, December 4, 1966. The work had started on April 24, 1966 and only a little more than seven months had been required for its

completion. It had been necessary to vacate the former building only two or three weeks while the old sanctuary was being remodeled and the two structures joined together by the connecting corridor. During that brief time services had been held in the Montgomery Funeral Chapel near the church. Rev. John L. Suttentfield held a brief revival in the new sanctuary immediately after it was occupied. A few weeks later, on Sunday, January 22, 1967 at 2:00 P.M. the new sanctuary was formally dedicated and the entire building opened for the inspection of interested visitors.

In the new sanctuary there was ample room for the congregation to meet in a service, so the two morning worship services which had been held since Easter Sunday, 1965 were again merged, and the dual services were discontinued.

Buffalo Christian Church is affiliated with the Brotherhood of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ). Besides an active Sunday School it has a Christian Men's Fellowship, Christian Women's Fellowship and Christian Youth Fellowship and supports the various missions and other programs of the Brotherhood. It cooperates with the other Christian Churches in the area in maintaining the Bennett Springs Christian Church Youth Camp and the annual Christian Ministers' Retreat. Its pastor cooperates with others in the community in daily devotional programs over the KBFL High School and Public Radio Station. It also has a 24 hour Dial-a-Prayer telephone devotional service for the benefit of invalids and elderly people. It has a present membership of about 400 and is growing steadily.

—By Ida E. Garner

HISTORY OF THE LONG LANE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

In September of Nineteen Hundred and Fifteen, Elder W. E. Kelly returned to Long Lane, Missouri to visit his father, J. E. Kelly, Sr., and while there he held a revival meeting in the Pisgah Baptist Church and many converts were made who, with many others in the vicinity of like belief, had been of the con-

gregation of Pleasant Home and Union churches and other places as well, decided to form an organization of their own and have a place to worship, and have Bible School to instruct and teach the young and old alike, which might lead to a better understanding of the Bible and more friendly relations between all of the followers of Jesus.

And so some of the older folks had a meeting and an organization was formed with J. M. Ragland as Elder, and T. M. Williamson and A. J. Burton as Deacons.

They met in the Baptist Church for a while and later in the Long Lane school house. H. C. Clark, who was a student at the School of the Bible at Drury College in Springfield, was our first minister. He came and preached to us for ten dollars a trip.

A movement was started to build a church house and according to my best recollection John E. Kelly, Jr., and A. T. Shelton were the prime movers to put up a building and both did more work in the actual construction than any others of the many who did help.

And to finance the building, donations were solicited and accepted from both saint and sinner in amounts anywhere from 25 cents to one of \$50.00 by J. M. Ragland who paid in framing lumber.

J. H. Jones preached the dedicatory sermon April 23, 1916 from a pulpit that was profusely banked with lovely flowers.

V. R. Walker held the first revival in the new church which ran for three weeks and many new converts were made.

Other ministers who held meetings for the church were Andra Walker, Joe Babb, Henry Clark, E. T. Sechler, A. Z. Matthews, and many others.

Other Elders of the early church were W. L. Shelton, Mr. Atteberry, Mr. Yoder and Hugh Ragland.

Other Deacons were A. T. Shelton, G. V. Burch and John Peele.

Charter members, as taken from the church record, were as follows: Will Bennett, Hugh Ragland, Pansy Ragland, Leonard Christian, Bessie Christian, Inez Shelton, Ona Cansler, John E.

Kelly, Rebecca Williamson, Beatrice Talbot, A. T. Shelton, J. E. Murrell, Anna Adams, and Alta Miller, all by baptism.

Hanna Ware, A. J. Burton, T. S. Williamson, Ida Mills, Lucy Cansler, Carrie Shelton, John Ragland, Mrs. John Ragland, Charley Cansler, Sina Cansler, Margaret Cansler and Ada Metcalf, all by transfer of membership from other places.

From 26 members in 1916, membership grew to 123 in 1919, (Church record, pp. 22, 53 and 66.) By 1933 membership was 40 but was doubled in two revivals by A. Z. Matthews. Church inactive by 1965.

PLEASANT HOME CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Pleasant Home Christian Church on Lebanon Road, near eastern boundary of county, organized in 1884 by Elder H. Rutter with 8 members—Breshears, Robertson, Buchanan, Davidson, Riggs and Harmon families. Frame building. Pastors were Rutter, Tennison, Fitch, Powell, Wm. Kelly. Membership 110 in 1889. Church later moved to Long Lane about 1913. Virgil and Ardra Walker, Earl Sechler, John Coltharp pastors. A. Z. Matthews evangelist in two revivals in 1933 added 40 additions.

Mill Creek Church organized January 20, 1889 by Elder Benjamin Powell and R. C. Harrell and Thomas Lowery. Brakebill and Osborn as Deacons, 12 members. School house used for worship (Goodspeed (p. 562). Pastors: Kelley, Satterfield, Fisk, Pendergraft, Col. Smith, J. J. Lane, J. Baker, P. M. Coy, T. E. Shepherd, Bridges.

TUNAS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elder R. C. Harrell was the father of the Tunas Christian Church, first organized in 1929 at the Prosperity School House with 13 members. Early revivals were held by Bros. Hunt, Walker, Wilkerson, Sechler, Martin and Orville Hodge who became pastor of the 62 members in 1937. Bro Martin held revivals in 1938 and 1939. Thirty baptisms in 1948 and 9 added by statement in a revival led by Roger Tribble. (Data provided by Alan Hawley, the pastor in 1971.)

Other Christian congregations mentioned were Union

Home, Pea Ridge, Pepper's School House, Leadmine, Oak Hill. All extinct before 1970. Early pastors were W. G. Frost, R. C. Harrell, Wm. Kelley, F. J. Yokley.

Of the 17 churches named in reports, only eight are listed in the 1912 J. H. Jones report. Seven are active in 1971—Tunas, Louisburg, Lindley, Buffalo, Prairie Grove, High Prairie, Charity.

Louisburg has sent out five preachers: Mr. and Mrs. Manville Caldwell, John Caldwell, Victor and Jerry Whited. Long Lane has four young men in the ministry, Norman and Lonnie Maddox, Triplett and Vest.

Of the seven active churches, five have kitchen equipment for hosting youth rallies and Dallas County Retreats. These are Buffalo, Charity, High Prairie, Louisburg and Tunis.

The Church of Jesus Christ worshipping at Mount Olive, Dallas County, Missouri, convened at James K. Russell's on the 14th day of September, 1873, and after being called to order by Elder J. J. Lane ordained James F. Holstlaw to preach the Gospel and administer the ordinances of the Church.

Given under my hand this 15th day of September, 1873.

J. J. Lane, Evangelist

Filed September 26, 1873

A. S. Stanley, Clk.

By A. B. Maddux

This church later became the Oak Hill Church of which George Watkins was a member.

(Charles Davis, Woodford Davis and Willis Davis, mentioned herein were sons of Joshua Davis.)

Reminiscence of 100 Year Old Letter

(Written by Martha Viana Davis of Dallas County,
Daughter of Willis & Isabel Davis)

Willis Davis and Isabel (his wife) came to this country (Missouri) in 1840, and settled in what is called the skillet handle in Dallas county, and I am sure there has bin and organized Christian church as far back as some time in the '40's (1840s), and the school house where they met was named Mt. Clar, and Uncle

Wood Davis (Woodford I. Davis, son of Joshua Davis & wife; was one of the Deacons (deacons)., (as) for the other officers, I dont know, but I heard Mother tell all this: Uncle Bill Potter, Uncle Branick Wilkerson and Jim Yates.

Jim Yates was the grand-father of the Preacher Walkers.

Grandfather Davis and the Gardeners and Uncle John McMurtrey was all workers in the church and then they built Old Antioch church and shed and camp houses and had camp meetings.

I remember being there in 1857, that was the year that Father died (her father was Willis Davis, born Sept. 7, 1814 in Kentucky, died Oct. 10, 1957 on his farm in Dallas county about 2 1/2 miles west of present Elkland). He (Willis Davis) taken sick there (at Old Antioch church) and went home and never got well. We went to church there as long as they had church there, and at the Atteberry shed only once in a great while. They had a preacher. I well remember going to the Atteberry shed and hearing Lisson Sattafell (Satterfield) preach with a revolver lying on the stand, and one around his waist, and he had on the Blue Uniform (Civil War Vets, Federal).

They still had preaching at Antioch as late as '63 (1863), I know, for Mother went and left me and Jim to take care of with the rhumatis when he was eight years old. (Jim was her brother, James Franklin Davis.) I remember going (to church; and riding behind Jane (her older sister, Sarah Jane Davis). Tom Hutchison preached about the year '63 (1863), and then after the War (Civil War) they met at Kelly School house (4 mi southwest of Buffalo), under the brush shed, and had a great in-gathering and organized. There, Mother (Isabel "McMurtry") Davis) and Jane united with them and us children came in as were were older. Then, Uncle Charles, fathers brother, and Uncle John Pendergraft "Taylors Uncle", preached at Mothers., and Uncle Charles and Brother Jimmy Johnson had Brother Kelley (Rev. Morgan Kelly, Civ. War Vet, born Oct. 25, 1825, died Nov. 6, 1869, buried Prairie Grove Christian church cemetery, 6 miles southwest of Buffalo) to come and hold a protracted meeting at

his house (Charles Davis' house) and they organized a band of Deciples which is now the Elkland church, and I believe it was called Concord. John and Jim and Jo (her three brothers) hauled logs to the mill to help to build the house. John and Jim then was both members of that church.

I am going to tell some of the names of the members of the Old Antioch church. I will commence with the ones that lived the closest. Wire Long was the closest, got water at the spring - he was the grand-father of Brother Babb (preacher Babb), then came the Clarkes and the Coxes, Billoues, Edington and Rices, Hutchisons, O'Bannons, Davisons, Powells, Welches, Davis', Swifts and Johnsons, Proctors, Kellys, Ropers and Engels. Dan Murry, he lived near Springfield and we camped with him the fall that Father died (Oct. 10, 1857). Clarks and Sam Greggs lived near the church. Father and Mother was baptized in Kettle Creek Tennessee when they were young. Grand Mother McMurtrey was a member of the Christian Church when mother was a little girl.

Windyville Christian Church dates from 1891 in a revival at Pepper's School House by F. J. Yokley resulting in 10 confessions and 5 restorations. W. J. Frost had previously preached there. After thirty years the church moved to Windyville Community Building, was reorganized and grew to 44 members by 1930.

Family names represented were: Burton, Coffelt, Day, Dugan, Durrington, Gilliland, Hildebrand, Johnson, McConnell, Phillips, Pool, Sturdivant, Sweaney, Washburn, Wilson.

E. T. Sechler, R. A. Blalock, A. Z. Matthews, V. R. Walker, Orville Hodge preached at Windyville after 1930.

Deaths, removals and transfers to other churches reduced the membership to 5 or 6 families. Church inactive by 1945.

