

**First  
Baptist Church  
Versailles**

**History 1968-2008**

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# The Changing Face of First Baptist Church

## Forty years of History since the Centennial

### FORWARD

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.

It is hard to believe that the church is over 140 years old and in the near future it will want to celebrate 150 years with a significant remembrance. I hope I am around to help do that. 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.

### HISTORY

The church began meeting at the old Methodist church building in 1868, then in 1877-1878 they went on to build a small church of its own. While the current church was being built they met in the basement of the old Tweedie building at 206 N Fisher while they built the current church, which was finished in 1950.

At the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration in 1993, a small history celebration booklet was made up with some of the history highlighted that was taken from the original Centennial history book written by the late Mrs. Royce Moser, church historian and the mother of Betty LaRue a current member of the church. Most of the current church members have no idea what was in that Centennial History book or what has gone on since then, or even what was in the 125<sup>th</sup> celebration booklet.

That centennial history book told a short history of Versailles. 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 locus 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.

Our church went through the war of WWI for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, WWII for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Viet Nam, for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

It closed its doors during the cholera epidemic in 1873, the Spanish influenza in 1918, and Polio in 1946.

There were 16 charter members who began this church in 1868. Those sixteen members called Rev. J. B. Box as their first pastor. He was a native Missourian and a pioneer preacher. They met in the old Methodist church building, about where the current Methodist church is now. The first church building was built between 1877 -1879, and 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.

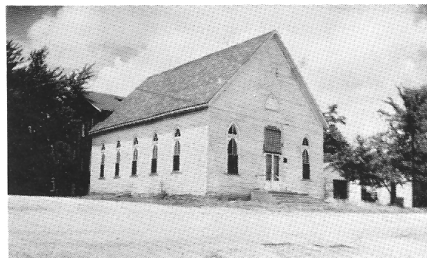
Semi-Centennial	60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	95 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	

The 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the last services in the old church were on June 27<sup>th</sup> 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.



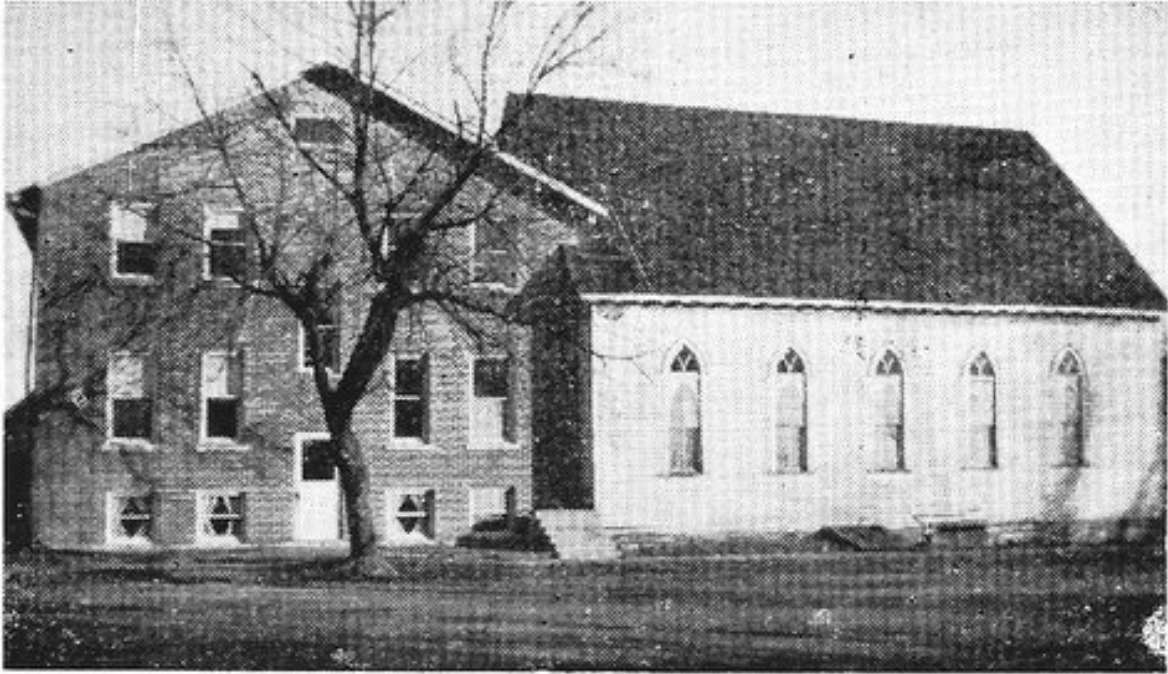
Morgan County Court House - Versailles, Missouri, built in 1844 and destroyed by fire at the time of the big Versailles fire, March 13, 1887. Our church met here from May 16, 1869 until July 19, 1879.



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



Our present church building built 1948 - 1950. Dedication held April 2, 1950.



This was the church in about 1970 before the addition of the canopy out front.



First Baptist Church 2007

## 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 every worldly lust; that we will strive together for the support of a faithful evangelical ministry among us; that 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 Marvelous Light.

At the time of the 125<sup>th</sup> 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	1868-18/69	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-current

(Pastor Forman was not listed in the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary book of course.)

In the centennial history book it was mentioned that many records had been lost. That is not hard to believe as paperwork for 140 years would need a separate library building to house it all. At one place in our more recent history it was voted that all financial and contribution records more than five years old be destroyed. It is not hard to figure that as the paperwork multiplied storage became a problem and a lot of other records were destroyed also. 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.

The history which I am about to enter now came from those minutes from 1962 forward, the ACP reports to the association and a few memories from long standing members.

## MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

Most all of the minutes had the same form and the Minutes then the Treasurer's reports were voted on and followed by verbal reports. Most of this was not typed into the history unless there was something outstanding or different that needed to be noted.

### **October-December 1962**

Rev. Charles Saxton and his wife Betty lived received a salary in September of \$346.56 for the month, plus utilities paid at \$33.37 for a total salary of \$379.93. In September there were six people lettered into the church membership and seven people lettered out to other churches. There were six baptisms and one death, a Rev. L.V. Webb.

The Custodian, Treasurer, and Minister of Music and Youth Pastor was a paid position.

The Church sponsored the Royal Ambassador program, the Girls Auxiliary, and Sunbeams. They had a Brotherhood program as well as a Women's Missionary program. The church treasurer was Betty Jane LaRue, and the church clerk was Kathryn Rumans. The Missions programs placed Home Life magazine in Doctor's offices, barber and beauty shops in and around Versailles.

In November there were nine new members accepted into the church by letter, and two people lettered out to other churches. The pastor's salary for October was \$475.60, November was \$387.17 and December was 475.63. These salaries included utilities. The cooperative program giving was 14.6% of the regular offering.

### **1963**

January 9<sup>th</sup> there was one baptism noted on the business meeting minutes. Bill Arnold's class provided transportation to anyone needing a ride to church.

The February 6<sup>th</sup> minutes showed one member transferred out to another church by letter.

In the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting it was noted that the Fidelis class started a clothes closet for the needy. There were 17 baptisms, and one new member by statement. VBS literature was ordered. The treasurer's report no longer listed a payout for a Music/Youth Minister. The cooperative program was receiving approximately 17% of the regular offering and Annie Armstrong offering was \$271.75. A salary was paid out to Rev. Denzel Dukes and Roy Dameron.

In May a fund was begun for refinishing and redecorating, for heating and air conditioning in the basement, for remodeling the restrooms and kitchen. There was to be an appraisal of the church property by the Missouri Inspection Bureau. The treasurer's report mentioned payments out for room and meals for an evangelist, so I would assume the salary out to Rev. Dukes and Mr. Dameron was for revival services. Also funds were paid out to a nursery worker and office help.

In the June business meeting, three new committees were appointed by the pastor, Messengers, Nominating Committee and Budget Committee. There were three baptisms. A thank you went out to Edgar Carpenter for donating the paint for the banquet room.



In July the minutes included a new Budget report, the cooperative program was set at 21% of general funds. Salaries on the new budget for 63-64 included pastor, minister of music, custodian, treasurer, and office help. There was also funds budgeted for local and associational missions. There was a Nominating Committee report of some of the new officers of the church. The clerk was Kathryn Rumans, Treasurer was Mrs. Maurice LaRue Jr. Sunday School Superintendant was Norman Akin and Training Union Director was Frank Rowe, also 14 messengers were voted on for the upcoming year. Two new committees were appointed by the pastor, Redecorating for restrooms and Kitchen Committee.

August saw another baptism and three additions to the church roll by letter. There was one death, W. A. Pettigrew. Brotherhood Director was Ted Burkhart and WMU Director was Mrs. William Arnold Jr. the ACP listed 28 baptisms for the church year and 17 other additions. There were also seventeen member lost by either letter, dismissal, or death. There were 631 current members, 511 resident and 120 non resident. The church held two revivals. Sunday School membership was 426 with average attendance at 250. Training Union total membership was 104 with an average attendance of 69. Music membership was 72 with an average attendance of 40. There were 176 in Vacation Bible School. Total receipts of the church were \$27,458.03 and total expenses were \$14,139.05. The total mission spending was \$7,328.90. \$1,750.00 was budgeted for literature.

In September the church voted to increase the distribution of the Home Life magazines to include the upper elementary school and one more beauty shop, two hotels and the laundry. There were seven baptisms, nine joined by letter and two left by letter. There was one death, Lewis Jones.

In October the church had revival services with Rev. Carl Curtis as evangelist and Willard Payne for music.

November business meeting saw a vote to add a humidifier to the heating system and ducts to be adjusted, also the trustees put a heater in the pastor's office. A committee was formed to select someone for salaried Music/ Youth Minister at \$45.00 weekly. Five members lettered out.

In December a decision was made to take part in the January Bible Study and to buy some new hymnals. There was one baptized and five members lettered out. Two members died, Mrs. Harry Baltzley and Mrs. John W Davis.

## **1964**

January a decision was made to form a committee to check into the purchase of altar furniture, and also to purchase two tables and chairs for the primary department and another hat rack. There was one transfer out by letter.

In February it was voted to buy three new water coolers, one for each floor, and trade in a small typewriter for a rebuilt long carriage one. Royce Moser was voted in as church historian. There was one person lettered out and five dismissed to other denominations. We had four baptisms. The Lottie Moon offering was \$643.17.

On March 29<sup>th</sup> the evening services were cancelled to hold the Easter Cantata. A decision was made to purchase a communion table, pulpit, 2 side chairs, 2 registration boards, and a choir rail. There were eight baptisms, one person lettered out and one was dismissed to another denomination. There were two deaths, Mrs. Annie Williams and Dewayne "Buddy" Cary.

April had no business meeting as Revival services were held. Rev. Sanders and Rev. Ed Winchell were revivalists. The Annie Armstrong Easter offering was \$323.71 Three new members came by letter, one dismissed to another denomination and two lettered out.

In June the church voted to have Irene Branum, missionary to Korea as guest speaker. We had four new members by letter and one new member by baptism.

In the July meeting the church voted to have Rev. Eugene Troop to speak on Foreign Missions in December. Rev. Sexton appointed three committees, Messengers to the association, the nominating committee, and the budget committee. One member dismissed to another denomination and one death, Mrs. Roy Meyer.

At the August business meeting new officers for the 64-65 church year was elected. Mrs. Ivy Campbell was WMU director, Clerk was Kathryn Rumans, Treasurer was Mrs. Maurice LaRue Jr. Sunday School director was Norman Akin and Training Union director was Frank Rowe . Seventeen new messengers and five alternates were elected for the new year. Rev. Sexton appointed five persons to serve on a Missions committee. There was one death, Ethel Williams. The 1965 budget was approved with a total of \$28,785 with a weekly average of \$553.56. The pastor's pay was \$5250 a year plus utilities. The ACP was read and approved. There was a total of 21 baptisms for the church year, 23 in by letter or statement and a total of 31 lost by death, transfer or dismissal. Resident member total was 517 and non-resident 112 for a grand total membership of 644. (100 tithers were reported.) The church held three revivals. The brotherhood dir was Ted Burkhart and WMU director was Ivy Campbell. The church operated a mission called Roach Rest Home. Total receipts for the year were \$30,119, and expenses were \$28,356. The cooperative program was at 22% and associational giving was set for \$1100. Total mission giving was \$8,296.

September brought the election of a committee to organize the library and books.

In October a committee was elected to get the cost on three new highway advertising signs.

At the November meeting a 28 item "To Do" list was voted on and given to the trustees to do. There was one baptism and two deaths, Speed Marriott and Claude Davis.

In December there were two new members by letter, Rev. & Mrs. William Beard and three members lettered out.

## **1965**

Jan reported three deaths, Velma Tucker, J.C. Finley and Mrs. Will Bonine. The church was seeking a Music/Youth Minister.

At the February meeting the discussion was on beginning a monthly fellowship dinner. There were two members lettered out.

In March the church voted to purchase 50 new hymnals. They also voted to give funds to Gravois Mills Baptist church for three months support. There was one baptism, one letter out and one death, Mrs. J. A. Broyles.

In April a used piano was purchased for the banquet room. The church also voted to invite an Australian evangelist for revival services on March 13-20, 1966. They voted to finance a youth fellowship program on

Sunday afternoons. Twelve members served on this committee. There were ten baptisms, five new members lettered in and one death, Mrs. Bertha Todd.

In May a fall revival was set for November 1-7 in the morning Tuesday through Saturday. A vote carried to take a church census. A motion carried to send the pastor to the Baptist World Alliance in Miami Florida on June 25-30. A motion carried to build a fence in the parsonage back yard. Three people lettered out, one joined by baptism and there was one death, Mrs. Olive James. Denzil Dukes was the revivalist and James Appleberry was song leader for the revival.

At the June meeting they voted to have a Gideon speaker on the 27<sup>th</sup> and Rev. Sexton was to use his revival time to attend the evangelistic conference at Glorietta or Ridgecrest. Rev. Sexton appointed the following committees: Budget committee, Nominating committee, and Messengers to the association. It was voted to have the state Training Union Convention her at the church on March 25, 1966. There was one death, Mrs. Joe Davis.

July meeting voted in twenty-two messengers, Clerk, Kathryn Rumans, Sunday School Director, Norman Akin. There was one person lettered in and four lettered out with one death, Mrs. Nellie Barbour.

August meeting accepted the ACP report to the association as read. There were 19 baptisms and 10 other additions. There were 10 deaths and 10 others lost. There was one letter out in August. Three revivals were held, and one mission, Raurk Rest Home, was operated by the church. Resident members were 517, non-resident members 135 for a total of 652. The pastor's annual salary was \$5662. Gross receipts were \$29,850 and total expenses were \$22,226. Sunday school enrollment was 452 with average attendance 254. Training Union was 101 with an average attendance of 58 and VBS was 188. The cooperative program was at 23% for the 65/66 church year. Pastor's salary was \$5400 plus utilities of \$500. Local mission giving was \$4,450 and the association missions giving was \$1,100. Average weekly needed was \$570.86.

In September a revival was voted on for September 19<sup>th</sup> with the Rev. Marvin Pitney as evangelist and Rev. Elmer Clawson for music. There were three letters out and two deaths, Lloyd Morris and William Arnold Sr.

At the October meeting they voted William Beard as Training Union leader and Irona Edwards for Adult I and II. There were 13 letters out, four baptisms and 3 more members joined the church by letter. There was one death, E. Louise Williams.

In November a goal was set for the Lottie Moon offering for Foreign Missions of \$650. There were three baptisms.

In December it was voted to observe Youth Day in February. Mrs. Roy Berkstresser was to direct the Christmas program in 1966. Dr James Hackney was paid evangelist and Rev. Donald Spiegel was the paid missionary speaker.

## **1966**

In January the decision was made to send support funds to Gravois Mills Baptist church for four months. Several items of maintenance was discussed and decided on. There was one death, Mrs. Clarence Davis.

At the February meeting the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal was set at \$360, which was 15% over last year. It was decided to pay Rev. John Farris' expenses in Kansas City. The church was involved regularly in mission giving.

In March there was one death, Mrs. H. W. Smiley. There were 3 transfers out by letter, two members in by letter and three baptisms.

In April the decision was made to have a weekend youth revival after school was out. Funds were given for a mission tour to Mexico. Three new members came by letter and two were dismissed to other denominations. The hymnals were cleaned and rebound. Rev. John Farr was evangelist at the revival

In May it was voted to repay the pastor for a memorial expense for Rev. John Wilbur Fletcher the Australian evangelist who passed away while in Missouri. There were four lettered out and three lettered in. The Annie Armstrong offering to date was \$280.88.

June saw a work night to repair chairs. It was decided to give two different missions in Iowa \$100 each per month from the retirement fund. It was voted for the pastor to attend the evangelism conference at Ridgecrest August 15-26 with the Home Mission Board sponsoring expenses. Electric hand dryers were to be purchased for the bathrooms. Two people lettered out. The clerk was attending a conference in Kansas City.

In July the Nominating committee, Budget committee and Messengers to the association were elected. Pastor Sexton turned in his resignation, as he was to move to Licking Missouri. Five members were appointed to a pulpit committee. There was one baptism, two people out by letter, four joined by letter and one death, Lloyd Barbour. Carlos P. Anderson did the Youth revival, he was from Southwest Baptist College. Rev. Luther Dyer was chosen as supply pastor.

In August the 1967 church budget was adopted. There were two letters out and one death, R. E. Atkins. and the ACP letter read and approved. There were 9 baptisms and 12 other additions. There were 6 deaths and 36 lost. The treasurer was Betty Jane LaRue and the Clerk was Kathryn Rumans. The Sunday School Director was Roy Berkstresser and Training Union Director was James Hutchinson. Music Minister was Leroy Bacon and Brotherhood Dir. Was Lee Maxwell. Brotherhood members were 49 and WMU Director was Evelyn Arnold, and membership was 118. The pastor's annual salary was \$5,660. The cooperative program was at 24%. The Historian was Mrs. Royce Moser. Total receipts for the year were \$29,715 and expenses \$16,883.

September saw a motion made and carried to enlist a visitation chairman and an emergency contact person for illness or prayer requests. The State Missions goal was set at \$200. It was voted to again have a mission speaker for Lottie Moon for Foreign Missions. There were five lettered out to other churches. Two supply pastors were paid, Rev. Chester Holley and Rev. John A Crutchfield.

October 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Business Meeting was to call Rev. Robert Stokes as pastor. The vote was 84 yes and 14 no. Brother Stokes had been in full time evangelism for eight years and a native of Kansas City. He attended Southwest Baptist College Seminary. His wife plays the piano.

The regular October business meeting showed a reception to be held for Rev Stokes and his wife. It was voted to send funds to pay a pastor for Gravois Baptist Church for two years. They also voted that the custodian would lock and unlock all church doors in the morning and evening also. There was one letter out, five dismissed to other denominations, ten new members in by letter and four baptisms.

In November the Sunday school literature was changed to correlated literature. It was voted to pay \$1.50 an hour for office help. The Lottie Moon goal was set for \$750. Two couples were sent to Iowa to worship at the two supported missions, then return with a report. There were five baptisms, three people lettered in and six lettered out.

December saw Mrs. Royce Moser, church historian discussing the centennial pictorial directory. January 13, 1968 would be the 100 year centennial. Rev. Don Aston and Bill Dawson did the revival services. There was one baptism and one person lettered in.

## **1967**

In January it was voted to put pictures in the centennial directory and order 500 directories for \$1,000. The pastor attended the evangelism conference at Raytown. The Pastor's wife was now working in the office. The Lottie Moon offering was \$614.75. There were seven new members by letter and one death, Mrs. Lee Harbison.

In February Kathryn Williams Koelting and Betty Jane LaRue were typists for the Centennial Directory. Rev. Charles Whaley taught the January Bible Study. Associational mission giving was increased. Rev. Stokes was to hold a revival service at Stover Baptist at a later date. It was voted to discontinue sponsoring the two Iowa missions in favor of supporting the Muscatine Church in Iowa with \$200 a month. Four men were to be voted in as Deacons, two of which were to be ordained. There was one letter out and two deaths, Mrs. J. J. Bellamy and Mrs. Carrie Wasson.

In the March business meeting three committees were selected, six people on the Program Committee, four on the Registration Committee and five on the Typist Committee. It was decided to check into obtaining a church bus. There were eleven baptisms, ten new members by letter, two letters out and one death, Mrs. Don Ruff.

In April there were four baptisms, four new members by letter and one death, Mrs. Lillie Williams. Rev. Bill Eustis was evangelist for the revival.

In May it was decided to look into the cost of sliding doors for the banquet room. Eating utensils and trash can were to be purchased for the kitchen. New flags were to be purchased along with stands. Three new signs were to be installed with service times. A committee of four was set up to meet with the pastor to discuss salary needs. It was decided to obtain a revival team from Bolivar for youth week and Radio advertising was begun. Rev. Frank Johnson and Dr. Thomas Nelson acted as supply pastors. There was one baptism and two new members came by letter.

In June there was an increase in the pastor's security plan and car expenses, flower stands were purchased for the pulpit area. A console piano was purchased from Shaw Music for \$375. The pastor appointed three committees, Nominating Committee, Budget Committee, and Messengers to the association. The pastor went to the Southern Baptist Convention and Rev Charles Lamb was supply pastor. There were two new members by letter and seven lettered out.

In July Evelyn Arnold became WMU Director and there were 135 members at that time, which included Acteens, GA's and Mission Friends as well as Baptist Women. The deacons and trustees were to assess the needs of 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church. A Centennial Committee was set up to determine a date for the celebration. Two new members were baptized, three new members came by letter and one came by statement. There was one death, Mrs. Dulcie Burk.

In August the ACP was read and approved. There were 27 baptisms and 45 other additions. Two missions in Iowa were being supported, Eight deaths were recorded and 31 lost, resident membership was 527, and non-resident was 135. Total membership was 662. The pastor's salary was \$5719. The church had regularly scheduled visitation. Cooperative program giving was up to 25%. Brotherhood Dir. Was Lee Maxwell and they had 30 members. Sunday School enrollment was 439 with an average attendance of 253. Training Union enrollment was 172 with an average of 87. Total receipts were \$36,351 and expense total was \$21,215. The Sunday School Director was Roy Berkstresser, Training Union Director was James Hutchinson, Music Director was Leroy Bacon and the mission Pastor was Charles Lamb in Iowa. The church Historian was Mrs. Royce Moser, Clerk was Kathryn Rumans and Treasurer was Betty Jane LaRue. There were nineteen messengers. A church bus was purchased. The 1968 budget was adopted with a total of \$38,903. It was voted to contribute to 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church's improvement plan. It was also decided to let the pastor hire an appropriate secretary for 20 hours a week at \$1.50 per hour. The budget was amended from \$900 to \$1,560 for a church secretary. There was one baptism, two letters out and three deaths, L. E. Devenna, Monte Thess, and Jack Allen.

In September it was voted to raise the associational giving 5% and the state mission goal was set at \$500. There were two baptisms, eight members lettered out and there was one death, Owen Drake.

In November the old hymnals were donated to 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist church. A pulpit committee was selected for the Iowa Mission. There were four baptisms, three new members by letter and one in by statement. Three members lettered out. Rev. George Hixson was paid as supply pastor.

In December some hymnals were donated to the rest home. A need was determined for a Music/Youth Minister, and a committee was formed to check into it. Rev. Werner was our evangelist for the revival. The last three months of the 1967 year finances were lower than usual. There was one death, Forrest Moon

## **1968**

January: The Centennial Celebration was held. Giving was down and expenses were up and the checking account was at an all time low. There was one death, Mrs. Mary Ash.

February: The deacons recommended appointing a finance committee to study the financial condition with a possible stewardship emphasis. The deacons also recommended that the church have a deacon sponsored pre-revival visitation with ten teams of two with a deacon on each team. There were four baptisms, one in by letter and two members lettered out.

March: The church had to borrow \$1,000 otherwise finances would have ended in the red. There were twenty two baptized, two new members by letter and one death, Mrs. Emma Hargett.

April: The church was involved in a state Training Union Program, and a Stewardship Program was to be held. There was a need for new choir robes and this was discussed, and a committee of four set up to check on it. The secretary's hours were cut to fifteen, at this time the pastor's wife was acting as secretary again. There were two baptized.

May: There were two baptisms.

June: Half the note on the February loan was paid. Mrs. Lee Maxwell was elected WMU Director for the upcoming year. Pastor Stokes appointed three members to a Messenger Committee, five to a Nominating Committee and nine to a Budget Committee. There were three new members by letter.

July: There were twenty-two messengers voted in and two alternates. The nominating committee presented new officers for the upcoming year. Sunday School Director, Roy Berkstresser, Music Minister, Leroy Bacon, Training Union Director was Lee Maxwell, Brotherhood Director, James Hutchison, Clerk, Kathryn Rumans and Treasurer, Betty Jane LaRue. A standing committee of six was formed to decide on the use of memorial gifts. Funds were allotted to send the pastor to Washington D.C. in October to the Continental Congress, pertaining to the Crusade of Americas. It was decided to renew support of the Muscatine Mission for another year. A committee of three was formed to look into purchasing more hymnals. There were two baptisms, one new member by letter and two lettered out.

August: The church hired a sign painter to paint the church name on the bus. The ACP reported 47 baptisms and 19 other additions, 10 deaths and 20 lost.

September: A decision was made to purchase new green choir robes. Mrs. James Hutchinson was named WMU Director for the upcoming year. A committee was appointed to work out a bus route. The finance committee appointed in February was disbanded. The cooperative program giving was set at 25% and associational mission giving was increased to 3.5%. \$1,000 was added to the budget for Christian Education. It was voted to rescind the Washington trip planned for the pastor and send him to Nashville Tennessee for Administrative training instead. The church voted to put the financial year on the calendar year instead of the associational year. The treasurer was to get books to track member giving and give a quarterly report to each member.

September Special Meeting: The church voted to adopt the Budget. There was one member in by statement, one member in by letter and two letters out.

October: A motion was made and carried to send the pastor to Washington for the Continental Congress. The finances were back up to normal. Three lettered out and there were two deaths, Sam Morris and Rube Shore.

November: Insurance on the church/parsonage was increased. Funds were allotted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church for improvements. James Gerlt was to be licensed as a Minister of the Gospel. There was one member in by statement and two deaths, C.C. Murphy and Luther Huff. Rev. John Hartley, Rev. Webster Brown, and Rev George Hixson were paid as supply pastors.

December: Rev. Harlan Spurgeon was the Missionary Speaker. There was one new member by letter, one lettered out and one death, Albert Landreth.

## **1969**

January: The Kindergarten was moved to the basement and the nursery was painted and new chairs purchased. \$5000 was sent in to the Baptist Building Fund. Rev. & Mrs. Charles Whaley joined by letter and three were lettered out.

February: Decision was made to have a Gideon Speaker. The church voted to send financial aid to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church immediately. A committee was formed of six members to check into the needs of 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church. It

was also decided to help Freedom church with legal fees to secure clear title. There were four new members in by letter and one death, Mrs. Joe Decker.

March: There was one baptism, one in by letter and one in by statement.

April: It was determined that we would send support each month to 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church. Insurance was added to the parsonage. A new typewriter was given to the office. The Annie Armstrong Easter offering brought in approximately \$410.54. There were four baptized and two members lettered out.

May: It was voted to buy an adding machine for the office. There were four baptisms, Two members in by letter and two deaths, Raymond Leach and Mrs. Elmer Voght. Lana Akin began working in the office.

