

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

150 YEAR HISTORY OVERVIEW

In an endeavor to preserve some history on a church whose records have been lost or destroyed, I have tried to write a history of the 40 years since the Centennial History book was published. Most records where you would get your history have disappeared so I worked with what few records I found, mostly minutes of the business meetings and later on a few bulletins, the ACP reports and a few verbal memories from older members. In reading all the old business meeting minutes I found a better understanding of the church, where it came from, where it has been, where it is now, and where it may be going in the future. I have learned to appreciate the hard work so many in the church have done to keep the building in good shape through the years and to promote God's work here in the community and surrounding area. It has been a tremendous task, done well with many missteps along the way, but always looking to the future. One comment I recall from the earlier history, a comment made by Colonel Anthony, the church clerk says..."We are in debt around \$300. Prospect gloomy enough, but will come out alright." And it certainly came out alright. Sometimes you need to take a look at how you began, where you've been and how you got there, and what you are currently doing to decide where you are going in the future and how you will get there. Take a lesson from the past. This should be read just like a novel, from beginning to end without skipping parts. What you get out of it will depend on what you put into it. Like a novel sometimes you have to get into it a little bit before you really start to enjoy it, but I guarantee you will enjoy it. The main character is you and others like you, family members from the past. If you are part of the church membership it is your family history. The history is about to begin. Buckle up, sit back and prepare to be enlightened. If you have it in your head that there are a lot of pages of what looks like boring stuff, lose that notion right now. The more you read, the deeper you get into it, the more insight you will gain and the greater will be the reward.

First let's take a look at the town surrounding the church and what it was like 150 years ago.

The population at that time was only about 350. There were wooden sidewalks, and almost every family had a cow. There were hitching posts around the courthouse for horses and wagons to be tied. It was dirty, messy and foul smelling, and when it rained almost impassable. Many times the church services had to be cancelled due to draught and plagues. In 1875 a union meeting was held at the court house and the governor set aside a day of prayer to seek divine intervention in halting the grasshopper or Rocky Mountain locust invasion. During the draught of 1901, people met in the churches and prayed for rain, also during the severe draught of 1934. Our church was filled and people stood in the aisles and outside just to pray.

There were 16 charter members who began this church in 1868, three men and thirteen women. Those sixteen members called Rev. J. B. Box as their first pastor. He was a native Missourian and a pioneer preacher. They met about where the current Methodist church is now, for approximately one year. Then two of the charter members, Carrie and Josephine Coleman, purchased a log cabin that was used for Sunday School and worship services until the first church building was built between 1877-1879. The first service there was July 19, 1879. Other churches used our building to hold their church services until they built their own churches. In 1886 The Christian Church of Versailles held meetings here once a

month. They even held a six week revival here. In 1888 the Episcopal Church of Versailles was organized and held meetings here once a month. In 1890 an organization called the Church of God met once a month. Then in 1891 a group of Presbyterians met and organized as the First Presbyterian Church Versailles. The following celebrations have been observed through the years: Semi-Centennial, 60th Anniversary, 70th Anniversary, 75th Anniversary 80th Anniversary, 95th Anniversary, 100th Anniversary, and 125th Anniversary. The 80th anniversary and the last services in the old church were on June 27th 1948. It took two years to build the new building and on April 2, 1950, the present building was dedicated.

Buildings in which we have met besides the Old Methodist Church building and the one room log school house building, belonging to the Coleman sisters.



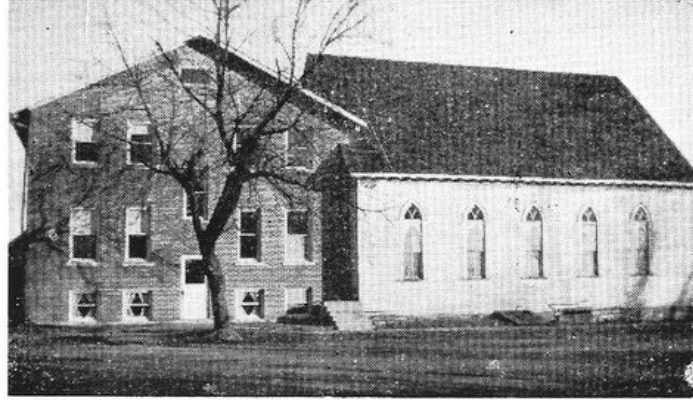
Morgan County Court House - Versailles, Missouri, built in 1844 and destroyed by fire at the time of the big Versailles fire, March 13, 1887. Our church met here from May 16, 1869 until July 19, 1879.



Our first church building, built during 1877 to 1879. First meeting held in this building July 19, 1879. Dedicated in 1881 with Rev. Manley J. Breaker preaching the Dedication sermon. Our last meeting in this building June 27, 1948.



Tweedie Building
Our church home from July 5, 1948 until April 2, 1950.



Auditorium Erected in 1877
Educational Building, 1929



Original Church Covenant

As we trust we have been brought by divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the influence of his spirit to give ourselves up to him, so we do now solemnly covenant with each other that God enabling us we will walk together in brotherly love; that we will exercise a Christian care and watchfulness over each other and faithfully warn, rebuke and admonish one another as the case shall require; that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor omit the great duty of prayer, both for ourselves and for others; that we will participate in each other's joys, and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy, to bear each other's burdens and sorrows; that we will earnestly endeavor to bring up such as may be under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that we will seek divine aid to enable us to walk circumspectly and watchfully in the world; denying ungodliness and we will endeavor, by example and effort, to win souls to Christ; and through life amidst evil report and good report seek to live to the Glory of Him who hath called us out of Darkness into His Light.

Our church went through WWI for the 50th anniversary, WWII for the 75th anniversary and the Vietnam conflict for the 100th anniversary. It closed its doors during the cholera epidemic in 1873, the Spanish influenza in 1918, and polio in 1946.

At the time of the 125th celebration there had been 41 pastors who served at First Baptist Church and 70 deacons through the years. The list of pastors is as follows:

J. B. Box	1868-1869	Robert H. Harris	1870-1871	J.B. Box	1872
J.K. Godby	1873-1875	W.H. Kim	1876	B.F Taylor	1877-1878
Daniel Horn	1879-1880	W.H. Gibony	1881	J.S. Price	1881-1883
S.M. Victor	1884	No Pastor	1885	Dr. John Letts	1886-1887
L.N. Berry	1888-1889	E.M. Lumpkin	1890	T.W. Tate	1891
E.T. Shelton	1892	W.C. Driver	1893-1895	D.C. Peters	1896-1897
Edward James	1898-1901	No Pastor	1902	C.N. White	1903-1908
A.R. Foster	1909-1911	H.S. Thornhill	1912-1916	G.E. Barnum	1917-1918
G.N. Neafus	1919-1920	J.C. Cook	1921-1922	F.C. Richards	1921-1926
H.S.Thornhill	1927-1928	B.F. Kennedy	1929-1936	L..G. Christian	1936-1941
R.H. Nolte	1942-1943	Willard Bright	1944-1948	Dr. Alexander Best	1948-1953
Lloyd Johnson	1953-1959	Charles Sexton	1959-1966	Robert Stokes	1966-1969
Archie Warren	1969-1973	James Hagan	1974-1978	Joe Acuff	1979-1984
Stephen Hewitt	1985-1990	Dr. T.J. Fortner Sr.	1990-1995	Dr. Todd Forman	1995-2016

Our current pastor is Dr. Christopher Bass who began in 2016.

In the centennial history book it was mentioned that many records had been lost. The business meeting minutes from 1868 to 1896 have been put on microfilm and are stored at Columbia University Historical department. The centennial book and a few other paper records are stored at the Rolla Historical department. Our record room in the church has only the minutes from the last quarter of 1962 to 1997, and financial records for about five years or so. There was also a small box with several membership record books. Many of our later records now are computerized and can be accessed on the church computer, so paper records are not kept long.

From 1962-1997 the Church sponsored the Royal Ambassador program, the Girls Auxiliary, and Sunbeams. There was a Brotherhood program as well as a Women's Missionary Union program. The missions programs placed Home Life magazine in Doctor's offices, and in barber and beauty shops around Versailles. One of the classes started a coat closet for the needy. There were different visitation programs, music programs, outreach programs, and revivals. Guest speakers were brought in at times to speak to the membership about different types of missions and outreach. Funds were solicited for support of local missions. The church sent funds to Gravois Mills First Baptist Church to help support them, as well as 2nd Baptist Church to support them. Through the years there was much outreach and teaching. There was support of other churches in their needs. The church worked hard to be a mission minded church and help wherever there was a need. In 2010 the church voted to begin the AWANA program and partnered with Trinity Southern Baptist Church for two years. The third year the program met at Calvary Baptist Church and was staffed by members from both churches. Both Trinity and Calvary have chosen to pursue other programs, so for the past two years the program has been held at FBC and staffed by FBC members.

During the 1960's, FBC continued to send financial support to missions in Iowa and Kansas and to Second Baptist Church of Versailles. They also donated used hymnals to Second Baptist Church and to Kidwell Nursing Home. Financial assistance was also given to Freedom church to help them secure a legal title

to the land and building. In August of 1969 the ACP report listed 11 baptisms, 18 additions, 12 deaths and 10 lost. Brotherhood enrollment was 24, and Sunday school enrollment was 442 with an average attendance of 275, (These totals probably included 2nd Baptist Church.) Training Union enrollment was 137 with an average attendance of 76. There were two revivals. There was one mission operated by the church. Resident membership was 561 and non-resident members were 184 for a total of 745.

1970

In January 1970 a new roof was put on the church. In August the ACP was read and accepted. There were 10 baptisms, 36 other additions 6 deaths and 30 lost during the church year, one minister licensed and one revival. There were 605 resident members, 155 non-resident members for a total of 760.

In the September Special Meeting the Muscatine mission in Idaho was discussed and a motion brought to continue supporting it and the motion passed. In October revival services were held with eight lay speakers. In November they voted to participate in a week of World Missions. The church had a cantata called, "Love Transcending." The church added five new deacons. In December it was voted to pay half the cost of lowering the ceiling at 2nd Baptist Church.