MISSIONARIES FROM DALLAS COUNTY

Mabel Yokley Reavis was born in Buffalo, Missouri. Her husband, Tolbert F. Reavis, was born in Tennessee. In 1884 Tolbert's parents and four children settled near Marionville,

Missouri, where there was a small college. In June 1904 he married Mabel Yokley and the day following graduated from the college. Four years later they received degrees from Canton, Missouri Christian University. The couple after further missionary education, spent the years 1912-1925 in Argentina. Mr. Reavis taught in the Union Seminary. Mrs. Reavis worked among the women in the churches. After two terms of missionary service, they returned to Indianapolis. Here Mr. Reavis received his Ph.D. degree and taught in Butler University 1927-1937. He became a faculty member of the Kentucky Female Orphan's School at Midway, Kentucky, in 1947. There were four Reavis children. Mrs. Reavis died in 1935.—(Lawrence Co. Mo. Christian Churches p.8)

Norman Edward Maddux, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Maddux of Long Lane, graduated from Buffalo High School in 1960. Bible college work was completed in 1968 when he graduated from Ozark Bible College of Joplin, Missouri. During college, Norman ministered to churches, including the Christian Church, Conway, Missouri. After graduation, plans were completed for mission work in Brazil, South America. He and his family were sent out by a sponsoring church, the Church of Christ in New Market, Iowa, and are supported by several Christian churches and churches of Christ. In Belem, at the mouth of the Amazon River, Norman has been active in setting up a printing operation for use by the missionaries and churches. He regularly assists two Brazilian churches, one of which he was instrumental in starting. Serving as co-director of the Belem-area Extension Bible Institute, he also teaches in the various centers. He and his wife Patty have three sons, Daniel, age 10, David, age 8, and Stephen, age 5.

Lanny Warren Maddux, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Maddux of Long Lane, graduated from Buffalo High School in 1962. Bible college work was completed in 1968 when he graduated from Ozark Bible College of Joplin, Missouri. During college, Lanny ministered to churches, including the new Christian church at

Cape Fair, Missouri. After graduation he and his wife Pat served the Christian Church in Humansville, Missouri for two years. In November of 1970, they were sent to Brazil as missionaries, under the sponsorship of the Christian Church, South Hutchinson, Kansas. Several Christian churches and churches of Christ contribute to their work. Lanny's work in Belem, Brazil, included work with Bible correspondence courses and follow-up teaching in homes, work with youth of the various churches, directing a choir and singing in a trio, and preaching. Lanny and Pat have two children, Sara, age 3, and Philip, age 1½. On furlough now, they will return to Belem in December, 1973.

HISTORY OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH BUFFALO, MISSOURI

Drought! This word is one to make any farmer shudder, especially the big drought of 1951 to 1955.

Yet it was in these drought years that Our Savior Lutheran Church was born. And therein is a story...

In 1952 A. P. Harrington and his wife, Dorothea, and their family were living north of Buffalo and attending the Lutheran Church in Lebanon. This entailed such a drive that when they heard of several families of Lutheran origin were living in the vicinity of Buffalo, they wondered if a Mission could be started.

Reverend Maschoff of Lebanon told the Harrington's he would serve if they contacted the various people and they could find a suitable meeting place.

This was done and meetings commenced in June 1952 in the old Gammon School Building. When the school house was sold in April of 1953 the Mission moved to the Legion Hall on Highway 65.

The Mission formally organized October 1953 and elected A. P. Harrington, President; Gerald Fischer, Secretary; and Rueben Eske, treasurer. There were about 33 souls being served at this time. The first class of confirmants numbering five were confirmed in 1954. These classes were held in the

Gerald and Thelma Fischer home one night a week for several months with Rev. Helewege of Diggins.

Being a Mission the St. Louis Synod agreed to send graduate students from St. Louis each Sunday and they served both Buffalo and Lebanon churches.

Members took turns picking up the young ministers Saturday evenings and keeping them overnight for the early service at Buffalo and then taking them to Lebanon for the service there. The members enjoyed the association of these vibrant young men and shared their enthusiasm.

The congregation had an invalid member, Mrs. Ida Stiles, who had been confirmed and given communion in her home and who passed away in May 1957 with Rev. Wysman officiating at the Montgomery funeral home.

June 9, 1957 Our Savior Lutheran Church of Buffalo, Missouri was formally organized and received its Charter from The Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. The charter members signing the new constitution were, A. P. Harrington, Rueben Eske, Ernie Wheeler, Ben Rentschler, Gail Sawyer, Gerald Fischer, Henry Groen, Hans Pagel, George Gipp, Richard Haub, and Donald Carr. Ben Rentschler and Gail Sawyer were the delegates to the St. Louis convention when the Charter was signed.

The Lebanon Lutheran Church had been steadily requesting a minister from the Synod and Rev. Henoch Bruss accepted the call to Lebanon and also Buffalo.

The congregation was fired with enthusiasm to have their own pastor finally, only to be shocked anew with the tragic death of this fine young minister in an icy road accident. This tragedy resulted in the Buffalo congregation acquiring a building of its own, through a memorial donation of \$100.00 from the widow, Mrs. Bruss. This incentive made the congregation determined to pledge as much in donations as they could possibly afford, in spite of the long five year drought which had afflicted them.

A member, Gerald Fischer, was employed by a real estate

firm at this time and was able to negotiate a plot of ground from Mr. Buck Elsmore. Located just at the city's edge at West Main and Elder. With the acquisition of the real estate, Mr. Fischer now worked on a proposition to buy a school building from Mr. Elsmore. The biggest problem with the building was the fact that it was eleven miles from the church site. A building mover, Mr. Ed Woods, consented to move the building for a small price if the road was cleared on each side to permit the width of the building. This entailed eight miles of brush cutting which volunteers did. The work involved taking the roof off and the vestibule. The building was moved in three trips. Surely the Lord moves the heart of men who will work and discount their wages for the sake of a church.

Ground breaking was dedicated with committee members Ben Rentschler, Rueben Eske, Carl Olson, Gail Sawyer, and Gerald Fischer.

A member, Vernon Lage, a carpenter by trade, agreed to replace the roof and other members volunteered to place the roofing. While Mr. Lage worked on the interior, Mr. Fischer built an altar, lectern and baptismal font. The members surely had pioneer blood as this first winter was suffered with an old oil stove for heat.

The congregation prevailed on the Rev. Kloehn of Rader to serve Buffalo in 1959 and after six years finally felt they had a pastor that they didn't have to wonder if he would be there the following Sunday.

The vestibule was remodeled and a kitchen and bath installed with a cabinet built by Ron Eske. A floor furnace was installed with a thermostat, a very welcome addition. In 1963 panelling on the walls was completed and the ceiling tiled by Ron Eske and Fischer. The floor needed covering badly and when Margaret Eske picked out some very desirable looking tile, the volunteers, Ron Eske, Rueben Eske, Harrington, Fischer, Rentschler and Braley, accomplished this.

The Ladies Aid was a large contributor to these many improvements, and donations of members made all the work

possible. One of the largest jobs was the covering of the exterior with siding and again volunteers performed the work.

The first funeral in the church was the sad demise of A. P. Harrington in 1961.

The first wedding in the church was the happy candlelight vows taken by Judy Eske and Jerry Smith.

1968 saw the Rev. Kloehn retiring after many years in the service of his Lord, and with the pulpit fellowship of the Missouri Synod and the American Lutheran Church, this allowed the Buffalo church to call the Rev. Vincent Will who accepted the urgent call by the worried congregation. The drive and talent of Rev. Will found a response in the congregation and further progress was made. The church was now incorporated as a non-profit organization with a state granted charter.

The 1969 highlight was the acquisition of the electric organ. This project was the result of the untiring efforts of Margaret and Rueben Eske who had to contact personally every member for donations for this cause. And the full amount had to be in cash as this price quoted was a reduced one.

It was a satisfying thing to have the stone walk built by Eske, Kelderhouse, Olson, Braley, Rentschler.

Aside from the upkeep, there have been small details such as rear door, side room doors, stove in the kitchen, painting, air conditioners, storm doors, some of these by individual contributions, some by order of the congregation. And we must not forget the never ending efforts of the Ladies, the cleaning of the church.

The congregation is indebted to the Ladies for the carpeting of the aisle and dais and the pastor's room.

This story has dealt with a group of people who banding together with faith and sacrifice built a small church,...and throughout history many countless groups of people have done the same, since our Savior was crucified almost 2000 years ago.

—Gerald Fischer

BUFFALO CHURCH OF GOD SEVENTH DAY

Elder Carol Kerns, a minister of the Church of God Seventh Day, who lived in Dallas County held a meeting at the old White Palace school house northeast of Buffalo in the year 1890.

The teachings of Elder Kerns which were new in this area were accepted by a number of people. This belief continued to grow and in 1916 Elder L. L. Presler of Nebraska held another meeting when several were added to the church and it became an active body.

The church carried on through the years with many visiting ministers until 1946 when Elder W. T. McMickin and Elder Clayton Faubion held a tent meeting on the Buffalo City lot near the water tower. Following their efforts, Elder McMickin became pastor and continued as such until August 1963.

During his years as pastor services were held at the American Legion Home and later moved to the Riverview Union Church. The next pastor was Elder Edgar Lippincott.

February 4, 1967 services were conducted in a new church building in West Buffalo. Both Elder Lippincott and Elder McMickin were present at the dedication of this building, May 13, 1967, with Elder Lippincott continuing as pastor until September of this year (1971).

Our present minister is Daniel Davila who is a student at a Springfield college.

CHURCH OF GOD — BENNETT SPRINGS

"July 1893, Rev. George E. Bolds, his wife and daughter held a revival in a tent just across the road from the Bennett Mill." People came for miles to attend—as many as four or five hundred. "Thirty-eight men and women were saved and baptized in this meeting." William Sherman Bennett, his mother, sister and cousin, Andrew, were among the converts.

"For over 25 years the camp meetings were an annual event at Brice."

Under the preaching of Paul Bennett, 1917, the decision to build a church house was made. The church was organized in 1917. Later modern equipment, rock veneer, S. S. class rooms, parsonage were added. Ministerial recruits include Andrew Bennett, A. C. Bennett, J. W. Youngblood, Samuel Ford, Noah S. Duncan, Paul and Luke Bennett, Heber Doty, Paul Tilton, Ethan Tilton, Jesse Barber, Robert P. Loudermilk and others.

In 1924 the Bennetts sold their land to the State and the name of the post office was changed from Brice to Bennett Spring. The church became a worship center for vacationers. More than 1000 visitors in 1961 from 25 states.

Recent pastors: Bro. Tilton, Sister Louise Bennett, Sister Marie Smith, Bro. Lee J. Vitzham, A. R. Withers, Earl Moore.

Board Trustees: Otto Sweaney, Harley McVey, Hobert Burtin, Albert Stone, Ralph Ussery.

(Data from pamphlet by A. R. Withers, 1832-1962.)

Buffalo Presbyterian Church organized in 1868 by Rev. Martin, a returned missionary from China.

Montgomery, McDowell, Bonner families original members. House erected in 1872 at \$1,600 cost. Church later merged with other churches.

Pastors: H. A. Tucker, 1872-1874; L. J. Matthews, 1874-1876; George Bickness, 1877-1878; George F. Davis, 1880-1884; James L. Lafferty, 1886-1887; William McElroy, 1887-1888; H. R. Lewis, 1889.

