

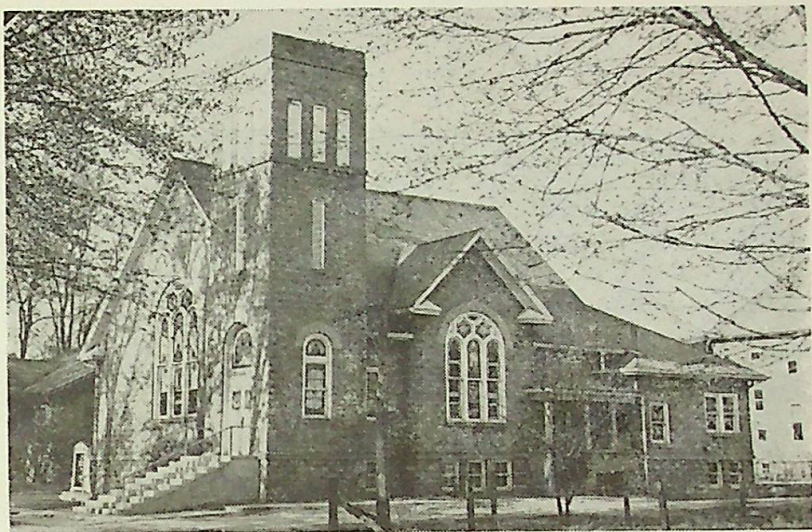
The
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WHITESTOWN
INDIANA

JUNE 22, 1952

1852 - 1952



PRESENT CHURCH—DEDICATED JANUARY 21, 1906

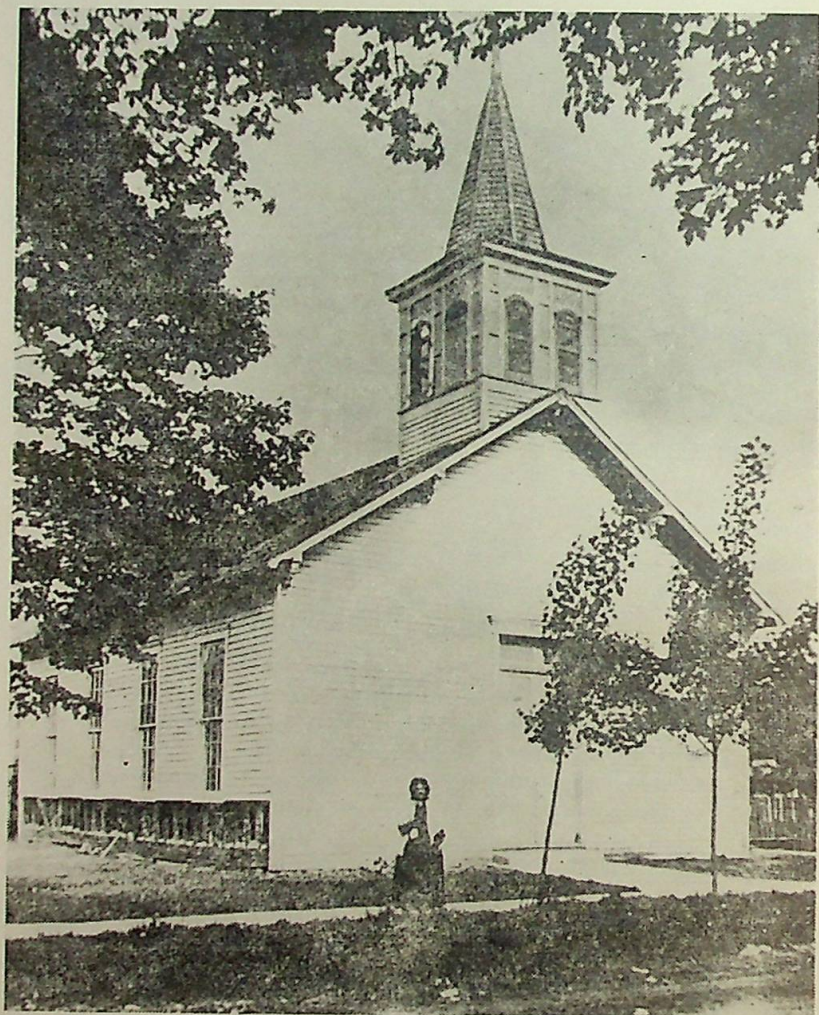
A PASSING CENTURY

To man, a century of years is rare,
Quite adequate for life's fulfillment.
In his latter years—unmindful of life's care,
Seeks not to strive for high attainment—
And when the summons comes—his labors cease—
For then, his triumphant soul has found release.