June: Mrs. James Hutchinson was elected as WMU Director for the new-year. A committee was set up to look into the use of the church for weddings, also needed some to check into fire extinguishers for the church. Five people lettered in and there were two deaths, Anna Padgett and Mrs. Ida Allen. Rev. Bill Eustis was the evangelist and Jerry Bernard for the music for revival.

July: The motion was made and carried to set up some regulations for those wishing to be married in the church, also custodial fees. The Day of prayer was to be split between the Topeka and Iowa missions. A nominating committee of five and a messenger committee of three were elected. There were three baptisms and four lettered out.

August: It was decided to purchase nine fire extinguishers. Officer's names were brought for vote and carried for the upcoming year. Brotherhood Director, Blaine Silvey, Sunday School Director, Marvin Welpman, Training Union Director, Lee Maxwell, Clerk, Kathryn Rumans, Treasurer Mrs. Walter Piercey, Music Director, Leroy Bacon and twenty six messengers were elected. There were eleven members lettered in and six lettered out with one death, Betty Kidwell. The (ACP) annual church letter was Read and approved. There were 11 baptisms, 18 additions, 12 deaths and 10 lost. The pastor's salary was \$7,725. Brotherhood enrollment was 24, and Sunday School Enrollment was 422 with an average attendance of 275. 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. The value of the church/parsonage at this time was listed at \$220,000. WMU membership was 59. Total receipts were \$56,408 and expenses was \$25,229. Mission expenses were \$22,281. There were twelve deaths listed

September: The church elected a pulpit committee of six members. The state mission goal was set at \$561 to correspond to resident members. A need for a new roof for the church was discussed. It was agreed to give \$500 to Gravois Mills Baptist Church to help purchase land for a parking lot. A committee was set up to draw up a Constitution and By Laws for the church. There was one new member in by letter and one death, Bobby Huffman.

October Special Meeting: Rev Archie Warren from Nevada Missouri preached a trial sermon and a vote was taken to call Rev. Warren as pastor and passed.

October: The nominating committee put forth seven names for a Money Handling Committee. this was voted on and carried. It was voted to accept the treasurer's books for October 1, 1956 to August 30, 1969 as recorded. There were three members lettered out and five lettered in. Rev. Charles Whaley and Rev. John Crutchfield were paid as supply pastors.



November: Mrs. Walter Piercey resigned as treasurer due to an eye condition. Roy Berkstresser was voted in as treasurer. It was decided to buy a heavy duty vacuum cleaner. An eight member budget committee was appointed. There was one baptism, two new members by letter and two new members by statement. One member lettered out.

November Special Meeting: The church voted to pay Rev. Warren's moving expenses.

December: The trustees dismissed the custodian and hired another at the same salary. The 1970 budget was accepted. The cooperative program giving was at 26%, associational missions at 5% and local missions at 3.5%. The budget was increased from \$50,683 to \$53,119.

## **1970**

January: The Lottie Moon offering was \$713.05. A new roof was put on the church. There was one baptism, one new member by statement and one member lettered out.

February: A youth revival was planned for March 6-8. It was voted to license Ed Maxwell to the Gospel Ministry. There was a motion made to put a soda machine in the basement for the youth. The Annie Armstrong goal was set for \$400. There was one member lettered out.

March: The church was looking into buying Margaret Knopp's property across the street and a committee was appointed to check it out and report back at the next meeting. The committee was working on the articles of agreement and by laws for their incorporation status. The meeting was adjourned to make changes and to reconvene on March 25<sup>th</sup>. There were three new members in by letter.

March Special Meeting: The changes to the articles of agreement were made and passed.

April: It was decided the church would allow the boy scouts to meet in the banquet room for one year. It was voted to meet on April 29<sup>th</sup> to review and finish the proposed Articles of Agreement. Five new members by baptism, five members transferred out by letter and two deaths, Mark Burkhart and W. E. Turpin.

(There were no minutes for a special meeting. on 4/29)

May: It was decided to loan the choir robes to the high school for the national Honorary Society students. A visitation program was set up on Wednesday night before prayer service twice monthly. They hired a new custodian on a trial basis. It was agreed to buy 3000 postcards with a picture of the church to use for outreach. The constitution was reviewed and accepted. Rev. Harold Evans was evangelist and Rev. G.H. Sublette was song leader for the revival.

June: Jim Gerlt took on the position of Youth Director. Names were submitted for some of the officers, and a new nominating committee of five was appointed. There was one letter out. A new church budget was proposed for \$71,386.88, an increase of over \$10,500 above the current budget.

July: it was agreed to sponsor half of the girls camp and Windemere fees. The church was to have a concert by the Overlander choir of St. Louis on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Sunday School was re-organized and the new plan accepted.

August: New officers for the upcoming year were voted on and carried. Sunday School Director was Marvin Welpman, Clerk was Kathryn Rumans, Training Union Director was Aubrey Calton, Brotherhood Director was

Leon Taylor, and Music Director was Leroy Bacon. There were two new members lettered in, four were baptized, four lettered out and two deaths, Cecil Parsons, and Sam Kauffman. It was brought up that there was a need for some new deacons. A special offering was to be taken up for Western Bible Negro College. Nineteen messengers were vote in. 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. The cooperative program giving was at 26%. There was one mission supported. Sunday school enrollment was 453 with an average attendance of 266. Training Union membership was 138 with an average attendance of 79. VBS enrollment was 179. Total receipts were \$56,394 and expenses were \$33,907. Mission expenses were \$18,596.

September Special Meeting: Muscatine mission in Idaho was discussed and a motion brought to continue supporting it and the motion passed.

October: An outreach director was voted in. Revival services were held with eight lay speakers. There was one death, Charles Thoss.

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. There were eleven new members added by letter, and two letters out.

December: it was decided that the bus should only be used for church activities due to problems with the insurance. The new budget was accepted. The cooperative giving was at 27% and the total budget was \$58,995. It was voted that to pay half the cost of lowering the ceiling at 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church.

## **1971**

January: It was decided the \$1000 in the Christian Education Fund be used for students attending Southwest Baptist College. There were five new members by letter and two baptized.

February: It was voted to participate in the "March to Church March Crusade" in March. There were eleven in by baptism and three letters out. The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$500.

March: The decision was made to hire a combined Music/Youth Minister. There were two new members by letter.

April: Revival services were held. There were four new members by letter.

May Special Meeting: It was voted on and passed to hire James Threkheld was as Music/Youth Minister.

June: It was voted to ordain Jim Gerlt as a Minister of the Gospel and at the same time also to ordain three deacons. A new custodian was hired. Two new members came by statement and one came by letter.

July: The church voted to support the Muscatine Mission only through December of this year. Ed Maxwell is to be ordained as deacon.

August: The church participated in the First Baptist Church of Boonvilles 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. New officers were voted in, Sunday School Director was Marvin Welpman, Training Union Director was Aubrey Calton, WMU Director was Dottie Fields, Clerk was Kathryn Rumans and the Treasurer was Kenneth Pepper. Twenty –two

messengers were elected. 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. Total receipts were \$56,979 and expenses were \$31,354. The mission expenses were \$23,316. The Sunday school enrollment was 390 with an average attendance of 248. Training Union enrollment was 100 with an average attendance of 59. WMU enrollment was 41 and Brotherhood was 15. There were 7 deaths and 19 lost.

September Special Meeting: The church called a new Music/Youth Minister, Charles Morrison.

September: The church was to participate in the World Mission Conference November 6-14. The state mission goal was set at \$500. There was three baptized and four members came by letter.

October: The church purchase bibles, 100 New Testaments and 100 Good News bibles. Jim Silvey was the Outreach Director. There were two baptisms and five members lettered out.

November: Bulletins were sent to the homes on a trial basis. Lottie Moon offering goal was set at \$1200. There were three baptisms, four new members by letter, one new member by statement and five letters out.

December: The new budget was approved. The cooperative giving was at 28% and the total budget was \$59,419.90. There were two baptisms.

## **1972**

January: A new typewriter was purchased by \$396.50. A request was made of the church members to submit two names for deacons. The church participated in Race Relation Sunday. There were four new members by baptism, one lettered out and three dismissed to other denominations.

February: Two deacons were ordained. The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$550. There was one baptism, and one lettered out. VBS was to be held May 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

March: There were six more new members by baptism, two received by letter and seven lettered out.

April: The treasurer's report showed a balance in checking of \$776.58. There were five new members join by letter, one by statement and two letters out.

May: The church voted to change evening church hours and activities to later for summer. There were three new members by baptism.

June: The church began supporting a new mission work in Kansas, the Carbondale Baptist Church which was organized in 1963. There were two new members by baptism, one in by letter and three letters out.

July: One deacon, Bill Fields was to be ordained on September 17<sup>th</sup>, and Jeff Maxwell was to be ordained to the Gospel Ministry. There was a church wide picnic and hymn sing scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup>. There were two new members by baptism and two deaths, Charles Lee and Nettie Letchworth.

August: One deacon retired. Officers were elected for the next year. Sunday School Director was Marvin Welpman, Clerk was Kathryn Rumans and the Treasurer was Mrs. Lewis Morrison, and 32 messengers were

elected. There were two lettered out. The ACP was read and approved. There were 30 baptisms, 18 other additions, 2 deaths and 27 lost.

September: Two foreign missionaries were invited to speak in December. A fall revival was set for October 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Joe Porter is to be the evangelist. The revival would have a "Fill a Pew" night." There was one new member in by letter. The state mission goal was set at \$500. The treasurer's report gave an ending balance of \$36.87.

October: The church had two buses with nine workers for them. It was decided to look into a sound system for the church. A new roof was put on the parsonage. There were two new members by letter.

November: there were three new members by baptism, ten new members by letter and one dismissed to another denomination.

December: A church library was discussed and a committee formed to look into it. There were three new members by statement, four new members by letter and one baptism and three members out by letter. 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. (Ruth Ann Morrison was treasurer at this time)

## **1973**

January: A library was finally added to the church. There was discussion on the needed repairs for the kitchen, a committee was formed to look into it. VBS was to be held starting June 4<sup>th</sup>. There was one baptism.

February: A new church secretary was being trained in. Shared services were discussed between First Baptist and 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist church for race relation Sunday. The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$550. Three new members were baptized, one new member by letter, four members out by letter and one death, Nellie Drake.

March: It was voted to pay half of the insurance each month for the pastor and Charles Morrison. They were to have a youth oriented revival in the summer. There was one death, Mrs. Milburn Kennedy.

April: The purchase of a third bus was discussed and passed. A church growth study committee was formed to determine needs. There were four new members by baptism, one by statement and three by letter. A library committee was formed to make a list of books to obtain for the library. There was a vote to make needed improvements to the kitchen.

May: The need for new chairs for the balcony was discussed and the need for the auditorium and south wing to be painted. There were five new members in by letter, two in by statement and three baptized. 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 church growth committee discussed the growing need for space in the adult Sunday School rooms and thought removing a wall to enlarge the space might help. It was voted to sponsor a little league team. Four members were dismissed from the rolls.

June: Two new members came by baptism.

July: Two new members came by letter and one lettered out.

August: the church was again to participate in the World Missions Conference in 1975. Twenty Messengers were nominated and elected from the floor. There was one new member by letter and one by baptism, and three deaths, Mrs. Ona Akin and Mrs. Eva Dozel and Mrs. Edgar Hutchinson. The Sunday School Director was Irvin Gerlt, the WMU Director was Mrs. L. E. Devinna, Clerk was Kathryn Rumans, Librarian was Carolyn Crabtree, Music Director was Charles Morrison and Secretary was Mrs. Archie Warren. 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 receipts were \$73,693 and expenses were \$45,493. Total mission giving was \$26,211. 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.

September: Permission was given for George Duckworth to baptize his granddaughter. Leroy Bacon was voted in as music Director, 24 Sunday School teachers were voted in. as well as three bus drivers. Two deacons were activated and two reactivated. One new member came by letter, one by baptism, two out by letter and one death, Orville Hibdon.

October: Two Deacons were to be ordained. Some new officers were presented and voted on. Training Union Director was Lee Maxwell, Treasurer was Ruth Ann Morrison. There were two new members by letter and One baptism.

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

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.

December: Rev. John Farris held revival services. It was voted on to have a float in the Christmas parade. The new budget was approved. Cooperative program was at 28%, associational giving was at 8%. The total budget was \$71,386.88.

## **1974**

January: It was decided to send support funds to Gravois Mills Baptist Church again for six months then review the continuing need. Ruth Ann Morrison resigned as treasurer effective January 20<sup>th</sup>. It was decided to have a carry in dinner for Rev. and Mrs. Hagan, the new pastor, when they get here. The Lottie Moon offering recorded in December was \$1215.02. There were three members out by letter.

February: It was brought up that the church needed a church council. The Annie Armstrong goal was \$600. There were three members out by letter.

March: Moving expenses are to be paid on Rev. Hagan from Oklahoma. The total given for Annie Armstrong was \$747.70. Several Building and Grounds needs were brought up. Trees were to be planted at the parsonage. There were five in by letter and four out by letter.

April: There was discussion on a need for a PA system and calling a Music Minister. There was one letter in. Money was to be contributed for Rev. John Farris' trip to the Holy Land. Sponsoring kids to camp was discussed, also having a lay witnessing ministry program in the fall. There were three deaths, Joe Davis, Rosie Prime and Mrs. David Stepp.

May: Steve Henry was called as Music Minister and the job description for music minister was reviewed. The old sidewalks being removed and new ones to replace them were discussed. The VBS workers were elected. There were two in by letter. The nominating committee was selected. Purchasing a baptismal robe and waders for the pastor was discussed. A personnel committee was elected to look into the legalities of Social Security tax on the Secretary and Custodian.

June: The church voted to extend support to Gravois Mills Baptist church for 6 more months. It was agreed to purchase 75 new hymn books. There were two baptisms and two deaths, Chester Cox and Mrs. John Ephland.

July Special Meeting: It was voted to pay moving expenses on Steve Henry. There were five baptisms.

July: The decision was made to continue the support of the Mission at Carbondale. The nominating committee presented some new officers. Sunday School Director was Irvin Gerlt, Training Union Director was Mrs. Wendell Roberts and Brotherhood Director was Gary Hunt. There was one out by letter.

August: They discussed a needed repair on the baptistery and some electrical repair in the basement. 23 messengers were elected. There were three lettered out and two dismissed to other denominations. There was one death, Mrs. Carol Friedly. 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. Total receipts were \$71,260 and expenses were \$39,177. Total mission expenses were \$26,923. The WMU Director was Mrs. Harry Jones, the Librarian was Mrs. James Crabtree. The total members including non-resident was 762. There were nine deaths recorded, 74 lost, 4 baptisms and 20 other additions.

September: New scheduling was set up for Wednesday night services. September 22 was to be a carry in dinner and reception for Foreign Missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. Evans. Revival services were to be held in November. There was four transferred out by letter.

October: There were four new members by baptism and five in by letter. Some adjustments were made to the budget. Silverware was to be purchased for the kitchen. There were three out by letter and one death, Mrs. Della Shore.

November: New rules were to be drawn up for the Kitchen. There were four baptisms and one in by letter. The church will enter a float in the Christmas Parade. There were three out by letter.

December: There were four baptisms and five in by letter. A bridal shower committee was formed.

## **1975**

January: 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. There were two new members by letter, sixteen by baptism and two by statement.

January Special Meeting: The budget was voted on and passed for 1975. The total was \$97,250.

February: There was discussion on purchasing the new hymnal that had come out. It was recommended taking on Gravois Mills Baptist Church as a mission, but was tabled until the next meeting. An increase in secretarial hours was discussed and voted on. There was one letter out.

March: Word was brought that Gravois Mills Baptist Church does not want to become a mission yet. The hymnal purchase was tabled. A folding door was installed in the basement. Youth week was celebrated March 9-16. Finances are low and it was voted to delay payment to the cooperative missions one month so as not to be left in the red. The ending balance on the treasurer's report was \$785.34 without the cooperative mission payment

The decision was made not to lock the kitchen anymore. There were five lettered out.

April: A new WMU Director was elected for 75/76, Mrs. Harry Jones. A memorial committee of six was elected. There was discussion on combining all insurance into one policy. Memorial objects left to the church will be tagged with the givers name \$2,000 was taken out of savings and put in the general fund. There were three out by letter and two deaths, Mrs. A.F. Moon and George Irvin.

May: Two members lettered out. 250 new Baptist hymnals were to be bought. Budget changes were made and several accounts increased. The decision was made to sell one of the buses. There will be no association softball league, it is now a church ball league.

June: There were seven in by letter and three dismissed to other denominations. May treasurer's report balance was \$22.07.

July: Some of the new officers were elected. Clerk is Kathryn Rumans, Treasurer is Cecilia Dunham, Librarian is Carolyn Crabtree, Sunday school Director is Vincel Allee, Training Union Director is Gayle Roberts and Brotherhood Director is Dennis Dame. The treasurer's balance on hand was \$602.02

August: There were two letters out and 19 messengers were elected. There were three deaths, Nelson Milbourn, Owen Riley and Jean Williams. The ACP 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. Total receipts were \$74,454 and total expenses were \$59,063. Total Mission expenses were \$29,858.

September: There were names brought forward to fill some of the positions on committees. There were two letters out.

October Special Meeting: There was an eight member budget committee elected.

November: Some of the officers were elected. Treasurer was Bertha Bacon, Bus Director was Jim Silvey and Financial Secretary was Kathryn Rumans. There were two deaths, Mrs. Ira Cook and Mrs. Minnie Happ. The balance on hand was \$821.07.

December: A new Brotherhood Director was elected, Larry Ollison and the church Librarian resigned. The 1976 budget was approved, the total was \$81,761. Cooperative giving was at 22.5%, and association was at 8.5%. It was voted to try to add \$5000 to the Baptist Building Fund of \$27,036.57. There were two letters out.

## **1976**

January: A Need was brought up for a twelve to fifteen passenger van, as the current bus is inadequate. There were two members lettered out.

February: Steve Henry reported that additional transportation has been taken care of. Forty choir robes were to be cleaned. Linda Petty was elected VBS Director, Librarian was Connie Anderson. A thirteen member Long Range Planning Committee was formed. Deacon family care plan was adopted. They voted to place an aluminum awning at the front of the church. The funds for that were to come from the Williams memorial fund. There were three letters out and one death, Milburn Kennedy. The end of month balance for January was \$137.07

March: A portable PA system was voted on and the funds to purchase it were to come from the Williams Memorial fund, Equipment fund and Interest fund. Decision was made to allow the Gideons to place Sympathy and Honor card holders at the East and South Door of the church. A church pictorial directory was discussed, and a committee was to be formed to look into it. Gayle Roberts was elected church Training director. There was one member lettered out and three deaths, Mrs. Tom Pryor, Mrs. Ed Stringer and Mrs. Marion Silvey

April: There was one member lettered out. A committee of three was set up to determine the guidelines for use of the PA system, projector etc. They voted to dismiss evening services on April 8<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup> to attend the Assembly of God joint services and for Versailles High School Baccalaureate services. It was also voted to take a special offering for transportation fees from Dallas Texas for Rev. Shaw, the evangelist.

May: Two members resigned from the Long Range Planning Committee and two members were elected to replace them. Connie Anderson resigned as Librarian. The decision was made to secure volunteer homes for the evangelist and music evangelist for revival services.

June: The library hours were set for Saturday and Wednesday in the evening and Sunday morning and evening, with several different volunteers in charge. Petitions were passed out for signing against Gerbes selling beer and against the Lions sponsoring a beer garden at the Morgan County Fair.

July: Changes were made to the existing budget to increase payroll taxes as well as several other categories. The revised budget was voted on and carried. There was a spending limit put on the Building and Maintenance of \$50 without trustee authorization. There was one member lettered out and one dismissed to another denomination. The church would provide rides for voters on August 3<sup>rd</sup> amendment #7. There was a motion to cease support of the Carbondale Mission as of December 31, 1976 which passed. A letter was to be sent to Rev. J.H. Nicholson in Carbondale on the churches decision. The nominating committee was selected and a report was given by the Long Range Planning Committee.

August: A request was made for repair of the beds in the nursery. It was suggested that the Baptist men do this. The nominating committee brought names for the officers of the next year and those to fill positions on committees. Clerk/Financial Chairman was Kathryn Rumans, Treasurer was Bertha Bacon, Librarian was Sue Stubblefield, Sunday school Director/ Baptist Men Director was Lee Maxwell, and WMU Director was Evelyn Arnold. They voted to sell one bus to 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church for \$400 as is. There were twenty-two messengers elected. There was one death, Elmo Dean Karp. 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.

September: There was one letter out. The nominating committee more names to fill the church positions. Training Union Director was Sarah Hagan, the pastor's wife. Organist was Rachael Boatright, and Pianist was Joyce Campbell. Three deacons were reactivated and Luther Campbell was elected as deacon. There were fifty hymnals donated to 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church. There was discussion on helping West Union Baptist, but this was tabled till the October meeting.

September Special Meeting: The Nominating Committee brought more names for some of the church positions. Finance Chairman was Quincy Garrison.

October: It was determined that West Union had no current needs. There were nine lettered out. The Nominating Committee brought names to fill some of the church positions. Jack Price of Nashville Tennessee was invited to bring testimony and a concert in November, but was busy. The Long Range Planning committee had Jim Anderson draft floor plans of the church and Dr. Elwood Kelly of the Baptist Building brought a report on building a new church or building on to the current one. There was a question and answer session.

November: They discussed getting Christmas candy for the kids. The youth were to be sent to the Youth Evangelism Conference at Raytown, with a love offering to pay for the trip. Participation in the Community Thanksgiving services was discussed. There were two lettered out. Four people were voted onto a budget committee. The ending balance for the treasurer's report was \$473.62.

December: There were ten people lettered out. Two more people were added to the Long Range Planning Committee. Ushers were chosen and voted on.

## **1977**

January: There were three letters out. Nursery workers were to be paid for one hour on choir practice nights. The church voted to purchase 7.25 acres of land at the junction of North Monroe for \$29,500. A letter was drafted and dated January 25<sup>th</sup> to the Missouri Baptist Building Fund to withdraw all the funds.

February: The budget for 1977, with a total of \$87,184 was approved. VBS was to begin on June 20<sup>th</sup>. There was one death, Mildred Marsh.

March: The church voted to participate in a community sing-along and cancel evening services on April 10<sup>th</sup>. There was a classroom painted and pews varnished. There were three lettered out. There was a discussion on whether to participate in the LLL Program, 'Live Longer and Like it,' in the fellowship hall monthly. The discussion was tabled.

April: A committee was formed to check into the use and upkeep of the property. It was voted to buy a new crib mattress and bumper pads for the nursery. They also voted to re-instate the old bus and to check into the bus needs. Three lettered out.

May: The voted to sell two of the old buses; the 1956 and 1959 ones with an ad in the newspaper. Messengers to the association were elected. They voted to suspend evening services on May 15<sup>th</sup> for Baccalaureate services at the high school. A Gideon speaker was invited to speak. It was decided that the Sunday school Director or

Outreach Director would pick up the money offerings and deposit them. The ending balance for April on the treasurer's report was \$615.17. The Training Union Director and Sunday School Director were to serve on the nominating committee. More Sunday school rooms were to be painted. It was voted to hold an outdoor evening service at the city park. The Youth choir was to sing at New Hope Baptist Church. VBS was set for the 1<sup>st</sup> week in August and would need 200 dozen cookies.

June: After a year and a half of meeting the Long Range Planning Committee brought back a projected report for and eight year plan for the church growth and outreach. Copies of the nursery rules and regulations were passed out. The nominating committee reported that the Secretary/Financial Secretary was Kathryn Rumans, the Sunday School Director was Jack Robinson and WMU Director was Evelyn Arnold for the upcoming year. There was to be an air duct installed above the choir. The Trustees were to look into a new air conditioning system. There were twelve messengers elected to the association. The ACP was read and approved. The Training Union Director was Mrs. James Hagan and the Clerk was Mrs. Blaine Silvey. 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. Total receipts were \$88,821 and expenses were \$75,905. Mission giving total was \$30,106. There were lists passed of available men for deacons. Four names were to be marked by each person. The current active deacons were eleven and the inactive deacons were five.

The Long Range Planning Committees proposal was as follows:

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 youth 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.

July: Ballots were passed out to vote for deacons. The Nominating Committee named Gladys Silvey for clerk, Blaine Silvey for Sunday School Outreach, Linda Petty for Librarian and others to fill some of the committee positions.

August: The nominating committee brought more names to fill positions in the church. It was voted to send two ladies to the library training conference at Windemere. The ending balance on the treasurer's report was \$456.72.

September: The church was looking for a new Music/Youth Minister. A search committee was in the process of seeking someone. There were two members out by letter. The Nominating Committee brought the name of Bertha Bacon as treasurer for the 77/78 church year. It was agreed to purchase an overhead projector and attachments. They voted to use Mission funds to purchase a van, along with the proceeds from the two sold buses. The broiler was to be replaced in the parsonage. A letter was given to Fay Long so that she could get into the rest home. It was voted to hire Rob Goade as part time Music Director until we can find a full time one.

October: The Nominating Committee brought more names to fill positions in the church. It was voted to follow through with "Together We Build," program brought by the Long Range Planning Committee. They voted to set up a Stewardship Committee in connection to that too. It was voted to have pew cushions as the funds were donated anonymously. Four deacons were elected for the upcoming year. There were four letters out. There was a committee set up to look at Gravois Mills Baptist Church as a mission. A statement went out on one person to get them into the Ironton Home for the aged. Two members were dismissed to other denominations.

October Special Meeting: Three more were elected as messengers.

October Special Meeting: They voted on extending a call to Wayne Garrison as Music/Youth Minister.

November: After receiving a report from John Ferris the church voted to receive Gravois Mills Baptist Church as a Mission. They voted to raise several items in the budget for the 1978 year. The Nominating Committee brought some more names to fill positions for the upcoming year. There was a recommendation from the deacons to take the remaining money from the sale of the buses and the balance of the mission funds of \$750 and buy a van. There was one deacon removed from active state and one deacon made active. There was two letters out and one dismissed to another denomination. It was agreed to halt the "Together We Build" program that was brought as a suggestion of the Long Range Planning Committee.

December: Three names of people from Gravois Mission were added to the Missions Committee for representatives of their church. Names were submitted for library help for the new year, and a rules and times list was submitted for the library. A Recreation/Activity Committee was set up for 1978 was set up to determine recreation needs for the new church land. The Budget was presented for 1978 with a total of \$94,950. Layout changes to the budget form were voted in as well as a \$2000 decrease to pastor's salary and \$2000 increase added to the pastor's housing.

## **1978**

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

January: The church paid the moving costs for the Garrisons, and took up a second love offering for Dr. and Mrs. Evans. It was voted to look into purchasing a mimeograph machine and a typewriter for the office. There was one member added to the Missions Committee, and that committee was to act as a pulpit committee to find a pastor for Gravois Mission.

February: Rev. John Ferris presented the proposed budget for Gravois Mission. Motion to accept was made and carried. The budget included \$4,000 from First Baptist Church for the pastor's salary and \$1,200 from the state Missouri Baptist Pastors Supplement. The total budget was \$14,448. The Annie Armstrong Easter offering goal was set at \$700. It was voted to purchase insurance for the Gravois Mission. A revival was set for Gravois Mission for April 3-9. Rev. Hagan would be evangelist and Wayne Garrison song leader. It was voted to pay \$80 for the Texas man to come for a trial sermon and pay expenses for the family. It was also voted for Dr. Wes Ellis to be contacted for First Baptist Church's revival and Wayne Garrison for music on March 12-19. Rev. John Ferris was to be contacted for evangelist for the October 16-22 revival. The Deacons recommended that the Trustees look into the cost of a new roof and building repairs and report back to the church.