Only Presbyterian church in the county. Disbanded in early 1890's.—(Goodspeed, p. 568)

ST. WILLIAMS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Williams Catholic Church of Buffalo, Missouri is a young church, having been built in 1946. For a year before that, Mass was held in the home of Mrs. Ethel Lake. Until the late fifties

St. Williams was under the Diocese of Kansas City. Then the Springfield-Cape Girardeau Diocese was formed with Bishop Helmsing as the head of it. St. Williams has never had a resident Priest. Priests have come from Conway, Bolivar and, in later years, from Springfield. In the past year the Church has purchased a near by home and has held Religious Education Classes and Parish meetings there. Priests that have served St. Williams in the past have been Father Corbett, Father Holmes, Father Rynish, Father Rotor, Father Deragowski, Father Blaise, Father Seyer, Father Winkelmann, Father Brath, Father Marquart, and Father Reidy.

MARCH ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

March Assembly of God Church began as a small group of Christians gathered together for the purpose of organizing a Sunday School and church service in 1932.

Bro. Gustavius Bergstrum and Bro. William Sawyers of C.B.I. assisted in the organization and service. After Bro. Bergstrum was called to Brazil as missionary, Bro. Hollingshead of Iowa and Bro. McDonald of Springfield lead the meetings until Bro. Noah Highfill was elected pastor in 1933, when the church was organized with the following charter members: Mr. and Mrs. Noah Highfill, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hardison, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lane, Mrs. Harden White.

The following ministers have served since: Bro. Arrowood, Bro. Ramsey, Bro. Kenneth Strong, Bro. Eddings, Bro. Luke Cooper, Bro. Meyers, Bro. A. M. Burfield, Sister Gipsug Johnson, Bro. Owen Munger and Bro. Jimmy Robertson. The parsonage was built in 1940 and a W.M.C. was organized under Bro. Meyers.

The land for the church and cemetery was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Davis. There is only one grave in the cemetery which is known as the March Assembly of God Cemetery.

HISTORY OF THE AMISH MENNONITE CHURCH IN DALLAS COUNTY, MISSOURI

The first families of the church came from northern Illinois in November, 1964. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Headings and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Headings, who came November 4, 1964. Others who were among the first to come were the Amandus Hostetlers, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Kropf and family, and Mr. and Mrs. John Knox and family. Others came through December of 1964 and the first several months of 1965. At that time Ora O. Hostetler was bishop of the church, Ben Hostetler a minister and John Eigsti a deacon. Later, Owen Kropf was ordained a minister and Ben Hostetler was ordained Junior Bishop. The first church services were held in the Amandus Hostetler home. After the Ben Hostetlers moved to their new home, church services were held in the Harold Knox home and later in the Macedonia Church house south of Buffalo where services were no longer being held. As there were no lights connected in that house all evening services were held in the Prairie Grove Christian Church house southwest of Buffalo. The first wedding took place there the evening of June 10, 1965 when John Hostetler and Leona Kropf were married.

Work was started on the new church building on June 18, 1965. The labor was donated by the members and the building cost was \$12,000. The building is 44' by 84'. The church room is 44' by 60' and seats 300. It is located six miles south and west of Buffalo and has been named Pleasant View Amish Mennonite Church.

A cemetery has been started in the church yard. First services were held in the new building on August 8, 1965. A school house with two school rooms and a full basement has been built for a parochial school. It has been named Prairie Grove School. It is about three-fourths mile from the church house.

HISTORY OF PLAD UNION CHURCH

The summer of 1921 was the starting point for the Plad Union Church house. At that time the Plad Baptist Church was

the only church closer than Brice and Cherry Grove.

In the early part of July 1921, the late B. F. Davison came to Plad riding his favorite grey saddle horse and approached A. P. Vance with his intentions. It was to get a donation of all who wanted a Union Church house built. He presented his paper, his name heading the list, with W. N. Stinecipher and A. P. Vance all starting with \$25.00 each. The same three were later appointed committee men.

Bent went on his journey and the late Bert Haney was the next to pledge \$25.00, with a great number of other pledges but fail to recall all the names.

Joseph Nickolson donated 1 acre of ground for the church house and cemetery. The big undertaking started. As the older members will recall, money was scarce and the lumber in the trees, but at that time a saw mill was set at the C. E. Reed mill pond operated by Mr. Pete Rife. The men donated the timber, time, and labor, cut and hauled the logs to the saw mill with wagons and teams, with no highways at that time. Most of the lumber was sawed on the B. F. Davison farm. With this effort the main structure of the building was erected of the native lumber. The siding, ceiling, doors and windows had to be hauled from Lebanon by horse drawn wagons, and the shingles were made of the native timber by Dowe Pulley and Bert Yates and other members. Those who did the hauling that I can recall were Bert Haney, J. C. Alford, I. W. Guthrie, W. N. Stinecipher, Arthur Bailey, and B. F. Davison.

Phillip Nicholson and helpers finished the foundation first, while Mrs. B. F. Davison and Mrs. A. P. Vance boarded the saw mill hands as a donation for their part. The progress of the building was good until the flu epidemic moved in and slowed the work down, but the anxious people by the help of the Lord were soon about their business.

In June 1922 a minister called Father H. S. Lee, known as Father Daddy Lee, was the first to hold a meeting. We had but few seats and nothing fancy. Sometime later they started laying the second floor which was never completed.

In October 1924, we purchased an organ for \$15.00 of which we were very proud. We had several revivals from this time on and Rev. McCallister and Rev. A. W. Bailey were pastor for two years each. We also had several funerals in the meantime. The first person layed to rest in the cemetery was Mary Bailey in April 1926. As time went on and the interest in the church died, the doors were closed excepting for funerals.

In July 1947, B. F. Davison who had been ill for some time called for Sister Louie Bennett as he was still interested in the Plad Church as well as his soul salvation. He asked her to hold a revival at Plad and she promised that with the help of the Lord and Sister Marie Smith she would. The following September, in 1947, they came and started a revival without any preparations. The roof was leaking, most of the window panes were broken out, no lights and no song books, but the Lord was with them and as time went on, God's power was demonstrated.

Sister Bennett had her piano moved into the church and later we purchased it for \$30.00. We bought a Coleman lantern for \$9.95 and other lanterns were furnished. This revival went on for two weeks with great interest shown, especially among the young people, with twenty-one conversions.

In May 1948 the tin roof was purchased by donation funds and put on at a total cost of \$240.00.

The following October 1948, Sister Marie with Rev. Urshel Carter conducted a second two weeks revival with great interest shown among young and old with 24 conversions.

In August 1948 Brother Carter with helpers wired the church house. He donated his labor with cost of material \$32.15, but the electricity was not turned on until after the revival October 29, 1948.

In May 1949 we raised a paint fund and painted the inside of the building at a cost of \$60.89, total. We purchased a lawn mower at a cost of \$26.95. Also seats were purchased for the church at a cost of \$109.00.

The third revival was held in October of 1949. The same fall, the new floor was laid at a cost of \$155.00 and the new

double doors and porch were built at a cost of \$127.88 in the summer of 1950.

The doors have been kept open with services being held by ministers of different denominations but basically it has held to the original Church of God belief.

Charter members were Albert Vance, B. F. (Bent) Davison, and Bill Stinecipher. Homer Davison was selected to fill the place of his father, B. F. Davison (deceased) as trustee. Present trustees are Don Haney, Roma Ethridge, and Spencer Swanigan.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

The church was founded around 1935. A Mrs. Minnie Nunn was the first Pentecostal to our knowledge in the Buffalo area. Mrs. Nunn, along with a Reverend Floyd Grant, and others called Ward Popejoy to be the first pastor. The building on Ramsey Street was constructed by the church in the year of 1936. They remained at this location until the year of 1968. The church constructed a new church building at the location of Mill and Kerr Streets near 65 Highway, under the pastorate of a Reverend Charles Blades.

The church has grown over the past years. They are now a strong church with several active members along with a large list of members who have moved to other areas of the country.

In October of 1970 the church called Reverend Ross Green to be their pastor.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCHES IN DALLAS COUNTY

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BUFFALO

Baptists in Dallas County worshipped in a union church as early as 1868. Two open country Baptist churches were organized earlier. The first town church was organized as the First Baptist Church in Buffalo in 1888. The Reverend Slaughter was the first pastor. The Sunday School averaged 88 in attendance that first year. The pastor's yearly salary was \$550.00.

The first church building was constructed where the

Republican-Reflex office is now located on South Maple Street. In less than a year this building was destroyed by fire (April 9, 1889) and a second church building was constructed on the corner of Benton and Maple Streets. This building was dedicated debt free in 1900. Additions to this church building were made as the church continued to grow (major additions were made in 1908 and 1922). In 1945 a baptistry was added. Until that time baptisms were usually performed in nearby Greasy Creek.

The first pastor to live in a home provided by the church was J. E. Jackson. The parsonage was located on the northeast corner of Maple and Madison Streets. A second parsonage was purchased across the street on the southwest corner of Maple and Madison Streets. The third and present parsonage was constructed in 1962 at 918 West Main Street during the ministry of the Rev. Milton Elmore (March 1, 1957—June, 1962). The cost was \$21,000. In 1958 approximately 5 acres of land on West Main (500 foot frontage) had been purchased for \$9,470 for the purpose of construction of the new parsonage and future new church building.

The groundbreaking for the new church building was on April 11, 1965 and the first service in the new facility was on May 26, 1966. The dedication was on July 24, 1966. The Colonial design building with a capacity of 550 in worship cost \$210,000. The Rev. John Glover, pastor from September 1962—August 1966, led in this very successful program. A unique feature of the program was the selling of \$70,000 in non-interest bearing bonds to members and friends of the church. The last of these bonds are due in January 1975 and the church will be within a year of being debt free by then. In 1972 \$13,000 was spent for complete black-top paving of the entire parking area.

The church has had 27 pastors since 1888. Longest in terms of service is E. H. Mickalkousky, 12½ years in two terms (1937-42 and 1949-56). J. E. Jackson is next with nearly 10 years service (May 15, 1927-February 15, 1937). The Rev. Jackson is still a member of the church (1974). Third in length of service as pastor of the church is the present pastor, Glen Pence, with nearly eight

years service (since Sept. 1, 1966).

The First Baptist Church of Buffalo has had a positive influence over the years. Two very influential and famous Southern Baptist leaders were from its membership—Dr. John Paul Newport, Professor of Philosophy of Religion at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and his brother, Russell Newport, noted layman and evangelistic singer.\$

The church currently averages 180 in Sunday School and has a yearly budget of \$50,000. It carries on a balanced program of worship, evangelism, ministry and education.