These days we gather to commemorate
A century of faith and righteous zeal.
A service willing—and commensurate
With every worthy need or souls appeal.
The early years brought sacrifice and toll—
Unyielding strength and help to any in turmoil.

Faith and love through multitude of days
Upheld the early workers in the field.
And loyalty to Christian zeal and ways
Brought harvests rich—a great and glorious yield.
These days we too pledge our lives to Heaven above
For Christ's great cause, our fathers served and loved.

E. D. Thrasher.



FIRST CHURCH—BUILT IN 1868, DEDICATED SEPT., 1868
The lady in picture is Mrs. Margaret Isenhour Lineback.

Minister's Message

I pen these few lines in token of my love and esteem for this Church. We send forth this little booklet of Golden Memories with a prayer that God will bless those who read it as He blessed those through the centuries who made it possible.

Because of limited space we have been compelled to give merely a survey of the representative history of our Church. Of necessity many important facts, precious to your heart and memory, have been omitted.

As we look back across the years, we see an unbroken chain of faithful men and women with great faith and vision, who through prayer and sacrifice laid a solid foundation upon which our Church has grown. God blessed it, blessed its Ministers and conserved results of its labor. Consecrated men and women gave sacrificially of their time, talents and money until today her vision and ministry enfold all peoples. "The World is our Parish."

As we dedicate a new Hammond Electronic organ on this Centennial Day and begin a second century of service, we pray that God will continue to bless in even a greater measure. May our consecration and devotion to Christ and His Cause be adequate for the day.

March on, Dear Church, with your Christ. May your ministry ever be to human needs and your aim to help transform the kingdoms of this world into the Kingdom of our Lord and Christ.

Faithfully yours,

J. E. Byrd.



REV. JAMES E. BYRD

213 Woodland Dr., Lebanon, Ind.

PASTOR

Whitestown Methodist Church

Pastorates:

Mauckport, 1931-1933.

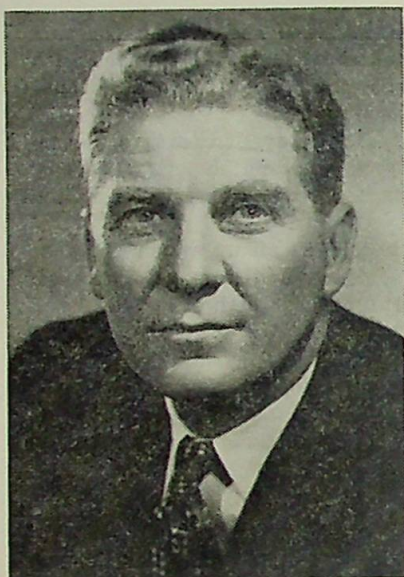
Leavenworth Court, 1933-1935.

Whitcomb, 1935-1939.

New Salem, 1939-1941.

Hazelton, 1941-Nov. 1942.

Whitestown, 1942.



BISHOP RICHARD C. RAINES

Resident Bishop of the
Indiana Area
of the Methodist Church

Born:

Independence, Iowa, Dec. 23, 1898.

Education:

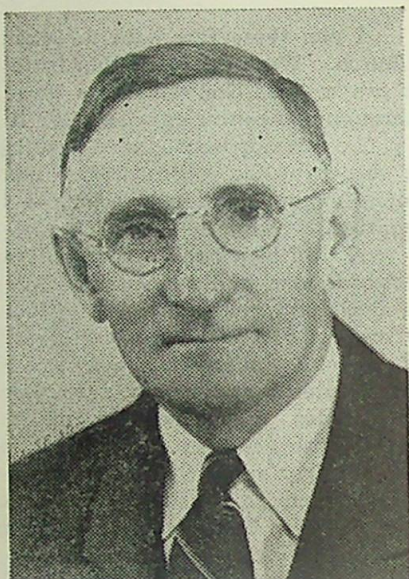
A.B., Cornell College, 1920; D.D., 1931; S.T.B., Boston University School of Theology 1924; Studied at Oxford University 1924-25; D.D., University of Maine 1930; S.T.D., Boston University 1950.