1971

In January 1971 it was decided to use \$1000 in the Christian Education Fund be used for students attending Southwest Baptist College. In February it was decided to participate in the March to Church Crusade. In April there were revival services. In June Jim Gerlt was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel and at the same time three deacons were ordained. In July the church voted to support the Muscatine Mission only through December of 1971. In August the ACP was read and approved. The church currently has 15 deacons. There were 17 baptisms and 26 other additions. Resident members were 611 and 161 non-resident members for a total membership of 772.

1972

In 1972 nothing outstanding stood out there were the normal activities going on and new and old members in and out. Missions were continued and teaching programs continued.

One deacon, Bill Fields was to be ordained on September 17th, and Jeff Maxwell was to be ordained to the Gospel Ministry. Two foreign missionaries were invited to speak in December. A fall revival was set for October 9th-16th. Rev. Joe Porter is to be the evangelist. The revival would have a "Fill a Pew" night."

In October a new roof was put on the parsonage. In December the opening of Freedom church as a mission was discussed and left to Rev. John Farris to check out. The budget was approved for the 1973 year.

1973

In January of 1973 a library was finally added to the church. A new church secretary was being trained in. Shared services were discussed between First Baptist and 2nd Baptist church for race relation Sunday.

It was voted to continue to support the Carbondale Baptist Church the same as last year. Several members donated funds toward the purchase of a new Volkswagen bus, funds for carpeting, funds for flags for the auditorium and funds for thirty chairs for the choir loft.

. The APC was read and approved. There were 5 deaths listed for the year and 19 lost. There were 15 baptisms and 39 other additions. Total Baptisms were 16 and total resident members were 661, and non-resident 160 for a total of 821. The Sunday school enrollment was 397 with an average attendance of 200. VBS enrollment was 165. Training Union enrollment was 60 with an average of 42 attending. WMU enrollment was 89 and Brotherhood was 46.

24 Sunday school teachers were voted in. as well as three bus drivers. Two deacons were activated and two reactivated.

October Special Meeting: Eleven members were elected as a pulpit committee.

In November the motion carried to hire Kathryn Rumans as Church Secretary. The Lottie Moon goal was set at \$1000. Supply pastors were being used at this current time.

In December Rev. John Farris held revival services.

1974

In January it was decided to send support funds to Gravois Mills Baptist Church again for six months then review the continuing need.

It was decided to have a carry in dinner for Rev. and Mrs. Hagan, the new pastor, when they get here. Moving expenses are to be paid on Rev. Hagan from Oklahoma. Money was to be contributed for Rev. John Farris' trip to the Holy Land.

June 1974 The church voted to extend support to Gravois Mills Baptist church for 6 more months. It was agreed to purchase 75 new hymn books.

The ACP letter was read and approved. The cooperative program was at 28%, and the associational giving at 8%. There were two missions supported. Sunday school enrollment was 375 with average attendance of 230. VBS total was 170. Training Union was 63 with an average of 40. WMU enrollment was 86 and Brotherhood was 49. The total members including non-resident was 762. There were nine deaths recorded, 74 lost, 4 baptisms and 20 other additions.

1975

The church voted to join the associational softball league. Further funds were sent to Gravois Mills Baptist Church. The church voted to accept incoming members as they came forward rather than at business meetings.

In August the ACP report was read and approved. There were seven deaths and 36 others lost, one Mission was supported. There were 48 baptisms and 26 other additions, and resident membership was 617. Non-resident membership was 176 with a total membership of 793. Sunday school enrollment was 393 with an average attendance of 244, VBS enrollment was 170. Training Union enrollment was 60 with an average attendance of 48. WMU enrollment was 73 and Brotherhood enrollment was 74.

1976

The ACP was read and approved. Total baptisms were listed at 27. There were 21 other additions and 37 members were lost. Resident membership was 615, and non-resident 189 for a total of 804. Sunday school enrollment was 557 with an average attendance of 278. VBS enrollment was 277. The Training Union enrollment was 88 and Music enrollment was 161. The total receipts were \$81,489 with total expenses at \$33,641. Total mission giving was \$30,412. There were 14 deaths and 22 lost.

In September there were fifty hymnals donated to 2nd Baptist Church. In November the youth were to be sent to the Youth Evangelism Conference at Raytown, with a love offering to pay for the trip.

1977

The church voted to purchase 7.25 acres of land at the junction of North Monroe for \$29,500.

There was a classroom painted and pews varnished in March.

In June The ACP was read and approved. There were four deaths listed, eighteen baptisms and sixteen joined by letter or statement and 41 members were lost. Resident membership was 594 and non-resident was 203 for a total of 797. The Sunday school enrollment was 546 with an average attendance of 265. VBS enrollment was 157. Training Union enrollment was 158 with an average attendance of 72. Music enrollment was 166 with an average attendance of 91. WMU enrollment was 77 and Brotherhood was 43.

Long Range Planning Committee recommendations:

Recommendation from the committee for 1997: Conduct a new member's class; Provide counseling to church members; devise plan to alert members of the urgent need for dedication to the total church program (an annual emphasis); Build facilities for church recreation areas (on new location, softball/volleyball etc.); Start a "Together We Build Program;" Each department to have annual goal of participation with a plan for action and evaluation (fall retreat); Election of Stewardship Ministry committee. Programs lessons on tithing (using Sou. Bapt. Material).

Recommendation from the community for 1997: Continue plans to implement "Training for Parenting" programs and seminars on family ministry; Church people serving on volunteer basis with the Morgan County Council on Aging in Nutrition site; Seminar of Family Ministry, all age groups; Enlist aid to sick through Sunday School and present deacon led family ministry plan, also evaluate plan; Continue program of education on alcoholism and drug abuse.

Recommendation from the committee for 1998: Conduct a fellowship bible study; Quarterly. Evaluation of organizational structure by church council, with job assignments and leader/teaching positions; Library services expanded to include "family plan" recreation; Evaluate present financial system; Full time secretary in church office (possibly C.O.E./High school girl); Plan for present parsonage to become educational space; Enlist/train 25 new leaders for our church.

Recommendation from the community for 1998: To strengthen the family through understanding “the Child from 1-6” and develop a Christian recreation program to meet needs of families; Take bus load of Seniors to Windemere for Senior week; Work with juvenile officer of Morgan Co. to meet needs of you in solving problems with delinquency; Assist deacons in family circle love program; Recreation program to provide atmosphere of love/caring for youth to combat alcohol/drug abuse.

Recommendation from the committee for 1979: Conduct a radio bible lesson one day a week (Stewardship Committee); Continue to emphasize dedication, esp. to young converts as they come to know Christ. (Evaluation of program for new converts); Committee to produce Church Member handbook, Const. & by laws, Procedures for deacon election, Policy and Procedures, committee organization, officers of church, meetings, enactment, job descriptions; An annual audit by CPA; Plan to begin a major bldg. program; Training class for prospective Sunday School teachers.

Recommendation from the community for 1979: Plan a program for parents of adolescents or teenagers; Meet the needs of hard of hearing, by installing electronic appliances or other techniques advised by Baptist state office located in auditorium; Develop a Christian street program to witness to those who won't come to church (i.e. courthouse square or Dairy Queen loitering group); Improve the church facility for easy access to auditorium and educational unit (to meet needs of handicapped); Christian street program will overlap and meet needs of drug/alcohol abusers as well as youth.

Recommendation from the committee for 1980: Establish a plan by Oct. 1980 to inform persons about the church vocations and encourage response to God's call and assist them in working out the call.

Recommendation from the community for 1980: Home study provided for mini-parenting groups to use tapes and other materials provided by the mid-Mo health center and updated church materials; Provide adequate age groups past 60 yrs. To meet the needs of enrollees in Sunday School and to minister through outreach; Activate Christian recreation to meet needs of youth in church and community; Develop a telephone reassurance and family visitor program to the sick and shut-in.; Work with alcoholics by visiting A.A. group and offer assistance in finding counseling service.

Recommendation from the committee for 1981: Addition of a Religious Educational Director to the church staff. (Salary, housing, etc. with job description)

Recommendation from the community for 1981: Teach classes on communication skills within the family unit; Provide recreation, physical fitness and crafts to the over 60's in the church facility; Use this group to assist in teaching crafts, shop activities etc. to the youth; Form groups to provide relief to family members in illness, to form regular services to shut-ins as taking the Lord's Supper to them, church literature and providing transportation; Participate in a community wide project to teach values to the area's young. This would have as goal, prevention of drug abuse and alcoholism.

Recommendation from the committee for 1982-1985: 75% of members committed to tithe by October 1; 50% of members participating in church's work through intercessory prayer.

Recommendation from the community for 1982-1985: Cooperate with our state convention in the family ministry conferences by using its services and guidance to churches to meet needs of it's families; Assist community leaders to investigate and implement a Legal Aid Society to be used by our older citizens; When adequate facility is available, organize leagues and compete with other churches in various sports; Participate in a home nursing course to educate families how to best care for a sick member; Cooperate with mid MO Health Center in seminars on mental health problems.

We would like to recommend that the church council delegate these actions steps to various groups as WMU, Brotherhood, Deacons, Sunday School Teachers, Church Training leaders, Pastors, community leaders and church members. We would also recommend a yearly evaluation of each step to be done by those involved. This can then be reviewed by the church council for further consideration.

November: After receiving a report from John Ferris the church voted to receive Gravois Mills Baptist Church as a Mission.

A Recreation/Activity Committee was set up for 1978 was set up to determine recreation needs for the new church land.

1978

January Special Meeting: Application was made to the State Missions Fund for supplemental funds to assist with a pastor at Gravois Mission.

In the July meeting the ACP was read and approved. There were nine baptisms plus 138 in by letter or statement (I believe these were members of Gravois Mission) There were 12 deaths and 22 lost. There were 679 resident members and 235 non-resident members for a total of 914. The cooperative program was at 22.5% and the associational giving at 7 1/3%. Annie Armstrong offering was \$848. Sunday school enrollment was 406 with an average of 240, VBS enrollment was 131, Mission VBS was 30, Training Union enrollment was 168 with an average attendance of 82 and Music enrollment was 141 with an average of 60. WMU enrollment was 59 and Brotherhood enrollment was 68.

In August six deacons were activated, the constitution was presented and accepted.

August Special Meeting: A call was extended to Rev. Milton Elmore to be Pastor and the vote was 179 to 7 for.

September Special Meeting: A letter was read from a group wishing to separate from First Baptist Church.

October: Ninety-six members left to start Calvary Baptist Church with anyone wanting to transfer membership from here in the next year to be considered charter members.