BUFFALO BAPTIST SOUTHERN



Pastors that have served the church are: Bro. Slaughter, 1888, salary \$550 per year; C. C. Young, 1889-1890; John Steincipher, elected April 1890, declined to serve June 7, 1890; E. D. Fortner, elected September 1890; D. P. Brockus, April 1892; John Steincipher, November 1893; L. J. Tatum, February 1895; J. L. Leonard, November 1896; J. H. Steincipher, May 1900; J. L. Moore, November 1902; E. D. Fortner, February 7, 1903; J. A. Downing, January 1907; Sam Bristow, April 15, 1908;

L. A. Drumwright, October 17, 1909 to 1912; J. W. Alex, November 15, 1913 to October 1914; T. M. Estes, May 18, 1915-January 1916; T. A. Varnadow, February 20, 1916; Elmer Kirkpatrick, March 1917 to October 1, 1918. He resigned for military service. W. L. Houser, 1920; J. W. Basp, October 1921-December 30, 1926; J. E. Jackson, May 15, 1927 to February 15, 1937; E. H. Mickalkousky, May 1937 to December 1941; R. I. Cleming, February 1943 to June 1944; J. M. Wilcoxson, August 1944-September 1944; Ross C. Carter, November 1944-November 1947; T. S. Hammon, November 7, 1947-April 13, 1949; E. H. Mickalkousky, August 1949-September 30, 1956; Milton Elmore, March 1, 1957 to June 1962; John Glover, September 1962-August 1, 1966; Glenn Pence, September 1, 1966, is now pastor.

The church building was destroyed by fire April 9, 1889. New church was built on the corner of Benton & Maple. May 1900 it was dedicated. December 30, 1957 the church voted to buy Moulder lots. A new parsonage was built and was dedicated January 20, 1963.



Inscription on marker in front of First Baptist Church:

This bell rang the Call to Worship at North Maple and Benton Streets, May 1900 - May 1966. Previous church location was South Maple and Lincoln Street, 1888 - 1899.

The first church location was on the present water tower lot during the post Civil War years.

Cherry Grove Southern Baptist Church organized 1903. Claud Brown pastor in 1969. Eighty-five resident members in 1971. Sunday School average 18.

CENTER POINT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Center Point Missionary Baptist Church was organized March 14, 1891 by the following presbytery: Elders, E. D. Fortner, H. C. Ayres, W. E. Hoover, J. A. Newport, N. J. Stinecipher; and Deacons, J. A. Mathis and N. J. Wollard.

The following are the constituent members, Vizi Norris Creek, Canada Blankenship, N. Cline, J. T. Watkins, W. H. Creek, J. S. Powell, W. D. Powell, J. N. Lindsey, J. A. Brown, D. L. Thompson, H. George, Wm. Henson, A. Henson, Josie Powell, Polly N. Cline, Elander Creek, Sarah D. Watkins, Martha Cline, Sarah F. Blankenship, America Creek, Hannah Powell, Rebecca Lindsey, Mary J. Brown, M. A. Thompson, Sarah Powell, Mary George, Nancy Henson, Ida Henson, Rosetta Nemore.

Article of Faith adopted from J. Newton Brown. Membership September 1, 1893, 56. Church located in Dallas County, Missouri.

The Church property was deeded off for this church by Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stewart, May 7, 1891.

Preachers and the years they preached at Center Point Missionary Baptist Church: Elder J. C. Powell, J. C. Pinkley, 1926; Harry Allen, 1929; Charley Claspil, 1931; Albert Roper, 1933-36; Charley Stidham, 1936; Harvey Tucker, 1937; Curtis Puryear, 1940; Bro. Ryan, 1940; N. G. Bristow, 1942; C. C. Worford, 1945; Marvin Crocker, 1946; Albert Roper, 1948; Clarence Salsmon, 1950; Charlie Claspill, 1950; N. G. Bristow, 1952; Marvin Crocker, 1952; Alan Evans, 1953; Audie Criger, 1955; Charley Claspill, 1957; Mike Richardson, 1962; John Haldman 1965; Bill Farmer, 1966; J. W. Wilcox, 1966; Roy McElwee, 1969; Gary Wisdom, 1970-72.

History of New Building at Center Point

At our regular business meeting August 8, 1965, the question of an addition to our church building was brought up with discussion to be carried over to next business meeting. Bro. John Haldman being pastor at this time, a building committee was appointed being the Deacons and Pastor.

At our regular business meeting October 10, 1965 Leon Dill was appointed as treasurer of the Building Fund. The Ladies Aide gave a love offering at this time to start the fund. Also, some other offerings were made at this time.

Our pastor, Bro. John Haldman, resigned at this time.

Our building fund kept growing slowly by love offerings. With our Ladies Aide, also our W.M.U. Ladies working together to do what they could. The church also took every other Sunday's offering for a short period of time.

On December 12, 1965 at our business meeting a plan was presented to our church for study.

On February 13, 1966 the building committee gave a report of building 24x30 feet to be constructed of concrete blocks, approximate cost of walls and windows \$300.00. Motion made to accept this. Bro. Bill Farmer was pastor at this time.

On May 1, 1966 the church received Bro. Bill Farmer's resignation.

At our business meeting May 8, 1966 motion made to start building and use up what money we had on hand.

Ground breaking for the new addition to the church took place on May 11 with Bro. Sherman Dill turning the first shovel of dirt. The walls were erected and windows put in with this work being donated by some of the men of the church.

On July 17, 1966 our church called Rev. J. W. Wilcox as pastor and with his help and what time the men of the church could spare the building progressed very slowly.

With only the sub-floor in we used the new addition for the first service on September 14, 1966 for our noon meal when the County Association met with us.

The building was far enough along by October 23 that the

church decided to put a gas furnace in so the new part could be used for classes through the winter. Also the mention was made to put a partition across the north of the new building to be partitioned into 3 class rooms.

At our regular business meeting September 8, 1967, motion was made to hire carpenters to finish the addition. No time was lost as carpenters were put to work, and on October 6 the new building was completed.

HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH

In 1890, District Missionary Rev. E. D. Fortner ("Bro. Dred") held a revival meeting in the Latimer school house and a number of people were saved following this. The Harmony Church was organized in 1890. Ministers helping with the organization were Bros. B. W. Sherman and J. R. Brownlow and Deacon B. P. Williams.

Charter members were (coming from Pisgah Church): G. M. Howerton, Deacon; J. R. Earnest, Clerk; W. T. Kellogg, Deacon; W. E. Earnest; F. N. McAdoo; J. C. Earnest; W. T. Howerton; M. S. Howerton; Sarah E. Earnest; Mary Earnest; Rebecca Kellogg; Susan E. Earnest; S. J. McAdoo; Mary E. Howerton.

Ministers coming from the church are Jake Bradshaw, Will Cofer, G. M. Dunkin, Milton Wikerson, Sherman Gann. House was built in 1892. Present building is the original one with good repairs. Still serves the community as a place to worship God with services each Sunday and Sunday night and each Wednesday night.

Bro. Albert Roper held a revival in 1932 with 32 additions to the church. Sunday School attendance was 146 average. Arch Howerton became a member by baptism 1908. 65 years of membership (Deacon since 1932), has one son, Deacon (Don), who built the pulpit now in use. Location of Harmony Church is 5 miles south of Long Lane, Missouri on Highway "B" in Southeast Dallas County.

In 1971 Harmony Church reported a total membership of 130, resident 87. Sunday School average attendance 40. Rev. Leonard Miller, pastor.

LONDON SMOKE BAPTIST CHURCH

London Smoke Baptist Church organized 1950. In 1971 there were 42 resident members. Sunday School average 19. Church budget \$1,820.

Pastors: Gene Williams in 1969.

LOUISBURG FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Louisburg, Mo. 65685

Three ordained ministers: J. H. Stienchiper, George Alexander and Noah J. Stienchiper, met in earnest prayer to form the First Baptist Church of Louisburg, Mo. The church was constituted on August 23, 1888 with twenty-eight charter members. Meetings were held in the Louisburg Academy. Rev. Noah J. Stienchiper was called as the first pastor and the first deacons were R. T. Hagg and E. Lindsey.

On October 12, 1890 a member of the church, William Wisdom, was ordained to the Gospel Ministry. There is no record to show where brother Wisdom went from his home church as a preacher.

Services were held on a quarter time basis with preaching and business meeting on Saturday night then preaching twice on the Sunday following.

Pastors during this time were: Noah J. Stienchiper, 1888-92; David Hitson, 1892-93; D. P. Brockus, 1893-95; S. W. Hodges, 1895-96; David Hitson, 1896-99; J. S. Moore, 1899-03.

It was in September 1902 that the first house of worship was built, the records do not show what happened to the Academy or how the church came into possession of the ground. The church building was on or near the Academy location.

Pastors: J. H. Stienchiper, 1903-05; J. C. Kerns, 1905-07; J. B. Smith, 1907-12; M. B. Scrivener, 1912-14; Henry C. Huckaby, 1914-16; Joseph Dill, 1916-17; J. B. Smith, 1917-19; J. R. Sharp, 1919-20; Henry C. Huckaby, 1920-21; U. F. Cheek, 1921-23; J. B. Smith, 1923-24; Ben Clark, 1924-26; J. B. Smith, 1926-29.

In January 1927 the church went to half time, preaching services were held on second and fourth Sundays. All pastors to

this time had been extended an annual call. Many times the names of several prospects were voted on with the call going to the one receiving the highest number of votes. In 1939 the church went to full time preaching

Pastors: Harry Allen, 1929-30; J. B. Smith, 1930-37; I. M. Cook (first full time), 1937-41; J. S. Weaver, 1941-45.

On November 12, 1944 the second young man in the history of Louisburg church was ordained to the Gospel Ministry. The young man was Albert E. Nikkel who had been very active in the work of the church. He was pastor 1945-49. Brother Nikkel was drafted into the military service in the summer of 1945 and served about 6 months; supply preachers were used.

Pastors: Clayton Woods, 1949-49; O. A. Erickson, 1949-52.

The present meeting house was built in 1949 except for the east addition which came later. The old house was sold, divided, and moved within the same block east of the church where it was made into two dwelling houses. The church built a parsonage just back of the church house during the ministry of the next pastor. Volunteer labor built the parsonage within 60 days after the church voted to build, during Dec. '52 and Jan. '53.

Pastors: Dale Jackson, 1952-54; John Wright, 1954-54; Eugene Hayes, 1954-56; Robert Shank, 1956-63.

New pews were placed in the sanctuary in 1959, also this same year the church built a building just west of the parsonage to serve as a garage and pastor's study-office combination.

Pastors: Melton Webb, 1963-64; Othal L. Hodson, 1964-68.

The east addition was built in 1965 and was publically dedicated on April 3, 1966. Also a baptistry was installed and a room built on the south part of the main building. The baptistry was used for the first time on June 9, 1968 when Dr. S. H. Surrette, then interm pastor, baptized 5 boys, Morgan Atchley, Jeff Bates, Dick Henderson, David Wallace and Dennis Wallace.

Pastors: Gene Swofford, 1968-72; Berman Grant, started December 1972.

Central air conditioning was installed in 1972. As of June 1, 1973 the church rolls show the names of 247 members. We are cooperative with churches in the Dallas County Baptist Association, the Missouri Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

214 grand total membership in 1971. Resident membership 118. Sunday School enrollment 105. Value of church property, \$28,500. Budget, \$9,018.

MISSION RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Mission Ridge Baptist Church was organized 1884. 41 resident members in 1971. No pastor. Sunday School average 8. Budget \$155.