Ordained: Elder, 1926.

Positions:

Pastorates—Eliot Church, Newton, Mass. 1923-24; Church at Harbor, Scituate, Mass, 1926-27; Matthewson St. Church, Providence, R. I., 1927-30; Hennepin Ave. Church, Minneapolis, Minn., '30-'48.

Elected and Consecrated a Bishop in July 1948 at the North Central Jurisdictional Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. Assigned to the Indiana Area, 1948-50.



DR. ELMER JONES

603 W. Main, Crawfordsville, Ind.
District Superintendent

Positions:

Supt. South Bend Dist. '34-39; Secy. Preacher's Aid Society, 1943-48; District Supt. Crawfordsville District 1949.

Pastorates:

Raub, 1910.

At School, 1911-1913.

Ambia, 1914-1915.

Indiana Harbor, 1916-1922.

Michigan City, 1923-1924.

St. Paul, Indianapolis, 1925-1928

Lebanon, 1929-30.

First Hammond, 1931-1933.

North Ind.,
Trinity, Elkhart, 1940-1942.

ROSTER OF PASTORS

The following is a list of the pastors who have served the church from its organization to this date, June, 22, 1952:

Robert M. Brooks	1867-'68	Henry H. Cannon	1901-'02
W. C. Davidson	1869	Lynn Bates	1903-'05
Elijah R. Johnson	1870-'71	Henry N. Calton	1906-'07
Jesse Hill	1872	C. W. Faris	1908
Winfield S. Crow	1873	William I Taylor	1909-'10
Herman B. Ball	1874	William M. Torr *	1911
John C. Tyler	1875	W. S. Simonson	1912-'13
Thomas Mason	1876	Guy E. Tremaine	1913-'14
——— Carroll	1877	W. L. Allen	1915
H. Luring	1878	George E. Ward	1916-18
H. F. Whitsett	1879	L. D. Parke *	1918-'19
Charles B. Heath	1880	Dewey Souder *	1920-'21
James W. Shell	1881-'82	Orville Woody *	1922-'24
James W. Loder	1883	Charles P. Martin *	1925
Francis M. Cones	1884	James A. Gardner	1926-'27
David P. McClain	1885-'86	William D. Archibald	1928
Larkin H. Hurt *	1887	Ernest Prevo	1929-'30
Thomas E. Webb	1888	L. E. Watson	1931
John C. Reeve	1889	A. W. Roahrig	1932-'33
A. A. Hendrix *	1890-'91	U. G. Abbott	1934
George H. Meyers	1892	D. E. Noland	1935
Henry H. Cannon	1893-'94	James Burroughs	1936-'38
Amos Fetzer	1895-'96	A. H. Lawrence	1939
Richard G. Hammond 6 mo.	1897	M. R. Burgette	1940-'42
W. C. Botkin, 6 mo.	1897	James E. Byrd *	1942-'52
Whitefield Hall	1898-1900		

* Supply Pastor.

CENTENNIAL PROGRAM

Sunday, June 22, 1952

Church School	10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship	11:00 A. M.
Prelude—"Poeme"	Fibich
Mrs. Kenneth McKinzie, organist	
Call to Worship	Rev. J. E. Byrd
*Processional—"Holy, Holy, Holy"	No. 2
Mrs. Eber Neese, organist	
*Unison Prayer—	
O our God, we humbly beseech Thee to purify our hearts from all vain and worldly and sinful thoughts, thus prepare our souls, to worship Thee this day acceptably, with reverence and godly fear. O Lord, set our affection on things above, all the day long, and give us grace to receive Thy word which we shall hear this day, into honest and good hearts, and bring forth fruit with patience. Hear us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.	
Anthem—"The Old Fashioned Church"	Fuller
Choir	
*Responsive Reading	No. 553
*Gloria Patri	
Scripture Lesson	Hebrews 13:1-21
Pastoral Prayer	
Choral Response	
Solo—"Bless This House"	Brahe
Mrs. Kenneth McKinzie	
Announcements	Rev. J. E. Byrd
Offertory—"Have Thine Own Way"	Stebbins
Mrs. Eber Neese, organist	
Prayer of Dedication	
Doxology	
Solo—"The Lord's Prayer"	Malotte
Mrs. Joseph Tyre	
Sermon "Our Heritage"	Dr. Elmer Jones
*Hymn—"Faith of Our Fathers"	No. 219
*Benediction	
Postlude—"Alla Mareia"	Brisson
Mrs. Harvey Lovett, organist	
Basket Dinner in School Gymnasium	12:30 P. M.
* People standing.	