1979

There was much work put into the church & parsonage, a new fire escape, new bathrooms, carpeting, a new Air Conditioning system, shutters, shrubs and paint in different places. In May a new pastor was called also.

In the July Special Meeting, The ACP report was read and approved. There were eight baptisms listed, eighteen other additions and 264 members lost. There were seven deaths. The resident membership was 479 and non-resident members 201 for a total of 680. Sunday school enrollment was 246 with an average attendance of 180. Training Union enrollment was 96 with an average attendance of 55. Music enrollment was 66 with an average attendance of 18. WMU enrollment was 41 and Brotherhood enrollment was 27. VBS enrollment was 97.

In the August business meeting, four deacons were activated.

In October it was voted to get estimates on painting the sanctuary ceiling and a new hook-up to the water main. A Shower Committee was formed for bridal and baby showers. It was voted to invite a gospel group to sing and later a hand bell choir.

1980

There were many maintenance projects done, the sanctuary was painted as well as other areas. The pulpit extension was built, the bathrooms remodeled and heaters purchased for them.

In March a Sweetheart Banquet was held with 114 in attendance. Carpet had been ordered.

In April 12 new light fixtures were to be installed.

In August The ACP report was read and approved. There were seventeen baptisms, eighteen other additions and eleven deaths, total lost was 29. There were 445 resident members and 241 non-resident members for a total of 685. Sunday school enrollment was 280 with an average attendance of 154, Training Union enrollment was 75 with an average attendance of 51. Music enrollment was 29 with an average attendance of 20. WMU enrollment was 39 and Brotherhood enrollment was 22. VBS enrollment was 73.

In December The Christmas Cantata was held and the choir wore choir robes, there was also a Sunday School Christmas program.

1981

The church voted to donate 50 wooden folding chairs and four light fixtures to Freedom Church. *(The Freedom Church has been mentioned a few times over the years in the minutes, so I researched some history on it, though I did not find much. It was organized in 1844 and named United Baptist Church of New Hope, and belonged for awhile to the Concord Association then changed to the Lamine Association. In 1845 it was renamed Freedom Church. The permanent building was completed in 1874 then the Freedom Cemetery was established shortly thereafter. The minutes prior to 1900 also include investigations of improper conduct by members which often led to expulsion from the church. The ante-bellum congregation also included many African-American members presumably slaves as nine "colored brethren" were listed as members in 1854. The actual church sat just over the line in Maries county, but was listed in Miller county records and mostly Miller county residents are buried in the cemetery. Other records say it was near Versailles in Morgan county even though the history and statistics are the same, so it is talking about the same church. The church was abandoned years ago)* thank you was given from Freedom Church for the chairs and light fixtures.

A Valentine Banquet was to be held on February 13th.

Rev. Acuff brought up a need for Gravois Mills Baptist Church and 2nd Baptist Church in the line of repairs and remodeling. Their buildings could use some help. It was voted to give each of them \$100.

In April it was voted to send \$100 a year to the Baptist Home at Ironton above the regular offering.

The Homemakers Class was to have a tea in May. The evening services were to be cancelled on Easter to be able to attend the Ministerial Alliance services at the Assembly of God Church.

In June the deacons recommended that services be cancelled on June 24th to attend the Lamine Baptist Association "Tent Crusade" with Jerry Brock as evangelist. Bus transport would be provided. The parking lot was leveled and to be graveled. VBS was to be August 3-7, then bible school, then some to the Royal's game August 8th. The Youth were to have a retreat at Windemere on August 21-22.

In August the ACP was read and approved: There were six baptisms and sixteen other additions. There were eight death and 33 total members lost. The resident membership was 439 with a non-resident membership of 236 for a total of 675. The cooperative program giving was 9.7% and the association

giving was 2.4%. There were three revivals. Sunday school enrollment was 286 with an average attendance of 137. VBS enrollment was 90. The Training Union program enrollment was 79 with an average of 42. Music enrollment was 29 and the WMU enrollment was 35. Brotherhood enrollment was 22.

In October cake, punch and candy were served to the Sheltered Workshop for their monthly birthday party.

In November the church voted again to cancel evening services and attend Community Thanksgiving services. Scott Stearn started on a Christmas Program. It was voted to invite 2nd Baptist Church to this.

1982

A directory was to be made with names and addresses and listing committees and those who were serving on them.

The Sweetheart Banquet was to be held on February 12th.

It was voted to get electric heaters for the vestibule, a down spout for the roof, and gravel the parking lot.

April: The front lawn was seeded and the last application of gravel was put on the parking lot.

A new part time secretary was hired part time for eighteen hours a week.

In August the ACP was read and approved. There were six baptisms, fifteen other additions. There were 20 deaths and 31 members lost total. Resident members was 411 and non-resident was 250 for a total of 661. The cooperative giving was at 13% with associational giving at 3%. There were two revivals. The Sunday school enrollment was 287 with average attendance at 126. VBS enrollment was 85. Church Training enrollment was 80 and Music enrollment was 29 with an average attendance of 20. The WMU enrollment was 35 and Brotherhood enrollment was 11.

In September new deacons were elected.

September Special Meeting: The church voted to pay off the Huff property and the treasurer would need to transfer funds from the Baptist Building Fund at Jeff City.

In November with a change in the insurance program there are to be some property changes too: plugs in the kitchen, sidewalk repaired, basement hot water heater replaced and fire extinguishers replaced.

There was a donation made to Rev. John Farris for his 10th anniversary at the association as DOM. The church is to have a Christmas Dinner in the fellowship hall. The music department will present a musical in the morning and evening worship.

1983

In March the Ministerial Alliance was to hold Community Thanksgiving service at our church on April 3rd.

A Thursday evening Visitation Program was started. It was suggested that the locks be changed and the building locked from now on due to local vandalism.

The sidewalk at the Southwest corner was repaired. There was one member lettered out. The church was to participate in the "You Can't Out-Give God" attendance program. It was to also participate in the "Bold Mission Thrust in Taiwan." The pastor was to attend the Norman Vincent Peale seminar.

Fall revival was discussed and decided Wayne Isgriggs was to be the evangelist.

In July the clerk read a letter from Trinity Baptist Church requesting 50 members be transferred and removed from our rolls. This was voted on and approved.

In August the ACP report read and accepted. There were six baptisms and three other additions five deaths and a total of 41 lost. Resident membership was 370 and non-resident membership was 259 for a total of 629. The Sunday school enrollment was 189 with an average attendance of 90. VBS enrollment was 87. Church Training enrollment was 15. Music enrollment was 12. WMU enrollment was 29 and Brotherhood enrollment was 13.

The spring revival was scheduled for April 15-22 with Rev. John Hendrix as evangelist. The church participated in the Community Thanksgiving service.

1984

The January book study was to be in I Corinthians.

In March the Ministerial Alliance was to hold Community Thanksgiving at our church on April 3rd. A bible study was to be held in I Corinthians.

In April the church would pay expenses for Rev. Jim Hendrix. Six messengers are to go to the Southern Baptist Convention.

In May it was voted to purchase a lawn mower. The church assisted the Shelter Workshop with a birthday celebration.

In June Rev. Acuff submitted his resignation effective August 1.

There was a discussion on the Deacon's authority in asking for Rev. Acuff's resignation, but no action was taken.

July Special Meeting: A Pulpit Committee was elected and Rev. J.D. Cooper was called as Supply Pastor.

In October the new awnings and the lights were hooked up. Dirt was leveled and grass sown on the Nobles property. A drain was to be installed on the roof.

1985

The January the Lottie Moon offering went over the goal. Work on the roof had been finished. The Trustees were to check into a central air conditioning system for the parsonage.

There was to be a Sweetheart Banquet held on February 13th. It was voted to put central air conditioning in the parsonage and add insulation in the attic. Funds on deposit in Jefferson City are to be used for the purchase. It was voted to get someone for snow removal.

There were 60 present for the Valentine Banquet.

It was voted to participate in the "Good News America" program.

April Special Meeting: the Pulpit Committee recommended we call Rev. Steve Hewitt as pastor. The vote was 77 for and 2 against and 3 blanks.

There was to be a church dinner and card/money shower in thanksgiving to Rev. Cooper on May 19th.

In July the Associational WMU Banquet is to be held here on July 16th with a covered dish luncheon. We are to furnish Ham, bread and drinks.

The Deacons recommended discontinuing the Baptist Bulletin Service and going to personalized bulletins with a sketch of the church on the front.

A special committee was formed to hire a church secretary.

In August the yearly ACP was read and approved. There were no baptisms and seven other additions. The church primarily used the KJV bible. The SS enrollment was 190 and the average attendance was 82. The Training Union enrollment was 21, Music was 8, WMU 14 and Brotherhood was 1.

October: A "Community Sing" is to be held December 1, here at our church. The Association Bi-annual meeting is to be held here on March 22, 1986, our church to provide the ham. The church won a blue ribbon for their float. A youth council was elected. Reva Merriot was lettered into the church.

1986

January: The Lottie Moon offering exceeded the goal. Seventeen attended the Brotherhood breakfast.

January 26th there would be an all men's choir in the morning service. There will be a Valentine Banquet on February 14th. It was voted to invite Duane Duchesene to lead Music for "Good News America" revival on April 13-18.

The church was to participate in the 1987 "World Missions Conference."

Nine youth attended "Movie Night," and the youth minister has started a new class in church training.

May: Evening services were cancelled on June 1st for Baccalaureate at the High School. Spraying of the parking lot for weeds was done. The Deacons recommended the evening service be cancelled on July 6th to join other Baptist Churches at the park after the morning services for a carry in dinner, fellowship, games and special music from several churches and the message to be brought by Rev. John Farris. It was voted to give extra support to the Lamine Baptist Association for May. Twenty three youth attended "Youth Night" during revival. Five were baptized in April. The choir will travel to Buffalo to perform the

“Good News America” musical. Nine were saved at revival. There were 209 in attendance on High Attendance night.

June: Plans were made to have a booth at the State Fair. The Trustees were to paint the Highway sign. The deacons recommended that the church pay scholarships for those youth members who want to go to camp. Church services were to be dismissed on June 22nd to join Calvary Baptist in Sedalia, as your church will be performing the “Good News America” musical. The youth had a movie and pizza night. It was planned to start a youth choir. The Youth Council wanted to have some fund raisers to raise money for camp, possibly a car wash or bake sale.