February Special Meeting: The Mission's committee reported that Gravois Mission called Bro. Jack Hayes as pastor.

March: A love offering was sent to Dr. and Mrs. Evans. Dr. Wes Ellis agreed to serve as evangelist at the Spring revival. The Trustees were securing repair estimates. Office equipment has been found to purchase. Our church will supply Gravois Mission with hymnals that are stored in the music room. Thanks will be sent to Hurts for the Brotherhood banquet. Finance report for Gravois Mission was presented. 300 handbills were to be printed for their revival. \$4,000 was transferred from the general operating fund to the building fund.

March Special Meeting: The motion was made to table the "Together We Grow" program until we see the cost of building repairs from the Trustees.

April: The hymnals have been donated to Gravois Mission. Office equipment was purchased for First Baptist Church. Keys were to be made for the Church Council to the office. The VBS Director was elected for the June 12-21 VBS program. Budget increases were requested for several accounts and this was voted on and carried. Two accompanist hymnals were purchased for the organist and pianist. The evening services were cancelled on May 21<sup>st</sup> for Baccalaureate services. Plans were presented for a "Lay persons weekend II" October 13-15, 1978. There were two letters out from Gravois Mills Baptist Mission.

May: the church sent three representatives to the library convention. The mission committee recommended that funds be sent from Gravois Mission to help with Brother Hay's moving expenses and to reimburse anything above that when he arrives. There were two letters out.

June: There were two letters out. The Pastor presented his letter of resignation as of June 27, 1978. The Bus Ministry recommended the purchase of a van for \$8600 as there were already funds set aside for this. It was voted on and passed. Rev. John Farris read the minutes from the Gravois Mission stating they were to ordain Bro. Jack Hays on June 25, 1978. Our church is to give them \$510 for repairs and expansion for a pastor's office. Funds were to be sent to them. The Nominating Committee was appointed for the next church year. A new Handbook Committee was formed. The music leader for the fall revival was to be Dennis Goskie. A Moderator was voted in to serve at the business meetings while we have no pastor and a Pulpit Committee was selected.

June Special Meeting: An ordination council was seated and Brother Jack Hays was ordained as pastor.

July: There were five letters out. A special business meeting was called for July 26<sup>th</sup> for adopting the annual church letter. A consulting engineer was to be hired if the trustees didn't bring estimates for repairs in one month. It was recommended the Long Range Planning Committee be reactivated to determine use of the parsonage for Educational space. The nominating committee brought names of the officers for the next year. Music/Youth Minister was Wayne Garrison, Sunday School Director was Jack Robinson, WMU Director was Kathryn Rumans, Librarian was Linda Petty, Training Union was Kim Hull and Hostess was Marsha Patterson. Rev. John Farris brought a list of those to be elected to offices at Gravois Mission, these were voted on also. There was one letter in. The messengers to the association were selected

July Special 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. Total receipts were \$87,210 and expenses were \$43,441. Mission giving was \$27,387.

August: Six deacons were activated. A special business meeting was to be called on August 13<sup>th</sup> following a trial sermon by Rev. Milton Elmore. The State Missions goal was set at \$600. The Youth budget was increased and the Youth housing allowance was increased. Family services were given permission to use one classroom for meeting with troubled children and parents. Reports were presented on repairs needed and estimates on the church building. The constitution was presented and accepted. There were two letters out and two dismissals to other denominations. The Trustees are to present a typed report at the next meeting on repairs.

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

August Special Meeting: Seventy members, by petition, called the meeting to discuss and express opinions on the building repair project and the Long Range Planning Committee Program.

September: The bus was to have a new name put on it. Rev. John Farris was to baptize candidates on the 17<sup>th</sup>. It was voted to sell the Volkswagen bus to Fortuna Baptist Church for \$500. There were four deacons installed. The Nominating Committee brought names of some officers and others to fill positions in the church. Treasurer was Barbara Meador and WMU Director was Evelyn Arnold. The Long Range Planning Committee was terminated. Repairs were to be made on the church. A love offering was to be taken for the Roger Blankenship Concert. Bertha Bacon resigned as treasurer effective September 13, 1978.

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. A letter was received from Gravois Mission requesting to be released from Mission status, and to reorganize as a church. This was voted on and passed on both actions. The Nominating Committee brought names for the 78-79 church year. The clerk was Kathryn Rumans, Treasurer was Bertha Bacon, Librarian was Wanda Thompson, Hostess was Bertha Bacon, Sunday school Director was Vincel Allee, Training Union Director was Gayle Roberts, the Music Director was Leroy Bacon. The committee also brought names for other positions in the church and Sunday school. The church voted to continue support of Gravois Mills Baptist Church through October. A Building and Grounds committee was formed to work under the Trustees. A Pulpit Committee was formed to search for a pastor. There was a special business meeting called to discuss an interim pastor. The Stewardship Committee was to be discussed at a special meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

October Special Meeting: Rev. Charles Cox was called as interim pastor. A Budget/Stewardship Committee was voted on.

November: The Lottie Moon goal was set at \$650. 116 names were removed from our rolls and transferred back to Gravois Mills Baptist Church. Ten other members lettered out and one was dismissed as they joined another church. Application was to be made for Lena Webb to the Baptist Home for the Aged. A Budget for 1979 was presented and voted for. The cooperative program was at 15% and associational missions at 5%. The total budget was \$54,387. It was voted to paint and do maintenance at the parsonage, move the secretary's office and add heat, then use the old office for a Sunday School/Training Union office. The Building and Grounds Committee was

set up. They voted to have revival services on December 3-6, with Rev. Cox as evangelist and Donnie Currence to lead music. Expenses were to be paid for Pastor's hospital visits.

December: It was decided to accept the offer of \$34,000 from the Chevy Garage for the land at Moreau Heights and 52 Highway. The moderator of the business meetings was Roy Berkstresser.

## **1979**

January: The church voted to look into the purchase of a used fire escape. There were two letters out. Beulah Housworth was to serve on the Missions Committee with the WMU Director and Brotherhood Director. Due to expenses involved, the decision was made to not have the Continental Singers at this time.

February: the Trustees were to check into an air conditioning system and get bids, also to check the vents and ducts and water meter. The Trustees were to make a list of immediate and future needs to bring back to the church. Work was to be done in the pastor's study and the music room. There was a need to reimburse Gravois Mills Baptist Church for unused insurance premiums. Two members were dismissed to other denominations.

March: The VBS workers were elected for the May 30-June 8 VBS program. It was voted to have a new roof put on at the cost of \$9,863. A new air conditioning system was to be put in at the cost of \$7823.75. A new carpet was to be put in the parsonage bedrooms and the approximate cost was, between \$1,000 and \$1,100. A new sweeper was to be purchased at a cost of \$321. They voted to raise the limit of \$50 to \$100 limit on repair without Trustee/Church approval. New restrooms would be put in at the East end of the church for \$4100.20. The motion was made to have a special business meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> and vote by ballot whether to call Rev. Lacquement as pastor.

March Special Meeting: The Pulpit Committee extended a call to Rev. Dale Lacquement as pastor.

March Special Meeting: The church voted to purchase an air conditioner and paint the restrooms in the basement, using the Warnke love gift to pay for it with a plaque over the fireplace in her memory.

April: The Revival Team Committee was selected. There was some discussion on the new pastor's call and a new vote was taken by ballot. It was voted twenty two for and thirty nine against to call him. The Deacon Family plan was instituted. There were two lettered out. The Constitution and By Laws were accepted with one addition. The church was to attend Easter evening services at the Assembly of God church. It was voted to have a pictorial directory prepared. They voted to give the secretary one half day off to attend part of the secretarial conference. They voted to pay expenses for the pastor for coming in view of a call.

May: The church voted 79 to 1 to call Rev. Joe Acuff as pastor. Rev. Acuff was scheduled to come on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The pastor's package would be \$17,627 plus \$300 convention expenses and the church would pay moving expenses, two revivals a year and two weeks of vacation. There were four lettered out. Revival services were set for June 17-20 with Burnell Lewis as evangelist.

June: It was voted to spruce up the parsonage, add air conditioning, shutters, shrubs and some paint. New carpet for the fellowship hall and halls would be \$1,270.50. They decided on cottage prayer services prior to revival. They voted to buy a page in the Versailles Historical Book. The Trustees were to look into the Huff property. Twelve messengers were elected with two alternates. It was voted to buy shirts for the softball team with the church name on them. Leroy Bacon would lead music for the revival. Beulah Housworth was voted in as

Outreach Director. They voted to invite Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Troop to bring the message December 2<sup>nd</sup> prior to the week of prayer for foreign missions. There was a committee set up to study the possibility of hiring a man for Music Director.

July: Regarding the purchase of the property next to the church, the cost would be \$12,000 with owner having one year to remove buildings and option to buy with 29% down and 8% interest. This report was to be given to the church on July 29<sup>th</sup> for ballot vote. The State Missions offering goal was set at \$600, and our church was to be used for the associational meeting in September. The July 22<sup>nd</sup> evening service was to be held at the city park with ice cream and cake afterwards. A committee was appointed to work on the associational letter.

July Special Meeting: The church voted 151 to 9 to purchase the property next to the church. \$500 was put in escrow to secure the purchase.

July Special Meeting: The ACP 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. Total receipts were \$70,693 with expenses at \$34,888. Mission giving was \$18,228.

August: the church was to elect four active deacons by ballot at the close of the service on August 26<sup>th</sup>, with members receiving related info prior to vote. Revival would be October 28-November 2, and the evangelist will be Dr. Dale Allen. Rev. Acuff explained the program with the new Deacon visiting lists and the program was accepted. New officers were: Sunday School Director would be Roy McWhirter, the Training Union Director would be Gayle Roberts, WMU Director would be Kay Hagewood, Brotherhood Director would be Kenneth Green, Church Secretary would be Kathryn Rumans, Treasurer would be Bertha Bacon, Clerk to be Harvey Wisdom, Youth Leader and Interim Music Director was to be Leroy Bacon, Outreach Director was Beulah Housworth, Librarian was Anita Allee.

August Special Meeting: Four deacons were activated.

September: Committee members were selected and officers and teachers of the Sunday school were installed. The deacons brought recommendations to let Helen Bolton drive the van to Windemere to meetings for us and Calvary Baptist Church. They also recommended sending Rev. and Mrs. Acuff to the Missouri Baptist Convention, and four others were elected as messengers to the Missouri Baptist Convention.

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. The deacon ordination service is to be held November 18<sup>th</sup> for Larry Boatright. The Wednesday night visitation program was voted in and a new member family plan implemented. One member lettered out.

November: The Lottie Moon goal was set at \$1,050 and there was a foreign missionary to speak in December with a love offering taken and a basket dinner to follow. Two members lettered out and three were dismissed to other denominations. The 1986 budget was voted in with a total of \$75,726.



December: One member was dismissed to another denomination. The sanctuary was to be painted, new tables and chairs purchased for the fellowship hall, and an extension built for the pulpit.

## **1980**

January: There was one letter out. 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. The pastor needed a four drawer filing cabinet. It was voted to start a carpet fund drive and also voted to put \$8000 into the Baptist Building Fund. VBS officers were voted in.

February: Three members lettered out. A Sweetheart Banquet was to be held. To hold down utility costs it was decided to hold small meetings in the fellowship hall. New kitchen equipment was to be purchased. Mr. LaRue brought prices to cover the stained glass windows with plastic for protection. It would cost \$3,900-\$4,000 for large windows and \$225-\$290 for small windows and \$250 each for aluminum frame windows. The youth revival was to be held March 21-23, with students from Baptist Student Union of Central State University. A new Baptismal Committee and a Communion Committee were formed. The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$500.

March: There were four letters out. The carpet had been ordered at \$750-\$900. 114 attended the Sweetheart Banquet. A Personnel Committee was formed. There was a request to the Building and Grounds Committee and the Trustees to bring back a proposal on windows. It was voted to increase the mileage for guest speakers.

April: Twelve additional light fixtures were to be installed. The deacons recommended that the church pay travel expenses for revival teams. The Music Committee was to make a decision on a Hand bell choir coming. The Budget Committee voted to increase the pastor's car allowance. There was a discussion on another company with lower bids on the window protection, \$3,000-\$3,500. The VBS staff were voted on.

May Special Meeting: The church voted to hire the Continental Art Glass for window protection at \$5,618.

May: There were three letters out. The crew was working on the window coverings. The Hand bell choir will receive \$100 to cover expenses when they perform here. It was voted to give a token offering to a collegiate choir that sang in the church Sunday night.

June: They voted in the pastor and his wife as messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention. The RA's had a camp-out and next will have a float trip in July. There will be a men/boys fish fry at Stover Baptist church on June 17<sup>th</sup> that they will attend. It was voted to install a chain link fence around the air conditioners. The church was to purchase new T-shirts for the soft ball team. There was one letter out.

July: A summary was given by the Trustees on the many completed projects in the past two years. The insurance was increased and Building and Grounds charged with checking the venting in the restrooms, also electric deodorizers. It was voted to pay a partial fee for the youth camp and Baptist Day at Fort Osage. The Selection committee was set up to choose the Nominating Committee. The church Constitution was to be recorded at county recorder's office. A committee was appointed to determine the correct amount of messengers to the association. The pastor was to take his vacation on July 21-27. The Selection Committee named those for the Nominating Committee and they were voted on and carried.

August: There was one letter out. The Nominating Committee brought names for the officers for the upcoming year. The organist was Rachel Boatright, the Pianist was Mrs. Joyce Campbell, Clerk was Harvey L. Wisdom Jr. The

Training Union Director was R.G. Thompson, Treasurer was Bertha Bacon. Eleven messengers were voted on. They voted to provide motel and meals for one missionary during the World Missions Conference. They voted to purchase a stencil machine. The Building and Grounds Committee mentioned a need for new floor covering for several rooms in the parsonage. The ACP 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. The total receipts were \$71,997 and expenses were \$38,568. The Mission expenses were \$14,282.

September: There were four letters out. On Sunday, September 4, there is to be a picnic supper at Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hagewoods. The Constitution is to be recorded by October business meeting. They voted to pay off the new stencil machine. The Selection Committee made a motion to elect those to fill positions on committees. The officers voted on were: Sunday School Director, Larry Boatright; Brotherhood Director, Marvin Collins; WMU Director, Kathryn Rumans and Roy McWhirter was elected new moderator.

October: There was one letter out and three dismissed to other denominations. Messengers were elected to the Missouri Baptist Convention. The church Constitution was recorded on September 23, 1980 at Morgan County Courthouse. The fall revival was set for November 30-December 3.

November: There were four lettered out. The 1981 budget was accepted with a total of \$82,590.68.

December: Four more lettered out. The Christmas Cantata was held and the choir wore choir robes, there was also a Sunday School Christmas program.

## **1981**

January: They voted to participate in "Ministerial Education Day" on February 22, with a student from Bolivar to hold services that day. There was a conflict with a youth revival so they voted not to participate in the associational Stewardship program. They 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)* A Valentine Banquet was to be held on February 13<sup>th</sup>. The Building and Grounds Committee reported that a hot water heater was installed in the nursery, and that they were still trying to get the heating system regulated. A light was installed under the canopy out front. The Music Committee reported Joe Hoover of Climax Springs has been invited January 11<sup>th</sup> as a candidate for Music/Youth Minister. If he is to be called, he will be voted on January 18<sup>th</sup> at the close of morning service. They must have published some kind of newsletter, as Mrs. Martha Acuff expressed thanks to those who enjoyed the recipes printed in the recent "Church Letter." She made a motion that a few recipes be included in the "Monthly Church Newsletter" and the motion carried. (It's a shame that some of these weren't saved for historical value) After discussion on the choir robes worn for the Cantata, Rev. Acuff asked the Music Committee to look into the purchase of new robes.

January Special Meeting: The church voted by ballot 127 for and 6 against calling twenty three year old Mr. Joe Hoover as Music/Youth Minister.

February: A thank you was given from Freedom Church for the chairs and light fixtures. Two members lettered out. It was voted to begin having a church wide meal on Wednesday nights to promote activities and fellowship and to be prepared by the church, but paid for by the members and subsidized by church funds. This was to begin on February 18<sup>th</sup>. A committee was appointed to work on the details. The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$600. The Music Minister, Joe Hoover reported that the choir was working on an Easter Cantata. The Buildings and Grounds reported a problem in the heating ducts and that steps were being taken to correct the problem.

March: There was one letter out. Rev. Acuff brought up a need for Gravois Mills Baptist Church and 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church in the line of repairs and remodeling. Their buildings could use some help. It was voted to give each of them \$100.

April: There were four letters out. 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. The Selection Committee appointed a committee to search for a new Music/Youth Minister. They voted to send \$100 to help Montgomery Baptist Church with a fire loss. The Gravois Mills Baptist Church returned the check previously sent to them claiming they did not need it just yet. The Search Committee discussed temporarily getting Mr. Bill Fees to do the youth job. There is to be a special called meeting the week after Easter to vote on the issue.

May Special Meeting: Bill Fees was hired as part-time Youth Director, by a vote of 109 for and 10 against.

May: There were no records of a regular May meeting.

June: The deacons recommended that services be cancelled on June 24<sup>th</sup> 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. Bill Fees asked if the church would sponsor "Super Summer" in St. Louis for those who wanted to go, teen youth or college age. VBS was to be August 3-7, then bible school, then some to the Royal's game August 8<sup>th</sup>. The Youth were to have a retreat at Windemere on August 21-22.

July: The Nominating Committee was selected. Bill Fees discussed the Fort Osage trip for the youth and wanted permission to use the van.

August: The church would have special a service, "Body of Christ," on August 30<sup>th</sup>. The Nominating Committee brought names of officers for vote and persons on the committees for the upcoming year. The Sunday School Director was Larry Boatright; Music Director was Leroy Bacon; Clerk was Harvey Wisdom; Financial Secretary was Kathryn Rumans. The building and Grounds was to get a silicon spray to protect the bricks. The broiler was to be replaced or fixed on the heating system. Bill Fees requested use of a large room and the side rooms next to the fellowship hall for the youth. Messengers for the Executive Board were elected for the Lamine Baptist Association. 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. The total receipts were \$72,616 with expenses at \$73,912. The mission giving was \$18,634.

September: Harvey Wisdom resigned as church clerk to serve in another position. The Nominating Committee brought names for the 81/82 church year. The Training Union Director was Duke Hudson; WMU Director was Susan Brizerdine; Treasurer was Harvey Wisdom; Clerk was Charles Pryor. Standing committee names were also voted on. The Sunday School restrooms had been renovated and carpet was to be laid.

September Special Meeting: It was voted to extend a call to Scott Stearns and wife Marty, from Monet MO as Music/Youth Minister.

October: John Dunham was elected as Moderator. The State Mission goal was set at \$300. Cake, punch and candy were served to the Sheltered Workshop for their monthly birthday party. The Nominating Committee brought Anita Alee as Training Union Director. There was a freewill offering to be taken for a Benevolent Fund administered by the Deacons.

November: There was a need for more room for the nursery and the Building and Grounds Committee was to rework a room upstairs for its use. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church to this. The minutes were to show that Scott Stearns accepted the call on October 18, 1981. A four drawer file was to be purchased to store clerk, secretarial and treasurers records.

December: The Lottie Moon goal was set at \$1,250. The Budget for 1982 was voted in with a total of \$89,187.68 and the cooperative giving was 11% with the associational giving at 3%.

## **1982**

January: The youth were to have a snack supper each Sunday after choir practice. The Lamine Baptist Association meeting was to be held here on March 26<sup>th</sup>. A directory was to be made with names and addresses and listing committees and those who were serving on them. A committee was elected for this. There were two members lettered out.

February: There were four members lettered out and one dismissal to other church. The Sweetheart Banquet was to be held on February 12<sup>th</sup>. The WMU was to have the Home Missions book study and tea in the fellowship hall on February 21<sup>st</sup>. It was voted to get electric heaters for the vestibule, a down spout for the roof, and gravel the parking lot.

March: Rev. Joe Acuff announced that he is actively seeking another pastorate. There was one letter out. Sunday school had an average attendance for the month of 138 and Training Union had 45. Two memorial plaques were installed, gravel ordered for the parking lot, heater was installed in the lobby and a nursery speaker repaired. The roof needs a coat of tar as it has been three years since it has been last repaired. The spring revival was to be April 26-May 2 with Hubert Conway for evangelist and Scott Stearns for music leader.

April: The front lawn was seeded and the last application of gravel was put on the parking lot. The church insurance was to be changed to get a cheaper rate. Zetta Belle Melstead, a new part time secretary was hired part time for eighteen hours a week. The church was to select an Evangelism Committee to conduct the W.I.N. school in November. They decided to have cottage prayer meetings Monday, Wednesday and Friday before the

revival and Saturday all night prayer. There was one letter out. There was a brief discussion about the church Financial Secretary but no action was taken.

May: Fourteen members attended the prayer breakfast before the revival. The selection committee appointed a Constitution Revision Committee. The Financial contribution statements will be yearly unless otherwise requested.

June: Three lettered out and a new moderator was elected. Several officers, the pianist and the organist resigned due to some turmoil in the church.

July: A Selection committee was named and several resignation letters were accepted.

August: Three members lettered out. Silicon was to be finally sprayed on the church. Rev. Joe Acuff was to preach at Gravois Mills Baptist Church twice and a supply pastor was used at this time. Changes were made to the Constitution. Messengers were elected. 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. Total receipts were \$69,712 and total expenses were \$45,351. Total Mission expenses were \$9,124,

September: New deacons were elected. The Selection Committee appointed names to fill positions. There was discussion of paying off the note, and this would be voted on September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Sunday services. Three members were dismissed to other churches.

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.

October: The building is finally getting the silicon spray. A tentative bid was made on the Nobles property. The payoff of the Huff property was put off till after the first of the year for tax purposes. Five members lettered out. The Nominating Committee brought names for the 83/83 church year. Clerk would be Agnes Pace; Treasurer would be Harvey Wisdom Jr.; Financial Secretarial would be Mrs. John Strouhal; Church Training Director would be Aubrey Calton; Brotherhood Director would be Marvin Collins; WUM Director would be Candace Bowers. The committee also brought names to fill positions on committees. We are to help sponsor the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the church at Hannibal LaGrange College. October 28<sup>th</sup> will be the Men/Boys Fish Fry.

November: The Lottie Moon goal was set at \$1,250. We will have a Week of Prayer Program from November 28-December 2. The W.I.N. Program was postponed to March of 1983. 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. Roy Berkstresser was elected Sunday school Director. The church training and evening worship hours were set. Three people lettered out. Our church is to host a Thanksgiving Dinner on November 24<sup>th</sup>. Our church is to host a Sunday school workers clinic for the Lamine Baptist Association.

December: The new budget was accepted. The cooperative giving was at 11% and the association giving at 3%. The total was \$89,187.68. There was a donation made to Rev. John Farris for his 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the

association as DOM. Two members lettered out. 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**

January: Florence Meyer was elected assistant treasurer. One member lettered out.

February: The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$500. The men were to give a program for Annie Armstrong week of prayer on Wednesday evening, and also a book study on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> was to be a coffee and program. The deacons requested the Budget Committee to meet and revise the budget, to discontinue a paid cook, but to continue the weekly carry in dinners, to take care of distribution of funds received from the "Fellowship of Friends." There were two letters out. Vincel Allee resigned as an active deacon.

March: The Ministerial Alliance was to hold Community Thanksgiving service at our church on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The FHA was to hold their yearly meeting here. It was voted to have a Gideon speaker on April 24<sup>th</sup>. They voted also to keep the Home missionary, Billie Stollard in prayer for the remainder of the year. The church is to be added to the list of emergency preparedness facilities in the event of disaster. The Budget Committee presented the proposed revised budget for 1983. It was accepted.

April: There was an annual state WMU meeting to be held in Sedalia on April 15-16. The Trustees reported that the rewiring was done in the basement. 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.

May: Eleven ladies attended the state WMU program in Sedalia. A dusk to dawn light was purchased. There were three letters out and five dismissed to other denominations. It was voted to set aside funds monthly for insurance payments twice a year. Luther Campbell resigned as active deacon. The Bus Committee was approved. The church was to participate in the "Sugar Bush Review" in Laurie on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

June: 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. New rules and guidelines were adopted for the bus use. The highway signs were to be repainted, and the piano tuned. Fall revival was discussed and decided Wayne Isgriggs was to be the evangelist. A new Selection Committee was appointed.

July: The WMU was to attend a retreat at Windemere on July 26<sup>th</sup>. 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. The nominating appointed some new officers: Sunday School Director was Roy Berkstresser; Church Training Director was Aubrey Calton; Brotherhood Director was Dan Cable; WUM Director was Elizabeth Gunn; Financial Secretary was Magdalena Strouhal; Music Director was David Marriott; Organists/Pianists were Maurice LaRue, Edna Bowers, Mildred Dump and Vicki Akin. Committee positions were also filled and messengers elected.

August: The church signs have been redone and are ready. Five ladies attended the Windemere retreat. A Wedding Policy Committee is to be selected. The Nominating Committee brought names to fill other positions in the church. VBS was held, and 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. Total receipts were \$61,631 and expenses were \$53,362. Total mission expense was \$7,770.

August Special Meeting: There were three deacons elected.

September: There were three letters out. The new wedding rules and policies were adopted. Roy Berkstresser was elected the new moderator.

October: The Missions programs met regularly. Rev. and Mrs. Acuff were elected messengers to the Missouri Baptist Convention. There was discussion about purchasing the Nobles property next door.

October Special Meeting: The church voted to purchase Nobles 85' lot next door for \$8,000.

November: The Lottie Moon goal was set at \$1,250. The spring revival was scheduled for April 15-22 with Rev. John Hendrix as evangelist. The church participated in the Community Thanksgiving service. There were four letters out and three dismissals to other denominations. There were to be deacon ordination services for three deacons on November 20<sup>th</sup> with a carry in dinner afterwards.

December: On December 8<sup>th</sup> a covered dish luncheon was to be held with a six p.m. program. \$10,035 had been received for a property improvement fund. The new budget was approved for 1984 at a total of \$61,975. Rev. Acuff was to lead the singing for the revival service. The Brotherhood would host a Valentine Banquet in February. There were two letters out.

## **1984**

January: The January book study was to be held in I Corinthians. There were three letters out. Agnes Pace resigned as church clerk due to health reasons.

February: The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$550. The pastor was to take a one week vacation beginning April 23<sup>rd</sup>. There were three letters out and two dismissals to other denominations.

March: The men were to sponsor the Annie Armstrong program and meal.

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

May: It was voted to purchase a lawn mower. The church assisted the Shelter Workshop with a birthday celebration. The brick on the church is now all repaired. Bids were to be secured for awnings. There was one letter out and Peggy Akin was elected as clerk.

June: There was a reminder that funds were to be set aside monthly for insurance. A lawn mower was purchased. Work was needed on the Nobles property. The church was to adopt a "Staff Expense Form" when funds are needed and receipts attached to the request. Rev. Acuff submitted his resignation effective August 1, 1984. David Marriott also submitted his resignation.

July: It was voted to purchase three awnings from Sears. The Trustees are to clean the Nobles property. Decision was made to invest \$9000 in a certificate of deposit. The Selection Committee brought names for vote on the

Nominating Committee and that vote carried. There was discussion on the need for a Pulpit Committee. There was a discussion on the Deacon's authority in asking for Rev. Acuffs resignation, but no action was taken.