MT. PLEASANT SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH - SOUTH

Mount Pleasant Southern Baptist Church was organized in the fall of 1869 by Elders John W. Fitch and David Morrow, with Green Williams and wife, Sanford Creek, Martha Creek, Joel Garner, Martha Garner, Frank Wingo, Nathan McDaniel, John Smith, Lucinda Smith, Nehemiah Smith, Caroline Smith and John Williams as charter members.

About the year 1870 the first church building was erected at a cost of \$400. It was located in township 33, range 19.

On January 5, 1884 it was decided to build a new church building. After much difficulty in obtaining funds it was finished in 1889.

In August of 1889 the church asked to be dismissed from the Freedom Association and joined the new Dallas County Baptist Association formed in 1888.

The present church building held its first services on the first Sunday in July, 1963. It was dedicated on June 6, 1965.

A Centennial celebration was held on September 21, 1969 with all day services. A cornerstone was laid in the foundation of the porch entrance.

Present value of church property is \$15,000. Present membership is 185 (resident and non resident).

Pastors from beginning to present: J. W. Fisher, Rev. Edwards, L. A. Smith, Daniel Bills, J. H. Stinecipher, A. W. Kain, R. B. Carnett, E. D. Fortner, W. E. Hoover, W. C. Cheek, Albert Roper, Bruce Mills, A. D. Kelley, Floyd Cockran, Harry Allen, B. D. Clark, J. M. Cook, J. Edward Rains, Harvey Tucker, Charley Claspill, Wesley Derrick, Herbert Harmon, Daryl Golding, Leonard Miller, Mike Richardson, Gary Wisdom, James D. Bryant, Bobby Cannon, Danny O'Neal, Tom Scowden.

Deacons at present: Hosea Evans, James J. Larimer, Phillip Watkins, Phillip Hill.

—Tom Scowden, Oct. 25, 1972

MT. ZION SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH

Charity, Missouri

For some time a group of Christians had been meeting for Sunday School and church in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Cole.

On March 10, 1946 the Mt. Zion Church was organized and later became a part of the Dallas County Southern Baptist Association.

The charter members of the church coming by letter or relation were: Garland and Bessie Cole, Robert and Orvilla Brashers, Violet Metcalf and Marie Gregg.

Those coming by baptism were: Margie Metcalf, Mary Lou Metcalf, Roy Dale Cole and Loren Brashers.

Soon after the church was organized the land where the church is located was obtained from Mr. and Mrs. Philpott.

The building was erected by the pastor, members and friends and without indebtedness. Services were held in the basement until the rest of the building was completed.

Our first pastor was Wesley Derrick.

Two deacons, Delmar Gentry and C. A. Dugan, come into the church by letter.

In 1951 Rhuel Mallard, Robert Brashers and Arizone Brashers were ordained as deacons.

Those on the ordination council were: Moderator, Bro. Wesley Derrick, Mt. Zion Church; Clerk, D. E. Erickson, Olive

Point Church; Examiner, Bro. Clarence Wright; Charge to Church - Charge to Deacons, Bro. Micholkowsky, Buffalo Church; Ordination Prayer, Harvey Tucker, Cherry Grove Church; Presentation of Candidates, C. A. Dugan, Mt. Zion Church. Other members of Council were: Hosea Evans, Mt. Pleasant Church; Sherman Dill, Center Point Church; Paul Wright, Urbana; Clif Shewmaker, Buffalo; Lon Mallard, Cherry Grove.

The following pastors have served at Mt. Zion: Wesley Derrick, 1946-52; Odas Parnell, 1952-54; Clifford Feeler, 1954-55; Audie Criger, 1955-58; Floy Paden, part of 1958; Ernest Hotelling, 1959-60; David Shull, 1961-62; Audie Criger, 1962-67; Perry Wolfe, 1967-70; Tom Schaufler, 1970-72; Bert Thomas, 1972-.

We have had church services, county meetings, deacons and preachers ordained, weddings, funerals and Vacation Bible Schools during the time we have been in existence.

We of Mt. Zion are trying to carry on the Lord's work in our community.

NEW LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH

New Liberty Baptist was organized November 20, 1870 by Elder L. J. Tatum. Used school house for services. Built church 18x24 in 1880.

Pastors: Stinecipher, Palmer, Smith, Hitson, Spear, Jones. Membership 49 in 1888. Inactive in 1871.—Goodspeed, p. 558)

Closed now.

NEW PROSPECT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church, 12 miles southeast of Buffalo, was organized in 1886 with 10 members. The church grew to 38 members in 1887.

J. J. Highfill was the first pastor. Deacons were M. R. Powell and P. M. Seaton, Other church families were A. McDaniel, J. D. Smith, Irene Patterson.

The 1886 church house was burned. A new church building

is of native stone, built in 1937 by the saved and the unsaved people of the neighborhood.

Regular church services are held.

PISGAH BAPTIST CHURCH, LONG LANE

"Pisgah Baptist Church was organized in August 1841 by D. R. Murphy and J. R. Callaway." Seven charter members in Murphy, Callaway, Duesenberry, Randles and Howerton families.—(Goodspeed, p. 556) In 1842 a log house 20 feet square. In 1866 a new site and a new house one and one-half miles south of Long Lane. Fifteen pastors listed 1866-1889: John Liles, Isaiah Jameson, Samuel Job, Zade McDonald, John Williams, C. L. Alexander, W. C. Edwards, G. B. Mitchell, James M. James, B. J. Smith, J. H. Stinecipher, Z. J. Strickland, G. W. Blank, R. B. Carnett, William Cain. Membership 74 in 1888.

Wm. Hoover was pastor in 1891; J. H. Stinecipher, 1892-93; W. S. Huges, 1894-95; R. F. Marcum, 1896- ; E. D. Fortner, 1897; W. H. Cain, 1898; R. B. Scrivner, 1899-1902; W. C. Cheek, 1902-04; W. E. Brasier, 1905; J. B. Smith, 1907-09; W. R. Bennet, 1910-11; W. C. Cheek, 1911; G. W. Dill, 1912; J. W. Bradshaw, 1913; W. C. Cheek, 1916; T. C. Pennell, 1916-20; J. B. Smith, 1921; W. A. Allison, 1922-23; L. W. Cleland, 1924-25; Albert Roper, 1926; Tom Pettitt, 1932; J. E. Jackson, 1933; James O. Reynolds, 1933; Fred Jones, 1934-36; Walter Mihlfeld, 1937-39; Thomas Dove, 1939-40; Charles Russell, 1941; Leonard Baird Summer, 1942; Charles Tucker, 1943; Orem Bledsoe, 1943; Frank Lytle, 1944-46; Morris Potter, 1947.

Four building campaigns from 1841-1871. Two at the Long Lane site. At the Centennial Celebration in 1942 these data were reported: Membership 107, dismissed to other churches 298, lost by death 298, lost otherwise 67.

The 1971 Missouri Baptist Manual, page 326, records 63 members, \$6,985 budget.

PLAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Plad Baptist Church organized 1897 with Rev. Joe Moore as Moderator. Fifteen charter members. Families represented were Looney, Rodelander, Smith, Mustain, Mitchell, Adams, Monday. Two acres purchased from Alfred Miller and wife for church house site. A one-story frame building was erected and dedicated in 1897 and used for 57 years.

The building committee in 1951 was Edd Johnston, Claud Hurst, Henry G. True, Dewey Porter, C. M. Kay, Roe Henderson and J. M. Adams as building foreman. Rev. Harvey Tucker was pastor then.

Three years and much donated labor before the building was opened for service October 17, 1954. Brother David Wright pastor.

List of pastors, 1907-1971: Rev. O. B. Haloman, May 1906 to March 1907; Rev. W. E. Hoover, March 1907 to November 1909; Rev. Geo. Dill, December 1909 to 1910; Rev. Sammie Adams, 1910 to February 1912; Rev. E. D. Fortner, February 1912 to August 1914; Rev. H. Huckaby, August 1914 to February 1915; Rev. J. R. Sharp, February 1915 to October 1915; Rev. Geo. Dill, November 1915 to June 1920; Rev. Albert Roper, September 1921 to December 1921; Rev. Geo. Dill, January 1922 to February 1923; Rev. Eddie Raines, March 1923 to February 1925; Rev. Harvey G. Tucker, September 1925 to March 1926; Rev. O. B. Haloman, April 1926 to November 1927; Rev. Harry Allen, December 1927 to May 1928; Rev. J. B. Smith, June 1928 to November 1930; Rev. L. Palmer, February 1931 to February 1932; Rev. V. L. Stanley, October 1934 to August 1935; Rev. Leonard Miller, September 1935 to March 1936; Rev. J. B. Smith, November 1936 to 1938.

Now at this time, February 27, 1938, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hilburn Berry burned. She being the Clerk, all the records and the church book burned. So we had no records - until May 30, 1942. J. M. Adams was elected as Church Clerk and a new book was bought and the records were gotten together by J. M. Adams who is still the clerk. Rev. Jack Fellows was Moderator

at this meeting. Other pastors are as follows: Rev. Bob Williams, 1942 for a short time; Rev. Arthur Short, June 1942 to December 1943; Rev. Leonard Miller, December 1943 to October 1948; Rev. Edd Slavens, April 1949 to January 1950; Rev. Leonard Miller, May 1950 to September 1950; Rev. Harvey G. Tucker, October 6, 1950 to October 19, 1952; Rev. David Wright, April 1953 to August 1955; Rev. Dorsey Derrick, February 1956.

Now this brings us up to the time of the dedication of our new church. The church is still having services each Sunday, but most of the old members have passed on to their reward. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Adams are the two oldest living members. They have been members 63 years. Here are some of the active families now: Mr. and Mrs. Claud Hurst, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Clemmons, Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Medley, Mrs. Masters and the George Rodehamber family, the Adams families, Fred Spurgeon and Mrs. Frank Whipple.

The undersigned writer of this history was a lad 8 years old when the church was organized, was later foreman and carpenter on the present building, am now 82 years old. Plad Baptist Church has always stood firm for the teaching of the New Testament Church and the work of the cooperative program. This history was written by J. M. Matt Adams, signed Church Clerk.

1971 report of Plad Church: 80 members but only 35 resident. Budget \$793. Rev. Enloe, pastor.

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Hulen Rambo gave the land to be used for the Pleasant Hill Cemetery and church located near the old lead mine in north Dallas County. Although we know there was an earlier building and membership, our present church records date back to January 12, 1906. At that time a new church house had been finished and Rev. O. B. Halloman was pastor. E. A. Young was serving as church clerk. The present church building was built in 1962.—Melba West.

UNION MOUND SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH

by Thelbert R. Gott

The Union Mound Southern Baptist Church is located three miles south of March, Missouri and was organized August 5, 1956. Nineteen Charter Members were accepted: Rev. and Mrs. Dorsey Derrick, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey W. Gott, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond R. Gott, Thelbert R. Gott, Wesley A. Gott, Miss Barbara McCart, Miss Beverly McCart, Miss Roberta McCart, Miss Betty McCurry, Miss Wanda McCurry, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. (Doc) Rogers, Miss Christine Rogers, Miss Patsy Jean Rogers, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Snodgrass. Charter Members deceased: Mr. and Mrs. Harvey W. Gott and R. O. (Doc) Rogers.