AFTERNOON PROGRAM, 2:15 O'CLOCK

Prelude—"Prelude in E"	Read
Mrs. Harvey Lovett, organist	
Hymn—"Praise Him! Praise Him!"	No. 9
Prayer	
Organ Dedication	
Organ Recital	Miss Loretta Martin
Guest Organist, Wilking Music Company	

CHURCH OFFICERS

TRUSTEES: Raymond Powell, chairman; Earl Bohannon, Minnis Yates, Loren Souders, Rush Livengood, Harold Miller, Claude Shelburne.

STEWARDS: Mrs. Floyd Foster, Cecil Plunkett, Robert McMakin, Mrs. Orville Isenhower, communion; Mrs. Raymond Powell; Mrs. Minnis Yates, district and lay member to annual conference; Mrs. Robert McMakin, reserve district and lay member to annual conference; Ivan Hine, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McKinzie, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Wilson; Royal Rader, treasurer; Eugene Strawmyer, Sunday School superintendent; Leland Hackett, lay leader; Mrs. Carl Batz, recording steward.

CHURCH BOARD OF EDUCATION: Eugene Strawmyer, Leland Hackett, George McDaniel, Mrs. J. E. Byrd, Mrs. Leland Hackett, Mrs. Carl Batz, Mrs. Leander Goodwin, Ivan Hine, Harold Miller, Mrs. Roy Huckleberry, Mrs. Calvin Creasy, Retus Tucker, Mrs. Lloyd Eilar, Mrs. Raymond Powell and Mrs. Arthur Whitmore.

COMMITTEES—

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Mrs. Orville Isenhower, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hine, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Wilson, Mrs. Charles Padgett, Mrs. Retus Tucker.

FINANCE: Retus Tucker, Robert McMakin, Royal Rader, and Leland Hackett.

PASTORAL RELATIONS: Ivan Hine, Mrs. Rush Livengood, Dr. Harvey Lovett.

NOMINATIONS: Mrs. Robert McMakin, George McDaniel, Mrs. Kenneth McKinzie.

AUDIT: Harold Miller, Lou David Jackson.

RECORDS AND HISTORY: Mrs. Carl Batz, Mrs. Raymond Powell, Robert McMakin, Mrs. Roy Huckleberry.

HOSPITALS AND HOMES: Mrs. Robert McMakin, Mrs. Walter Schooler, Mrs. Kenneth McKinzie.

MUSIC: Mrs. Kenneth McKinzie, Mrs. Eber Neese, Mrs. Lloyd Nease, George McDaniel, Mrs. Eugene Souders, Raymond Powell, Mrs. Cecil Plunkett, Mrs. Harvey Lovett.

GOOD LITERATURE: Mrs. Eber Neese, Mrs. Orville Isenhower.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL

C. Eugene Strawmyer	Superintendent
Mrs. Kenneth McKinzie	Pianist
Janet Batz	Secretary

TEACHERS AND CLASS OFFICERS

LOYAL FELLOWSHIP

Teacher	Ivan Hine
President	Mrs. Orville Isenhower
Secretary	Mrs. Loren Souders

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Teacher	Mrs. Carl Batz
President	Mrs. Minnis Yates
Secretary	Mrs. Claude Shelburne

SEMPER FIDELIS

Teacher	Royal Rader
President	Carroll Veatch
Secretary	Albert Smiley

YOUNG MARRIED PEOPLE'S

Teacher	Harold Miller
President	Retus Tucker
Secretary	Mrs. Calvin Creasy

LOYAL HELPERS

Teacher	Mrs. Leander Goodwin
President	Jerry Bohannon
Secretary	Dick McKinzie

INTERMEDIATES

Teacher	Leland Hackett
President	Sue Eilar
Secretary	Ruth Souders

The Departmental Church School for children under 12 years was organized in 1947. Mrs. J. E. Byrd and Mrs. George McDaniel have served as superintendent of this part of our Church School. Mrs. Harold Miller is the present superintendent. The enrollment is 80.

They have a combined worship program and offering. Their program also includes a Junior Choir, with Mrs. Cecil Plunkett as director, and Mrs. Leland Hackett as pianist.