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

August: The State Missions goal was set at \$300. It was voted to haul dirt and put it on the Nobles property to level the ground. The Sears awnings were sent back as not a good quality. Others were found in Sedalia to buy. There were four messengers elected and the moderator was to appoint others.

August Special Meeting: There was a petition brought to let the pastor stay in the parsonage until a new pastor comes. It was voted on and failed.

September: Twenty-six loads of dirt was put on the Nobles property. The awnings were due in one week. Rev. Acuff was served with official notice to vacate the property. A letter of appreciation was to be sent to David Marriott as song leader. New officers were voted in: Clerk was Peggy Akin; Treasurer was Harvey Wisdom, Jr.; Sunday School Director was Roy Berkstresser; Finance Committee Chairman was Harvey Wisdom Jr.; Kitchen Committee Chairman was Cleo Wisdom; Evangelism Committee was Ted Burkhart; Nominating Committee Chairman was Norman Akin; Bus Committee Chairman was Bill Fields; Baptismal Chairs were Dan and Nadine Peoples; Music Committee Chairman was Mildred Dump. Several other positions were also filled.

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. There were two letters out. The Nominating Committee brought names to fill other positions in the church. Also the Brotherhood Director was Norman Akin. There was some discussion on hiring a Music Director.

November: the Lottie Moon goal was set at \$1,250. The drain has been installed on the roof. There was a committee formed for parsonage renovation and funds for this were to be transferred from the Baptist Building Fund in Jefferson City. The insurance allowance needs to be raised \$35 a month. The Nominating Committee named Harvey Wisdom as Moderator and filled some committee positions. It was voted to raise the insurance allowance to \$200 a month. There was one letter out and one in by statement. A parsonage inventory was to be made.

December: The 1985 budget was approved and the total was \$56,435. It was voted to buy a \$5,000 certificate of deposit with donated funds. The Pulpit Committee made a report. There were two letters out, Mr. and Mrs. Acuff. Work on the parsonage was being done. The balance on hand from the treasurer's report was \$8976.28

## **1985**

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 were two letters out. Members were appointed to the executive board of the Lamine Baptist Association.

February: The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$550. There was to be a Sweetheart Banquet held on February 13<sup>th</sup>. 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. It was discussed reviewing the pastor's salary with a view to increasing it comparable to other churches of the same size. There was also discussion about participating in the "Good News America" program.



March: Twenty nine people attended the Home Missions Book Study, "Light Upon the Land." Sixteen ladies attended the Home Missions prayer service and coffee. There was to be a covered dish luncheon and Home Missions prayer service on March 7<sup>th</sup> for the ladies. There were 60 present for the Valentine Banquet. More repairs were needed on the roof of the church. A-1 Insulation was to install the insulation in the parsonage attic. Two messengers were chosen for the Lamine Baptist Bi-annual meeting. It was voted to raise the pastor's base salary to \$17,000. They voted to have a dedication service for the parking lot. The shrubs were to be replaced at the front of the church. It was voted to participate in the "Good News America" program.

April: The Baptist Women's Association Banquet is to be held at the Pioneer Restaurant on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The insulation has been installed in the parsonage. The guttering on church/parsonage was to be installed as needed. The Trustees are to install a chain link fence on the Nobles property, and check into the paint needs around the church. It was voted to give a bible to all members who marry. At this time there was a motion to put an announcement in the newsletter. A special meeting was to be called April 21<sup>st</sup> after the service to call a pastor.

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.

May: The Nobles property was to be surveyed and fenced. A softball team was to be sponsored for a fee and cost of uniforms. Rev. Steve Hewitt is to be sent to the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas on June 11<sup>th</sup>. There was to be a church dinner and card/money shower in thanksgiving to Rev. Cooper on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

June: The Building and Grounds Committee was given permission to clear out and dispose of un-needed items in the cleanup of the rooms. The cost of fence around the Nobles property was \$380. Furniture donated to the church by Mrs. John Strouhal is to be donated to the Senior Center as the church doesn't use it. The Nominating Committee is to select a committee for a pictorial directory. New carpet was needed on the ramp. There was to be a fellowship BBQ with the church furnishing the meat, buns and drinks on June 29<sup>th</sup>. The Building and Grounds Committee is to check into de-weeding the parking lot.

July: The Associational WMU Banquet is to be held here on July 16<sup>th</sup> with a covered dish luncheon. We are to furnish Ham, bread and drinks. The church trim was painted, fence was up and carpet down on the ramp. The Deacons recommended discontinuing the Baptist Bulletin Service and going to personalized bulletins with a sketch of the church on the front. The Deacons wives are to assume the responsibilities of the Baptismal Committee. They also recommended that a financial Counting Committee be set up. The Nominating Committee brought names for the Pictorial Church Directory Committee. The parking lot is to be sprayed for weeds, carpet to be put down in the two to three year old classroom. A new Selection Committee was appointed. A special committee was formed to hire a church secretary. There was one in by letter. The insurance was due and it was changed to Church Mutual. Denis Hanson is to be invited for the "Good News America" revival. Permission was given to park buses of participating bands in our parking lot.

July Special Meeting: The church voted the church secretaries hours be four six hour days.

August: The Deacons recommended celebrating a "Round-Up" Sunday with a carry in picnic dinner, games and fellowship. If the goal of 150 in Sunday school was met the deacons would sing special music. The Deacons recommended that we set up a separate fund for Memorial Gifts but this was tabled until the next meeting. The Selection committee appointed a new Nominating Committee. They voted on an addition to Music/Youth salary to the budget. Two people lettered out. 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. Total receipts were \$58,588 and expenses totaled \$65,025. Mission expense was \$8,977.

August Special Meeting: It was voted to extend a call to Brother Brent Fletcher as Music/Youth Minister. The vote was 61 for, 7 against and 4 blanks. Brother Fletcher accepted the call.

September: The State Missions goal was set at \$325. The church was to hold a September birthday party at the nursing home. A nursery worker was hired for Sunday morning and evening services and Wednesday evening. Bumper Stickers saying "I love FBC Versailles" were to be purchased for publicity. The youth was to hold a "Back to School" party on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The tabled recommendation on Memorial Gifts from last month's meeting was dropped. A new Memorial Fund Committee was to be started. The Nominating Committee brought some of the names of the new officers for the upcoming year. The Clerk was to be Peggy Akin; Assistant Clerk was Dottie Fields; Treasurer was Roy Berkstresser; Financial Secretary was Magdalena Strouhal; Sunday School Director was Mary Pepper; Church Training Director was Aubrey Calton; The WMU Director was Elizabeth Gunn; Brotherhood Director was Kevin McDonald; Librarian was Laura Hewitt. There were two letters out. There were deacons elected for the next year. The messengers were elected for the annual association meeting. Roy Berkstresser was elected as moderator.

October: A "Community Sing" is to be held December 1<sup>st</sup> 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. The names were brought for Sunday school positions and voted on. Rev. Hewitt and his wife were voted as delegates to the Missouri Baptist Convention. The executive board members to the association were named. A Nursery Coordinator was appointed. The Piano needs to be tuned.

November: The Lottie Moon goal was set for \$1,300. The foreign mission bible study, "The Seed is sown," is to be presented on November 20<sup>th</sup>. The Deacons recommended that Brent Fletcher be licensed to the Gospel Ministry and hired for a four day week. The youth are to have a lock-in in December and the church is to pay \$50. Twenty four unused choir robes are to be sold. 65 attended the Halloween party.

December: Brother Fletcher reported that there were 28 in the adult choir and 26 in the children's choir. Twenty six attended the hayride. The music department had a Christmas program. Two members were dismissed to other denominations. The budget was changed to add a children's department which was taken from miscellaneous. It was voted to increase VBS from \$100 to \$300 on the budget and to increase the nursery funds budgeted. The budget was voted on as revised and adopted with a total of \$76,826.65. Four members lettered out.

## **1986**

January: The Lottie Moon offering exceeded the goal. Seventeen attended the Brotherhood breakfast. Funds were transferred from Baptist Building Fund in Jefferson City to the regular checking account.

January Special Meeting: It was voted to allow the Bus Committee purchase another van. Funds were set aside from memorial gifts to purchase a new organ in memory of Maurice Welpman. A committee was appointed to search for a new Music/Youth Minister at current set salary, due to work conflicts. Brother Fletcher resigned. There was to be a Home Missions book study, "Servants Like Him" in March. The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$575. The Brotherhood met and organized, and Kevin McDonald was director. January 26<sup>th</sup> there would be an all men's choir in the morning service. There will be a Valentine Banquet on February 14<sup>th</sup>. It was voted to invite Duane Duchesene to lead Music for "Good News America" revival on April 13-18. The choir has been working on an Easter musical, "His Fleece Was White as Snow." A Bus was purchased for \$2,750. A new Selection Committee was appointed. The church was to participate in the 1987 "World Missions Conference." Two trees are to be removed from the property.

February Special Meeting: It was voted 62 for and 7 against to extend a call to Brother Chris Doggett of Bolivar MO for Music/Youth Minister.

March: It was decided to use a tape recorder at business meetings. They voted to pay mileage to the youth minister for three trips to Versailles at the time of his calling. The youth had a volley ball game. 27 attended the Children's hot dog party. The van/bus was in need of four new tires. Nine messengers were chosen for the association meeting. Several members pledged money for the new tires for the van, the purchase of a new van and to clear the deficit balance on the budget. A committee was appointed to get a bid on an organ.

April: The trees were removed, and parking lot was to be sprayed. The Deacons recommended having a "Super Sunday," a special day of emphasis on the body of Christ in four conferences and a carry in dinner for the evening meal. Nine youth attended "Movie Night," and the youth minister has started a new class in church training. The sanctuary choir was practicing for the "Good News America" musical. There was discussion about housing an Missouri Baptist Convention computer and what was expected in its operation. A request was made for several people to help update the membership book. There were three letters out.

May: Evening services were cancelled on June 1<sup>st</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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. There was a letter from the Missouri Baptist Convention stating we were not responsible for damage to the computer we were storing or its safety. If it was to be a burden they would pick it up. We voted to store it for them. It was voted to lower the bus driver age to 21 as the insurance would cover this now. The Selection Committee was appointed. It was voted to cash in the CD's and put the funds in our General Fund. But a member volunteered to make up our deficit and leave the CD's alone. The treasurer is to check on CD's interest as to depositing it into our General Checking. There were two members dismissed to the Methodist church.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. Voted and carried. The Selection Committee brought names of the Nominating Committee and they were vote in. A Float for the Apple Festival was discussed and also a booth. Three members lettered out. The Selection Committee was to select members for a Manual Committee to draw up job descriptions on all the church positions. A \$50 donation was made towards a big screen TV for the Southern Baptist Convention.

July: It was voted to have a special offering in September for a combination of State Missions/World Hunger/I Care, children's home and divide it equally. This would be separate from Lottie Moon or Annie Armstrong. Chris Doggett resigned as Music/Youth Ministry as of August 31<sup>st</sup>. An Organ was purchased for \$13,590. There was one letter out.

August: The Brotherhood reported that twelve persons attended the I-70 mission. They are trying to get RA's started, and will work at the State Fair Mission booth and help with the Horseshoe Bend Mission. They also helped to put a roof on for Claude Wilson. The Deacons recommended the church license Donald Calton to the Gospel Ministry. Voted and carried. Chris Doggett announced his last Sunday would be August 24<sup>th</sup> instead of the 31<sup>st</sup> as school starts then. The Nominating Committee brought names of the new officers. Treasurer was Roy Berkstresser; Assistant Treasurer was Ted Burkhart; Financial Secretary was Magadalina Strouhal; Sunday School Director was Mary Pepper; Church Training Director was Aubrey Calton; WMU Director was Elizabeth Gunn; Brotherhood Director was Kevin McDonald; Librarian was Rita Marshall; Organist was Millie Dump and Pianist was Laura Hewitt. The Selection Committee is to appoint a Youth Committee to find Music/Youth Minister. After Wednesday evening dinner there would be a card/money shower for Chris and Nancy Doggett. The Selection Committee was to select a Personnel Committee. Roy Berkstresser was named Moderator again. 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. Total receipts were \$85,943 and expenses were \$83,925. Total Mission expense was \$9,684.

August Special Meeting: It was voted 95 for and 3 against to call Charles (Chuck) Kitchen as Music/Youth Minister. Charles Kitchen wanted a few days to decide.

September Special Meeting: Two candidates for deacon were voted in.

September: The church hosted a birthday party at the nursing home. Signs are to be restored on the highway. The Deacons recommended that we invite a student led revival team from Southwest Baptist University to lead the youth revival in November. Two deacons were elected for three years. The children's choir is to start in September. The Selection Committee brought names of members to fill the positions on committees and Sunday school. Charles Kitchen sent a letter declining the call.

October: 32 attended the State Mission Prayer program from WMU and Brotherhood. The sign on old Highway Five has been painted and repaired. New letters were to be purchased. The Selection Committee is still looking for a Clerk, Nursery Coordinator and Children's Training Director. New carpet and installation was to be \$2,904.27 for the Fellowship Hall. It was voted to get funds for carpet by a carpet fund promotion and the Building and Grounds Committee is to pick the color.

November Special Meeting: The church voted 73 for and 6 against to call Rob Thurman of Bolivar as Music/Youth Minister. He accepted.

November: The average in Sunday school was 123 for October. November 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a Foreign Mission book study, "A Measure of Success," for Brotherhood and WMU. The Brotherhood took a load of clothes to Jeff City to the Salvation Army. All Highway signs are repaired and put up.

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 Nominating Committee elected Laura Hewitt as Nursery Coordinator and Kevin McDonald as 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant clerk. It was voted to get new tires for the van. The 1987 budget was accepted with a total of \$76,265.51 and the cooperative program was at 8% and associational missions at 2%. They voted to cash the \$5000 CD at maturity on December 10<sup>th</sup> and put that in the general fund. A calculator was to be purchased for the church office. *(The Budget showed newsletters being mailed out at this time)*

## **1987**

January: On Baptist Men's Day the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Men's "Cake Bake" will be held on the last Sunday in January. The Deacons recommended the church call Rev. George Duckworth to be Staff Evangelist, an honorary position for someone engaged in revival and evangelistic work. We are to promote his call and uplift his ministry. This was voted on and carried. 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 Demember 29<sup>th</sup>. There were three letters out.

February: The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$500. The Valentine Banquet is to be on February 13<sup>th</sup> at \$4.00 per person. The RA boys were to receive recognition pins. It was voted to build a wall in the lobby area to create a closet to hold the lift used to change the light bulbs. They voted to remodel a parsonage bathroom. It was voted to give scholarships to those attending camp.

March: Acteens will go to the Mother/Daughter special event at Stover. The parsonage bathroom remodeling has been started. Work in the front lobby is finished. Card holders are to be placed in the back of hymnals to hold visitor cards. There was a letter in on Rev. and Mrs. George Duckworth.

April: The Annie Armstrong offering exceeded it's 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 19<sup>th</sup>. The new rules , policies and fees for weddings was adopted. The church secretary, Terry Weeks resigned. The Personnel Committee is to seek out and hire a new one. They voted two weeks salary to Terry as a gift.

May: Jim Marriott was hired to mow the lawns. The back door frame has been ordered. The Deacons recommended a church Gospel Sing with other churches choirs and quartettes etc. It was voted and carried. Doris Tracy has been hired as part time church secretary at \$3.50 per hour. The church will rent a houseboat for the youth mission trip in August.

June: The Deacons had three recommendations: 1) We pay \$150 to enter the softball league; 2) Give Rob Thurman \$50 for expenses to attend the Southern Baptist Convention; 3) Cancel the fall revival in favor of the Sunday School promotion program, and invite Duane and Lisa Duchsne to have a concert during this promotion. It was voted to promote it with bumper stickers. All three motions carried. The Selection Committee named five messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention. There were three letters out.

July: The WMU took on the project of sponsoring bingo at the nursing home on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month. The amount the Trustees could spend without approval was raised from \$100 to \$250. The Selection Committee named the Nominating Committee.

August: The Deacons recommended the church study the Constitution in relation to receiving of members, and that a committee be set up to do this. A committee of five were selected and voted and carried. Forty people attended the choir social for members and families. There was a fund established for a large screen TV for church ministry. Bills submitted to the treasurer to be paid must have a signature and itemized as to which department it was for. The Nominating Committee named positions for the 87-88 church year, these were approved. The treasurer was Roy Berkstresser; the Sunday School Director was Mary Pepper; the Outreach Director was Beulah Housworth; the Church Training Director was Aubrey Calton; the WUM Director was Elizabeth Gunn; the Brotherhood Director was Kevin McDonald; the Clerk was Carolyn Amador; Assistant Music Director was Rick Bias; Librarian was Rita Marshall; Organist was Millie Dump; Pianist was Helen Bolton; the Nursery Coordinator was Mary Berkstresser. 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. Total receipts were \$78,614 and total expenses were \$83,362. Mission expense was \$10,965.

September: Acteens and their leaders entertained at the Kidwell Boarding Home. Fourteen Brotherhood men worked at the State Fair in the Baptist Men's Booth. Two messengers were named for the Missouri Baptist Convention. The Lamine Baptist Association back to school program was held here and KCVO Christian Radio broadcasted part of it with spot advertising for the church. The Personnel Committee recommended that we give Doris Tracy one week's termination pay. The Selection Committee brought names to fill positions on committees and they were approved. The church was to have a float in the Apple Festival and would need balloons and helium with church name imprinted on them. This was approved. Roy Berkstresser was renamed moderator. The Deacons recommended the pastor and two others as messengers to the Missouri Baptist Convention. \$250 expenses would be paid. They also recommended John Strouhal and Jack Ensminger serve as deacons for three years. These were approved.

October: The average Sunday school attendance was 152 On "Friend Day" the attendance was 209 and Worship attendance was 255. The Deacons made 2 recommendations: that the church ordain Jack Ensminger as a deacon; and Rob Thurman to the Gospel Ministry on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The recommendations were approved. There was to be a children's church taught on every fifth Sunday. They voted to give \$50 to the World Missions Conference. They also voted to buy two crowns for Acteens recognition service. Rob Thurman was voted as a messenger for the Missouri Baptist Convention. Three was six letters out.

November: The Acteen recognition service was held with a fellowship afterwards. The Brotherhood has begun working on the homes of the elderly. The Deacons recommended that the church have a pictorial directory made and this was approved. The adult choir will do a musical called, "A Carol of Christmas." The children's choir, "Singing Angels" will do a musical called, "A Certain Small Shephard." Rob Thurman was given permission to give piano lessons in the sanctuary on his own time.

November Special Meeting: The deacon ordination for Jack Ensminger and the Gospel Ministry and ordination of Rob Thurman was instituted.

December: The Nativity Scene was repaired and set up. Rob Thurman was to take a week's paid vacation for an event required by his school. The church adopted the "Expanded Church Annuity Plan" so the convention will match funds. A VCR was to be purchased using memorial funds. There was one dismissed by request. The Cub Scouts were to hold their Christmas meeting in the Fellowship Hall. The budget was discussed, amended and passed with a total of \$80,807.39. The cooperative giving was at 9% and the associational giving at 3%.

## **1988**

January: There was discussion on obtaining ceiling fans for the sanctuary to help circulate the heat. There were two letters out.

February: The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$600. The Youth are to have a skating party on February 19<sup>th</sup>. 135 people enjoyed the Valentine banquet. The Deacons recommended establishing a special fund to pay for resurfacing the roof at an estimated cost of \$7500. There was a special meeting to be held on February 28<sup>th</sup> to vote on it. The Deacons recommended that we have a spring revival on April 24-29 with Rev. Dennis Hansen as evangelist and Rev. Terry Buffington as music evangelist. This was approved. Ceiling fans were purchased and installed. They discussed buying a new table for the kitchen. It was voted to have an Easter Sunrise Service and cancel the evening service.

February Special Meeting: The original motion to start a fund for roof repair was defeated. It was agreed to let the Building and Grounds handle the matter and bring back to the church at next month's meeting.

March: The Deacons recommended that the church allow the trustees to get seven ABC fire extinguishers to replace the old ones. The roof was to be repaired around the edges. 326 contacts were made the 1<sup>st</sup> week of "Outreach Olympics." They voted to buy the kitchen table. They voted on seven new messengers to the Lamine Baptist Association. Rev. Hewitt discussed "Spiritual Journals" and they voted to buy 15. There was one letter out.

April: The Deacons brought two recommendations: 1) to join the softball league this summer and pay the \$150 entry fee; 2) to license Hank Vogt to the Gospel Ministry. These were approved. Beulah Housworth reported that 1620 Outreach contacts were made in March. The Easter breakfast was a big success. They voted to replace the carpet in the front of parsonage and church.

May: Helen Bolton was to present a program on the activities of the WMU for 100 years. The Acteens distributed flyers for the revival and acted as hostesses for the Lamine WMU banquet. The Brotherhood was to buy three tape recorders and tape services to take to shut-ins. The evening service was cancelled for May 22<sup>nd</sup> due to Baccalaureate at the high school, also on May 29<sup>th</sup> due to afternoon picnic and activities in the park. There was one letter out and one letter in.

June: They voted to invite Dr. Max Morris as evangelist for the May revival in 1989, also Duane and Lisa Duchesne for music evangelists. It was voted to pay half for camp scholarships. The Selection Committee appointed a committee to study the needs of the church and research possible activities on the adjacent property. The church would provide a free "Mother's Day Out" program each Wednesday this summer through September 11<sup>th</sup> for ages infant to twelve years of age. Newsletters were still listed in the budget. There was one letter out and two letters in.

July: The church brickwork was to have a silicon treatment for protection and calked around the windows. The Selection Committee appointed a Nominating Committee for the 88/89 year. There was one letter out.

August: The Brotherhood is to work in the booth at the State Fair. The silicon was applied to the bricks. The Youth are presently at camp and had gone to Worlds of Fun recently. The church voted to start an evening WMU program for those who can't come in the day time. Roy Berkstresser was elected Moderator again. There were three letters out. The Nominating Committee brought names of the new officers and some other positions to be filled. These were approved. Treasurer was Kathy Sisney; Assistant Treasurer was Roy Berkstresser; Financial Secretary was Magdalena Strouhal; Sunday School Director was Esther Ensminger; Outreach Director was Beulah Housworth; Church Training Director was Helen Bolton; WMU Director was Elizabeth Gunn; Brotherhood Director was Roy Bolton; Clerk was Carolyn Amador; Assistant Music Director was Rick Bias; Organist was Beulah Housworth; Pianist was Helen Bolton; Nursery Coordinator was Mary Berkstresser.

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. The total receipts were \$78,741 and expenses were \$67,529. The total Missions were \$12,353. There was one minister licensed and one deacon ordained. The secretary was Mrs. Janice Young. The church voted to buy T-shirts for the "Singing Angels." Fifteen members helped at the state fair. 4200 scripture cups were given out. A good job was done on the roof repair. The Selection Committee and Nominating Committee recommendations to fill church positions were accepted. Messengers were appointed to the Lamine Baptist Association. It was voted to cash in both CDs and put into the General Fund. Insurance was purchased from Church Mutual for \$3,454. The Selection Committee is to look into the hiring of a Music/Youth Minister. There was one letter out.

October: At this time sermons are being taped for the shut-ins. The Baptist Young Women had their first meeting in October and the president is Debbie Whitehead. The choir has started practice for the Christmas musical. The Selection Committee brought the name of David Curtis as Minister of Youth and Education. It was accepted. Messengers were appointed to the Missouri Baptist Convention. There was one dismissal, Roy Duckworth joined another church.

October Special Meeting: Sometimes the church is called upon to discipline a member. After much prayerful consideration and much discussion with the members the church voted 83 for and 41 against to dismiss one couple from the church membership.

November: The WMU and BYW were both involved in several missions programs. Upon the recommendation of the Deacons, the church voted to cancel evening services and Sunday school on Christmas Day and have Worship service only. They voted to invite Duane Duchesne to come teach our Lay Evangelism School on January 8-11,



1989. It was voted to have the Selection Committee enact a committee to review the constitution and make recommended changes. There were three letters out and three dismissals by request.

December: The WMU delivered fruit and cookies to shut-ins. The BYW were to go caroling on December 19<sup>th</sup>. The church secretary gave her resignation. Hartley Wrights resume was reviewed.

December Special Meeting: It was voted 73 to 8 to call Hartley Wright as Youth & Education Minister.

## **1989**

January: The Lottie Moon goal was exceeded. The van insurance was to be changed to a company who would insure 18 year olds and the church was to allow 18 year old members to drive if approved by the Bus Committee. The money had been collected for choir robes. The evening services were cancelled, due to "Super Bowl Sunday."

February: The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$500. The church voted to purchase some portable stereo equipment for the youth puppet shows. The Youth Council submitted a list of long range goals: soul winning; witnessing; living as though salvation is not earned but a gift of God; experiencing a feeling of mutual trust among members of the youth group; develop a sense of right and wrong to guide their behavior; having private bible study; praying privately; reaching unsaved youth in the community and leading them to experience faith in Christ; praying for youth of the world who do not know Jesus as savior. The Constitution Committee brought a revision to the Constitution and explained it. There were some changes and they voted to accept them. There was remodeling to be done in two of the small rooms in the basement. There were two letters in and two out.

March: The BYW made Easter cupcakes for the Sheltered Workshop. The Youth had an ice skating party. Twenty attended the Valentine banquet. The Puppet team is progressing. The Personnel Committee recommended that Bill Fields be paid a full salary now, this was voted on and carried. The Personnel Committee was to look into paying Laura Hewitt for acting as secretary while they were looking for one. It was voted to get rid of the desk in the library to Sheltered Workshop if they want it and would pick it up.

April: The Associational annual WMU banquet is to be held here on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The Annie Armstrong goal was exceeded. Two more deacons were to be selected. Twelve youth attended the retreat and \$880 was collected by the "Slave Auction." Revival services were held. There were two letters in and six letters out.

May: One deacon was reactivated. There is an ordination service to be held for Kevin McDonald on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The children had a picnic with sixteen attending. Dottie Fields was elected as Church Clerk and Beulah Housworth as assistant clerk. The church voted to provide assistance with children's camp. Twelve children are to attend. There was one letter out.

June: The Trustees are to get bids on insurance. There was one letter out.

July: Dr. Jack Gunn brought an interesting and informative talk on his trip to China on Missions night for the Brotherhood and WMU. An air conditioner is to be purchased for the T.E.L. Class. The church is to participate in the "I Love My Church" days at the estimated cost of \$500. The church insurance was explained and it was voted to purchase the State Farm bid. The Manual Committee was working on job descriptions and would be done in about a month. The Selection Committee was appointed. The church voted to replace all carpet on the outside

steps. The church was to have a float in the Apple Festival. There was one letter out and one dismissed to another denomination.

August: The Brotherhood is to work at the State Fair booth on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The awning was repaired and the carpet is next. The Deacons discussed Deacon Family Training to help pastor with the church family. The Youth attended a mission trip with the puppets. The choir was to begin working on the musical for the "I Love My Church" emphasis. It was voted to let the Manual Committee change the constitution with church approval. The new officers were elected: Sunday School Director was Dennis Whitehead; Church Training Director was Helen Bolton; WMU Director was Elizabeth Gunn; Brotherhood Director was Ray Bolton; Clerk was Dottie Fields; assistant clerk was Beulah Housworth; Treasurer was Kathy Sisney. There were six messengers to the association elected. There were three letters out. 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. The total receipts were \$75,890 and the expenses were 80,307. Total missions expense was \$12,151. The church secretary was Nancy Benboom.