Four Charter Deacons were ordained and accepted by the Church: Raymond R. Gott, Chairman; R. O. (Doc) Rogers; Harvey W. Gott; and Glen Snodgrass. On April 13, 1969, Thelbert R. Gott was ordained as a Deacon making three generations of active Deacons in the same church. Charter Deacons now deceased: Harvey W. Gott and R. O. (Doc) Rogers.

Pastors of the Church until this writing: Dorsey Derrick, Charter Pastor (56-61); John Mark Miller (61-62); J. W. Wilcox (63-64); Coy Dickey (64-65); Harry Moore (66-68); Calvin J. Reynolds (68-72); Arvist Gillam (73-).

Present membership is sixty-five members with a full program of ministry to the community.

A church was organized here in early years.

URBANA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

New church was organized in 1937. Roger Marshall was ordained pastor in 1969. Total membership 122 of which 61 are resident. Budget \$3,973. Sunday School enrollment 66.

The new church house of the Urbana Baptist was built the 1st of 1939 and on December 8, 1940 it was dedicated debt free.

Bro. J. B. Smith organized the Urbana Baptist church in 1937 with 17 charter members. We worshipped some 18 months in the Christian Church house at Urbana then built our own.

Rev. Bert Thomas was ordained for the ministry at this

church. Rev. Earl M. Plummer was ordained for the ministry here in March 1972.

The following have pastored the Urbana Church: N. G. Bristow, Oscar Erickson, John Smith, Jess Harmon, Jack Gilliam, Frank Sanders, David St. John, Clark Vaught, John Zimmer, Paul Wright, Harold Garrison, O. E. Martin, L. E. Kerbaugh, Dan Cody, Don Peres, Bert Thomas, Dana Burris, Roger Marshall, John Keene, Earl Plummer.

WINDYVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

August 12, 1914

After a revival meeting held by Rev. J. R. Sharp and M. B. Scrivener in what was then known as the Pea Ridge School House, a church was organized with the following members: William Perryman, John A. Phillips, Melda Phillips, Emery Hildebrand and Hulda Hildebrand, Allen Perryman, Eva Perryman, Lula Jones, Effie Chapman, Sarah McCoy, Bessie, Peppers, Sherman Scott, Arvilla Scott, Healey Bennett, Ona Hildebrand, Frank Jones, Martha Jones, Minnie Jones, Flossie Chapman, Minnie Phillips, John Jones, Bert Hildebrand, Jeff Freeman, Lloyd Bramwell, Willie Jones, Jane Jones, Oma Bramwell, Tilda Clark, Maude Peppers, Anna Medley, Early Hildebrand, I. N. Lamar and Roosevelt Hildebrand.

On August 16, 1914, the church met and 22 of the above charter members were baptised. Bro. J. R. Sharp was first pastor.

In June 1920 the meeting place was changed to a hall in Windyville. On March 13, 1927 the church was moved to the Windyville Community Building. In June 1935, Rev. Oscar Pigg and Rev. Albert Roper held a revival and many were saved. On June 23 a new church was organized known as First Baptist Church of Windyville, and became a cooperating unit of the Dallas County Missionary Baptist Association. Charter members were: George M. Dunkin, Tina Dunkin, Mary Jones, Earl Dunkin, Woodrow Dunkin, Bessie Jones, Wilma Bradley, Eva Rowen, Mila Jones, Sherman Scott, Arvilla Scott, Herschel Scott, Chloe Lawson, Maxine Harris, Aixine Harris,

Florence Harris, Ruie B. Doolin, Herbert H. Scott, Effie I. Scott, Edith Dugan, Vivian Hildebrand, R. S. Jones, Susie Jones, Otto Phillips, Violet Phillips, Dotty Sturdevant, Dolla Sturdevant, Roy Rowen, Mary Phillips, Chloe Luttrell, May Phillips, Cecil Hildebrand, Letha Sturdevant, Genevive Scott, Charley Jones, Willis Burns, Pearley Burns, Lois Burtin, Eleanor Bloomfield, Margie Sturdevant, Mable Phillips, Roscoe Phillips, Dolly Bradley, Juanita Dugan, Wilma Randleman, Beatrice Phillips, Hellen Bloomfield, Zella Hildebrand, Paul Burtin, Gladys Sturdevant, Leland Burtin, Hellen Kidwell and Shelyv Dugan. Rev. Albert Roper was elected pastor and continued until 1951.

March 22, 1951 it was voted to build a new church and the site was selected near the site of the old Pea Ridge School House. Trustees were R. S. Jones, Otto Phillips, Ralph Luttrell and Willis Burns. On June 7, 1953 they moved into the new building and the first sermon was by Rev. G. M. Dunkin, the building was dedicated July 17, 1955. Deacons were Otto Phillips, Ralph Luttrell, Lloyd Dibbins and Sam Grobes.

A. M. Dunkin was ordained as minister in March 1917. In 1918 Allen Perryman was licensed as a minister of the gospel.

Some of the other pastors and evangelists who have held meetings in our church are: Oscar Pigg, Ralph Maness, I. M. Cook, C. V. Vaught, Ross Carter, Audie Criger, Leonard Miller, Clarence Wright, L. E. Kerbaugh, Ryan, Connell, Harmon, Arizone Breshears, Neil Terwilliger, Tom Dove, Herbert Keene, Glen Swigert, Theodore Davis, Claude Brown, H. K. Neely, Gary Wisdom, Vance Bradford and our present pastor, Allen Russell.

OTHER BAPTIST CHURCHES IN DALLAS COUNTY

BAILEY CHAPEL FREEWILL BAPTIST

Tunas, Missouri

Union Chapel Freewill Baptist Church was organized on the 24th day of August, 1924. Services were held at the Plad Union Church until early summer of 1935 when a building was

erected at the present site.

It was organized by Brothers W. F. Millard, Willie Rush and Ezra Rush.

Charter Members: Brothers Isaac Bailey, W. S. Bailey, Wesley Bailey, Claude Bailey, Numan Tuttle, George Tuttle; Sisters Mary Bailey, Minerva Bailey, Carrie Bailey, Maggie Bailey, Lucy Bailey.

Pastors of the church from the time it was organized in 1924 up until the present time are: W. F. Millard, Arthur Bailey, Lem Waterman, C. A. McCallister, John Koch, Roy Jones, Curtis Wilson, Glen Jones, Leo Curtis, Ray Scrivener, Ezra Vestel, Laverne Jones, Wayne Weeks, E. L. Sawyer, James Henson, Paul Bliss and Frank Linton, Present pastor is Curtis Wilson.

On August 18, 1951 the name of the church was changed to Bailey Chapel Freewill Baptist.

In September, 1963 a new building was built.

BENTON BRANCH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Benton Branch Free Will Baptist Church was organized May 5, 1885. Alexanera and Margaret McClurg deeded a small acreage to trustees Wm. D. Hamlet, George Scott and Arch Williams. Caroline McKee and Arizona McKee were witnesses to this deed.

Preachers at different times were G. W. Johnson, 1891; J. P. Highfield, M. R. Rowl, 1895; M. E. Brasier, 1897; J. P. Highfield, 1901; Gorvenor, 1902; John Breashers, 1903; J. P. Highfield, 1905; J. M. Sigaboose, 1906; N. J. Breashers, 1908; J. D. Smith, 1911; N. J. Breashers, 1913; W. M. Phillips, 1914; Willie Rush, 1917; N. J. Breashers, 1920; Ezera House, 1921; George Sturdevant, 1928; Roy Scrivner, 1919; George Sturdevant, 1930; H. M. Cope, 1931; Arthur Bailey, 1933; J. G. Koch, 1934; Sturdevant again, 1936.

No regular services since the passing of G. W. Sturdevant. Annual Home Coming and Singing in September.

—Data provided by Floyd Harris

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Bethel Baptist Church was organized November 17, 1888 by Elder G. W. Sherman, missionary of Freedom Association. Families: Lindsey, Cline, Wollard, Edmission, Randles. 6 members. (Goodspeed, p. 559) Frame church on Conway Road near Niangua River.

Pastors: Cain pastor in the 1880's. 40 members in 1888. 1/4 time preaching. Levi C. Taylor, Clerk.

A frame church house erected about 1889. A new church house was built in 1969 which is near the Niangua River on the Conway Road. The building is made of cement blocks. It is called a community church.

Twenty-Two Year History

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, BUFFALO, MISSOURI

September 17, 1972

Twenty-two years ago a small group of people from Buffalo who desired a fundamental, Bible-believing church, met for a tent revival with evangelist Bill Hagel. Many souls were saved and God sent a great revival. Following this meeting, on October 28, 1950, the Bible Baptist Church was organized. Evangelist Don Brown, who had led the singing during this revival, became the pastor. The church first met in the VFW Hall located at Locust and Missouri.

The original church auditorium and Sunday School rooms were completed in 1951. An annex was built three years later to accommodate additional Sunday School classes and overflow attendance during worship service. Another addition was made in 1962 to provide a kitchen and fellowship hall, and still more Sunday School class rooms. At this time also, the parsonage, purchased 10 years previously, was remodeled and two bedrooms added.

The numerical and spiritual growth the church continued to enjoy gave reason for still larger facilities. Long-time dreams materialized and prayers were answered when in 1966 plans were made and bonds sold, then in 1967, construction began on a new auditorium with seating capacity of 500. Dedication

services were held on Sunday afternoon, August 25, 1968, with Rev. W. E. Dowell of Springfield bringing the dedicatory message. A well-designed sign, installed in May of 1972, adds to the attractiveness of the church property and identifies Bible Baptist Church to all who pass by.

Many things have been accomplished by the church through the years. Record Sunday School attendance was 400 on Easter Sunday, 1968. A total of 562 have been baptized by the church in its 22 year history, and present membership now stands at approximately 550. The sun never sets on the ministry of Bible Baptist Church, for the church regularly supports 26 foreign missionaries on 15 fields, and a number of home missions projects as well. In 1971, \$10,329.83 was given to missions. An active youth program is conducted by the church; also a bus ministry, with several coming to Sunday School each Sunday on each of the three buses.

In addition to Brother Don Brown, other pastors leading the church through the years were Greg Dixon, Gene Eidson, Wm. J. Fortson, William Estes, George Pool and John McGath. Rev. G. Allen Wright, the present pastor, accepted the call to the church in June of 1971 and assumed his duties on July 1. Brother Steve Plank is associate pastor; Steve Ulbrich, music director.

HISTORY OF BUFFALO FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

The church was organized at the Court House in Buffalo on March 18, 1905, following a revival meeting which had been conducted by Eld. J. P. Highfill, Eld. W. N. Sutton and Eld. N. J. Breshears. The organizing ministers were Eld. Highfill and Eld. Breshears.

Eight charter members formed the nucleus of the church, they were: Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Highfill, D. J. Owens, Alfred Hayes, J. H. Moad, Harriet Clark, Wesley Clark and Mattie Sedgwick.

At a succeeding meeting on March 25, 1905, the church of Buffalo was named the Freewill Baptist Church.

Eld. J. P. Highfill was elected first moderator and pastor. Ben Owens and Jack Owens were named first deacons.