August: The ACP was read and approved. There were 20 Baptisms, sixteen other additions, and 22 lost. Resident membership was 269 and non-resident membership was 298 for a total of 567. Worship attendance was 162. Sunday school enrollment was 219 with an average attendance of 113. VBS enrollment was 108. Church Training enrollment was 42 with an average attendance of 26. Music enrollment was 76 with an average attendance of 43. WMU enrollment was 21 and Brotherhood enrollment was 19.

September: The church hosted a birthday party at the nursing home.

December: A Nativity Scene was set up at the front of the Church. An RA program was started, the boys were to make cards and fruit baskets for the seniors.

The Budget showed newsletters being mailed out at this time)

1987

In January: On Baptist Men’s Day the 2nd annual Men’s “Cake Bake” will be held on the last Sunday in January.

The Deacons recommended that the church license Rob Thurman to the Gospel Ministry. They also recommended that we have two revivals: April 5-10, with Wayne Isgriggs as evangelist and Terry Buffington for the music; October 11-16, with Max Morris as evangelist and Duane and Lisa Duchesne for music. This was voted on and carried.

The Easter Cantata would be “His Last Days.” The youth are also working on a musical called, “The Race is On.” The new carpet in the Fellowship Hall was laid on December 29th.

April: The Annie Armstrong offering exceeded its goal. Acteens made booklets for hospitalized children and delivered them to Memorial Hospital in Jeff City, they also toured the Baptist Building. The older boys Pioneer class is to start soon. The roof leaks are being repaired. The Easter musical is to be held on April 19th. The new rules , policies and fees for weddings was adopted.

In August the ACP was read and approved. There were 13 baptisms and 29 other additions. There were six deaths and a total of 9 lost. The resident membership was 302 and non-resident members were 298 for a total of 600. The Cooperative program giving was at 9% and associational giving at 3%. There were two revivals. The Sunday school enrollment was 282 with an average attendance of 132. VBS enrollment

was 154. Church Training enrollment was 42 with an average attendance of 18. Music enrollment was 103 with an average attendance of 64. WMU enrollment was 28 and Brotherhood was 24.

1988

Ceiling fans were purchased and installed in the sanctuary . It was voted to have an Easter Sunrise Service and cancel the evening service.

Beulah Housworth reported that 1620 Outreach contacts were made in March. The Easter breakfast was a big success.

September: The ACP was read and approved: There were 28 baptisms and 19 other additions. There were seven deaths and a total of 21 lost. Resident membership was 331 and non-resident members were 229 for a total of 560. The KJV bible was used primarily. Sunday school enrollment was 319 with an average attendance of 133. VBS enrollment was 147. Church Training enrollment was 83 with an average attendance of 32. Music enrollment was 122 with an average attendance of 42. The WMU enrollment was 30 and Brotherhood enrollment was 27.

October: At this time sermons are being taped for the shut-ins.

1989

In 1989 in March: The BYW made Easter cupcakes for the Sheltered Workshop.

In August the ACP was read and approved: There were seven baptisms and fifteen other additions. There were 27 lost. The resident membership was 326 and non-resident membership was 225 for a total of 551. The cooperative giving was at 9% and the associational giving was at 3.5%. The Sunday school enrollment was 256 and the average attendance was 120. VBS enrollment was 105. Church training enrollment was 102 with an average attendance of 37. The Music enrollment was 91 with an average attendance of 20. WMU enrollment was 48 and Brotherhood enrollment was 15.

September: the carpet was finished at the front of the church. Twenty-six men worked at the State Fair Booth.

Goals were set for different Mission endeavors.

December: The Singing Angels children's choir is working on Christmas music.

1990

Trinity Baptist Church paid the total amount for the gospel music program on the local radio station, so we will not be participating.

February: The Valentine Banquet will be held on February 16th.

February Special Meeting: The church voted to call Dr. Phil Hunter as interim pastor 64 to 4.

March: The Valentine Banquet was a success. The parsonage is being painted and the sink and garbage disposal has been replaced. The Carpets still need cleaning

July: The church donated 115 items of food and \$10 to the summer missionaries.

In August the ACP was read and approved: The church secretary was Barbara Turpin. There were 13 baptisms and one other addition. There were nine deaths and 29 total lost. There were 332 resident members and 238 non-resident members for a total of 570. The cooperative giving was at 9% and the associational giving at 3.5%. There was an average in worship in the mornings of 98 and evenings of 40. The Sunday school enrollment was 203 with an average of 108. VBS enrollment was 89. Discipleship Training enrollment was 72 with an average attendance of 33. Music enrollment was 45 with an average attendance of 12. The WMU enrollment was 31 and Brotherhood was 13.

1991

In January: The Lottie Moon goal was exceeded. The Valentine Banquet was to be held on February 14th Silverware and food were donated for the disaster trailer. Work was being done on one of the Sunday school rooms. The Christmas float looked very nice.

The tree in the front of the church was cut down and the wood donated to a family needing it. Paint and paneling was finished on the Sunday school room. The Historical Committee wrote a short history for the church directory. The spring revival was set for June 10-14. A committee was appointed for the Apple Festival float.

March: The leak in the roof was patched. The youth were to play volley ball Friday night. The theme for the Apple Festival will be, "I'm Proud to be an American" for our float. 2nd Baptist Church is to hold their annual pastor celebration at our church. The World Day of Prayer is to be held at our church.

April: WMU annual Banquet will be held at Trinity Baptist Church. The BYW sponsored a 30th anniversary celebration for the pastor being in ministry, and they also took Easter cakes to the nursing home.

A Thank you is to be extended to Helen Bolton for all the pretty banners to make the church look nice. A committee was appointed for the 125th anniversary of the church, which is April 1993.

In August the ACP report was read and approved. There were 19 baptisms and 7 other additions. There were two deaths, and the total membership lost was 22. Resident membership was 257 and non-resident was 273 for a total of 530. The cooperative giving was at 9% and the association giving at 3.5%. Morning worship attendance average was 73 and evening average was 40. Sunday school enrollment was 244 with an average attendance of 109. VBS enrollment was 79. Discipleship Training enrollment was 79 with an average attendance of 25. Music enrollment was 30 with an average attendance of 12. WMU enrollment was 48 and Brotherhood was 33.

September: The youth played miniature golf. An update was made on the Apple Festival float and a workday planned for September 16th.

October: There were 400 cups of coffee served during the Apple Festival from the disaster trailer. Disabled signs were put in the parking spots.

It was voted to have the 125th Anniversary Celebration on April 4-11 1993. A special fund was to be started for a new church van.

November: The Brotherhood picked up trash from the highway. Rev. Fortner was elected moderator for the 91/92 church year. It was decided the church would not have a Christmas float this year.

December: Fifteen fruit and cookie plates were delivered to shut-ins

1992

February: The World Day of Prayer is to be held here at church on March 6th.

The men also had a cake bake off. The parsonage garage door was repaired and light bulbs changed.

March: The Trustees fixed lights in the sanctuary and work was done on the bus.

Ninety four food items were delivered to the association office for the summer missionaries. The GA's and Acteens visited shut-ins. The Brotherhood has plans to help shut-ins with odd jobs.

In August the ACP was read and approved: There were seven baptisms and five other additions. There were 9 deaths and a total of 25 lost. Resident membership was 288 and non-resident members 252 for a total of 540. The cooperative giving was at 10% and the associational giving at 4%. The Sunday school enrollment was 151 with an average attendance of 99. VBS enrollment was 113. Discipleship Training enrollment was 54 with an average of 24. Music enrollment was 31 with an average attendance of 16. WMU enrollment was 31 and Brotherhood enrollment was 50.

December: Fifteen fruit and cookie plates were taken to shut-ins.

1993

April: The Trustees fixed the brakes on the bus and had a work day to clean the church before the anniversary celebration.

Thank you cards were sent to those contributing to the anniversary, April 3rd evening service of memories and April 4th 125th Anniversary Celebration and dinner. The Bulletin/Booklet included a short history; list of pastors; church covenant; message from the pastor; list of 70 deacons; list of 17 charter members; and a message from the anniversary committee: Dottie Fields, Betty LaRue and Helen Bolton.

In August the ACP was read and approved: There were 9 baptisms and 5 other additions. There were 10 deaths and a total of 11 lost. The resident membership was 284 and non-resident was 252 for a total of 536. The cooperative giving was 8% and the associational giving was 3/5%. The Sunday school enrollment was 156 with an average attendance of 61. VBS enrollment was 107. Discipleship Training enrollment was 42 with an average attendance of 11. Music enrollment was 24 with an average of 10. WMU enrollment was 31 and Brotherhood enrollment was 39.

The roof leaked again. The funds were borrowed for the roof construction. One room was sheet rocked and taped and ready to paint. The youth went on a Halloween skating party. It was voted to have greeters in the church before worship service.

1994

January: A check was taken to the bank to pay off the roof. The choir was beginning to practice new material. All work on the library and adult I and II meeting room has been completed. Contact had been made with someone about catering the Valentine Banquet on February 11th. There was to be a Brotherhood breakfast on January 23rd. The Deacons recommended a spring revival on April 24-29

April: A memorial gift was left to the church by Mrs. Clarence Davis in her husband's name for the building or improving of the church in the amount of \$34,000.

May: Forty hymnals were donated to Barnett Baptist Church.

August Special Meeting: The ACP was read and approved: There were 5 baptisms, 8 deaths and 11 lost. Resident membership was 277 and non-resident was 248 for a total of 525. The Sunday school enrollment was 140 with an average attendance of 91. Discipleship Training enrollment was 28 with an average attendance of 15. Music enrollment was 24. WMU enrollment was 45 and Brotherhood enrollment was 25. VBS enrollment was 81.

Acteans did several mission projects, school supplies to Chittum, also school supplies to St. Louis, and visited with shut-ins. The Trustees were involved in several maintenance projects.

October: The Lamine Baptist Association was to hold the Baptist Women's meeting here on October 18th with a covered dish luncheon.

Everett Rayl resigned as Deacon, he has accepted a pastorate at Montgomery Baptist Church. Toys for Tots will use the church on December 21st for toy distribution.

1995

February 12th is WMU Focus Sunday and Wednesday we will have a carry in Foreign Mission dinner with foreign foods. The GA's took valentines to the nursing home. The Brotherhood will sponsor a Valentine Banquet on February 17th. They voted to have Spring revival on May 7-10.