September: the carpet was finished at the front of the church. Twenty-six men worked at the State Fair Booth. Three puppet shows were given at the fair and the Youth took a pontoon trip and went to "Big Sur" for a show. The Nominating Committee brought names to fill positions on the church committees and the Sunday school. Rev. Hewitt was elected as moderator. The Trustees were to look into putting a hall door entrance in to the nursery bathroom to cut down traffic in the nursery. The Nursery Coordinator was Mary Berkstresser.

October: The WMU had a Reubin L. South Missouri Missions program and the Brotherhood and BYW attended. The BYW voted to save UPC labels to raise funds for mission projects. The Deacons recommended that we hold a Spring revival on February 25-March 2, 1990 with Brother Ralph Bruce as evangelist and Bud and Barbara Lee for music evangelists. The Motion carried. The youth had a puppet show for the Apple Festival. The Finance Committee is to go over the finances in view of upgrading. The Selection Committee brought names to fill committee positions. The Constitution changes are to be voted on next month.

November: The Lottie Moon goal was set at \$2000. The Brotherhood has a trailer for their project and will have a work day. The Deacons recommended Hank Vogt as Youth and Children's Church Director. The choir began practice on a Christmas Musical. The Constitution changes were voted in. The Manual Committee passed out the Job Discription Manual for vote at the next meeting.

December: The Singing Angels children's choir is working on Christmas music. Rev. Hewitt made a motion to help sponsor a gospel music program on the local radio station on a weekly basis if the three other Baptist churches would help also. This was approved. An increase in wedding fees was voted in and two new members of the Wedding Committee were elected. The 1990 budget was approved. The cooperative giving was at 9% and associational giving at 3.5%. The Total budget was \$68,962.50 down \$12,422.13 from this year. There were four letters out.

## **1990**

January: 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 16<sup>th</sup>. Brother Hewitt was to be paid for one week vacation, \$350 and for some expenses. There was a new Youth Council elected. The copier was to be moved into the secretary's office. Visitor's cards were to go to outreach leaders. A Pulpit Supply Committee was elected. It was voted to advertise in the newspaper. A special business meeting was called for February 25<sup>th</sup> to select an interim pastor.

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. Rod Wiest was elected moderator to replace Steve Hewitt. A Gideon speaker was to speak at a later date. The Cooperative Mission speaker was to come on April 19." Two members were elected as messengers to the Lamine Association. It was voted that the Pulpit Committee offer to pay \$24,000-\$25,000 for a pastor. The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$500. There were three letters out.

April: The WMU was making plans to attend the associational women's banquet at Calvary Baptist Church on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The Brotherhood encouraged everyone to attend the "Disaster Training" in Jeff City. The painting at the parsonage was done, the rug stretched and ready to be cleaned. The church voted on vacation time for the pastor as one day per week per each month worked not to be accumulated over 18 days. This was to be put in the job description. They voted to move the door from the top of the balcony stairs to the bottom. 43 youth attended youth night at the revival. The youth held a "Green" St. Patrick's Day Dinner. They held the first youth bible study on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The Pulpit Committee passed out paper for members to list qualifications for a pastor. It was voted to destroy offering envelopes and paid bills over four years old. The BYW cleaned the parsonage cabinets. The Jr. High girls had an overnight campout. There were three letters out, Rev. Steve, Laura and Michael Hewitt.

May: One group attended the "Disaster Relief" meeting in Jeff City. The Pulpit Committee was narrowing down the number of applicants. Dr. Phil Hunter was given a 90 day extension as interim pastor. The VBS workers were chosen with Helen Bolton as VBS Director. It was voted to increase the nursery budget to \$400. *(It was noted on the treasurer's report \$12.50 for Farris Funeral flowers, but did not say what Farris)*

June: The associational fish fry was to be held at Camdenton on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and at Bethlehem Baptist, Florence on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The "Disaster Trailer" was almost finished. Vents were being put in the bathroom on the East side of the church. VBS had an average of 71, one person was saved, and one for baptism. The Pulpit Committee reported that Rev. Thomas Fortner, Sr. was coming for a trial sermon on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. On the evening of the 23<sup>rd</sup> he will come for the evening meal and answer questions. A special business meeting will be called following the sermon on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Sheila Letchworth reported that 30 letters were sent out for the bus ministry. A new Selection Committee was elected. There was one letter out.

June Special Meeting: It was voted 79 to 3 to call Rev. Fortner as pastor. He Accepted the position.

July: The church donated 115 items of food and \$10 to the summer missionaries. The floor covering arrived for the Disaster trailer and the electrical box is ready to be put in. A water leak was repaired and a load of dirt spread. A new Nominating Committee was elected. The Building and Grounds Committee was to look into a new

phone system. It was voted to have monthly meetings of Sunday school teachers and officers. Rev. Fortner was elected moderator as Rod Wiest is moving.

August: Everett Rayl was elected Baptist Men's President. Rev. Fortner discussed the progress of Baptist Men. The deacon officers were elected. The Finance Committee moved to pay full hospitalization for Rev. Fortner and this carried. The Nominating Committee submitted names of some of the new officers: Sunday School Director was Randy Eppenauer; Nursery Coordinator was Mary Berkstresser; Discipleship Training Director was Everett Rayl; WMU Director was Elizabeth Gunn; Brotherhood Director was Bill Fields; Clerk was Dottie Fields; Treasurer was Michael Letchworth; Music Director was Randy Smith; Organist was Beulah Housworth; Pianist was Helen Bolton. All were voted in. It was voted to accept the last part of the Job Description Handbook. There were four lettered out. 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. Total receipts were \$62,893 and expenses were \$50,647. Total mission expenses were \$10,231.

September: Repairs were made to the shower in the parsonage and a buzzer put in. One sign was erected on the highway. A new Handbook for members was to be printed. A fund was to be started for drapes for the parsonage and a sound system fund was started with the excess funds donated to wireless microphone purchase. A revival was set for November 4-9 and Rev. Fortner was to be the evangelist. The Selection Committee brought names to fill church positions, these were elected. Brother Randy Smith was called as a minister of Youth & Education on a trial basis beginning September 30<sup>th</sup>. There were four letters out.

October: Dates for the January bible study were changed to January 13-16, 1991. The Lottie Moon goal was set at \$2,000. The Brotherhood painted a house and paneled a Sunday school room. The disaster trailer made it's first run Saturday night. The Sheriff's Department called for help to serve coffee. Ten gallons of coffee were served as well as hot chocolate and donuts.

November Special Meeting: It was voted to have Olan Mills do another pictorial directory.

December: Twenty-six people attended the Foreign Book Study in November. The BYW took eleven dinners to shut-ins. The Brotherhood had breakfast then went on a trash pick-up for the "Adopt a Highway" project. Several storm windows were made for the windows. The Trustees worked on the hot water heater at the parsonage. The Youth had a movie party and plan to go caroling Sunday night. New tires were put on the van. The float was about completed. A tree was to be removed from the front of the church due to decay. It was voted to start a radio program at \$50 per week. The 1991 budget was approved with a total of \$79,625.93. The cooperative giving was at 9% and the associational giving at 3.5%. There was one letter out.

## **1991**

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

February: The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$400. 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. It was voted to open a second bank account for Missions Funds only. 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. The treasurer's report ending balance for January was \$314.73. There were two letters out.

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. The old green choir robes were to be disposed of. Three microphones are to be sold that won't work on our system. The VBS will be changed to June 3-7<sup>th</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church is to hold their annual pastor celebration at our church. The World Day of Prayer is to be held at our church. Bill Fields resigned as custodian.

April: WMU annual Banquet will be held at Trinity Baptist Church. The BYW sponsored a 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for the pastor being in ministry, and they also took Easter cakes to the nursing home. The roof and Baptistry both leak and need repair. The Float Committee discussed the float theme and colors which will be red, white and blue. The theme was to be "One Nation under God." 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 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church, which is April 1993. The Nominating Committee was also appointed for the 91/92 year.

May: \$650 in funds were donated for a generator for the disaster relief trailer. The cost of the generator was only \$500, so the balance was placed in a disaster relief fund. Kevin McDonald resigned as an active deacon. Marvin Collins who is now a paid employee resigned from the Finance Committee. The Selection Committee was appointed for the 91/91 church year. VBS workers were elected. It was voted to put \$2,000 in a reserve account from the general fund for roof repair. Two members dropped by request.

June: A down spout was installed on the Northwest corner of the church building. The Nominating committee brought names for some of the officers and positions of the church for the 91/92 year which were approved. Discipleship Training Director was Everett Rayl; Clerk was Dottie Fields; Music Director was Jane Collins; Pianist was Helen Bolton; Financial Secretary was Bill Fields; Treasurer was Mike Fletchworth; Sunday School Director was Mike Letchworth; the Nursery Coordinator was Wanda Ferguson.

July: Part of the roof has been fixed and the air conditioner cleaned. The nominating committee presented more names to fill positions and these were accepted. Messengers were elected for the association. The ACP was read and approved. There were 19 baptisms and 7 other additions. There were two deaths and the total members 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. Total Receipts were \$66,452 and expenses were \$61,282. Total Mission expense was \$8,745. In 1991 the membership rolls were updated.

August: The State Missions goal was set at \$300. The Building and Grounds Committee is to make places to park in the front and side of the church, also handicap parking. The Selection Committee brought names to fill committee positions for the 91/92 year. They were accepted. It was voted that our church would support the

*“Religious Freedom Restoration Act.” (I had to look this one up as I was unsure what it was. But in 1997 the Supreme Court declared it to be unconstitutional in a 6 to 3 decision.)*

September: The youth played miniature golf. An update was made on the Apple Festival float and a workday planned for September 16<sup>th</sup>. Bill Fields reported on the meeting with Mayor Chuck Pryor about the handicap area, and it was brought before the city council to make it legal. Dick Wakefield would preach the revival on November 3-10 and Joe Stockton would do the music.

October: There were 400 cups of coffee served during the Apple Festival from the disaster trailer. Disabled signs were put in the parking spots. Spring revival was to be March 27-April 3 1992 with Fred Doerge from Joplin MO as evangelist. The fall revival was set for November 1-5 with Dr. Clyde Chilies from St. Louis. It was voted to have the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on April 4-11 1993. A special fund was to be started for a new church van. They voted to send the secretary to the secretary’s conference at Windemere October 21-23. There was one letter out and one dropped by request.

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. They voted 25 to 1 to reduce the pastor’s salary by \$300 per month. Two members lettered out.

December: Fifteen fruit and cookie plates were delivered to shut-ins. The 1992 budget was approved with a total of \$59,535.87. The cooperative giving was at 10% and the associational giving was at 4%. A revised wedding policy was voted in. There were seven letters out.

## **1992**

January: There were no minutes for this month.

February: The World Day of Prayer is to be held here at church on March 6<sup>th</sup> and we will need cookies for 100. The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$450. Twenty-eight members attended the men’s breakfast. The men also had a cake bake off. The parsonage garage door was repaired and light bulbs changed. It was voted to participate in the World Missions Conference October 17-25 1992. The revival was rescheduled for April 4-7 with Brother Bob Stokes. VBS will be June 1-5. The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be moved from the 11<sup>th</sup> to April 4, 1993. Several people were added to committees. They voted to repair the Dodge Bus. The treasurer’s report showed a balance of \$283.86.

March: The Trustees fixed lights in the sanctuary and work was done on the bus. Marvin Collins resigned his position as custodian due to ill health. Earl and Ethel Vogt were hired at the original salary. Randy Smith resigned all his positions effective March 8<sup>th</sup>. Messengers were elected to the association Bi-annual meeting. Three members lettered out and two in.

April: This was a short meeting with only a few reports and no old or new business.

May: Storm windows were removed. The Selection committee appointed members to fill some positions for the 92/93 church year. There were two letters out. The bus was checked and a new tail light installed.

June: 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. Funds were donated for a

wireless microphone and a handicap bathroom. The Building and Grounds Committee would check on prices for the bathroom. A new nominating committee was selected.

July: The Nominating Committee brought some names for positions in the church for the 92/93 church year. Brotherhood Director was Rev. Tom Fortner; Clerk was Dottie Fields; Outreach Director was Betty Silvey; Nursery Coordinator was Wanda Ferguson; Pianist was Helen Bolton; Financial Secretary was Bill Fields; Sunday School Director was Mike Letchworth; Treasurer was Carol Garrison; WMU Director was Elizabeth Gunn; and Discipleship Training Director was Roy Berkstresser. They voted to pay insurance yearly instead of quarterly, also to transfer funds from the reserve account to the general account. Treasurer's report balance on hand was \$256.35.

July Special Meeting: The Nominating Committee brought names to fill the rest of the committees and Sunday school positions. Messengers were elected to the association for the Bi-annual meeting.

August: \$75 was donated to Gospel Music at the Apple Festival. Funds were voted for the World Mission Conference. The church is to work at the State Fair on August 28<sup>th</sup>, and the I-70 Rest Stop on September 4<sup>th</sup>. There was to be a Sunday school carnival on September 26<sup>th</sup>. The Selection Committee brought names to fill positions on committees. Rev. Fortner appointed a float committee for the Apple Festival. There was one member dropped as they had joined another church. 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. The total receipts were \$64,308 and expenses were \$53,453. Total mission expense was \$9,283. The Church secretary was Cheryl Bolton.

September: The State Missions goal was set at \$600. The Brotherhood met with six men and discussed future projects. Work was done on the water fountains and the handicap bathroom was completed and a sign repainted. Eight people went to the State Fair and seven to the I-70 rest stop. It was voted to start a roof fund.

October: They voted to put a box at the front door for the roof fund donations. Messengers were elected for the Missouri Baptist Convention.

November: The Lottie Moon goal was set for \$1,500

December: Fifteen fruit and cookie plates were taken to shut-ins. Interest from the reserve fund was applied to the roof fund. One member dropped by request.

## **1993**

January: There was no meeting due to bad weather.

February: The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$400. Twenty-three members attended the Men's day breakfast. Tar was put on the roof to stop the leak. The 1993 Budget was approved. VBS was set for June 7-11. Commemorative cups were to be purchased for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. They discussed buying some new hymnals. One member dropped to the Methodist church.

March: They voted to buy new hymnals from the memorial fund. A list was to be made for new deacon nominations. There were four letters out.

April: The Trustees fixed the brakes on the bus and had a work day to clean the church before the anniversary celebration. The VBS workers have been selected and materials would be distributed soon. The associational church camp would be August 16-20. Thank you cards were sent to those contributing to the anniversary, April 3<sup>rd</sup> evening service of memories and April 4<sup>th</sup> 125<sup>th</sup> 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.

May: The buses were worked on and part of the storms removed. Charley Brown, Everett Rayl and Vernon Silvey were to be ordained as deacons at a later date, but could still assist with the Lord's Supper. The Selection Committee and Nominating Committee were appointed. There was one letter out.

June: the Brotherhood picked up twelve bags of trash from their section of highway. It was voted to accept the bid from A.C.I. Construction of Sedalia MO for \$32,997 for the new roof and \$538 for a 20 year extended life endorsement. On July 4<sup>th</sup> evening services were to be cancelled due to activities at the city park.

July: The WMU donated \$80 to the Baptist Home for the aged. A garage door opener and range hood was installed at the parsonage. The deacons were to be ordained on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The Nominating Committee brought a list of officers for the 93/94 church year: Treasurer was Carol Garrison; Financial Secretary was Bill Fields; WMU Director was Elizabeth Gunn; Brotherhood Director was Charley Brown; Clerk was Dottie Fields; Music Director was Jane Collins; Pianist was Helen Bolton; Discipleship Training Director was Roy Berkstresser; Sunday School Director was Bill Fields and there were also other positions filled. The messengers were elected for the association annual meeting. There were three letters out.

August: The bus was to be used to go to Hartsburg to help clean up after the flood. A Float Committee was elected. There was one letter out. A storage building was assembled behind the parsonage. 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. Total Receipts were \$76,570 and expenses were \$39,013. Total Mission expense was \$9,114. The Church celebrated the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

September: The State Missions offering goal was set at \$400. It was voted not to have an Apple Festival float this year. They voted to have a Thursday visitation program. There was one letter out.

October: the goal for State Missions was exceeded. The roof leaked again. It was voted to pay half of the balance to A.C.I. Construction of \$15,383. They voted to borrow money from the bank to do this. The Selection Committee brought names to fill some positions in the church.

November: The Lottie Moon goal was set at \$1,500. Seventy gift items were delivered to the association office for the Booneville Correctional Center. We will have a video on November 11<sup>th</sup> for the foreign mission study. WMU will deliver fruit and cookies to the shut-ins. 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. They also decided to put up a suggestion box and the church council would be in charge of getting the suggestions to the right parties.

December: The 1994 budget was approved with a total of \$63,511.97. Work was to be finished on the Library and assembly room of adults I and II, then assess the rest of the church for needs. There was two letters out.

## **1994**

January: A check as 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 11<sup>th</sup>. There was to be a Brotherhood breakfast on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Deacons recommended a spring revival on April 24-29 with Rev. Dave Bennett from the Missouri Baptist Convention Evangelism department as evangelist. This was voted in. There was discussion on giving funds to a missionary or a missionary work. Everett Rayl wanted to buy or use the Pulpit Commentary Books in the pastor's office. This suggestion was turned over to the Memorial Committee. The Building and Grounds Committee wanted permission to buy paint and small needed items.

February: No meeting due to bad weather.

March: Betty LaRue reported there were only two Sunday school services in February due to weather and even then attendance was low. It was voted at the Memorial Committee meeting to give Everett Rayl the Pulpit Commentaries. The Finance Committee recommended giving 10% of the roof fund balance of \$2,165 to a mission program. Voted and carried. Messengers were elected for the association bi-annual meeting. Wedding policy changes were instituted. The sanctuary flags were to be cleaned. The T.E.L. class volunteered to pay for that. There were three letters out.

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. Everett Rayl recinded the prior motion to donate 10% of the roof funds due to the way Mrs. Davis' will read. VBS was set for June 6-10. There was discussion about envelopes being available for those who wish to contribute to the Lamine Baptist Association building fund to help pay off the building. The Nominating Committee was appointed also three members to work on baptismal records. There was one letter out.

May: Forty hymnals were donated to Barnett Baptist Church.

June: They voted to remove all money from the designated accounts in the general fun to a reserve account. It was voted to get an estimate on a new vacuum cleaner.

July: An underground downspout was added to the church. The Versailles Chamber of Commerce used the disaster trailer on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Seven youth went to camp. The youth are to have a bible study presented by Helen Bolton on "True Love Waits."

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. Total Receipts was \$111,158 and expenses were \$62,591. Total Mission expense was \$9,872. Value of church property at this time was 4783,200. The Secretary was Mrs. Cheryl Bolton.

August: The Selection Committee filled positions on 16 committees and Church council and Youth council for the 94/95 church year. The Nominating Committee brought names of officers for the 94/95 church year: Sunday School Director was Bill Fields; WMU Director was Elizabeth Gunn; Brotherhood Director was Charley Brown; Clerk was Dottie Fields; Financial Secretary was Bill Fields; Treasurer was Carol Garrison; Assistant Music Director was Jane Collins; and Pianist was Helen Bolton.

September: The State Missions goal was set at \$450. Acteens 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. Time changes were made for Discipleship Training at six p.m. and Worship at seven p.m. There was a need for volunteers to work the trailer at the Apple Festival. There was one letter out.

October: The Lamine Baptist Association was to hold the Baptist Women's meeting here on October 18<sup>th</sup> with a covered dish luncheon. It was voted for Bill's Construction to build a new ramp and basketball court for \$4,521. The old carpet was to be removed from the back steps.

November: The Lottie Moon goal was set at \$1,500. The youth are to have a lock-in on November 18<sup>th</sup>. The Selection Committee brought names for positions and was accepted. It was voted to have 10:00 a.m. Worship on Christmas Day with all other services cancelled. Everett Rayl resigned as Deacon, he has accepted a pastorate at Montgomery Baptist Church. Toys for Tots will use the church on December 21<sup>st</sup> for toy distribution. They voted to purchase a new office copier for just under \$3,000. There were three letters out.

December: A table was purchased for the new copier. They voted in future that nothing was to be purchased without notifying the committee involved first. The budget for 1995 was accepted with a total of \$63,775.30.

## **1995**

January: The Lottie Moon goal was exceeded. The Baptist Men's Day Breakfast is to be January 22<sup>nd</sup> with Scott Willsey for entertainment.

February: The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$500. February 12<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>. They voted to have Spring revival on May 7-10 with Rev. Dan young as evangelist and Rev. Charles Kellam as song leader. There was one letter out.

March: It was voted to install two heaters and a door for the fellowship hall. They decided to get a bid for new sanctuary carpet. A letter of resignation was attached to the minutes effective March 27<sup>th</sup> from Rev. Fortner. He is moving to Durham MO to assume a pastorate there. Roy Berkstresser was appointed as moderator for when the pastor leaves. Some messengers were elected for the association meeting. An interim pastor search committee was selected.

March Special Meeting: It was voted not to install an elevator in the church.

April Special Meeting: A five member Pastor Search Committee was elected.

April: Reports were given and accepted. The VBS was scheduled for June 12-16 followed by a cook out. The Interim Pastor Committee reported that Rev. Frank Kellog agreed to come for April. Due to health reasons, Mary Berkstresser resigned as Building and Ground's Chairman and made a motion that Bill Fields finish out her term. Motion carried. Also people were elected to replace the vacancies left by Mrs. Fortner. Mike & Sheila Letchworth are to teach RA's and GA's Sunday at six p.m. with a budget of \$100. There were three letters out.

May: Two companies had been contacted to repair windows. The heaters were picked up for the fellowship hall. A bid was obtained to clean the parsonage carpet and it was voted to accept the bid. There was discussion from the Interim Pastor Committee on two preachers they had heard so far, the majority was interested in Pastor Kellog if available. The Selection Committee was appointed for 95/96. The three rooms the RA's and GA's use need to be painted. There was one letter out.

June: The parsonage carpet had been cleaned. The Nominating Committee was elected. They voted to pay camp fees for seven children/youth. 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 25<sup>th</sup>, and then there would be a special meeting called for after the service.

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. The basketball court is ready for concrete. The youth are to have a lock-in on July 14<sup>th</sup>. The Selection Committee and the Nominating Committee brought names of people to fill positions in the church and officers. WMU Director was Elizabeth Gunn; Sunday School Director was Bill Fields; Clerk Dottie Fields; Financial Secretary was Bill Fields; Treasurer was Carol Garrison; Assistant Music Director was Jane Collins; Pianist was Helen Bolton; and Discipleship Training Director was Helen Bolton. It was voted to give one copy of the constitution to each family. They voted to have a float in the Apple Festival and appoint a committee for this.

August: The Trustees reported that they had helped Rev. Forman and his family to get moved into the parsonage. They voted to buy a brick with the church name for \$25 to be placed in the Morgan County Historical Garden. The new budget was adopted for 95/96. The Finance Committee recommended that a ministry expense account be set up for Rev. Forman and this was voted on and carried. Rev. Forman requested that October 1<sup>st</sup> be set up as "Soul Winning Commitment Day" and "High Attendance Day." This was voted on and carried. They voted to repair the old van rather than buy a new one and the maintenance fund be used. Messengers were elected for the association meeting. Roy Berkstresser was re-elected as moderator. 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. Total receipts were \$61,621.97 and expenses were \$63,229.05. Total Mission Expense was \$10,660.51. The cooperative giving was \$5,316.42 and the association giving was \$2,126.57, state giving was \$532.45, Annie Armstrong was \$600.14 and Lottie Moon was \$1,845.75. The church secretary was Cheryl Bolton.

September: The major ramp work to be done in the Spring and just maintenance until then. It was voted to implement the Deacon Family Ministry Plan. 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. There was a need for

nursery workers for Wednesday and Sunday evenings. The children's play was discussed. There was to be a church wide clean up day on December 28<sup>th</sup>. They were to send the church secretary to the Windemere secretary's conference. The electric pole was replaced and a meter placed for the parsonage. All voted on and carried. There was one letter out.

October: The State Missions goal was exceeded. The Trustees worked on the float and the down spout on the parsonage. They voted on two ladies to work the evening services each month, but would need two more. Shelia Letchworth would not have time for the Christmas play. The Secretary was unable to attend the conference at Windemere due to her parent's health. The Cub Scouts are to meet at the church on a trial basis. There was a vote to change the church insurance to save money. It was voted to allow the Building and Grounds Committee throw out unwanted and unneeded items on the October 28<sup>th</sup> clean up day. The bid was accepted for ramp work of \$2,760 to be done before cold weather. They voted to let "Toys for Tots" use the church again this year for distribution. They voted to buy patches and vests for the RA's.

November: The Lottie Moon goal was set at \$1,500. The old ramp was removed and electrical work at the parsonage done. They voted for Rev. Forman to be away on New Year's Eve to sing with a quartet. They voted to design a missions statement people would recognize. The Children's play would be December 17<sup>th</sup>. There were two letters out.

December: A door was installed in the fellowship hall. Cheryl Bolton resigned as the Children's Sunday School Director. The church voted to send Rev. Forman to Atlanta GA for Promise Keepers for clergy. They hired a nursery worker for Sunday evening on a trial basis. The age limit for nursery is five years old. The church voted to have "Living Sacrifice," gospel group that pastor used to sing with come for a concert on January 14<sup>th</sup>. for a love offering. The 1996 budget was approved with a total of \$65,122.50.

## **1996**

January: We exceeded the Lottie Moon Goal. A new coat rack was installed in the fellowship hall and a fan fixes at the parsonage. It was reported that nursery worker was not showing up. The committee would check on it. Heating for some of the classrooms was discussed. On Baptist Men's Day January 21<sup>st</sup>, there is to be a church wide breakfast at 7:30 a.m. The bacon and sausage was donated by the Formans and Boltons. Cheryl Bolton was voted as VBS Director for 95/96 church year.

February: The Music, Memorial, and Building and Grounds Committees met to discuss a new PA system. They had received a bid from Danny Rhoades Music in Lebanon for a complete new system for \$3,229. The Bid was good for six months and included a five year guarantee on the amplifier and two years on service. The Memorial Committee will put \$2,000 towards it and they voted to start a PA Fund for the rest. The sign on the road needs paint. The pastor is doing logos to put on all the signs. The Personnel Committee brought some changes to secretarial and custodial job descriptions which were voted on and carried. A .25 cent an hour raise was to be given to the secretary as of February 1<sup>st</sup>. Badges and patches were to be purchased for the GA's.

March: 34 from the missions groups attended a video presentation on the Wyoming Mission trip by the DOM, Ron Melton. The furnace was worked on and running again. A Committee was established to work on and shorten the mission statement. There were four bids on the PA system discussed and Danny Rhoades bid was voted on. Messengers were elected for the association's Spring Bi-annual meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup>. VBS was set for

June 3-7. Another typewriter was purchased from Office Business Equipment. There was a discussion on getting rid of 5 pianos not being used. We have three that are being used. This was to be discussed at a later date.

April: About 50 people attended the Brotherhood breakfast Easter morning. There is a need for a new garbage disposal in the kitchen. 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. It was voted on and carried. Rev. Forman stated that we had collected \$1,514 for the PA system and it would be installed April 22-23. Rev. Forman will lead the music. A committee was formed to paint signs.