The church continued to meet in the Court House for some time then moved to a small building off the southeast corner of the square. It grew rapidly and by 1907 had increased from the 8 charter members to 70 members.

By the year 1912, the church felt the need of a permanent home.

Two of the earliest deacons were Daniel Blair and Sam Hayes, both of whom had united with the church soon after it was organized. Mr. Blair served as deacon as long as he lived (11 years) and Mr. Hayes as long as he lived.

Both Mr. Blair and Mr. Hayes were very active in planning and securing materials and erecting a building.

The building site for the church on East Main Street (40'x50'x lot) was donated by Floyd O'Bannon and three old buildings were purchased, torn down and rebuilt into the modest church as home for more than 40 years.

Altho the cost was not great and most of the work was done by volunteer labor, it represented a great sacrifice in which women shared with the men.

After Mr. Blair's death, his wife Matilda Blair was made deaconess. The church was begun in 1912 and completed the following year.

Early pastors who shared with the church the hardship of carrying on the work under difficulty were: J. P. Highfill, W. N. Sutton, N. J. Breashers, Doug Smith, Larkin Jones, H. S. Lee, Emil Burtin, Willie Jones, all of whom served the church prior to 1920.

Since that date the pastors were Will Millard, Lester Branstetter, Walter George, Bro. Claxton, George Sturdevant, John Koch, Eli Burney, Ezra House, Frank Linton, Bert Hall, Ben Scott, Lee Spain, Ira Waterman and Curtis Wilson.

With the growth of the church, the need of a new building became apparent.

The building program began in October, 1953, with the

purchase of (Block 6) the property adjoining the church.

Blue prints for the new church were drawn by Clayton, a deacon, who also oversaw the building of the basement, and with much volunteer labor, material and money donations from many concerned members and people in and around Buffalo, the new Buffalo Freewill Baptist Church auditorium was built, by a local contractor Nova Maddux.

The first service was held in the new building on Saturday night, July 3, 1954.

Other ministers who have pastored the church are: George Conner, Paul Bliss, Edd Slavens, Warren Haddock, Charlie Chamberlain and Sammy Biggers.

CEDAR RIDGE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

A revival meeting began at the Cedar Ridge School House on Sept. 8, 1906 with Rev. M. E. Brazier and Rev. J. D. (Doug) Smith as ministers; God being their helpers and after three weeks meeting the results were the conversion of 48 souls.

On Sept. 29, 1906 congregation met and organized a Free Will Baptist Church, Presbytery was called. Rev. N. J. Breshears, Rev. J. D. Smith, and Rev. M. E. Brazier proceeded to organize with 18 charter members. Hattie Burtin was elected clerk; M. G. Vest, treasurer, Sam Junkins and J. H. Dibbens were elected deacons, Rev. N. J. Breashers was was elected pastor.

H. R. Terry, J. M. Brackley Jr. and Will Smith were selected as a committee to locate a building site.

Charter members were J. M. Brackley Jr., H. R. Terry, John Burtin, George Burtin, Wilburn Vest, Frank Franklin, W. H. Williams, M. G. Vest, Sam Junkins, W. M. Phillips, Victor Burtin, J. W. Smith, Ellen Burtin, Addie Smith, Maggie Burtin, Etta Burtin, Hattie Burtin and John Lynch.

Ministers who pastored the Church through the years were: Rev. W. M. Phillips, Rev. John Breshears, Rev. J. D. Smith, Rev. E. T. House, Rev. H. M. Copes, Rev. J. E. Burney, Rev. Frank Linton, Rev. Wid McClanhan, Rev. George Sturdevant, Rev. Ben Scott, Rev. Osa Allen, Rev. Mose Johnson, Rev.

Archie Coomer, Rev. Leo Curtis, Rev. W. M. Reeves, Rev. Cleo Covington, Rev. Roy Jones, Rev. Austin Wright, Rev. Alpha Ford, Rev. E. L. Sawyer, Rev. Charley Chambers, Rev. Maynard Moore, Rev. Eddie Vincent, Rev. Willie Bennett, Rev. Ralph Douglas and Rev. Cleo Covington.

Other deacons who have served the church were: Victor Burtin, George Burtin, C. L. Hanna, E. E. Haminton, J. W. Smith, O. W. Scurlock, Frank Franklin, John Gann and Ivan Chapman.

Other church clerks were: Emeel Brutin, Lois Hackler, Jones, Opha Burtin, McConnell, Jewell Scurlock, Hazel Smith, Goodrich, and Lorene Wilson.

Cedar Ridge Church is located three miles north of Long Lane, Mo. on State Highway Dallas County P.—Lorene Wilson, Church Clerk.

CEDAR RIDGE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Cedar Ridge Free Will Baptist Church was organized September 28, 1906. Frank Franklin was a charter member and became a deacon in 1942.—(Reflex, February 25, '71)

CHERRY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Cherry Grove Baptist Church was organized in 1903. Claud Brown was pastor in 1969. Eighty-five resident members in 1971. Sunday School average 18.

GREEN MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

In March, 1909 a group of men and women of the Gann community and other interested persons from missionary churches of adjoining communities met in the Mt. Grove (Gann) school house of Dallas County, Missouri, District No. 7, Township 32, Range 18 (in some places it says range 18-19 and I'm not sure which is right), and organized a Missionary Baptist Church, which church they voted to call Green Mountain.

Services were held in the school house until a church building could be built. Services were held in the church

building before the ceiling was put in.

The minutes of church services dated October 1910 state that a collection was taken to buy ceiling for church. Services were held in this building until October 27, 1963. The first church building was located about 150 yards, more or less, north and a little east of Gann school house.

The church moved into a new church building located near northwest corner of Gann Cemetery. This building was dedicated April 26, 1964. At present time there are 38 active members.

—Mrs. Fred V. Gann - March 13, 1973

HOPEWELL FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Hopewell Church Finishes Remodeling Project—(Reflex 2/1/73)

The Hopewell Freewill Baptist Church was organized in 1922 in an old union building. I was called as pastor in 1938 and moved my family here and began my work here. We started a building program, and in May of 1942 the building was finished and the property was deeded to the Freewill Baptist.

In the 50 years of the Hopewell Church, I have served the church as pastor for nearly 27 years. The church just finished a complete overhaul job. We have new Sunday School rooms, dining area, new heating system, wall to wall carpeting, new pews, new pulpit, new paneling, new ceiling, indirect lighting and new doors.

We welcome the people of this part of the country to feel free to use our church for funerals at any time, as the church is convenient for funeral services. We just closed a winter revival here with Rev. Dale Jones of Kansas City, Mo. as evangelist. There were five saved in this meeting and seven united with the church.

—Rev. Frank Linton, pastor, Tunas, Mo.

LOUISBURG PRIMITIVE BAPTIST

Round Prairie Primitive Baptist Church was established 1849 at Louisberg. Henry Breshears was a minister in early

1880's. Louis Green pastor; Lewis Hart clerk at one time. Mrs. Jennie Ford has minutes.

Marsh, Wisdom, Agee, McGee and Breshears, members.

"In regard to the Primitive Baptist Church I remember from 1906-1939 first minister 1906 - Louis Green, second, Pappy Hodges; third, Henry White; fourth, Lum Agee; fifth, John Ford, when we left there. The old Louisburg Academy operated along in the early '80's. My father graduated in 1883 and became a registered druggist. It stood where the First Baptist Church is now. In fact, the old church building that was in use when you and I were in Louisburg (Missionary Baptist) was a part of the old building. The upper story was torn off. Some of my father's old Academy school books are dated 1881-82-83)." —a letter from Claude F. Line - Feb. 5, 1972

MACEDONIA CHURCH

Macedonia Church was organized in Buffalo in 1848 on December 18. W. McDonnell, Jackson F. Oliver were the organizers. Nineteen constituent members. Family names were Lovan, Beckner, Peake, Martin, Robertson, Stinebaugh, Cook, Paine, Johnson, Lee.

The church met in the Buffalo school house. In 1855 a log building was erected about four miles southeast of Buffalo to which place the membership was removed. Following a dormant period, 1861-1866, the church was reorganized by Elders H. Piatt and A. L. Alexander and the name was changed to Macedonia.

Family names were Alexander, Jones, Chapman, Cheek, L. L. Beckner, Sarah Beckner, Edwards, Creek, Hendrickson, Norton. —(Goodspeed p. 558).

Pastors at Macedonia were Jackson F. Oliver, W. B. Sentor, T. Pitts, G. D. Mitchell, William Spillman, G. W. Williams, L. A. Smith, J. W. Fitch, George Suter, J. R. Calloway, G. W. Kelley, W. W. Palmer, D. P. Brockus, D. R. Jones and David Hitson.

A new edifice was erected in 1881 on the Springfield road

four miles south of Buffalo. Cost, \$1,000. Membership, 104.

Macedonia no longer active in 1971.

From Macedonia dead: Rev. W. D. Cheek, age 76 years, 6 months, 16 days. He was a well known Baptist minister. Surviving are his wife and four children: Rev. U. T. Cheek of Creighton, Missouri; Rev. W. C. Cheek, Charity; John W. Cheek of Buffalo and Mrs. John Satterfield of Red Top. He was buried in the Macedonia Cemetery.—(Reflex 5/2/18)

MOUNT OLIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

The Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church was organized on November 10, 1855, with 10 charter members. Believed to be among those original ten were: Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Fortner, Lindy Neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Highfill, Green Berry Mitchell, and Zeke Salsman. Green Berry Mitchell was the first pastor.

The Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church joined the Union Association in September, 1856. When the Freedom Association was formed in October, 1858, with Green Berry Mitchell as moderator, Mt. Olive was among the thirty churches that comprised that body. The following are the names of the churches as they appear on the minutes: Elkton, Liberty, Hopewell, Salem, Buffalo, Pleasant Grove, Mt. View, New Hope, Welfare, Cedar Bluff, Marshfield, Bethlehem, Mt. Zion, Mt. Olive, Pleasant Hill, Mt. Zoar, Bethel, Osage, Freedom, Pisgah, Macedonia, Prospect, Good Hope, Lebanon, Providence, Enon, Slagle Creek, Senter, Hebron, and Timber Ridge.

The Civil War gravely hindered the Lord's work in Missouri, as well as the other states involved. Mt. Olive was left without a pastor until Isiah Ingram became our pastor in 1867.

In 1889 the Freedom Association changed its name to the Polk County Baptist Association. Except for a few years with the Dallas County Association, Mt. Olive has remained a member of the Polk County Association.

Mt. Olive has tried to remain true to the doctrines she was built upon; to remain unchanged in an ever-changing world.

The first building was built in 1855, the second in 1880, the third in 1903, and the present building was built in 1934 and remodeled in 1969.

The pastors through the years have been as follows: G. B. Mitchell, Isiah Ingram, J. R. Callaway, E. D. Fortner, N. G. Stinecipher, J. W. Smith, J. S. Moore, G. W. Pfeifer, J. W. Beckerdite, M. B. Scrivner, J. C. Powell, J. R. Sharp, Joe Dill, W. J. Hicks, W. A. Roper, John B. Smith, C. E. Salsman, Otis Mallicoat, Charlie Claspill, Gene Brown, W. Z. Stovall, Lee Penny, N. G. Bristow, C. C. Warford, Hobert Mustain, Sherman Bybee, Lester Hensley, Dennis Spear, and Donald Lane.