A letter of resignation was attached to the minutes effective March 27th from Rev. Fortner. He is moving to Durham MO to assume a pastorate there.

They voted to have Rev. Lyle Coleman as interim pastor until a full time pastor was found. Ron Melton, the DOM at the Lamine Association needed some sewer repairs and work on the sign at the highway. They voted to send a check for \$150. The Pastor Search Committee called Rev. Todd Forman for a trial sermon on June 25th.

June Special Meeting: They voted 65 to 1 to call Rev. Todd Forman as full time pastor. He accepted.

July: The parsonage was completely painted and curtains hung and carpets were cleaned last month.

August: The Trustees reported that they had helped Rev. Forman and his family to get moved into the parsonage. The ACP was read and approved: The total baptisms were six and there were 4 other additions. There were 16 lost, 6 by death. Resident members were 286 and non-resident were 246 for a total of 532. The Sunday school enrollment was 137 with an average attendance of 89. VBS enrollment was 95. Discipleship Training enrollment was 14. Music enrollment was 33. WMU enrollment was 31 and Brotherhood enrollment was 20. The average attendance at morning worship was 85 and evening was 20.

Revival was set for November 12-15 with Rev. Weldon Forman as evangelist and Forman Brothers to give a concert on Saturday night to start off the revival.

December: The church voted to send Rev. Forman to Atlanta GA for Promise Keepers for clergy.

1996

April: About 50 people attended the Brotherhood breakfast Easter morning. The new church logo is to be, "First Baptist Church, Sharing the Word through Friendship, Service and Love." Sketches were shown for billboards and letterheads.

In August the ACP was read and approved. The total baptisms were 8, and 8 other additions. There were 8 deaths with a total of 11 lost. The resident membership was 291 and non-resident was 246 for a total of 537. The Sunday school enrollment was 153 with an average attendance of 88. Discipleship Training enrollment was 18 and Music enrollment was 16. WMU enrollment was 57 and Brotherhood enrollment was 28.

The morning worship average attendance was 80 and the evening attendance was 20.

October: Funds were donated to the Lamine Association for Christmas packages to be distributed to the inmates at Boonville.

The float was finished and entered in the Apple Festival. The Children's Church was started on Sunday and a TV was donated. Toys for Tots are to use the church again for toy distribution.

December: They voted to accept the proposal of Rex Gunn for upholstering the pews and doing carpet. Three ladies were to pick the color.

1997

January: They voted on Marvin Riggs for active deacon. They voted to fill in extensions behind the piano and organ in the choir loft and put railing at steps.

March: Baseboards in the sanctuary were painted. The final payment was made on the carpet.

Food was purchased to make Easter Baskets.

April: Some of the men are to go to work at Ivy Bend Mission and help install an air conditioning system. 90 people were fed at the Easter Breakfast.

It was voted to purchase a computer for \$950.

The ACP was read and approved: There were 13 baptisms and 14 other additions. There were 3 deaths and 25 lost. The resident membership was 310 and the non-resident were 245 for a total of 555. The a.m. Worship average was 86. The Sunday school enrollment was 149 with an average attendance of 87. The VBS enrollment was 55. The Discipleship Training enrollment was 20 and the Music enrollment was 36. WMU enrollment was 16 and Brotherhood was 9.

A committee was formed to revise the Constitution and By-laws. The choir had a Christmas Cantata in December.

1998

January: The Constitution Committee was meeting regularly to revise the Constitution.

50 new hymnals were to be purchased. The Deacons made a motion to license Jeff Glandon to the Gospel Ministry

The Constitution Committee reported that they were almost finished. The revised Constitution was accepted.

Trustees fixed a light in the parsonage and a new dishwasher had been installed and new carpet in the parsonage.

There were 100 at VBS.

In July the 1998 ACP report was approved, resident membership was 336 and non-resident was 250 for a total of 586. The total baptisms were 11 with other additions at 29. There were 5 deaths and 4 others lost. The A.M. Worship average was 115. Sunday school enrollment was 148 with an average attendance of 88. VBS enrollment was 122. Discipleship Training enrollment was 13 and Music enrollment was 53. WMU enrollment was 39 and Brotherhood enrollment was 13.

October: The Brotherhood Committee reported their Mission Project was that they painted the outside of Bill and Evelyn Arnold's house. The Trustees fixed a water leak under the baptistery.

Ed Beckman was accepted as a deacon effective November 10th. A new co-ed class was started for age group starting at 60.

1999

January: The WMU participated in the International (Lottie Moon) Prayer service. The sink was fixed at the parsonage and putty was put on the Gleaner class windows. Kim Forman was voted in as teacher for

the new College & Career Sunday School class, and Eva Vogt took over the older youth class. The church was to have a 5th Sunday Sing at the end of the month.

It was voted to have an ordination service on April 11th for Chuck Campbell.

Carlos brought up a project for the Brotherhood which was to help build a ramp for Pilot Grove Church.

Three men went to help build the ramp for Pilot Grove Church. Five men helped do some furniture unloading for a couple also.

The trustees reported that several men had helped to attach the fire escape to the back of the building. A workday was called for April 24th.

The 1999 ACP report: Resident membership 259 and non-resident 250 for a total of 609. There were 16 baptisms and 9 other additions. There were 2 deaths and unknown on number lost. The Sunday school enrollment was 124 with an average of 83. Discipleship Training enrollment was 40 and Music enrollment was 38. The WMU enrollment was 15 and Brotherhood was 10.

The brotherhood sacked candy for the Christmas treats.

2000

May: The bathrooms now have hot water, and two new water heaters had been installed.

The May Special Meeting: The church voted to hire Kevin Kohler as Youth Minister.

They voted to turn the parsonage into a youth center.

The ACP was read and approved. The 2000 ACP report: Resident membership was 390 and non-resident was 250 for a total of 640. There were 14 baptisms and 28 other additions. There were 9 deaths and 2 lost. A.M. Worship average was 150. The Sunday school enrollment was 181 with an average attendance of 96. VBS enrollment was 103. Discipleship Training enrollment was 12 and Music enrollment was 30. WMU enrollment was 21 and Brotherhood was 20.

the Brotherhood and RA's picked up trash on the highway. The choir is working on the Christmas musical which will be presented on December 17th in the morning service

2001

The spring revival was to be held April 29-May 2 and led by Duane and Lisa Duchesne.

It was voted to purchase 100 pew bibles in black.

The RA's and GA's were collecting cans to make money for missions.

Some of the members donated food items for the Easter Breakfast.

The church van was now paid off.

May: The bibles for the sanctuary have arrived.

The church was to pay \$150 each for six youths to travel to Detroit for a summer mission project.

A busload of the youth attended the Crossover Concert. On the 16th thirty youth went to Six Flags amusement park.

There was a float committee set up for the Apple Festival float.

July: There would be a fifth Sunday sing at the end of the month.

August: Twenty one youth attended the retreat at Windemere.

The 2001 ACP report: Resident membership was 397 and non-resident 252 for a total of 649. There were 11 baptisms and 3 other additions. 1 lost and 4 deaths reported. A.M. Worship average was 135. Sunday school enrollment was 147 with an average attendance of 82. Discipleship Training enrollment was 59 and Music enrollment was 18. WMU enrollment was 18 and Brotherhood was 12.

2002

The Music department reported that Dawn Moritz would be leading the worship services and directing the choir with Diana Stout as back up.

February: The church had a pulpit exchange with 2nd Baptist Church and Rev. Robert Ross preached here and Rev. Forman went to 2nd Baptist. There was a "Living Sacrifice" concert in the evening service.

May: The church participated in the "World Day of Prayer" on May 2nd and had a Spring revival on May 5-8. A new mission class was started on May 17th called, "Movers and Shakers." A fund was started for senior bibles. The "Movers and Shakers" sponsored a paper products drive for the food pantry.

June: The church held VBS on June 9-14. Worship service was held on June 23rd at the nursing home. Our youth went on a mission trip to Arizona.

July: The church was to prepare a float for the Apple Festival and the theme was "An Apple a Day." The "Movers and Shakers" were collecting for the needy at the school.

VBS enrollment was 184 with three professions of faith. This added 63 prospects for outreach.

August: A Bible school Swim Party was held at the city park. The T.E.L. class had a covered dish picnic at the city park. On August 24 some attended the association fish fry.

The ACP was read and approved. The 2002 ACP report: Resident membership was 407 and non-resident 250 for a total of 657. There were 14 baptisms and 17 other additions. There were 11 lost and 12 deaths. Sunday school enrollment was 156 with an average attendance of 87. Discipleship Training enrollment was 51 and Music enrollment was 21. VBS enrollment was 184. Brotherhood enrollment was 18.

October: The church held a hay ride and a wiener roast on October 26th. The Church celebrated Pastor Appreciation month in October and had a covered dish dinner on the 20th.

The Float Committee reported that we won a blue ribbon for the float this year.

2003

January: A new Discipleship Training class began. The Women and girls had a "Chick-Flick night on the 31st.

February: The "Experiencing God" seminar was held. A family Valentine Banquet was held on the 15th

March: Two new classes were taught, Clint Kincaid taught "Bringing up Boys" on March 16th and Rev. Forman taught a Witnessing class on the 23rd. Rev. Weldon Forman was a guest speaker in March.

April: The "Trammell Trio" held a concert here on April 6th for revival with a carry in dinner afterwards. Easter Sunrise service was held.

April Special Meeting: Terri Merriott moved that these items be purchased at a cost of approximately \$12,500. Cindy Campbell seconded the motion. Items of discussion were as follows:

The Summary of the bid components: The estimated cost is \$12,500 and will include the following: a projector and bracket for mounting; electric remote operation screen and remote control; DVD & VCR deck; VCR camera; digital camera; software; installation of the system; computer with surge protector; amplifiers; and miscellaneous cables, esthetic improvements for installation, etc.-Purpose of the system is to enhance our worship services, not to replace what we are doing now. System will be installed in the balcony and will be kept locked. Only trained people will be allowed to operate the equipment. Video can be sent to remote sites like the nursery and Children's Church. Not intended to do away with hymnals or with traditional services. \$22,000 has been donated from two separate estates with the request that some of it be used for AV equipment with the remainder to be used for the sound system.