May: Paneling is being finished in an upstairs room. The furnace had a valve replaced. Storms were taken down. Three decisions were made during revival services. The Nominating committee brought names of some of the positions to be filled. The new Brotherhood Director is to be Rev. Forman. The Building & Grounds Committee was given permission to hire someone to work on our church. There was to be a promotion of giving to the maintenance fund as needed. The need was brought up for camp scholarships. It was voted to let Kim Forman paint the parsonage basement. They also voted to purchase a garbage disposal for the kitchen.

June: The Trustees reported that the windows had been sealed, steps had the stucco put on, garbage disposal installed and the sidewalk had been replaced where the old ramp had been. 79 attended VBS. It was voted to transfer \$341.63 from the interest to the camp scholarships. A committee was to be formed to distribute funds. It was voted to transfer \$2,000 from the insurance fund and change from 8% to 4%. There was one letter out.

July: The annual Lamine Baptist Association Baptist Women's meeting is to be held here at church on August 6<sup>th</sup> with a carry in noon meal. The Trustees reported the molding was put in above the heater in the nursery, and a timer switch installed on the attic fan in the parsonage, safety springs installed on the garage door, also the nursery has been painted and carpeted. Three youth and seven children will go to camp. It was voted to move the attendance boards to the foyer. The Nominating Committee presented names for positions and voted and approved them.

August: A new lock was put on the bathroom door and windows washed on the outside. The Nominating Committee brought names for positions on 14 committees and church council which were approved. Kim Forman and Stacy Embry were named Co-Chairmen of the Float Committee. There was one letter out. The Building & Grounds Committee is to replace the black slate on the outside of the windows. 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. Total receipts were \$72,190 and expenses were \$75,827. Total mission expense was \$11,261. The morning worship average attendance was 80 and the evening attendance was 20. The Secretary was Mrs. Zelma Kennard. The Organist was Kim Forman and the Pianist was Helen Bolton.

September: The State Mission goal was set at \$450. The banister was repaired in the basement and a light fixed at the foot of the stairs, the signs were still being worked on. The Building & Grounds Committee reported the bid for removing the slate and replacing covering was \$6,331. The messengers were elected for the association semi-annual meeting. The bid was accepted from Proctor on the tile and carpet for \$4,000. It was voted to start a building and maintenance fund. A TV was to be obtained for Children's Church by donation or purchase. Rev. Forman was elected as moderator for the 96/97 church year.

October: Funds were donated to the Lamine Association for Christmas packages to be distributed to the inmates at Boonville. The signs are painted and up. 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. A committee was named for a "Fall Festival" party for the children. It was voted not to replace the water fountain in the fellowship hall. The Kitchen Committee is to purchase a large piece of plastic to set highchairs on to protect the carpet. Rev. and Mrs. Forman were elected as messengers to the Missouri Baptist convention.

November: The Trustees repaired the furnace, putty was begun on the windows, painted halls and laid tile in the kitchen.

December: the nativity scene was set up and doors were to be purchased for the basement. They voted to accept the proposal of Rex Gunn for upholstering the pews and doing carpet. Three ladies were to pick the color. There was one letter out. The budget for 1997 was approved with a total of \$66,262.50.

## **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. It was voted to lay carpet to the front of the 2<sup>nd</sup> pew. There were four members dropped by request. The Valentine Banquet was set for February 15<sup>th</sup>. The youth are to help prepare the food and the cost will be \$6.00.

February: The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$600. The Trustees reported a tremendous amount of work had been completed. It was voted to purchase fabric protection for the pews. The Building & Grounds Committee was to sell or dispose of the old pew cushions. There was one letter out.

March: Baseboards in the sanctuary were painted. The final payment was made on the carpet. Food was purchased to make Easter Baskets. Messengers were elected for the association's annual meeting.

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. The eggs were donated and the men's fellowship paid for the rest. The West basement door was installed. It was voted to purchase a computer for \$950. The "Need a Friend" sign on the corner is to be replaced.

May: Some bathroom repairs were done. The men finished a mission project at Lakeview Church. The computer was purchased. The "Need a Friend" sign was torn down. Zelma Kennard, the church secretary quit giving two week's notice. It was voted to start Sunday school at 9:45 and Worship at 10:45 to begin on June 1<sup>st</sup>. There were three letters out.

June: It was voted to pay the remaining amount on the youth basketball. A window was replaced. The Choir was cancelled until September. They voted to sell the Dodge van, and also to replace the upholstery on the Ford van. They voted to combine the Selection and Nominating committee into one the pastor and five men serving one year. They voted to check on prices to repair the front entry.

July: Between June and July there was a change in Treasurers to Theda Ryther. It was voted to pay for the computer out of miscellaneous funds and also voted to look into a chair lift being sold by the Methodist Church.

The Nominating Committee presented new officers and committee members which were voted and approved. Messengers were elected to the association.

August: The Lamine Association DOM will speak on mission night in September. A drain was repaired in the parsonage and the chair lift was checked out at the Methodist Church. The van was to be taken to a Tipton dealer to determine trade in value for a different one as it needs so many repairs. The Float Committee was elected. September 7<sup>th</sup> is to be our annual Sun in the Park, we are to provide cookies. September 13<sup>th</sup> the "Master's Touch," "Prather Sisters" and "Gary Fagen" will be performing at our Fall Gospel Sing. 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. Total receipts were \$73,415. Total Mission expense was \$11,795. The church secretary was Julia Blankenship.

August Special Meeting: It was voted not to purchase the van for \$5,800.

September: A multi-breaker was repaired in one of the classrooms and a sign for the corner was started. A report on the float was given and its theme was to be, "Bushels of Blessings," the fruits of the spirit. It was voted to transfer \$400 from the general fund to the van fund. Also funds left over after the insurance was paid would go into the van fund. They voted to discontinue the children's church, the Experiencing God class, the revival fund, fire fund, and the wedding fund and put those balances in the van fund. Carlos Ryther resigned from the Bus Committee and the Building & Grounds Committee for this year and next year.

October: The State Missions goal was exceeded. The door and steps at the parsonage was repaired. The choir began to meet again and had a chili and soup supper in September and a Christmas Cantata was selected. The Lamine Association is celebrating 125 years and a cup and history book are available to purchase. It was voted to start a Continuing Education Fund for Rev. Forman to help him with his doctorate program.

November: The Lottie Moon goal was set at \$1,600. It was voted to accept money given to advertising on radio on Sunday mornings. It was also voted to combine Sunday school literature and Discipleship Training literature together under Church literature. They voted to change the RA's and GA's funds to Mission Friends Fund. They voted to have an aerobics class in church after January 1<sup>st</sup>. A committee was formed to revise the Constitution and By-laws. It was voted to pay for heaters and supplies for the Post Office. A Search Committee was formed to find a Youth Minister.

December: The kids are working on a Christmas program. The balance on December 31 in checking was \$12932.93 and in the reserve fund the balance was \$6688.96 which made the total cash on hand \$19,793.13.

## **1998**

January: The Lottie Moon goal was exceeded. The Brotherhood attended a mission video with the WMU and there was painting done and shelved made. The choir had a Christmas Cantata in December and will be having a choir social on January 24<sup>th</sup> at Carlos and Theda Ryther. The Constitution Committee was meeting regularly to revise the Constitution. The Youth Minister Search Committee has been working on a job description and

collaborating with the Finance and Personnel Committees as to salary range. 50 new hymnals were to be purchased. The Deacons made a motion to license Jeff Glandon to the Gospel Ministry. Vote carried.

February: The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$500. The Valentine's Banquet would be February 21<sup>st</sup> and it is a catered dinner with cost to be \$5.00 per person. The Constitution Committee reported that they were almost finished. The Building & Grounds Committee was to meet in a week and set some goals for work to be done. One member was elected to the Building and Grounds Committee and one to the Bus Committee. It was voted to take \$20 a week from the General Fund and put into the Benevolence Fund. It was also voted to send the Nutrition Site \$130 now and \$10 a week starting in April.

March: The choir was working on an Easter Cantata. The Constitution Committee brought a revised copy of the constitution and passed them out to vote on later. The Building & Grounds Committee made a motion for a five year plan which included heat, air conditioning, elevator and electricity for the church. Vote carried and it was voted for them to have the ability to spend up to \$500 without church approval. They voted to have Clifford and Glenda Wilbourn as treasurers as Theda Ryther had resigned due to health reasons. They also voted for some new teachers in several of the classes. Jeff Glandon resigned as Brotherhood Director.

April: The Annie Armstrong goal was exceeded. Mission Kids were still meeting on Sunday evenings. The roof was patched on the parsonage and a stained glass window in the library was fixed. The choir is still working on the Easter Cantata. It was voted to purchase supplies for the Easter Breakfast. A couple of deletions were made to the Constitution, then tabled it for vote until the next meeting. They voted to purchase a 1995 Dodge Van for \$15,980 with a \$10,000 loan at 8% from the bank. Payments would be \$300 per month. Five lettered out.

May: The choir was on break after the Easter cantata. The motion to delete the Financial Committee on the constitution was rescinded. And the revised Constitution was accepted. There was a motion made to obtain an auditor to audit the finances. This voted and carried. There were bids expected to come in on the electricity and on the air conditioning. They received a bid on the floor coverings for the parsonage of \$1,750 and it was moved to put new carpet in all the rooms upstairs in the parsonage. This carried. Terri Merriott was elected as treasurer. They were to have an independent committee to review the Financial Committee. The Nominating Committee was to appoint three members to do that. The motion was made to audit the finances, it carried.

June: The Brotherhood was to check into painting a house for one of the members. The Trustees had taken all the storm windows down. A man had come to check the windows and get them sealed and they were still waiting on a bid for electrical. Three members were elected to serve on the nominating committee, also three named to serve on the Committee of Committees.

July: The WMU reported that instead of the Branum Mission group meeting, the a group went to Sedalia, ate at Ryan's and toured the Bothwell Lodge, then stopped to visit with Ensmingers on the way home. Everyone enjoyed the day. 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 and it was announced that there would be an adult VBS this year. The new officers and committee persons were presented for the 98/99 year. Assistant treasurer was Lois Riggs. Brotherhood Director was Jim Lucas. Nursery Coordinator was Wanda Ferguson. The "Building for Tomorrow" program was voted on and carried. Messengers were elected for the associational meeting.

July Special Meeting: 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. Total receipts were \$98,277 and the total mission expense was \$13,988. The officers were: Organist, Beulah Housworth; Pianist, Helen Bolton; Sunday School Director, Clifton Wilburn; Discipleship Training Director, Marcia Herx; WMU Director, Elizabeth Gunn; Deacon Chairman, Roy Berkstresser; Treasurer, Terri Merriott; Stewardship Chairman, Bill Fields; Evangelism Director, Rev. Todd Forman; Mission Director, Rev. Todd Forman; Clerk, Dottie Fields; there were two executive board members and five messengers to the association. One minister was licensed during the year: Jeff Glandon.

August: The State Missions offering goal was set at \$450. It was reported that the pictorial directories were here. It was reported that the "Building for Tomorrow" Committee were in training. The Committee on Committees presented new committee members. The church was to have a Billy Graham film called, "The Ride" in the theater in November. It was voted to donate a piano to the theatre in exchange for two free night's rental of the theater. Sunday school officers and teachers were presented voted and carried. Viola Simmons was to chair the Float Committee. It was voted to build a carport for the new van from the proceeds of the sale of the old one.

September: An air conditioner was installed in the secretary's office and lights were installed outside. The BFT Committee reported on what they were doing so far. Rev. Forman said the theater was not available in November so it would be postponed until January. The Building & Grounds Committee reported that the bid had come in for the electric and it was voted to let the start on the first phase for \$7,000. It was also voted to let Dale Brown make a storm window for the sanctuary. The church secretary was to be sent to a secretary's conference at Windemere. They voted to sponsor the "Lesters" on November 19<sup>th</sup> as a church project. The Committee on Committee's brought names for some teachers and committee members.

September Special Meeting: Three men were selected to serve as deacons. They will be voted on at a later date during a regular business meeting.

October: The State Mission's offering goal was exceeded. 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. BFT progress was reported as good. It was asked about the selling of the old chairs, but this had not been decided on yet. The purchase of a new piano for the sanctuary had been postponed until 1999 so as not to interfere with the BFT Program. Charles Campbell was accepted as a deacon and ordination services would be in January of 1999. Ed Beckman was accepted as a deacon effective November 10<sup>th</sup>. A new co-ed class was started for age group starting at 60 with Vernon Frank as teacher. Beulah Houseworth was voted in as assistant Sunday School Director as well as Outreach leader. Building & Grounds Committee are to contact Dale Brown about the sanctuary windows. Rev. and Mrs. Todd Forman was elected as messengers for the state convention and for associational leadership training in Eldon October 15<sup>th</sup>.

November: The Lottie Moon offering goal was set at \$1,700. The Trustees fixed a heating pipe and put up storm windows. The choir had started practicing for the Christmas program. Two members lettered out.

December: The Trustees finished putting the storm windows back up. The choir was still working on the Christmas program. A man was coming next week to look at the windows to see what can be fixed. Rev. and Mrs. Forman were to attend the "Reclaiming America for Christ: conference on February 26-28 in Fort Lauderdale Florida. The electrician had started repairing the wiring in the secretary's office that caused a small fire. Changes were voted in for an increase in the pastor's salary, medical and insurance. The Secretary's hours were increased

from 12 to 16 and her wages were raised from \$6 to \$7.50 hourly. The motion was made to accept the new budget for 1999 for a total of \$78,952.28

## **1999**

January: The WMU participated in the International (Lottie Moon) Prayer service on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The sink was fixed at the parsonage and putty was put on the Gleaner class windows. It was reported that the men's bathroom had a rotten board in the floor that needed to be repaired. 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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Sing at the end of the month.

February: The Trustees worked on the church office and also on the men's restroom downstairs. A Family Retreat at Windemere was voted in for a cost of \$195. Building & Grounds Committee reported an estimate on storm windows of \$7,000. This was voted on and carried. Estimates were to be gotten for the carport and reported back at the next meeting. There was a work day set for March 13<sup>th</sup>. It was voted on to complete the dirt work around the foundation and finish graveling the parking lot.

March: Different projects were being painted. The choir was working on an Easter program. Several projects had been completed by the Building & Grounds Committee and they brought bids for a carport for the bus. The bid received for a wood building, 20 x 24 x 9 for "\$2,500 was voted on and carried. The church voted to participate in the "Jesus Video Project" at a cost of \$585. It was voted to have an ordination service on April 11<sup>th</sup> for Chuck Campbell. It was voted to put up a new metal sign on Highway 52 East and it was to be turned over to the Public Relations committee. Carlos brought up a project for the Brotherhood which was to help build a ramp for Pilot Grove Church.

April: Annie Armstrong Prayer service was held on March 4<sup>th</sup> with several women attending. The Brotherhood Committee reported a good Easter Breakfast, and that 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 24<sup>th</sup>. The Building & Grounds had looked into getting hot water into the bathrooms and some work on the parsonage. The Public Relations Committee designed a sign to take to Sedalia later. Building & Grounds Committee reported on the bids, one for \$27,287 and one for \$16,000. They accepted the lower bid. Bank accounts were changed to another bank to get a better interest rate. Radio advertisement was voted in. The birthday/anniversary offering was re-instituted. The youth were to buy furniture for their new room. A committee was formed to look for a new Youth Minister. It was suggested to discontinue the Wednesday dinners and have a program for the youth instead, but this was tabled until the May meeting.

May: The Trustees reported that they painted for two days, finished the ceiling and installed the light fixtures in the new youth classroom. Building & Grounds Committee called a workday for every Tuesday evening in May. The discussion on discontinuing the Wednesday night dinners was tabled as the pastor was not at the meeting. The church voted to join the Providence Community softball league for a fee of \$175. It was voted to put a notice in the bulletin for sponsors for the \$45 camp fee, with the church to pick up what wasn't sponsored and a special offering later to reimburse the church for it. The Building & Grounds Committee wanted permission to put a notice in the bulletin that we would vote on an elevator at the June meeting. The bid for a cable driven one is \$18,500 for elevator alone. Voted and carried. The Nominating Committee was appointed for 1999.

June: The choir took a break until July. It was voted to purchase carpet for the basement Sunday school classroom and also to purchase the elevator. A new Committee on Committees was elected. The church voted 13 to 3 to call Brandon Shanks as Youth/Music leader. The Nominating Committee brought names of some of the officers for the new church year: SS Director, Clifton Welbourn; Assistant SS Director/Outreach Leader, Beulah Housworth; WOM Director, Elizabeth Gunn; Brotherhood Director, Bill Fields, these were voted in.

July: The Trustees reported work being done on the air conditioning ductwork. Several persons cleaned up and removed old stuff from the rooms. The carpeting will be done in the new basement classrooms soon. The church voted that the Wednesday night fellowship dinners will be discontinued. Rev. Forman was re-elected as moderator. The Nominating committee brought names of Sunday school teachers and officers for 99/00 year. They were voted in. Kim Forman was voted in as interim custodian at \$75 a week beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> till September 1<sup>st</sup>. One member lettered out.

August: The Trustees reported having done some clean up around the church. There was one member lettered out. Building & Grounds Committee reported that all the air conditioning was in place and carpet was ordered for the youth room and steps in front of the bathroom downstairs. The elevator had been ordered and is expected by January. We also need to make doorways wider for wheelchairs. It was voted to accept Clark's bid of \$3,150 to paint outside of the church. Officers and Committee members were voted in. It was voted to send the Church secretary to the Secretary's Conference at Windemere at a cost of \$55. They voted to buy bibles for the children's classes. It was voted to have a union service of all Baptist Churches at the high school in October with the "Melody Boys" presenting the program for a love offering. It was voted to let our members buy the old air conditioning units with the Building & Grounds Committee setting the price. The ACP was read and approved. 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. Total Receipts was \$160,885 and total mission expense was \$14,540. There were five messengers and two executive members appointed to the association board. The officers were: Church Secretary, Julia Blankenship; Organist, Beulah Housworth and Millie Dump; Pianist, Helen Bolton; Sunday School Director, Clifton Wilburn; Discipleship Training Director, Kim Forman; Brotherhood Director, Bill Fields; WMU Director, Elizabeth Gunn; Deacon Chairman, Ed Beckman; Treasurer, Leonard Campbell; Stewardship Chairman, Bill Fields; Evangelism Chairman, Rev. Todd Forman; Missions Director, Rev. Todd Forman; Clerk, Dottie Fields.

September: The State Missions goal was set at \$600. Trustees reported that the holes left from installing air conditioning were now filled in and ready for paint. Building & Grounds Committee reported two air conditioners were give to church members. One or more of the water coolers will be offered to the Ivy Bend Baptist Church. The carpeting in the youth classroom will be installed on Saturday. The exterior painting is in progress. Work had been completed on the parsonage on trim, shutters and a front door. The Personnel Committee hired Marla Finnegan as the custodian on a three month trial basis, her work to be reviewed in November. The Public Relations Committee reported that the signs have been ordered and radio spots are being played on KS95 three times a week. Several officers and committee members were elected. A shower was to be held for Ciera Riggs. A piano was to be purchased for \$8,540 with trade in of four old upright pianos and the sanctuary piano. It was to be paid for from the general fund and there was to be a piano fund started to help reimburse the general fund for it. There would be a special business meeting called to vote on the piano purchase.

October: The choir is ready to start on a Christmas cantata. Carpet has been installed in the youth room and stairs. A garage door was installed and a sink at the parsonage. The church voted to rent a large game in combination with the other churches for after the ball game in October. Messengers were elected for the Missouri Baptist convention. There was one letter in.

November: Building & Grounds Committee reported that the thermostats have been installed but need some adjustment. The party at the school was a big success. The Lottie Moon goal was set at \$1,700. Two members were elected to the Finance Committee and two removed. The church voted to accept Bill Messerly's bid of approximately \$11,000 to put in an elevator shaft. Seven letters in.

December: Trustees reported fixing a light in the Gleaners classroom. The Christmas program would be on the 19<sup>th</sup> in the morning service. B&G Committee discussed buying some more tables and chairs. They also have a bid on widening the doors to be handicap accessible; this was voted on and passed. The Christmas dinner was changed to the 13<sup>th</sup>. The budget was presented and approved for 2000 with changes discussed and some account transfers. The budget total was \$99,826.74. They voted to borrow \$3000 from the reserve account to make the bathroom wheelchair accessible and a new room upstairs for the 4-5 year olds. The brotherhood sacked candy for the Christmas treats.

## **2000**

January: B&G Committee reported that the work was coming along well and the doorways have been widened. It was voted to transfer \$750 from the general account to the Reserve radio ministry. They voted to use the general fund to pay the balance on the elevator until the balance could be paid back in full. It was voted to pay for the rental of the Middle school gym for the "Lesters" and "Forman Brothers" on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

February: The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$600. The Trustees installed light bulbs upstairs and a new switch plate and worked on the parsonage door. The choir was beginning to look for Easter music. Brandon Shanks had resigned as Youth Minister so a motion was made to have Kevin Kohler serve as interim till school is out. Viola Simmons was elected as VBS Director. Mae Welpman resigned as 4-5 year old teacher. They voted to have a Shower Committee.

March: The WMU and Brotherhood attended a Missions video in February, and 17 played bingo at the nursing home. The Trustees installed light bulbs in the sanctuary and installed a new light fixture in one of the classrooms. It was voted to contribute \$400 to the Lake Area Crusade with the funds to come from the general account and also voted to contribute a donation to M.O.P.S. of \$100 and \$100 to the Lamine association for the pavilion being built. It was voted that Stacey Embry be VBS Director and Viola be the assistant. The shower committee was set up.

April: The Trustees had disconnected the old furnace and two new water heaters had been installed. The choir was ready for the Easter program. The Deacons are to make a list of qualified deacons to serve in the church. It was voted to purchase 105 tickets to the Crossover Festival at \$10 each from the youth fund. A stove was to be

replaced in the Kitchen. This was referred to the Kitchen Committee to handle. A new Nominating Committee was elected.

May: The bathrooms now have hot water. The Kitchen Committee had picked out two stoves. The Christian School wanted the old stove and would help move it. They voted to pay \$175 per person for those going on the Wyoming Mission trip from the youth fund. It was voted to make our church available to the Department of Family Services for their Starz Training for adoption and foster parenting. The Nominating Committee named some of the new officers for the upcoming year. They voted to purchase 4 dining room tables and 36 chairs and a Sam's Club membership for \$1,200. Three members were elected as the Committee on Committees.

May Special Meeting: The church voted to hire Kevin Kohler as Youth Minister. The vote was 73-1 and he was to have a salary of \$175 per week.

June: The Trustees had replaced some light bulbs. The Youth attended Crossover and went swimming. The kitchen stoves were installed. It was voted to pay \$200 to Bethel softball. The B&G Committee made a motion to accept the bid from Clark Painting for \$3,500 to paint the first floor ceiling and walls. The Motion carried. Two of the three SS rooms upstairs had ceiling fans installed. They are now looking for carpet bids for the elevator. They voted to give the custodian a \$100 bonus due to VBS. Concrete work was to be done in the area out front just past the driveway. It was voted to give the old stove to Julia Blankenship. They voted to set aside \$500 for Real Estate in the name of Todd Forman.

July: The youth were meeting almost every Sunday after church. The church got a good deal on carpet for the 4-5 year old classroom at \$6 per yard. Flags are to be cleaned. The sign for N. highway five is ready to put up. The paving was incorrectly priced so will not be done. It was voted to purchase \$250 worth of tickets for the Gospel Night at the fair. On August 27<sup>th</sup> a guest pianist will come and play for the morning service and have an evening concert. They voted to pay him \$400 through a love offering. It was voted to purchase 2 tables and 12 chairs for the 20's class. A handrail was to be put up for the West entrance steps. This was referred to the B&G Committee to handle. The garbage disposal needs work.

August: The youth purchased 8 puppets and put on a skit Sunday evening. The church now has a Sam's club card, and will get chairs as soon as possible. They voted to turn the parsonage into a youth center. The Committee on Committees brought names for people on committees and officers. Also the new teachers and officers were voted on. The B&G Committee were asked to purchase chairs for the T.E.L. class.

It was voted to give the association \$350 for registration fee for "Missouri Celebration." Voted to send the secretary to the Church Secretary's Conference and pay ½ the fees. Messengers were elected to the association. 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. Total Receipts were \$266,929 and total Mission expense was \$18,456. The church property value was up to \$801,200. The officers were: Youth Minister, Kevin Kohler; Church Secretary, Julia Blankenship, Organist, Millie Dump and Beulah Housworth; Pianist, Helen Bolton; Sunday School Director, Clifton Wilbourn; Discipleship Training Director, Terri Merriott; Brotherhood Director, Clay Randall; WMU Director, Helen Bolton;

Deacon Chairman, Ed Beckman; Treasurer, Leonard Campbell; Stewardship Chairman, Bill Fields; Evangelism Director, Rev. Todd Forman; Missions Director, Rev. Todd Forman; Clerk, Diana Stout; there were 12 messengers and 2 executive members to the association.

September: The North door in the sanctuary had been fixed to prevent it from dragging on the carpet. The choir is beginning to practice some new Southern Gospel. They will begin the Christmas program this month. The Youth House is in progress and they will hold SS there on Sunday morning. The B&G Committee are to look for chairs as Sam's Club did not have them. The carpet in the church is to be cleaned on Tuesday. The elevator is working correctly now. A power outage had knocked out the computer and it had to be reset. One individual donated some money for the stoves so it will only cost for the wiring. The sign is ready to go up on N highway five, and several volunteered to help do that. They voted to use the Youth House during the Apple Festival for a baby-changing station. State Mission offering goal was set at \$650. Thursday – Sunday will have a missionary speaker. Six members of our church attended the Lamine Association meeting.

October: There was discussion on the radio ministry fund having a negative balance due to timing of sponsors payments. The children's ministry cost has increased due to increase in children. The choir is practicing the Christmas music. The youth are doing an in-depth bible study. B&G reported that a handyman has been hired and he has replaced several light fixtures, replaced the garbage disposal and hung bulletin in classrooms and hallways. There was a request for better lighting in the T.E.L. Classroom. Messengers were elected to the Missouri Baptist Convention. Volunteers distributed many cups of coffee at the Apple Festival. Mission giving was discussed and the church's involvement in missions. October 22<sup>nd</sup> is set as high attendance Sunday.

November: The Lottie Moon offering goal was set at \$1,750. The Brotherhood enjoyed a Mission video presentation and 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 17<sup>th</sup> in the morning service. They discussed the carpeting in the Youth House and in the T.E.L. classroom. The fall Festival hay ride and wiener roast was a success with about 75 people. The "Tables for Eight" groups have been meeting. The church voted on a college fund for pass through account which would be matched by the Missouri Baptist Colleges for helping parents sent children to college. There was discussion on the fact that someone wants to purchase one of the unused children's chairs, also that we need two more road signs in other locations. It was voted to provide \$200 towards one of the girls, from Southwest Baptist University's mission trip. They would take up a love offering for this. There was discussion on the responsible person to empty the baptistery in a timely manner, also security problems because of doors left unlocked. The outside elevator door is left open sometimes, and lights are being left on when building is not in use. B&G will have locks rekeyed so one key opens all doors..