Done by order of the church. Bro. Donald Lane, Moderator, Karen J. Sanders, Church Clerk.

NEW HOPE CHURCH, NEAR LOUISBURG

On September 20, 1854 a group of Christians met in a convention for organizing a church, which they called United Baptist Church. Elders G. B. Mitchel and John Burns presided.

Those that became members of this church were: Drury Cook; Isabel Cook; P. D. Watson; G. W. Pharis; William White; Elizabeth Southard; Nancy McPheeters; William Kee; Adam Stinebaugh; and Mary Stinebaugh.

There were eleven in number. They chose Elder G. B. Mitchel to act as pastor and Adam Stinebaugh for clerk.

The House in which this church held its services was a log house which was used for both church and school. It was located about eight miles north of Buffalo near Lindley Creek where baptism was held.

They gave this church and place the name as New Hope.

The church grew in grace as well as in number, at the close of three years there was a total of 190 members.

Services were held the third Sunday and Saturday of each month.

In 1865 John McPheeters and May McPheeters owners of this land deeded 4½ acres for church and cemetery, later Mr. Jennings gave another small plot which joins this on the east.

In 1877 their membership had increased so much that they decided to build a new church house. A committee was appointed by the pastor, Rev. W. W. Palmer.

This committee was made up of the following members: James Southard; E. Austin; A. McPheeters; Noah Bray and George Delaplane. The house, a large building, at a cost of \$208.00, was completed as finances would permit.

At this time there were 240 members, revivals being held each year by the Pastor.

In 1889 the first Dallas County Baptist Association was organized, delegates from New Hope Church were: H. Southard; W. S. Hodge; J. H. Stinecipher, W. M. Magil; S. J. Condren; J. A. J. Baker; James Southard and J. W. Cranfield. Each year on, delegates were sent to the Association.

In 1905 New Hope held its first association.

In 1913 one of the most successful revival meetings ever held in the history of New Hope Church saw 48 additions to the church by experience and baptism. Rev. W. T. Cheek was the pastor.

In 1921 Henderson Southard gave his resignation as church clerk which he had served most of the time for 49 years. He was a faithful member, was known as a vocal singer and teacher.

In 1922 a new church house was built. Since this time many of the old members have passed on. Owing to the cars and good roads people have been neglectful until services have become very infrequent.

On July 18, 1943 the last services at New Hope were held until some families, after much prayer, felt the Lord's leading to re-open the doors at New Hope. The only meetings which were held there from 1943 until November 2, 1969 were once a year Memorial Services at the church.

The pastor for the new opening of the church was Norell Smith of Iowa. He served at the church until the first Sunday of November 1970 with several souls saved and baptized. The church then called Tom Graham of St. Joseph, Mo. to be the next pastor. He is serving as pastor at the present time. The

church at New Hope has steadily grown from 3 families to the present membership of 104 members. The church is starting a revival at the present time with the purpose to see souls being saved and the members getting back in fellowship of the Lord. membership of 104 members. The church is starting a revival at the present time with the purpose to see souls being saved and the members getting back in fellowship of the Lord.

A new addition has been added at the church which consists of a basement and an addition to enlarge the auditorium, and is almost completed at the present time. All these efforts have been made to see souls saved not only in this area but through the world by the missionaries which the church supports.—(Report September 17, 1972 by Tom Graham)

NEW HOPE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Near Long Lane

"Yes, I am the pastor of New Hope Primitive Baptist Church located in Dallas County, Missouri. I have been the pastor for close to 30 years.

As close as I can get at present the church was constituted about the year 1878. The church is located on 32 Highway between Lebanon, Missouri and Longlane, Missouri, just on the Dallas and Laclede County line, just on the Dallas County side. Buffalo is the County seat of Dallas County.

"The present membership is 22.

"This seems to be all I have at present. So many of the older ones have gone on. However, there may be some old records somewhere that would clear things up better. I feel we have been too neglectful in some such important things.

"May the Lord be with you.—Elmer Calton, Grove Spring, Mo. 65662 - April 10, 1972."

OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Olive Baptist Church, in Jasper Township, was organized in 1870 by Elders Lawson Scrivener and I. W. Cranfill with

William F. Monday, John Williams, Sarah E. and Rachel Medley and others to the number of ten as constituent members. This organization has had no exclusive church house to this date, services having been conducted in school houses. The house now used and for several years past is the district school house owned jointly by the district and church. This house was dedicated to the worship of God about the year 1880 by Elder John H. Stinecipher.

The pastors serving it have been John H. Stinecipher, David Hitson, Z. T. Strickland, W. E. Spear, N. J. Stinecipher, and G. M. Alexander.

The membership of this congregation is from 26 to 30.

REYNOLDS CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

The Reynolds Chapel Baptist Church was organized December 9, 1877, at the residence of Bro. R. D. Reynolds. There were fourteen charter members: J. E. Mayfield, M. L. Reynolds, W. H. Snodgrass, G. M. McGinnis, J. F. Anderson, R. D. Reynolds, Sara A. Clayton, Laura Holden, Mary A. Green, Jane Huggins, Eliza Reynolds, Sara J. Snodgrass, Margrette Anderson and Lucindia McGinnis. After these were examined by the Presbytry which consisted of Elder D. P. Brockus, Elder Mark Harris, Elder Albert Harris, they were found to be properly prepared for material for the "master's kingdom." Elder Albert Harris was elected as the first pastor and Bro. J. E. Mayfield and R. D. Reynolds as Deacons.

At their first meeting two joined the church by letter of like faith and order and one by baptism. At this time it was voted to call the organization Reynold's Chapel.

On March 8, 1879, the church appointed R. D. Reynolds, Albert Harris and J. E. Mayfield as committee for the selection of ground and for building a church house. R. D. Reynolds donated the land, which is the present site of the church. The deacons were given the authority to solicit for donations for the first church house.

On April the 2nd, 1879, Sunday, it was agreed that the

Articles of Faith and the Church Covenant be read at each meeting time. The church met one Sunday out of each month.

Then the second Sunday in June 1880 it was agreed to organize the first Sabbath School at half past one o'clock. Records bare that Sunday School has been held every Sunday since that time excepting for a few Sundays when bad weather and sickness prevented it. Very few of these times were noted throughout the years.

During these early years J. F. Anderson was Church Clerk.

The first death mentioned was that of Sister Hanna Reynolds in July, 1881.

R. D. Reynolds died Oct. 17, 1881. On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1881, the church met at the Reynold's home for preaching and business; three more joined the church that day. Trustees were elected at this time to finish plans for the church building: Mart McGinnis, R. A. Cowden, James A. Mathis, Hunt, Gord Loven were elected. It was agreed to have the Deed of the church house ground recorded and a copy of it written on the church book.

The next pastor elected was Bro. D. T. Brockus, who served until 1885. Then W. W. Palmer served.

Brother James A. Mathis was ordained as deacon in February, 1883. In Sept. 1888, he was ordained to preach, this being the first record of any called to the ministry.

No further mention is made in the church minutes of the progress of the building until in October 1886 when John J. Reynolds and W. J. Self were appointed to "boss" the ceiling of the church. Time has made the writing so dim on some of these records of getting window panes and seats, that it is impossible to be able to read them clearly. Names are listed for donations which ranged from 25 cents to \$10.00. No doubt much of the lumber and labor were donated. One name which can be read in the donation list is Sarah Brownlow. Eld. J. H. Highfill and D. R. Jones and E. D. Fortner were pastors, also J. L. Leonard, W. E. Hoover, J. A. Newport.

At a meeting in August 1889 they asked for a letter of

dismissal from the Freedom Association to unite with the Dallas County Baptist Association of which it is still a member.

January 4, 1890 Amos Mitchell was paid \$3.00 for putting steps to the church house.

The first mention of the Lord's supper being taken was on April 2, 1892.

J. A. Mathis pastored the church from 1894 to 1896 and J. J. Reynolds was Clerk at this time.

A protracted meeting was held in January, 1893, lasted 16 days and 21 people were saved and baptised, following the close of the meeting. On February 3, 1897 Bro. James Johnston and Bro. George Johnston were ordained as deacons.

Elder W. C. Cheek pastored the church from 1924 to 1932 and Mollie Wilshire was Church Clerk from 1912 to 1924.

The church house served as the community lighthouse until May 1927 when it was destroyed by a tornado. Meetings were held in the Reynolds school house and plans were made to rebuild the church. Thus, the long hard task was begun once again of rebuilding a place of worship for the community. According to records the church saw many lean and trying years. Much of the lumber and labor was donated, these being depression years. After World War II the struggle was long and hard, but through the faithfulness of many and the desire to fulfill the Lord's commission to the church, the Lord blessed the people and we have the building that stands today. Many have been brought to "a saving knowledge of the Grace of God" through the teaching and preaching of this church. During the building years of this church Bro. Orla E. Johnson was pastor and J. L. Fullerton, Clerk.

The present membership is listed as 72 with only a small percentage of them living in our community at this time.

Brother George Gamel has been a member the longest of any one living. He has been a member since 1911. Stephen Lackey is our youngest member.

Jimmie McHenry was an ordained minister from this church. The church has now one ordained minister, Bro. Jerry

Lackey of Buffalo, Missouri.

Others that have pastored the church: Bro. Lester Slack, 1938 to 1951; W. A. Roper, George Pinkley, J. C. Pinkley, Hersheline Pinkley, Russell Ingram, Lee Howard, Clifford Bilyeu, Austin McGinnis and our present pastor, Bro. Junior Ingram of Springfield, Missouri.

Sunday School average attendance is 20 and three ordained deacons.

LONE ROCK METHODIST CHURCH

The Lone Rock Methodist Church (South) was organized in 1881 by the Reverend J. W. Bond.

The church got its name from the large rock which was thought to be a meteorite. The rock is approximately 100 feet long, 60 feet wide, and about 30 feet to the top. At the top of the rock is a hole formed like a large pan. Many activities were held at this rock. It has been standing like this for as long as anyone can remember. Sunday School picnics and gatherings of all kinds have been held around and on this rock.

Some of the charter members of this church were John A. and Samantha Davis, David and Louisa Manley, Jacob and Margaret Keller and Abija and Barbara Bennett. It wasn't long until the church had a membership of 45. Services were held in a brush arbor in summer and any place they could meet in winter. In 1884 they decided to build a church. Three years after the church was organized they built a frame church at a cost of \$400. This house still stands although the church was disorganized several years ago. The house is still in use.

All the pastors of this church were circuit riders. They were also pastors of Liberty, Montgomery Chapel and Kirk's Chapel. This was called the Urbana Circuit.

Johnie Davis was pastor of the Long Rock Church for many years. Reverend H. C. Allen was also an early pastor.

All the charter members named are now buried in Lone Rock Cemetery nearby.

The land on which the church and cemetery stand was

deeded to The Lone Rock Methodist Church on March 22, 1900
by O. G. Reeves and his wife, Maggie.—Letter December 3,
Mrs. Eunice (day) Hyde