Kim Forman began a five week new bible study called "Secrets of the Vine." Church service was held at Kidwell nursing home.

The Youth were studying missions, local witnessing and outreach. Thirty youth will go on a mission trip this summer.

August: First Baptist Church held a VBS Reunion Pool Party on August 3rd at the Country Club. The Lamine Association Fish Fry will also have a talent show. New pictorial directories were done. On August 3rd 2nd Baptist Church joined us in the morning service. And on the 16th there was a concert by the "Sweet Harmony Boys" at Fortuna.

The 2003 ACP report: Resident members were 411 and non-resident members were 250 for a total of 661. There were 10 deaths t. Sunday school enrollment was 170 with an average attendance of 89. Discipleship Training enrollment was 50 and Music enrollment was 53. VBS enrollment was 206. Brotherhood enrollment 10 and WMU enrollment was 10.

The guest pastor on the 14th was Rev. Weldon Forman and there was a concert performed by "Acension." The church had a worship service at the nursing home.

September: A new ladies Sunday school class started for the 30-50 age group with Mary Berkstresser teaching.

On the 22nd the WMU delivered fruit plates to the shut-ins. The Ladies had a day out for lunch and shopping on the 1st. The community Thanksgiving service was held at Versailles Christian Church on the 25th and some of our members attended.

On the 23rd we had a pot-luck dinner and a guest speaker, Chris Cooper in the evening service. The speaker spoke on the Mission trip to Haiti.

December: The WMU delivered 17 fruit plates to members in November. The T.E.L. class and the Men's Fellowship sponsored our Christmas dinner on the 3rd. On the 13th the Young adult Christmas party was held at the Stalh's home. On the 21st our choir performed a Christmas Cantata called "A Thrill of Hope."

2004

The pastor reported that the Todd Allen family would be in our area on Wednesday evening, January 21st and will perform a music concert for a love offering. There will be a carry in dinner at 6 and concert at 7.

The church was to have "Church in the Park" on June 6th with the church providing the meat and members to bring side dishes.

The SonShine class will handle the Sr. Adult Day Celebration on May 2nd with that day as high attendance Sunday with a goal of 200.

August: Ron Grapes was elected as a new deacon. The ACP was read and approved. The 2004 ACP report: There were 426 resident members and 254 non-resident members for a total of 680. There were 15 baptisms and 9 other additions. There were five deaths. Sunday school enrollment was 176 with an average attendance of 99. VBS enrollment was 176. Discipleship Training enrollment was 20 and Music enrollment was 40. WMU enrollment was 13 and Brotherhood was 11.

2005

January: The Music Committee reported that there was an estimated 300 that attended the Cantata on the two nights it was presented. 38 youth attended the New Year's lock-in. The youth are planning an ice skating part in January and will have a Youth Revival on February 18-19.

February: There would be a Deacon ordination for Clifton Wilbourn. The Personnel Committee recommended hiring Matt Kohler as permanent Youth Minister as he had been interim for the three month trial period.

February: The Youth revival was postponed for February and a scavenger hunt was put in its place for this month.

Dana & Carol Garrison were hired as nursery workers on Sunday evenings. There was to be an Easter Breakfast on Easter morning and an Easter egg hunt after the breakfast.

May: . May 7th was set aside for a clean-up day at church. May: Fifteen youth attended the “Todd Agnew” concert in Barnett. On April 30th the youth participated in a bible drill and build your own sundae. On May 13th they will attend the Power Team Revival at Osage Hills and on May 21st they will participate in the light bulb distribution.

The basketball banquet was held and 85 people attended and nearly 200 attended the rally.

In August the 2005 the ACP report shows there were 427 resident members and 254 non-resident members for a total of 681. There were 8 baptisms and 8 other additions. There were 7 lost. Sunday school enrollment was 147 with an average attendance of 84. Discipleship Training enrollment was 39 and Music enrollment was 42. WMU enrollment was 8 and Brotherhood enrollment was 7. VBS enrollment was 200 and A.M. Worship average was 144.

The Deacons reported that the revival was set and plans were underway for activities during revival week to encourage attendance. Sunday evening a youth scavenger hunt and taco supper; Monday evening a Children’s Fall Festival with games and hotdog roast; On Tuesday there was to be a sports event and tailgate party; Wednesday evening was family night and a carry in dinner with door prizes.

2006

Seven youth went to Tan-Tara Water Park. Curtis and Crystal Cunningham are to start working with the youth on Sunday nights.

Several students were saved in the VBS. Fifteen youth had a pizza and movie night and watched, “Narnia.”

The Revised Constitution & By-laws were approved. A revised constitution and by laws was adopted by the church on 6/21/06.

The Pastor has moved into his new office in the Youth house (the old parsonage). The secretary’s office is almost ready too.

The ACP was approved. The 2006 ACP report: There were 401 resident members and 205 non-resident members for a total of 606. There were 4 baptisms and 3 other additions. There were 3 deaths and 25 lost. The Sunday school enrollment was 139 with an average attendance of 88. Discipleship Training enrollment was 37 and Music enrollment was 30. WMU enrollment was 14 and Brotherhood enrollment was 10.

August: Eight children and four adults attended the Lamine Association camp. 14 youth attended Big Sur. Twenty-one are planning to go to Six Flags on the 12th.

2007

January: The Discipleship Training class began meeting with a video study on a unique way of Christian living. The ladies held a kitchen shower on the 13th for our kitchen and the Baptist camp kitchen. The

church had Wednesday night meetings for all age groups. The church also had free dinners at 5:45 before activities.

February: On the 11th the church had a movie called "Facing the Giants". On the 24th there was a fundraising concert by the "Sweet Harmony Boys" and "Color of Mercy". This was performed at the high school gym to raise money for the pastor of FBC Laurie, Marc Knapp who, along with his family was in a bad car wreck. February 25th was designated "Focus on Missions"

Work had begun on the kitchen remodeling with many changes and additions to be done. A \$2,000 donation was received for the Kitchen work. There was one letter in. On March 2-3 the women held a "Chocolate Boutique" program where you taste and see the Lord is good. On the 11th our DOM of Lamine Association brought the message. On the 31st a group went to "Great Lake of the Ozarks Gospel Sing" at Main Street Music Hall in Osage Beach.

April: On the 22nd the church held a fundraising Mexican Dinner. The church also collected bicycles for the mission team to take on the Matamoras Mission trip for the kids and families.

In the evening service the "Sweet Harmony Boys" gave their final concert.

On May 27th our guest speaker in the morning worship was Rev. Weldon Forman. Rod Campbell was guest speaker in the evening service.

June: Fifteen youth went to the Crossover Festival.

The B&G Committee reported ordered new counter topping for the kitchen and new sinks. They also put in a new refrigerator and ice maker.

August: The 2007 ACP report: There was a reorganization of the clerical records which changed the membership numbers. There are now 260 resident members and 97 non-resident members for a total of 303. There were 4 baptisms and 3 other additions. There were 3 deaths and 307 lost through record correcting. Sunday school enrollment was 118 with an average attendance of 70. Discipleship Training enrollment was 69 and Music enrollment was 25. VBS enrollment was 113. WMU enrollment was 16 and Brotherhood enrollment was 12.

September: Discipleship Training held the "Friendship First" bible study. The next study will be "Gilligan's Island and the 7 deadly sins." The WMU made a "True Love Waits" banner for a group in Lethsotho. Their next project is for the military in Iraq. In November they would coordinate the Community Thanksgiving Dinner with the Baptist Men. In December they will adopt a local family. The youth participated in 3MT mission program and two fundraisers. Ten youth and leaders went to Branson MO and served over 400 bottles of water with scripture verses on them.

The WMU sent gift boxes to the military overseas on the 21st. On the 26th there was a deacon hosted Widow's Appreciation dinner and on the 27th a Baptist Men's breakfast. The Deacons will have ordination service for three deacons on October 28th.

2008

January: A special luncheon was held for widows on the 19th and over 20 women attended and were served by the deacons and their wives.

38 youth from First Baptist and two other churches attended a youth lock-in at the YMCA with a praise band from Trinity was the entertainment. The Men on Missions plan on having RA's and GA's with Clint Kincaid in charge. The first outing for the children will be Palm Sunday with a swim party at the indoor pool in California. The church voted to sponsor Everett Rayl, pastor of Barnett Baptist church on a mission trip to Honduras.

August: On the 3rd there was a carry in dinner at 2nd Baptist Church after the morning series. We sent kids to the Baptist Ridge Camp on July 28-August 1. Discipleship Training began a new study on World Religions on Sunday evenings at six. On the 17th Weldon Forman was guest pastor and Crystal Burnett did a special solo.

The ACP report: There were 6 baptisms and 8 other additions. There were 8 deaths.

September: The treasurer reported that the month of June was the highest increase in donations in the past eleven years. The radio ministry was in deficit and it was voted to transfer \$1,000 from interest to Radio until funds were caught up. Nine youth went to 3MT Missions in July. This is the largest number of youth that has gone before.

The Discipleship Training class began a new series on "When World Views Collide." The choir was in the process of selecting Christmas music. Mary Hampton, Susan Winters and Lisa Kincaid started the "Team Kids Program" on Wednesday nights.

October: On the 4th was a Pancake Breakfast at the West Minster Presbyterian Church with the proceeds to go to Habitat for Humanity. 1st Christian Church invited our ladies to their annual banquet. The ladies had a Secret Sister program. Billy Bradford and Mary Hampton collected items to send packages to our military serving overseas. The 26th the church held a Pastor Appreciation Lunch following the morning service.

November: On November 8th the Fall Fest was held at the home of Susie Moon with a hay ride and wiener roast. On the 9th in the evening service Everett Rayl and Rod Campbell spoke on the El-Salvador Mission trip and there was also special music. On the 22nd we had our annual free Thanksgiving dinner.

Memo

During the 40 year period from 1968 to 2008 According to the ACP reports and the business meetings there were 555 baptisms, 740 other additions, 321 deaths and 1286 lost. 307 of the lost were names culled from the office record. Those that could not be accounted for, errors, some moved away and some died etc. There were 313 total members at the end of 2008. These are all approximate figures assuming those who recorded them made no errors. There were 338 members transferred out in two different

church splits, and the Gravois Mission members being transferred back to their own church. So the regular lost membership was only about 650, which is probably pretty accurate. The beginning total membership for 1968 was 662 leaving us now with about 350 members and only about a 37 error margin from the 313 actual. That's close enough to consider the figures accurate. Looking at statistics sounds good, but in 40 years with that many baptisms it means we averaged about 1 baptism a month. It is wonderful however that 555 were saved.