December: The youth had a Christmas party on the 17<sup>th</sup> and a lock-in is planned for the 29<sup>th</sup>. The youth wrapped gifts for the family the church adopted for Christmas. The tables for the fellowship hall have arrived. The cost for the chairs which have been found will be \$2,476 for 80 chairs. The snow removal was not done properly, ramps and steps were not cleared well, and with the addition of the Youth House the charge would be higher. Wild game supper will be held on December 31<sup>st</sup> as part of the watch night party. The children's chairs are not to be sold due to need of them in the future. Re-lettering of the signs is being checked in to. The 2001 budget was approved with a total of \$117,545.30. Funds are to be moved from the insurance reserve to general fund to cover the increase in pastor's insurance. An active mission program of planned giving is being considered for the church, rather than seasonal emphasis only. The BFT program giving has decreased and needs to be promoted again and it was suggested that the B&G Committee make these needs known to the congregation so giving will

resume. The friendliness of the church members and greeting visitors was discussed with emphasis on everyone should be involved in that ministry.

## **2001**

January: It was noted on the treasurer's report that expenses were more than the income, and this was attributed to the decrease in attendance due to the extremely cold weather, which resulted in a decrease in offerings. The B&G Committee reported that the locks will be re-keyed soon and that 10 keys will be issued. There are a few items that need to be removed from the Youth House garage and will be moved this week so the van can be parked there. It was brought up that the ceiling fans need repair so they will run quietly and this was turned over to the B&G Committee. The timer for the lights outside is not working properly, though the electrician was here they do not know if he worked on that and will check tonight to see if the timer has been repaired. There was a report that the Gleaners classroom was very cold and the ladies uncomfortable. It was to be checked to see if they would like to move elsewhere. There were two areas of mission work brought up: There was a request for workers for the Habitat for Humanity house with the framing and Rev. Forman is trying to organize a group of volunteers to work in the disaster trailer to bring food and drinks to the firemen when called to a fire.

February: The WMU reported that next Sunday would be the Focus on Missions program during morning worship. There will be a dinner on March 7<sup>th</sup> for the entire church to emphasize missions, and all food will be provided. The church van was now paid off and the timer for the lights has now been repaired. The locks have been changed and 25 keys issued which work in all locks. The spring revival was to be held April 29-May 2 and led by Duane and Lisa Duchesne. The revised budget for 2001 was approved with one error in addition corrected. It was voted to purchase 100 pew bibles in black. The Brotherhood was to look into where to store the bibles yet still have room for hymnals and report back at the next meeting. A water leak in the kitchen was to found on the hot water line, and turned over to the B&G Committee to repair. Bids had been received on carpeting for the second floor classrooms and hallways but the committee has not discussed them yet. There was discussion on a possible new baptistery due to difficulty maintaining the water temperature in the existing one. It was reported the Habitat for Humanity house is going well and would have an "insulation" party on Saturday and would need help. The RA's and GA's were collecting cans to make money for missions. The goal for Annie Armstrong offering was set at \$600.

March: Thirty five people attended the Focus on Missions dinner and forty people attended the slide presentation given by Sarah Sanders on the mission trip to India. The Annie Armstrong goal was exceeded. The choir was preparing for Easter services. Pat Cable resigned from the B&G Committee as chairman. Donations for the bibles to be purchased were to go into the general fund and promotion of this to be placed in the bulletin. The RA's were building race-cars for a contest in Sedalia. Some of the members donated food items for the Easter Breakfast and it was mentioned that cooks will be needed and this was to be advertised in the bulletin. Letters were sent to the messengers reminding them of the Bi-annual association meeting. Some would not be able to attend and volunteers were requested to fill the positions. VBS was to be held on July 10-15 in the evening. A bid was received from Bill Messerli for installing a new baptistery and the cost of a new baptistery and installation was \$5,309 and would be presented to the church for vote. The repainting of the highway signs was brought up. There was one letter out.

April: The choir had been practicing for the Easter Sunday presentation and Rev. Forman was to lead it. B&G Committee reported that a carport was available for the van for \$795. The bibles arrived but were the soft cover ones so were returned for hard covered ones at a savings of \$165. The vote for the baptistery will be held in the May meeting. The Public Relations Committee was instructed to get bids for two metal 8' x 4' signs to replace the wooden signs on highway 5 and W. It was brought up that the front steps need to be swept on Sunday mornings. There was difficulty in keeping the floor clean in the restroom by the sanctuary. A new Nominating Committee was elected. Some of the unused budget funds in the reserve accounts are no longer needed and will be referred to the Finance Committee to revise. Habitat for Humanity house dedication services will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

May: The bibles for the sanctuary have arrived. The Nominating Committee brought names of several officers for vote: Sunday School Director, Sue Kohler; Discipleship Training Director, Bob Winters; WOM Director, Helen Bolton; and Brotherhood Director, Clay Randall. These were vote in. It was decided to check into a local company to make new signs, and Diane Webb would repaint the existing signs to make them more visible. There was no bid on for the work on that at this time. The church authorized the purchase and installation of a new baptistery and agreed that BFT funds should be used to pay for it. The church was to pay \$150 each for six youths to travel to Detroit for a summer mission project. A new Committee on Committees needs to be elected when Rev. Forman returns. The church was to pay \$200 for registration in the Bethel Softball league.

June: A busload of the youth attended the Crossover Concert. On the 16<sup>th</sup> thirty youth went to Six Flags amusement park. A retreat is planned at Windemere during August and will feature a Student Revival and then the youth will share their experiences in the Sunday service. There were 84 children enrolled in VBS. Their names will be given to the age appropriate Sunday school teachers for follow up. The Deacons recommended that the church allow Spencer Hudson, a representative from the MO Baptist Convention look at our building site in view of making suggestions for expansion. He would then meet with the B&G Committee to make suggestions. This was voted on and carried. Otis Smith resigned as chairman of the Finance Committee as he has moved. Theda Ryther is next in line to become chairman. The new highway signs are completed and ready to be erected, and the cost was \$275 each. The Baptistery will be delivered on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The Construction for replacement will begin in July. The sites where the signs will be erected need to be cleaned off, which will involve trimming a tree and cutting out brush. Several men volunteered. There was a float committee set up for the Apple Festival float and the theme this year was "Survivor." A swim party will be held July 15<sup>th</sup> and the Municipal pool after evening service. Earlier in the day there was to be a "Balloon Ascent" promise, a carry in dinner and a softball game.

July: There would be a fifth Sunday sing at the end of the month. The Deacons recommended that the church pay tuition for two recently married couples to attend the Fall Festival of Marriage at Tan-Tar-A for \$90 per couple. It was voted on and carried. One new sign has been put up on W highway. The other will be put up on highway five and permits will be applied for. Everett Rayl was accepted as an active deacon. There was no pilot available for the Balloon Ascent so it will be set up later. Changes were voted for the 2001 budget and approved. It was also voted due to the rate decrease in the pastor's insurance that \$960 be transferred to the ministry expenses and \$2,133.02 be transferred to the Pastor's Medical Expense Reimbursement account.

August: Twenty one youth attended the retreat at Windemere. The B&G Committee reported that the baptistery is completely installed, the air conditioning system has been repaired and the roof has been resealed to stop a leak in the Northwest corner of the basement. Spencer Hudson from the MBC met with the committee to advise them on expansion possibilities. A bid was received for carpet installation in the classrooms and halls on the second floor and classrooms in the basement. The bid for carpeting was \$1,789 and installation was \$1,194.64



but could be less because the changing room and bathrooms will not be included and may have been in the estimate. It was voted and passed up to \$3,000. Messengers to the association were elected. The Committee on Committees distributed a list of committee members, these were approved. The Nominating Committee read recommendations for the teachers and officers for the Sunday school and was approved. There was discussion on the sign permits and whether churches had to have one, the secretary is to check. The goal was set for State Missions at \$700. A committee was set up for revision of the wedding policies. The ACP was read and approved. 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. Total receipts were \$253,400 and mission expense was \$16,179. The officers were: Deacon Chairman, Ed Beckman; Treasurer, Leonard Campbell; Stewardship Chairman, Bill Fields; Clerk, Diana Stout; Organist, Millie Dump and Kim Forman; Pianist, Helen Bolton; Sunday School Director, Sue Kohler; VBS Director, Terri Merriott; Discipleship Director, Robert Winters; Brotherhood Director, Clay Randall; WMU Director, Helen Bolton; Church Secretary, Julia Blankenship; Youth Minister, Kevin Kohler; there were 7 messengers and 2 executive board members to the association.

September: The Trustees had worked on the lights in the auditorium. The carpets had been installed on the second floor. The secretary stated that the sign permits must be notarized and that there was no charge for them. Rev. Forman was to get them notarized. It was voted that we replace the sign at the corner of the parking lot with a new metal sign. The church voted to send the church secretary to a workshop at Windemere. They voted to donate \$100 to the Apple Festival to help sponsor the Gospel Stage.

October: The State Mission goal was exceeded. The association was to have a "Multi-housing" meeting at First Baptist Church, with a guest speaker and a meal to be catered at \$4.00 a plate. The WMU/Brotherhood had a Mission Video called "Join the Team" on the 19<sup>th</sup>. The Trustees repaired a furnace at the Youth House, and found that the hot water needed to be checked as it is leaking. The choir has begun on the Christmas Music and requested more volunteers to be part of the Cantata. The sign permits are now in order. Nothing has been done to the sign on the corner yet. The Public Relations Committee needs to be advised that the church voted to replace the sign on both sides so they can be ordered. The Deacons prepared a list for bulletin inserts for a deacon election to be voted on later. It was voted to purchase a cell phone for the pastor and pay the monthly bill. The Sonshine class needed 3 tables due to growth.

November: It was noted that the children's ministry and youth ministry budgets were both over spent last month due to the increasing attendance. The Lottie Moon goal was set at \$1,500. The WOM delivered fruit plates to shut-ins. The choir is practicing for the Christmas program. The B&G Committee reported that the tables have been purchased and delivered. They voted to purchase new drapes for the baptistery custom made from Clark's Fabrics for \$775. This was to be paid from the BFT funds. These are to be finished in about four weeks. The Deacons recommended that in light of the MBC vote to place \$2.1 million in escrow, that we place all Cooperative Missions gifts into the Reserve account until proper allocation can be considered. This was voted and carried. The Public Relations Committee was notified about the sign on the corner of the parking lot and will take action. The Wedding Policy Committee is collecting policies from other churches before taking action. Everett and Angie Rayl are resigning all offices and responsibilities effective November 30<sup>th</sup> as he is accepting a pastorate at First Baptist Church of Barnett MO. It was noted that our sound system needed to be checked. This was turned over to the music committee for possible solutions. The B&G Committee had a list of needs for repair: A broken window in the Northeast corner of the basement; bulbs burned out behind the baptistry; Youth

House needs inspected, especially the basement; a light fixture without a cover; and the vacuum cleaners have broken handles and are not working properly. Three members lettered out.

December: It was reported that no changes had been made as to the MBC and the allocation of funds until January 1<sup>st</sup> 2002, and the church will make its decision on what to do with cooperative funds then. The choir and children's groups will present the Christmas program on the evening of December 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be refreshments afterwards. The B&G Committee prepared a proposed budget and submitted it to the Budget Committee. They also submitted a prioritized list of proposed activities for 2002. The Committee on Committees brought two names forward for replacement in the positions Jim Lucas resigned from. These were voted in. The Music Committee recommended that a good quality CD player be purchased that will be compatible with the current system as a solution to the sound system problems. The 2002 budget was approved. It was agreed to hire a maintenance person for 10 hours a week for routine repairs. The Kitchen budget was increased to \$650. It was voted to remove the insurance line item in the Reserve account which was no longer needed and moved to the regular account. There was discussion on expenditures and the need for the secretary to what account to apply them to, and that it should be noted on the receipts.

## **2002**

January: The church started a prayer chain called E-Team, this was activated by email. The Lottie Moon goal was exceeded. The RA boys collected over \$100 for it from their penny drive and from the holiday post office. The Brotherhood had prepared bags of treats that were distributed to the congregation at Christmas. The Music department reported that Dawn Moritz would be leading the worship services and directing the choir with Diana Stout as back up. The Personnel Committee reported that Kevin Kohler requested a leave of absence during January and February for family needs and to work more intensely to help those needs. His salary for those two months is to be placed in the Youth Ministry fund. Gary Patterson will provide children's sermons during the morning worship. The B&G Committee submitted plans for projects to be completed during 2002-2003. The main item was a canopy over the back entrance to the elevator which would also serve as protection for the van. The property was to be surveyed first and expenses over \$500 would be brought to the church. In order to stay on the good side of the MBC and not have the annuity program stopped the church voted to continue sending cooperative funds to the convention until a solution could be found. A group of churches were meeting to discuss a possibility of another convention. Rev. Forman will go for information purposes. It was discussed that we might look at supporting the five agencies that drew away from the convention directly. No decision was made on this. New deacons were to be elected at the February meeting. The sign has been ordered for the corner of the property. The CD player is to be purchased and there was discussion that a person needed to be trained to run the sound system during worship service. The keeping of the BFT Fund was discussed now that the 3-year pledge time was over. It was suggested that the Finance Committee set up a separate Building Expansion/Maintenance fund, also that another BFT fund drive would be made at a later date.

February: The church had a pulpit exchange with 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church and Rev. Robert Ross preached here and Rev. Forman went to 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist. There was a "Living Sacrifice" concert in the evening service. The Valentine Banquet was held. Rev. Forman taught a new seven week course on "Jesus on Money." The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$700. Updated church directories were put out. The B&G Committee reported that the committee is ready for the survey and the architect's preliminary drawings to be done. The committee suggests using Anderson bid at \$1,500. The architect's fee will be approximately \$2210, maximum; \$1710 for basic work and \$500 for entering it into CAD and preparing the drawing. Chuck moved that the committee be authorized to spend up to \$3710 from

the BFT fund for the site survey and the architect's preliminary drawing. Bob Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion was clarified that the survey was a site survey only and not a property line survey and that it would be done right away. The architect's name is Kevin Meinhardt and he was recommended by Ron Holst. He could begin in about 2 months. The motion passed unanimously. The FAX machine costs will be \$99.95 for the machine, \$51.38 for SW Bell to bring another line to the building, and \$24.50/month for service. The church needs a second phone line many times anyway. It was moved that we make these purchases. This was voted on and passed. The drapes were installed on the baptistery. Three candidates for deacons have been selected, Carlos Ryther, Clifton Wilbourn, and Jim Ferguson. They will be ordained later in the spring. The corner sign is completed and will be put up later in the week. Rev. Forman found an adequate CD system for \$300 and will order it. The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$700. \$505 was donated from the benevolence fund to the Cook family who are moving back to California after the death of their child of Leukemia. The B&G Committee reported that the sign at the corner of Fisher and VanBuren is installed; Bulletin boards are up in the elementary classrooms; windows were re-calked in the side rooms next to the sanctuary; replaced screws with longer ones to hold more securely at the top of windows; and the culvert at the North driveway is being replaced. The CD player arrived was installed and is working good. Jim Ferguson was nominated as moderator. Two messengers were elected to the association in the place of two who were unable to attend. There were bids in for replacing the two South doors with solid core doors. This was referred to the B&G Committee. Some of the pews need repair and a workman has been contacted about the problem. The Kitchen Committee was reminded that the youth still need snacks even when the young mission groups don't meet. There were three letters out.

March: The Association Bi-annual meeting was held here with a pot luck lunch. The church had an Easter Cantata on March 31<sup>st</sup> called "The Day He Wore My Crown." The RA's and GA's collected aluminum cans for Annie Armstrong offering.

April: "Higher Power" did a concert on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

May: The church participated in the "World Day of Prayer" on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and had a Spring revival on May 5-8. A new mission class was started on May 17<sup>th</sup> called, "Movers and Shakers." A fund was started for senior bibles. The "Movers and Shakers" sponsored a paper products drive for the food pantry. B&G Committee reported that they met with the architect about an entry foyer on the north side of the building. Bill Messerli looked at the roof and found that the gutters were full. He cleaned them and thinks that will solve the problem of water in the basement. He suggested that a sealant be applied to the bricks to prevent seepage as well. The nominating committee brought names of some of the officers for the upcoming year. Sunday School Director, Clifton Wilbourn; Assistant Director was Beulah Housworth; Discipleship Training Director was Viola Simmons; WOM Director, Dottie Fields; and Brotherhood Director, Clay Randall. These were voted in. There was a new Committee on Committees elected. There were two letters in.

June: The church held VBS on June 9-14. Worship service was held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the nursing home. Our youth went on a mission trip to Arizona. B&G Committee reported that they continue to meet with the architect about an entry foyer on the north side of the building. The committee requests that they be allowed to give the metal shed behind the youth house to anyone interested in taking it or to dispose of it if no one is interested. This was voted and carried. Ordination for Jim Ferguson will be held on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Funds donated by Myrtle Garrison for \$2,500 to be used as the deacons choose will be placed in the BFT fund. Nominating Committee brought two officers for vote. The Clerk was Diana Stout and Financial Secretary was Bill Fields. A new Committee on Committees was elected. Four people lettered in.

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. Mike Beeman took over the maintenance that Carlos Ryther was doing. VBS enrollment was 184 with three professions of faith. This added 63 prospects for outreach. Carlos Ryther will be ordained as deacon along with Jim on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The Wedding Policy Committee was disbanded. Messengers were elected for the association. Seven children are to attend camp this year. One person lettered in.

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. Some members also attended a 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration at the Civic Center for Fern Barrows. Three members volunteered to assist on the float for the Apple Festival, but so far no chairman for the committee. Millie Dump was elected as Church Organist. The new Sunday school teachers and officers were elected. 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. Total receipts were \$290,273 and total mission expense was \$27,238. The officers were: Youth Minister, Kevin Kohler; Church Secretary, Julia Cable; Organist, Millie Dump and Kim Forman; Pianist, Helen Bolton; Sunday School Director, Clifton Wilburn; VBS Director, Terri Merriott; Discipleship Training Director, Viola Simmons; Brotherhood Director, Clay Randall; WMU Director, Dottie Fields; Deacon Chairman, Ed Beckman; Treasurer, Leonard Campbell; Stewardship Chairman, Bill Fields; Evangelism Director, Rev. Todd Forman; Missions Director, Rev. Todd Forman; Clerk, Diana Stout; there were 6 messengers and 2 executive board members to the association. It was voted to donate our State Missions offering to the Beemans at the benefit concert on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September due to problems still with the MBC. There was to be a guest speaker in the Sunday services on September 22<sup>nd</sup> from the Baptist Foundation on the possibility of untimely death. It was agreed to split the fee for the Secretary's conference with Calvary Baptist Church, where Julia was also secretary, and send her to the Secretary's conference October 14-16.

September: The church celebrated "Future Generations" Sunday with James Patterson as guest speaker. There was a fund raiser to be held to "Bless the Beemans with a concert by "Aspire" and "Preaching & Cream" on September 15<sup>th</sup> in the evening service, with the Brotherhood providing the cake and ice cream. The men will also have a cake decorating contest. Some members worked in the disaster relief trailer at the Apple Festival.

October: The church held a hay ride and a wiener roast on October 26<sup>th</sup> at Beckman's farm. The Church celebrated Pastor Appreciation month in October and had a covered dish dinner on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The Deacons recommended that a revival be held November 10-13 with Rev. Bill Hicks from Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Warsaw as evangelist. The Float Committee reported that we won a blue ribbon for the float this year. There were two letters in.

November: There was a revival on November 10-13 with Bill Fix of cedar grove Baptist Church in Warsaw as evangelist. The Secretary was sent to the Windemere Secretaries conference. The Ministerial Alliance Thanksgiving service was held here. The Lottie Moon goal was set at \$1,500. The Christmas Program will be the evening of December 22<sup>nd</sup> with children and adults both. The B&G Committee reported that the two new doors on the South entrances have been keyed to match the other doors. There is to be a T.E.L./Men's Fellowship Christmas dinner on December 4<sup>th</sup> with meat, bread and drinks provided and members to bring side dishes and desserts.

December: The T.E.L. and Men's Fellowship sponsored a Christmas Dinner held on the 4<sup>th</sup>. The youth led the evening service on the 15<sup>th</sup> with skits and music and solos. The Christmas Cantata, "The Gift of Christmas" was presented by the choir.

## **2003**

January: A new Discipleship Training class began which was called, "Worship in the Life of a Believer." The Women and girls had a "Chick-Flick night on the 31<sup>st</sup>."

February: The "Experiencing God" seminar was held. A family Valentine Banquet was held on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$700. B&G Committee reported that a hot water heater was to be installed for the basement restrooms. The church also voted to accept a bid of \$1,595 from Culligan to install and maintain a water softener to handle the church and parsonage. There was discussion on revival services and due to the fact the last few were poorly attended they might try something else, such as one day revivals. That idea was acceptable to those present. They voted to combine the line items on the budget of Insurance, Radio Ministry and Beemans into one line item called Local Missions. It was voted to set the cooperative giving at 9% and the association giving at 3%. The Counting Committee recommended that the church purchase a safe for \$350 from Riley's Lock and Shoe Repair to keep the offerings safe until deposited. This was voted on and passed. May 4<sup>th</sup> was to be celebrate as Senior Adult Sunday and High attendance Sunday.

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

April: The "Trammell Trio" held a concert here on April 6<sup>th</sup> for revival with a carry in dinner afterwards. Easter Sunrise service was held. The safe had been installed to store funds prior taking them to the bank. Associational messengers were reminded of the association meeting. A new Nominating Committee was elected. Cindy Campbell did a demonstration of the capabilities of the system while she presented information to the members in attendance. The purpose of the equipment is to enhance the worship and praise experience that we already have established in our services. The recommended system will consist of a drop-down projector from the ceiling near the front of the church, a 150 " diagonal, remote controlled screen over the baptistry, and a control booth in the balcony that would be kept locked to protect the equipment. The equipment could be used for worship services, VBS, Special music groups or performers, mission programs, and for viewing the service in the nursery or Children's Church. Three bids were received and the Music Committee and Building and Grounds Committee recommend that the one from Cayle Yonce, Sedalia, MO be accepted. The total cost including his bid and the other equipment needed for the total system is estimated to be \$12,500. An estate of \$22,000 was left to the church to be used for video projection and audio improvements. Cindy will learn how to use the equipment and then teach others who are interested in learning. A Special Business Meeting will be held on April 27 during the evening service for voting on this issue. It will be announced in services prior to the vote as required in the constitution of the church. Two members lettered in and three by statement.

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.

Leonard Campbell called for the vote. Each member present was offered a blank ballot and a pencil. The written ballots were collected. They were counted by Jim Ferguson with these results: 36 "Yes" and 6 "No". Motion passed.

May: Leonard Campbell noted that the expenses have been more than the income for the past 4 months. The income is keeping up with the income projected in the budget, but the expenditures are over-budget. He estimates that the year-end deficit will be approximately \$27,000 if the trend continues. He recommended that the Financial Committee meet monthly to review the areas of the budget that are not in balance and to take action if needed to correct the over-spending. Todd volunteered to preach a series of sermons on stewardship if the church requests it. Julia Cable will prepare the necessary information for the Financial Committee to determine the source of the imbalance. The report was accepted by unanimous vote. The ladies had a "Chick-Flick" night. Some of the ladies attended the WMU banquet held at Stover First Baptist Church. 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. Several activities are planned for June and July. It was voted to support the youth mission trip for \$150 each and the Super Summer for \$75 each. The Nominating Committee brought some names of officers for vote: Sunday School Director, Clifton Wilbourn; Discipleship Training Director, Jim Ferguson; WOM Director, Dottie Fields; Brotherhood Director, Clay Randal. These were voted in. The audio/video system was installed and working well.

June: VBS was held June 8-13, with Terri Merriott as VBS Director. The "Carolina Boys" held a concert on June<sup>rd</sup>. Clifton Wilbourn and Roger Porter donated gravel and labor to improve the parking lot. Funds were solicited for children's camp and for the youth to do missions and attend a mission trip.

July: It was noted that on the June treasurers report that the income exceeded the expenditures by \$3,000. Bill Fields reported that the Finance Committee had met and came to the following conclusions.

- The budget usually has a time each year when expenditures exceed income for a short period of time and then resolves the disparity.
- The water softener purchase, church literature purchase, and insurance were all done at nearly the same time.
- No particular committee or group is overspending. The expenditures are OK, but the income is lower than projected.
- Anyone who buys anything should sign the receipt and note the reason for the purchase before giving the ticket to Julia to be paid.
- The Church Council suggested that weekly income needs and the weekly offering be put in the bulletin and on the projector screen each week. It may be best to use the past week's totals rather than just reporting the offering from Sunday school since it does not represent the entire income for the week.

He presented a motion from the Finance Committee that Todd was to be asked to preach a sermon series on stewardship with a focus on education. It was voted on and passed. On July 6<sup>th</sup> the church held a fish fry. On July 13<sup>th</sup> two new classes began: Kim Forman led "A Heart like His," and Chuck Campbell led "The Man God Uses." On November 18<sup>th</sup> twelve Youth were to go on a Colorado Mission trip. Three youth went to "Super Summer." The

church sponsored a can goods drive for the Versailles Pantry. A Fundraising "Gospel Fest" was held with the proceeds to go to 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church. A committee was elected for the Apple Festival float, the theme of which is "Reflections of the Past." Messengers were chosen for the association. Liza Kincaid was elected Church Media Director. Lisa is a Librarian at the Middle school and interesting in updating the library. It was voted to have a Pictorial directory made in the fall. There was one letter out.

August: First Baptist Church held a VBS Reunion Pool Party on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Country Club. The Lamine Association Fish Fry will also have a talent show. New pictorial directories were done. On August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church joined us in the morning service. And on the 16<sup>th</sup> there was a concert by the "Sweet Harmony Boys" at Fortuna. The State Mission goal was set at \$700. 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. Total receipts were \$167,203. The officers were: Youth Minister, Kevin Kohler; Church Secretary, Julia Cable; Organist, Millie Dump; Pianist, Kim Forman; Sunday School Director, Clifton Wilburn; VBS Director, Terri Merriott; Discipleship Training Director, Viola Simmons; Brotherhood Director, Clay Randall; WMU Director, Dottie Fields; Deacon Chairman, Ed Beckman; Treasurer, Leonard Campbell; Stewardship Chairman, Bill Fields; Evangelism Director, Rev. Todd Forman; Missions Director, Rev. Todd Forman; Clerk, Diana Stout; there were 6 messengers and 2 executive board members to the association.

September: A new ladies Sunday school class started for the 30-50 age group with Mary Berkstresser teaching. High attendance Sunday was held. The guest pastor on the 14<sup>th</sup> was Rev. Weldon Forman and there was a concert performed by "Acension." The church had a worship service at the nursing home. Chuck Campbell was elected deacon chairman. The VBS missions offering of \$242.11 was to be split between the Mexico Halleluiah Ministry and the Haiti Mission Trip.

October Special Meeting: The church voted 90 to 9 by ballot to support the Phase I Building program.

October: An Appreciation Luncheon and tea was held in honor and appreciation of Kim Forman on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The Youth went bowling on the 12<sup>th</sup>. On October 26<sup>th</sup> the church held a Pastor Appreciation dinner.

November: The B&G Committee reported that as the Phase I Building Program was voted to begin the committee is in the process of soliciting bids from contractors for the canopy and concrete pad, also for the ground preparation for the work. The State Missions goal was exceeded. The kitchen committee requested we purchase more chairs so they did not have to carry in so many from the classrooms. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> the WMU delivered fruit plates to the shut-ins. The Ladies had a day out for lunch and shopping on the 1<sup>st</sup>. The community Thanksgiving service was held at Versailles Christian Church on the 25<sup>th</sup> and some of our members attended. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. They would be collecting musical instruments to take to Haiti if anyone had any they wanted to donate. On the 21<sup>st</sup> our choir joined with others for a 3<sup>rd</sup> annual singing at Concord Baptist. The Lottie Moon goal was set at \$2,000.

December: The WMU delivered 17 fruit plates to members in November. We exceeded the Lottie Moon goal. The Brotherhood will have an Easter Breakfast and collect an offering for the Annie Armstrong promotion. The T.E.L. class and the Men's Fellowship sponsored our Christmas dinner on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. On the 13<sup>th</sup> the Young adult Christmas party was held at the Stalh's home. On the 21<sup>st</sup> our choir performed a Christmas Cantata called "A The

“Thrill of Hope.” The 2004 budget was adopted and the total was \$142,218. The Youth was to have a lock-in on the 31<sup>st</sup>. The deacons asked for help sacking candy right after the meeting. There was one letter out.

## **2004**

January: The 2003 fiscal year ended with a balance in checking of \$26,747.02 in regular checking and \$20,008.49 in the reserve fund. The pastor reported that the Todd Allen family would be in our area on Wednesday evening, January 21<sup>st</sup> and will perform a music concert for a love offering. There will be a carry in dinner at 6 and concert at 7. The “Sweet Harmony Boys” will give a concert in Clarksburg on the 18<sup>th</sup>. There was one letter in.

February: The youth HIP (hour in prayer) program will continue to meet on Wednesday nights. The church hosted an associational youth mission trip meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>. The Youth Minister will be coordinating the Detroit MI mission trip on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June. The youth will attend the Mel Gibson movie The Passion when it gets in the area. Some of the youth may attend the Billy Graham Crusade in KC on June 17-20. The B&G Committee was authorized to get bids on a new PA system as ours was not working right. The NAMB (formerly Annie Armstrong) offering goal was set at \$650. The Valentine Banquet will be held on Feb 14<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall. This will be catered by the Pioneer restaurant at \$8.50 per plate.

March: The B&G Committee reported that two trees in the parking area were removed as they would be in the way of the driveway. A water leak in the basement was cleaned up after a hard rain received earlier in the week. May 2<sup>nd</sup> the church would celebrate Sr. Adult day. Messengers were reminded of the association meeting in April. Super Sunday will be held at SBU on June 7-11 for 7-12<sup>th</sup> grades. There was one letter out.

April: The NAMB offering goal was exceeded. The Trustees reported that Jim Lucas has approached the church with the offer of a 10-foot section of property that borders the northwest corner of the church property. No formal proposal has been given but he is asking that a fence be erected with a gate and an asphalt walk to the corner of the parking lot behind his building. He does not want payment, but would want some type of letter to use for tax purposes. The trustees will pursue this offer and ask him to submit a written proposal to bring back to the church. The church was to have “Church in the Park” on June 6<sup>th</sup> with the church providing the meat and members to bring side dishes. The secretary is to check on reserving the park. PA system equipment and speakers have been purchased and Danny Rhoades will donate the labor. The SonShine class will handle the Sr. Adult Day Celebration on May 2<sup>nd</sup> with that day as high attendance Sunday with a goal of 200. There were 80-90 in the Easter Sunrise service and 90 served breakfast afterwards. A new Nominating committee was elected. There was one letter in.

August: Ron Grapes was elected as a new deacon. The Deacons passed out lists of available men for deacons and they would be tallied at the next deacon’s meeting. The association will pay half the repair for the water pump on the van. The nominating committee brought names for the new officers of the church and the committee on Committees brought names of the standing committees and Sunday school for vote. Both were accepted. The church voted for the organ to be repaired for an estimated cost of \$700. They also voted to purchase an electronic keyboard. The church voted to pay Dawn Moritz as Music Minister. The church is to have a get together on October 16<sup>th</sup>. 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. Total receipts were \$153,979 and total mission expense was \$27,037. The officers were:



Youth Minister, Kevin Kohler; Church Secretary, Julia Cable; Organist, Millie Dump; Pianist, Kim Forman; Sunday School Director, Ronald Grapes; VBS Director, Terri Merriott; Discipleship Training Director, Jim Ferguson; Brotherhood Director, Clay Randall; WMU Director, Dottie Fields; Deacon Chairman, Ed Beckman; Treasurer, Leonard Campbell; Stewardship Chairman, Bill Fields; Evangelism Director, Rev. Todd Forman; Missions Director, Rev. Todd Forman; Clerk, Diana Stout; Media Library Director, Lisa Kincaid; Music Director, Clint Kincaid; there were 6 messengers and 1 executive board member to the association.

## **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. The B&G Committee is working on getting bids for a canopy and should have a report next month. There was to be a deacon ordination service on February 12<sup>th</sup> for Clifton Wilburn. The Personnel Committee recommended hiring Matt Kohler as permanent Youth Minister as he had been interim for the three month trial period. A special called meeting is to be announced the required number of times to vote on this. The Music Minister would be voted on at the same time. Job descriptions were approved for the Visual Projectionist and Music Position. It was noted that the baptismal fund monies were for the purchase of new baptismal robes, a project that would take 3 years. A new class would be starting for Married Couples in February. The Personnel Committee was given the responsibility of finding a paid nursery worker for Sunday evenings.

February: The Youth revival was postponed for February and a scavenger hunt was put in its place for this month. B&G Committee reported that the walnut tree is down and they will be doing renovations soon. Beulah Housworth is resigning from Outreach leader. The deacon ordination service was changed to the 27<sup>th</sup>. Two people have applied for the paid nursery worker position. The Nominating Committee is to decide. The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$1,000. The church voted to accept the bid from J&C Welding and Fabrication for \$9,800 for construction of the 20 x 25 foot metal frame canopy and supports on concrete pad. This included materials and excavation too. Four members lettered in.

March: The Trustees reported that the deed for the 10-foot addition to our property was received. All legal fees were waived with no cost to the church. Jim Lucas donated the land. The Choir is working on Easter music and new music has been ordered. The youth are going to Tan-Tar-A to the water park in March. Work has begun on the canopy project with excavation started. A local ministry task force has met to assess the needs of our church and community on how to reach those who have come to the church. A survey will be put out on Easter Sunday for this. Clifton Wilbourn was ordained as deacon on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February. 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. Messengers were reminded of the association meeting in April. VBS was set for June 12-17. There was one member dismissed to another church.

April: The canopy structure was progressing as weather permits. The Building Ministry will be meeting to put stickers on the light bulbs for the light bulb ministry. May 7<sup>th</sup> was set aside for a clean-up day at church. Recreation Sunday was set for June 5<sup>th</sup> at the park. On May 4<sup>th</sup> there would be a dinner at church and a rally at the middle school gym in honor of basketball players. May 1<sup>st</sup> is Senior Adult Sunday and one of the classes will be asked to take on the duties of the day. A new Nominating Committee was elected.

May: Fifteen youth attended the "Todd Agnew" concert in Barnett. On April 30<sup>th</sup> the youth participated in a bible drill and build your own sundae. On May 13<sup>th</sup> they will attend the Power Team Revival at Osage Hills and on May 21<sup>st</sup> they will participate in the light bulb distribution. The B&G Committee reported that the workday went well, the parking lot was sprayed to kill weeds and the gravel in the parking lot leveled, the kitchen was cleaned and carpet was spot cleaned. The cabinets in the nursery were painted, a basement classroom was painted, pews were spot cleaned, balcony was dusted and hymnals and bibles rearranged in the pews. June 5<sup>th</sup> was reserved for Dunham Park. The basketball banquet was held and 85 people attended and nearly 200 attended the rally. The bibles were to arrive on Friday for the seven seniors graduating. The T.E.L. plans to send cards to them. There was one letter out.

June: The choir director reported attendance was down and letters were to be sent out trying to recruit new members. New music was ordered and the Christmas music was in with plans underway for the Cantata. The Youth will attend Crossover on June 9<sup>th</sup> and Six Flags on June 18<sup>th</sup>. The B&G Committee reported that two bids were out for new lighting in the sanctuary. New lights will replace the current fluorescent lights and 12 foot track lighting will be added for the choir. The committee recommended the bid from Byler Electric for \$4,720. It was voted and approved. It was voted to take the funds from the general fund and a request for donations would pay it back later. The Recreation Committee reported that about 80 were in attendance at Dunham Park. It was suggested that next year we combine VBS pre-enrollment part with this activity and dismiss SS for that day. It was voted and approved. A new Nominating Committee was elected. It was brought up that the Constitution needed to be revised as it hadn't been done since 1997. A committee was elected for this. The association meeting was up-coming, and also children's camp was coming and the funds would come from local missions for camp fees. There was one member lettered out.

July: The Youth Minister sent out a letter to all youth for the month of July. They are planning a "Youth for Truth" booth at the relay for life on July 15<sup>th</sup>. On July 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a girl's only evening at the youth house. On July 23-30 the mission team will hold a youth rally at First Baptist in Tipton. The B&G Committee reported the new lighting had been installed. The copy machine needs to be replaced and bids will be sought for this. The Deacons recommended that a revival be planned for October 23-26 with Jeff Ferguson as evangelist and Jim Parton for music leader. There will be a carry in dinner for Rev. Forman on July 24<sup>th</sup> for his 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The nominating committee brought names for some of the officers of the church: Assistant treasurer, Lois Riggs; Clerk Diana Andreas; Assistant Clerk, Dottie Fields; Financial Chairman, Bill Fields; Assistant SS Director, Clifton Wilbourn. These were voted in along with others who are listed on the ACP. They voted to send the church secretary to the secretary's conference at Windemerer. The secretary asked permission to be able to check on the church bank accounts so she could see if a check were cashed or not. She had obtained the required signatures. A Float Committee was named for the upcoming Apple Festival. The same messengers were elected again for the next year.

August: The Nominating Committee named more officers to be voted on: Discipleship Training Director, Susie Sidebottom; WOM Director, Kim Forman; and Brotherhood Director, John Crabtree. These were voted in. Jim Ferguson was named moderator for the upcoming year. The Committee on Committees passed out a list of nominees for committees and they were voted in. The Sunday school teachers and officers were voted on and approved. There were three bids on copiers and it was voted to purchase the copier from MO Typewriter in Sedalia for \$1,300 with a service agreement. The old machine will be used for the Sunday school office. The ACP was read and approved. The 2005 ACP report: 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. Total receipts were \$158,282 and total mission expense was \$17,414. The officers were: Youth Minister, Kevin Kohler; Church Secretary, Julia Cable; Organist, Millie Dump; Pianist, Kim Forman; Sunday School Director, Clovis Baize; VBS Director, Terri Merriott; Discipleship Training Director, Jim Ferguson; Brotherhood Director, Frank Hampton; WMU Director, Dottie Fields; Deacon Chairman, Ed Beckman; Treasurer, Leonard Campbell; Stewardship Chairman, Bill Fields; Evangelism Director, Rev. Todd Forman; Missions Director, Rev. Todd Forman; Clerk, Diana Stout; Media Library Director, Lisa Kincaid; Music Director, Dawn Moritz; there were 8 messengers and 1 executive board member to the association.

September: The B&G Committee reported a broiler in the parsonage was not working. Frank Hampton put together a bid for a 3 ton heat pump, air handler, duct work and thermostat with wiring for \$1,800. It was voted to accept this and take the money from general funds to pay for it and ask for donations to repay the general fund. 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; Tuesday there was to be a sports event and tailgate party; Wednesday evening was family night and a carry in dinner with door prizes. There was a reminder for budget requests to go to the budget committee.

October: The custodian resigned and one has been hired on a temporary basis to be reviewed in six weeks for a possible permanent position. The Nominating Committee filled more positions on committees and in the Sunday school, and these were voted on. \$950 was collected for Katrina Relief Victims.

November: Matt Kohler resigned effective November 20<sup>th</sup>. After discussion on the pastor's package the 2006 budget was tabled for vote until the next meeting. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering goal was set at \$2,050.

December: There was much discussion again on the budget for 2006. This was tabled again for a special meeting from the congregation and if budget did not pass by 80% it would go back to the budget committee for reconfiguring.

## **2006**

January: The proposed budget total was \$157,061 was voted on and accepted. There were two letters out and one letter in. One member was dismissed to the Christian Church. Jim Ferguson was made moderator for 2006.

February: The ice machine had quit working as the compressor went out. The Deacons reported on an upcoming "Missions Celebration." \$250 was transferred from general fund to revival fund to pay expenses. The Recreation Committee reported fifteen had attended the movie, "End of the Spear." The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$1,100.

March: Diana Andreas reported that on July 4<sup>th</sup> would be our "Sunday in the Park" followed by the VBS party. Seven youth went to Tan-Tara Water Park. Curtis and Crystal Cunningham are to start working with the youth on Sunday nights. The Building & Grounds Committee reported that work was almost finished on the two new offices in the youth house. Dedication for the Habitat for Humanity house some have been working on is next Friday. Diana Stout presented changes to the constitution to be voted on next month. The new Nominating Committee was selected.

May: The Building and Grounds Committee reported painting was almost done on the new offices. The constitution vote was tabled till next month. Some of the officers for the next year were voted in: Sunday School Director, Clovis Baize; WOM Director, Kim Forman; MOM Director, John Crabtree. There was one letter out.

June: There was a discussion on the financial report. The monthly expenses have been over our monthly receipts for the past five months. But no expense had gone over the budgeted amount. It was remarked that giving was down. There was also a concern over utilities, and it was brought up that the thermostats were not being monitored close enough. The Treasurers report was accepted after the discussion. Several students were saved in the VBS. Fifteen youth had a pizza and movie night and watched, "Narnia." John Crabtree reported the new offices would be ready to move into in 10-12 days. Diana Stout was voted in as Discipleship Training Director. After some discussion on having quarterly business meetings and monthly finance meetings and clean-up after weeding showers, the Revised Constitution & By-laws were approved.

July: The Choir is working on Christmas music. The youth had a movie night and the younger children were taken to Miner Mikes. The Building & Grounds Committee reported several projects going. The Pastor had 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. Total receipts were \$155,432 and total mission expense was \$18,667. The officers were: Church Secretary, Julia Cable; Organist, Millie Dump; Pianist, Kim Forman; there were 8 messengers and 1 executive board member to the association.

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 12<sup>th</sup>. It was voted to begin having two worship services on a trial basis to see if it will be successful. The radio program will continue on a pre-recorded basis. Diana Stout, acting Clerk presented officers for 96/97: Sunday School Director, Clovis Baize; Music: Dawn Moritz; VBS Director, Terri Merriott; Discipleship Training Director, Jim Ferguson; Brotherhood Director, Frank Hampton; WMU Director, Kim Forman; Deacon Chairman, Ed Beckman; Treasurer, Leonard Campbell; Stewardship Chairman, Bill Fields; Evangelism Director, Rev. Todd Forman; Missions Director, Rev. Todd Forman; Clerk, Diana Andreas; Media Library Director, Lisa Kincaid; also presented were 20 standing committees and members. Susan Baize presented Sunday school teachers and officers. The State Missions goal was set at \$800. One member dismissed to another church.

September: The choir had its first Christmas musical rehearsal. Diana Andreas presented a draft of the Wedding/ Shower policy changes to be voted on at the next meeting. The associational bi-annual meeting will be August 16<sup>th</sup> in Boonville. Jim Ferguson was re-elected moderator. All committee chairs were reminded to turn in budget needs for the 2007 budget. The Lottie Moon goal set at \$2,500. The 2007 budget total was \$160,434 with the cooperative giving at 7% and the associational giving at 3% and local mission giving at 2%.

## **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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> the church had a movie called "Facing the Giants". On the 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> was designated "Focus on Missions" Sunday with Steve Smith as speaker.

March: The Men on Missions reported that work would begin soon on the Kitchen remodeling. The choir had begun to work on its Easter music. Discipleship Training will hold a bible study on, "Friendship First." The B&G Committee reported on the insurance for the building with a slide show comparison of prices. The church voted to switch to Guide-one Insurance at &4,898 per year. They had begun to work 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 11<sup>th</sup> our DOM of Lamine Association brought the message. On the 31<sup>st</sup> a group went to "Great Lake of the Ozarks Gospel Sing" at Main Street Music Hall in Osage Beach. Our Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$1,200. A list of men was passed out so members could choose four new deacons.

April: On the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. On the 29<sup>th</sup> we had High Attendance, VBS kick-off tail gate party. In the evening service the "Sweet Harmony Boys" gave their final concert.

May: On the 13<sup>th</sup> we held Mother's Day and a Graduate recognition service. On the 26<sup>th</sup> the WMU ladies had a luncheon and worked on a project for the Matamoras Mission Trip. On the 27<sup>th</sup> 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. The Church Counsel discussed changes to the constitution and the Constitution Committee is working on that. Ten bicycles were refurbished and sent to Mexico. There was discussion about getting T-shirts with the church name on them. The Deacons reported that they have five new deacons, Mike Butt, Larry Marshall, Clint Kincaid, Curtis Cunningham and Tommy Herx. The Nominating Committee reported some new assignments and these were elected. Sunday school teachers and officers were presented and approved. Kim Forman was chosen as chairman of the Float committee. The State Missions goal was set at \$1,000. Four members lettered in and four lettered out. We had VBS on the 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> with Diana Andreas the VBS Director. The Matamoras Mission trip is to be on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

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. Total receipts were \$153,477 and total mission expense was \$21,194. The value of the church property had reached \$1,500,000. The officers were: Church Secretary, Julia Cable; Organist, Millie Dump; Pianist, Kim Forman; Sunday School Director, Clovis Baize; VBS Director, Terri Merriott; Discipleship Training Director, Diana Stout; Brotherhood Director, Clint Kincaid; Women's Ministry Coordinator, Director, Kim Forman; Deacon Chairman, Clay Randall; Treasurer, Zoe Butt; Stewardship Chairman, Zoe Butt; VBS Director, Diana Andreas; Evangelism Director, Rev. Todd Forman; Missions Director, Rev. Todd Forman; Clerk, Diana Stout; Media Library Director, Lisa Kincaid; there were 9 messengers and 2 executive board member to the association. A group of our youth went

on a mission trip to Branson MO. The Discipleship Training group began a new study on the Seven Deadly Sins on the 12<sup>th</sup>. The WMU ladies held a luncheon on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

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 B&G Committee reported that the new counter top and sinks were in. A work day has been scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup>. The church council met and a special envelope would be given for special offerings split between Lottie Moon/Annie Armstrong/State Missions and World Hunger rather than separate emphases. An emphasis and goal would still be given on these at the appropriate times. There was a pastor appreciation dinner on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The WMU set gift boxes to the military overseas on the 21<sup>st</sup>. On the 26<sup>th</sup> there was a deacon hosted Widow's Appreciation dinner and on the 27<sup>th</sup> a Baptist Men's breakfast. The Deacons will have ordination service for three deacons on October 28<sup>th</sup>. The church T-shirts had been ordered and should be in for Apple Festival. Olan Mills will make a new pictorial directory and take pictures in January. Jim Ferguson was elected moderator again. The Lottie Moon offering goal was set at \$2,500. There were two letters in and one letter out.

October: There was a book club meeting at Dawn Moritz's house. The church had a workday on the 29<sup>th</sup>. There was a wedding shower for Koerners on the 30<sup>th</sup>. There was a Deacon Ordination service on the 28<sup>th</sup> for Clint Kincaid, Tommy Herx and Larry Marshall.

November: The ladies book club met at Zoe's house on the 8<sup>th</sup>. The Koerner/Miracle wedding was on the 10<sup>th</sup>. There was a "Pie Assembly" with a light dinner on the 13<sup>th</sup>. The church held a free Community Thanksgiving Dinner on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

December: The Deacons were preparing the candy distribution for next Sunday. A revival has been planned for April 6-9. Don Pritchard will be preaching and his wife leading the music. Early Morning Worship services were cancelled due to low attendance and to promote unity in the church body. The Pictorial Directory dates were moved to February. The Rodney Klein estate donated \$1,500 for a computer. The 2008 budget was approved with changes that had been made for a 3% increase over last year. The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$1,200. The church sponsored a blood drive on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The "Faith Talkin" quartet sang at 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church on the 8<sup>th</sup>. A few of our members were Salvation Army Bell Ringers on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Some of the members went caroling on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Christmas Cantata was held on 16<sup>th</sup>, and the church had a Christmas Eve Candlelight service on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The youth had a lock-in on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **2008**

January: A special luncheon was held for widows on the 19<sup>th</sup> and over 20 women attended and were served by the deacons and their wives. A need assessment survey was sent around during lunch for those who have specific needs that the deacons and other men of the church can help with. During the fall and winter quarter of 2007-08 there were three different training sessions in Discipleship Training, Lessons from Mayberry, The Purpose Driven Life series and Fresh Encounters.

March: The Pictorial Directory that was planned for February was cancelled due to bad weather. A later date is being considered as well as possibly a different company to do it. The messengers were reminded of the upcoming association meeting for April. A new nominating committee was elected. The Deacons recommended that we have a spring revival on April 6-9 with Dan Pitchers as evangelist and Ginger Pitchers as music evangelist. 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. Our "Faith Talkin'" group was to give a fund raising concert for it. There was one baptism and 4 other additions.

June: The treasurer's reports were distributed for March/April/May. The current bank balance was \$15,488. Several expenditure cuts were discussed which would save the church about \$500 a month as the church is at a current deficit of \$4,300 for the year. The report was approved. Marcia Herx agreed to be the Older youth teacher on Sunday Mornings. The youth were involved in the revival and had an end of school pizza party. Several youth went to a community youth rally on May 31<sup>st</sup>. They plan to attend Crossover Christian Music Fest on June 14<sup>th</sup>. A trip to Six Flags is scheduled for June 29-30. The T.E.L. had a picnic in the park on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Some of our members participated in the "Relay for Life Singspiration" at the Methodist Church. Applications for church camp were due by June 20<sup>th</sup>. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> the Youth sponsored a Relay for Life fundraiser. The WMU banquet was held at Trinity Baptist Church on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The 29<sup>th</sup> was a talent show and the 30<sup>th</sup>. The T.E.L. sponsored a food drive for June for the food Pantry. The Church held a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday sing with a "Tribute to America." The Grow Team was in full swing with 26 members, one team to meet each Wednesday night for outreach. Diana Stout Discipleship Director was holding a Wednesday night bible study series. The Baptist Men had breakfast twice over the past quarter and took 8 boys and 1 girl on a fishing trip on May 10<sup>th</sup>. They plan a trip next to Ha-Ha-Tonka state park. There was a total of 111 in VBS and 81 were children. The Nominating Committee presented a new slate of candidates for the 08-09 church year. These were elected. The decision was made not to have a float at the Apple Festival this year, but would continue to do the outreach. Messengers to the association were elected. The State Missions goal was set at \$1,000. There was one baptism and one letter out.

July Special Meeting: A special meeting was called to discuss the budget. Zoe explained the June treasurer's report and stated that the Finance Committee were meeting monthly to stay on top of things and that no action needed to be taken until the Regular September meeting.

July: There was a music concert in the evening with the Lesters. The 13<sup>th</sup> the 3MT Missions work crew enjoyed the morning service with us. On the 16<sup>th</sup> a special meeting was called. The association was to have an evangelism training here on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August with a cookout and street evangelism.

August: On the 3<sup>rd</sup> there was a carry in dinner at 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> Weldon Forman was guest pastor and Crystal Burnett did a special solo. The Team Kids started on Wednesday nights. The ACP report: There were 6 baptisms and 8 other additions. There were 8 deaths. Total receipts were \$156,042 and total mission expense was \$12,397.

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. The church was considering Lifetouch to do the pictorial directories. Jim Ferguson was re-elected moderator. Our church sponsored the Red Cross Blood drive on the 8<sup>th</sup>. On the 7<sup>th</sup> the church had a worship service at the nursing home. On the 20<sup>th</sup> was the association semi-annual meeting. Servers are needed for the Disaster Relief trailer at the Apple Festival. We helped to sponsor the Gospel Stage at the Apple Festival. There were 3 baptisms, two lettered out and one lettered in.

October: On the 4<sup>th</sup> was a Pancake Breakfast at the West Minster Presbyterian Church with the proceeds to go to Habitat for Humanity. 1<sup>st</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> the church held a Pastor Appreciation Lunch following the morning service.

November: On November 8<sup>th</sup> the Fall Fest was held at the home of Susie Moon with a hay ride and wiener roast. On the 9<sup>th</sup> in the evening service Everett Rayl and Rod Campbell spoke on the El-Salvador Mission trip and there was also special music. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> we had our annual free Thanksgiving dinner. The State Mission goal was set at \$1,000. A new six session study began in Discipleship Training. We participated in the Kidwell nursing home "Christmas Shopping Day" with donated gifts. On the 13<sup>th</sup> the Lamine Executive board met.

December: The treasurer reported that we are back to a health balance, and that tithes had increased. The 2009 budget was approved. The overall budget was a .5% increase from 2008. There was one letter in and three baptisms. Our choir presented the "Miracle of Christmas," on the 14<sup>th</sup>. After the Cantata we had refreshments provided by the Sunday school classes. The Lottie Moon goal was set at \$2,500. On the 17<sup>th</sup> there was a Christmas pot luck held, then on the 19<sup>th</sup> the ladies had a "Chick-Flick" movie night. On the 21<sup>st</sup> a group went caroling. Then on the 31<sup>st</sup> was a Movie called "Fireproof" and a dinner.

From July 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> there were 5 baptisms and 10 other additions. There was one death and 10 lost. VBS enrollment was 123.

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.

## MEMORIES

**Dottie Fields:** On April 2, 1950 we dedicated the new church building and Rev. Alexander Best was the pastor. April 5-6 and 7, 1968 we celebrated our centennial. Guest speakers were Dr. Earl Harding, Rev. Charles A Whaley, Dr. Leslie Christian, Dr. Alexander Best, Rev. R.H. Nolte and Rev. Willard Bright. In 1978 96 members left First Baptist to organize a new church. In 1979 the Huff property just north of the church was purchased for a parking



lot. In 1984 the Jess Nobles property was purchased for an activity ground. Through the years the WMU has sponsored many mission programs. Some of these included Mission Friends, Girls Auxiliary, Acteens, and Baptist Young Women. Several girls finished the steps for Queen Regents. During World War II when gas was rationed for our cars, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday night of each month was set aside for all missions programs. It was called Family Mission Night. We still have this program. We sponsored a mission in Muscatine Iowa from 1967 to 1971 by sending \$200 per month. We sponsored Carbondale Kansas Mission from 1972-1976. We sponsored Gravois Mills Church from 1974 to 1978. We have Sunday school service at Good Shepherd Nursing Home every Sunday. For five years in a row we have entered a float in the Apple Festival and won first prize each year. We participated in the Good News America campaign. On July 6, 1983 fifty members left the church to start another church. Our first vacation bible school was held in 1937 and we still have one every year. In August 1967 a bus ministry was started then we went to two vans bringing in 15-20 children every Sunday.

**Lois Holst:** We lived in Kansas City at a bad time as my mother got sick in 1961 and my sisters were here, so I felt bad that I wasn't here all the time. We came down very often and if she was feeling better my sisters and I would come to church here. At that time the church was full of nice people and they had very good music and good singing and preaching. When we moved here in 1978, I came here to church, but it sure had changed and only about half or one third of the people were still here. I could feel that something was wrong so I didn't come back and went to West Union and enjoyed that church until my husband had a stroke, and he was bedfast for 4 ½ years. I couldn't leave him long and had to get someone to stay with him, and this was the closest church so I came here again.

**Mary Berkstresser:** In 1928 I was baptized in the old church by Evelyn Arnold's father, so have been here for a long time. I helped organize the H.A.T.S. Sunday school Class.