2009

March: \$1500 was collected for Lottie Moon. Calendaring was done. Upcoming was the Widows Luncheon and a Dare to Share youth event in March

April: On April 12th there was to be a 7 a.m. sunrise service, then breakfast prior to the regular service. On April 19-22 we were to have spring revival.

May: May 10th was to be Mother's Day and Graduation Bibles were to be passed out. On May 31st Vacation Bible School was to begin and go through June 4th.

April: We held our spring revival on the 19-22nd.

June 10th was our business meeting. It was reported that Chester Burdick joined by baptism.

September: On the 16th we had our business meeting. We had a healthy bank balance at that time. We had a steady men's and women's prayer groups meeting. Sunday school average attendance was 69. Our music department produced a cantata called, "The Promise of Light." The Lottie Moon goal was set for \$1500. One new member came by letter and 2 lettered out. The church participated in passing out drinks and tracts at the Apple Festival. Plans were in progress for a new class for young couples. The youth were active with pizza parties and lock-ins.

October:

November: Sunday school average attendance was 70. A new class was started for couples. The youth basement remodeling was about done and there was a discussion about obtaining a big screen TV. The carpeting was about done there too. The youth planned a bowling trip for December and also hoped to do a fund raiser for some youth trips.

December: In the December business meeting the 2010 budget was approved. The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$1200. The secretary was to get an increase in wages. It was discussed that the pastor's computer needed to be replaced. There were also plans being made for a mission trip to El Salvadore.

2010

In January the church purchased a set of drums and chose Buddy Fizer and Jameson Forman to be drummers. There was an average Sunday school attendance of 72. There was mention of trying to organize the Wednesday night dinners into working groups and rotate them to relieve those preparing meals.

In February it was determined that the first Wednesday of each month there would be a carry in dinner. The church was involved in prayer walking, prayer driving, and passing out flyers from the Missouri Baptist Convention. There was mention of a phone service to get messages out quickly and would be discussed later.

In March the widows luncheon was to be on March 20th, and Easter breakfast on April 4th. A revised Constitution and By-Laws was adopted by the church on 3/13/2010

In April Todd shared about our Wednesday night dinners and how well they were working for our church. Diana shared that the G.R.O.W. team might like to be greeters for our Wednesday night dinners to make people feel more welcome. Darnell was to send letters to the team. The suggestion was made to have a short devotion on Wednesday also. The discipleship training meeting on Sunday night averaged 12. Sunday school average was about 63. A new chair person was needed for the public relations committee.

In June the council went over the draft of the Constitution and changes to be made. It was brought up that the church was not incorporated. There was a need for a teacher for the youth and a VBS director.

In July pastor was to be gone on two different weeks for a vacation then a retreat. There was a need to gather FBC incorporation pricing. Todd was to talk to Steve Grantham, a lawyer. There was to be a special meeting regarding the new constitution, Sunday August 29th and Wednesday September 1st at 7 p.m.

In August Steve Grantham was to do the form on our incorporation. We have a youth teacher now, Pam Evitts. The new church council members were voted in to either a one or two year term. A love offering was to be taken in support of low income families for the Citizens for Health and Wellness clinic to open in October 2010. Todd wanted to move youth to Sunday nights and to be involved in G.R.O.W. team. He also brought up the G.R.O.W. team being Sunday and Wednesday greeters. They would get names and addresses and make the incoming people welcome.

SEPTEMBER: A revised Constitution and By-Laws was adopted by the church on 9/8/2010. There were four baptisms scheduled for the first Sunday. The building and grounds will reschedule a garage sale for a later date, probably in October. The incorporation will wait until new officers are selected for church council. Individual responsibilities were suggested for the church council members and new goals were determined to give direction to the church members.

In October the selection of duties for each church council member was determined and assigned. Diana suggested a welcoming meeting using the Baptist Faith and Message, FBC Constitution, Stewardship and Service within the church family. The purpose of this is to help integrate new members into the body. It was decided that our offerings would be taken up at the end of our service instead of the middle. Steve Comer brought up that the church body should be made aware of the function of the council.

In November Todd read scripture and had prayer to open the meeting. There was a need for someone to drive the van for the youth on Sunday evening, also for one more chaperone to assist with the youth. Some pews needed to be repaired and the entire sanctuary carpeted to keep the noise level down. Steve Comer was to take this to the Building and Grounds committee. A new Sunday school director was needed due to the resignation of Clovis Baize. Todd suggested the use of local mission funds to purchase food for those in need. The church council planning session was to have an all day meeting on January 15th. There would be caroling on December 12 and a Christmas program on the 19th.

In December Billie Bradford agreed to be the Sunday school director for 2011. The baptistery was repaired. Some unused line items on the budget were dropped, WMU, Nursery Workers, Youth minister, worship leader, puppets and nursery supplies.

2011

During the 2011 business meetings all meetings opened with scripture and prayer. Prior quarterly business meeting minutes were read and financial reports were passed out and read or explained.

In March there were 23 members in attendance. The church sent messengers to the Semi-Annual Lamine Association meeting along with the pastor. There was a need to replace the hot water tank for the church. Evelyn Arnold memorial luncheon was held on March 26th, and the next new member luncheon was set for May 1, 2011. An organizing roster was set up for transporting the youth to evening activities and was working out well. Kim Hoffa with help from Diana Andreas will be in charge of VBS for 2011.

In June there were 19 members in attendance. Clovis Baize reported that there were 36 kids this year and 41 faculty in VBS. There were two saved in VBS. Some of the men went to help Laurie FBC with building their addition and hanging sheetrock. Five of our youth attended Lamine Association Camp. The church hosted one crew from 3MT, and one of the 3MT crews assisted one lady in cleaning her farm up in preparation of selling it to move into town. It was decided to begin an AWANA program in our church on Sunday evenings. Reps were to come on July 25th to discuss this program. A new member's luncheon was held May 1st for 7 members who have joined FBC since January, 2011. Todd discussed the privileges and responsibilities of membership in FBC and distributed copies of the church constitution and Baptist Faith and Message to the new members. New council members were selected for 2013 to be voted on later.

In September there were 17 in attendance. Some of our people attended an AWANA Training program and on September 11th began our first AWANA program for our youth. There were 20 kids and 22 workers in attendance. New names were presented for the nominating committee. Business meetings were moved from Wed evenings to Sunday afternoons. Plans were made to attend the Missouri Baptist Convention with three attending as messengers. New associational messengers were chosen. In July and August changes were made to the constitution as to the dates and times of regular business meetings, from the second Wednesday of March, June, September, and December to the second Sunday afternoons of those months. They will be held at 2:00 p.m. and preceded by a fellowship meal. The goals were set for the Reubin L. South Missions at \$500 and \$1200 for Lottie Moon Missions. Due to a donation of \$500 the council was able to buy a new laptop for Todd as his was no longer functional.

In December there was a Christmas program held on December 18th. The 2012 proposed budget was presented and approved. Though there were people joining by baptism and statement, leaving by letter and some deceased, I don't have those statistics to add here.

2012

In March there were five new members accepted into membership, three by baptism and two by letter. Tim Buton brought up a need to establish Mission/Ministry Teams. The chimney was removed and the leaks repaired on the annex roof. There would be a need in a year or two of replacing the annex roof. The church council found a need to update the church membership and decided to do a mailing to see if anyone wanted to be dropped from membership. Tim Burton has created a plan for training the leadership team and the team members. The council has approved this plan. The team leaders are Todd Forman, Tim Burton, Terry Silvey, Ed Cline, and Norma Silkwood. They have been meeting regularly to determine what area of focus each leader will pursue. Updates were made to the computer system and wireless internet provider. Bids were received from two suppliers for an additional projector and screen that can be seen from the front platform. There was a need to replace some bricks that were falling off on the south side of the church. That was to be looked into.

In June Pastor Todd said there were two team meetings this quarter. There was discussion on having a team for Disaster Relief Ministries, and that the Missouri Baptist Convention has training for these. Ron Holst was interested in working through Baptist Builders. Terry Silvey wants First Baptist Church to partner with other Southern Baptist churches in towns called Versailles. He is checking on one in Versailles, KY. A trip is planned for 6/29 to 7/1 to go there. Routine evening services were to begin in July and August, and the sign on the corner changed to reflect this. The church members were being surveyed as to their desire to remain active or inactive members or those who were members of another church being dropped from our rolls.

In September the 2013 church council members were selected and voted on. There were three new members to join the church, two by letter and one by baptism. Ron Holst brought up the need for cleaning the outside of the building before repairs can be made and damaged bricks replaced. Todd suggested a fund raising project titled Operation Facelift be approved and funds in before bids are solicited. The carpets were cleaned in July. The restrooms on the main floor and nursery are slated to be updated.

In December attendance at the meeting was 36. There were about 200 coats donated for our coat closet give away. About 70 have already been distributed to those in need. Our Craft Bazaar and bake sale brought in about \$858.00 with quite a few items still left over for a future sale. Fundraising for repairs was to begin January 2012. There were three new members by Baptism and five new members by letter. Copies of the proposed 2013 budget were passed out to all members present. The new budget changed some of the mission giving to increase locally and decrease statewide. The new budget was voted on and passed. Children's church is being handled by Vera Cline assisted by the youth and a new Sunday school class for 20-35 yr olds is being taught by Joyce Gunn.

2013

MARCH: There were 26 in attendance. As usual there was scripture and prayer prior to beginning the meeting. There was a reminder of the upcoming Evelyn Arnold Widows dinner. There was one new

member accepted into membership though the minutes didn't say how they came. A visa card was provided to Sandy Randall for food and gas expenses while Clay, her husband was in the hospital. A bass guitar and video camera were stolen in January but were recovered. Evening services will begin again after AWANA ends. There were to be a combined worship services of all the Baptist Churches held at FBC, on May 9th. Evening services were to be cancelled on Mother's Day, Memorial Day and Father's Day. Todd arranged for a Singing in the Summer Time concert series. June 28th will be a group called Declaration from Nashville TN, July 21st the Redeemed Trio, and August 4th will be the Lesters. The revised membership roll will be ready in time for the Annual Church letter in August.

June: The attendance was 31. Over \$1200 was raised for an orphanage in New Mexico due to the unity between the Baptist churches in Missouri and Kentucky. Two new members were accepted by letter and one dismissed by letter to another church. It was decided that the AWANA program would alternate between our church and Trinity Baptist Church. The church instituted a Child Safety Program with a background check performed for those who work with our children. A new rotational schedule was prepared for the fellowship meals to unburden the ones who usually cook. This was to include cooks from Trinity also. Todd reported that the church council would not adopt a special policy to define marriage, as the Missouri Baptist Convention suggested. As our Constitution maintains we will abide by the Baptist Faith and Message which has a definition of Marriage as one man and one woman. There was a need for a Sunday school Director and two youth Sunday school teachers.

SEPTEMBER: Attendance was 47. The deacons recommended that Ron Holst be approved as an active deacon. This was voted on and passed. The annual church letter was accepted as presented. It was also approved that BFT remaining funds on our expenditures of \$199.49 be transferred to the Brick Repair Funds. That Fund now has approximately \$18,500 including that transfer. The estimated cost of that project is \$25,000 and the church is to obtain a loan for the rest. Bids for the work were to be obtained. Four new church council members were elected, and a new Executive board member and alternate was elected. Messengers were elected for the Lamine Baptist Association. The church council determined that our tables and chairs from the fellowship hall would not be loaned out at all for outside activities. The 2014 budget was prepared and was to be voted on in December.

December: The meeting attendance was 36. The 2014 budget was given to all members present, and it was accepted as printed. There were three members accepted by letter. Suggestions were made for relocating a water cooler, posting some signs over doors for restrooms, maps in the visitor's packets showing where things are, more info on where the Sunday school classes are for the greeters. A peephole in the Annex door was to be lowered and a new deep sink for washing large pots added into the kitchen. These suggestions were to be covered by the building committee.

2014

MARCH: Attendance at the meeting was 34. The December minutes were available to read and for approval. They will be posted on the bulletin board in the foyer and presented at the June business meeting. The Evelyn Arnold Memorial luncheon is to be held April 12, 2014 and is being planned at present. Ron Holst reported on the progress of the brick repairs. The whole building had been power washed last fall. Work has paused due to freezing weather and will be resumed when weather is above

freezing. Once the work is completed it will be sealed with a clear sealer to protect the brick. North American Missions goal was set at \$1200. There were four new members accepted by letter. Plans were made to divide the existing restroom on the main floor into two restrooms. Funding is to come from either insurance proceeds or the memorial funds.

JUNE: Attendance at the meeting was 34. The pastor's job description was reviewed then passed as written. The insurance company does not require windows in the classrooms at this time. The suggested if doors are replaced they should have windows. A nominating committee was selected to find candidates to run for church council. There were three new members accepted by letter and one baptism. Pastor began a bible studies series on Galatians to be followed by one on Ephesians on Sunday Evening. Franke Hampton resigned as Wednesday evening bible study teacher. A new vacuum cleaner was purchased for the fellowship hall. Signs to mark the restrooms and nursery are to be purchased.

SEPTEMBER: Attendance to the meeting was 40. Four new church council members were selected. The annual church profile was read. A new executive board member and alternate were selected as well as messengers to the association. It was reported that the 2012 Church Health Survey brought about some changes, such as Wednesday night Prayer meeting, ministries such as AWANA, Coat Closet, and Shoebox Ministry. Evangelism brought about the teaching of "How to Share your Faith," and Discipleship saw the start of our "Experiencing God," classes with 25 enrolled.

DECEMBER: The only report for December are some notes from the church council, stating that the concerns from this meeting have been resolved, such as water cooler in main foyer, heat in nursery, signs for restrooms and nursery, thermostat setting in sanctuary, gooseneck faucet for kitchen sinks. Younger men are being asked to serve as ushers to receive the offerings. And it was decided that the deacons would serve as greeters on Sunday mornings. The Evelyn Arnold Memorial Luncheon was set for April 12th.

2015

MARCH: Most of this for March was taken from church council records. Smoke detectors have been installed around the church. -Bids are being obtained for emergency lighting in case of power outage. -Bids are being obtained for getting the storm windows in the sanctuary cleaned. The outside windows may need to be cleaned, too. The stained glass windows may need to be reglazed. A handrail has been installed on the west outside stairs to the basement. The door to the bathroom in the south room has been reworked so it closes properly. The flags in the sanctuary have been cleaned. Heating and cooling of the building is being evaluated to try to keep all areas at a comfortable temperature. The Sunday School classrooms for the Sunshine and Women's classes are extremely cold. There is confusion over what areas are controlled by what thermostats. -Debbie Fields was hired as custodian to replace Susan Winters who resigned for health issues.-Job description for custodian has been rewritten and updated.-Job description for church secretary has been written.-A performance appraisal/plan is being created for the pastor with his input. Patty Wittrock will serve as a replacement for Marcia Herx to run the computer for services. The council and deacon's retreat was to be held on June 27th. Seth Randall is putting together a committee to plan activities for the youth.

JUNE: Attendance at the meeting was 36. So far we have received one bid for the Emergency lighting, this project may be combined with the Fire Exit project. The church council will find members to fill council vacancies next year. The church Security Team will be meeting soon. The Youth Advisory

Committee requested volunteers for the youth committee. Church Planning Retreat was made up of Church Council members and deacons. It's goal is to lead the church in the direction God would have it to go. There was also a goal to obtain input from church members before and after the meeting. Glenn Pipes was put in charge of overseeing the 3MT projects and requested the use of step ladders and extension ladders. The addition of a Security Team was thought to be a good idea. Seth asked for prayer for the Youth Advisory Committee. He also spoke of a need for a teacher for K-2nd grade. Two members joined by letter. A preliminary plan for church safety has been presented. It will cover fire, tornado, earthquake, medical emergencies, and intruder/Code Yellow incidents. FBC is cooperating with Calvary Baptist Church to provide the AWANA program this year. The meetings are held on Wednesday evenings. The Fellowship meals will no longer be held at FBC and there will be no Bible Study at FBC. Instead, a light meal will be served to the children, their parents, and workers at Calvary Baptist church. Rev. Gary Patterson will offer Bible Study at Calvary for anyone who wants to attend a mid-week study. A revival will be held Oct. 18-21. It will be led by Rev. Robert Ross and his music team.

SEPTEMBER: There were 31 in attendance for the meeting. The church established a planning session with two new goals. The first was to base all church decisions on Biblical Principals by January 2016. The Second was to obtain 24 active members in the 20-40 year old age group by January 2017. 3MT overseer Glenn Pipes saw to the painting of one member's house and minor repairs on two other houses. He also thanked the team for their work and ethics. The emergency lighting project was to be incorporated with the stairwell project. The Church Safety Plan group met and have the preliminary plans set up which will be expanded in the near future. There were four new members and three alternates established for the church council. There was one Executive board member and one alternate also chosen for the Lamine Baptist Association. Eight messengers were approved for the Lamine Baptist Association for the next year also. The pastor and his wife and two members were appointed for the Missouri Baptist Convention representatives. The next LBA meeting is on October 10th at Osage Beach. Two new members came by baptism.

DECEMBER: There were 29 at the meeting. The reports from the church council meeting and building and grounds meeting were accepted. There was a new elevated toilet in the ladies room by the fellowship hall. A contract was established with Morgan County Carpet and work was to be done in warmer weather. The Lamine Baptist Association made some structuring changes in the association. This includes three teams, one, Enrichment for Pastors, two, equipping for members, and three, Missions. There was one new messenger was accepted on the Lamine Baptist Association, as one member moved from the area. The pastor presented his goals for 2016. 1. Development of an Acts 1:8 Mission focus. 2. Mentoring and discipleship focus for bible study. 3. Evangelism visits with church leaders. 4. New ways to do ministry with other people groups. 5. By Being obedient to Sabbath rest and focusing on the Lord this year. Copies of the 2016 proposed budget was passes out and accepted as printed. Six members lettered out and one new member lettered in.

2016

February: There were a few changes voted on for the constitution and a new member packet was discussed. There was a reception held on the 21st for Dan and Nadine Peoples after the morning service.

March: A revised copy of the Constitution dated 3/13/16 was made. Another Fun, Food & Fellowship was set for April 16th.

April: The April 16th fellowship was well attended.

May: The trivia night for the youth fundraiser was scheduled for May 14th to help with their expenses. There was a \$5 charge for those paying

June: At the June business meeting there were about 29 attending. The Mission team was in St. Louis doing mission work. The elevator had work done on it and a new heating unit was installed for about \$3800. Three new members were added to the Building and Grounds committee. The youth had a successful trivia night fund raiser. They were making plans to have another trivia night fundraiser in the fall to raise funds for Operation Christmas A Child. The rent-a-youth day was also successful. There were three new members by statement and one death.

July: New members were selected for a nomination committee. That committee will nominate 4 members to replace those on the church council. The youth want to attend a Christian Concert at the State Fair. They also want to begin sharing Wed night youth groups with Trinity. They also want to work on a float for the Apple Festival. The youth attended a KC Royals game on the 9th. A work day was held on the 9th for work on the annex. The church pianist was changed to Linda Beckman with Millie Dump doing the offertory.

August: The pastoral search committee met and decided to present the church with a recommendation to utilize a transitional pastor instead of an interim pastor during out pastor search. There was also an agreement made to increase the pay for supply pastors.

Sept: The deacons elected themselves a new chairman, and a retired deacon was reinstated to duty. Plans were made to clean the guttering and clean some carpeting. The decision was made to get a transitional pastor due to the retirement of our current pastor. New council members were established and 2 new people were accepted into membership. The Wednesday evening fellowship dinners was to be restarted.

November: The church held a free Thanksgiving Dinner open to the public on November 19th as well as a craft bazaar.

December: The church council made a few changes. Bible study was restarted on Wednesday at 6 p.m. The Awana program was to resume on January 8th. The mens bible study was to be at Darrell Bias's garage on Thursday evenings. There was also an ongoing Ladies Bible Study at the church on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 each week. It as decided to recognize birthdays and anniversaries on a monthly basis on the 1st Sunday, instead of weekly. There was an evening service on Christmas Eve, and regular service on Christmas day but no evening service. Marsha Herx updated the church webpage. And the new pictorial directories were available.