Teachers in this department are:

Nursery & Kindergarten—Mrs. Lloyd Eilar, Mrs. Carroll Veatch.

Primary—Mrs. Leland Hackett.

Junior Girls—Mrs. Calvin Creasy.

Junior Boys—Retus Tucker.

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

M.Y. F. was organized in 1952 with Mrs. Leander Goodwin and Mrs. George McDaniel as adult leaders.

Officers are: president, Leander Goodwin; vice-president, Janet Swafford; secretary, Jane Batz; treasurer, Frank Powell; song leader, Dick Powell; pianists, Sharon McKinzie, Mary Jo Powell.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The first president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was Mrs. Robert McMakin. Others serving in that capacity have been: Mrs. Minnis Yates, Mrs. John Hull, Mrs. Roy Huckleberry, Mrs. Celestia Scott, Mrs. Owen Finney, Mrs. Arthur Whitmore and Mrs. Kenneth McKinzie.

Present W. S. C. S. officers are:

President	Mrs. Robert McMakin
Vice President	Mrs. Calvin Creasy
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Floyd Foster
Treasurer	Mrs. Carl Batz
Promotion Secretary	Mrs. Minnis Yates
Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities	Mrs. Leland Hackett
Secretary of Missionary Education & Service	Mrs. Raymond Powell
Secretary Student Work	Mrs. Harold R. Hull
Secretary Youth Work	Mrs. Roy Huckleberry
Secretary Children's Work	Mrs. George McDaniel
Secretary Spiritual Life	Mrs. Glen Cox
Secretary Status of Women	Mrs. Kenneth McKinzie
Secretary Supply Work	Mrs. James Hickman
Secretary Literature and Publications	Mrs. Eber Neese

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEES

- General Chairman—Rev. James E. Byrd.
Historical and Executive—Mrs. Carl Batz, Robert McMakin, Mrs. Roy Huckleberry
Program—Raymond Powell, Mrs. Kenneth McKinzie, Mrs. Lloyd Nease.
Decorations—Mrs. James Hickman, Mrs. Retus Tucker, Mrs. Howard Miller.
Centennial Dinner—W. S. C. S.; Mrs. Leland Hackett, chairman.
Publicity and Invitations—Mrs. Robert McMakin, Mrs. Rush Livengood, Mrs. Minnis Yates.
Reception—Mrs. Arthur Whitmore, Mrs. J. E. Byrd, Mrs. Orville Isenhowe, Mrs. George McDaniel, Mrs. Raymond Powell, Mrs. Floyd Foster, Mrs. Calvin Creasy, Mrs. Eugene Strawmyer.
Ushers—Leland Hackett, Donald Small, Royal Rader, Earl Bohannon.

Historical Sketch

Methodism in Whitestown had its origin in 1852, in a wagon shop, located just south of where Lon Powell now lives. The wagon shop was later nicknamed the "Old Gospel Shop."

The first congregation heard Nathaniel Gossett, a capable local preacher, who was instrumental in starting several churches in this locality. Afterwards a church was organized and David Wray, owner of the wagon shop, was its class leader.

The congregation later moved to the school house, located where the Dr. Lovett residence now stands.

In 1868 a big revival was held and the present church organized. Among the charter members were: Samuel Clodfelter, Samuel and Rebecca Ross, Abram and Mary Erwin, Jonathan and Margaret Isenhour, Isaac and Elizabeth Dye, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Hill, Mr. Hoback, James Landers, and James Trout.

Sunday School and Church continued in the school while a new frame church was being built on the present site. In September 1868 the new church was dedicated, and in 1869 was taken into the conference, under the charge of Rev. Brooks.

In 1905 the present church was built at a cost of \$6,000. W. H. Staples was architect. It was dedicated January 21, 1906. Dr. W. D. Parr, a former Boone county boy, then of Kokomo, had charge of the dedication exercises and preached the dedication sermon. Dr. E. A. Schell assisted in the service. Misses Bessie and Bonnie McKinney, accompanied by their mother, sang at the service.

Quoting from the original minutes of the dedication: "The outcome of the occasion is one of great rejoicing in the Methodist circles. The new house is the equal of any country-town church in the county, and places the Methodists of Whitestown in a position to command the respect of the community. All churches and all denominations unite in congratulating the brave little band that has so successfully carried forward the material enterprise of the Whitestown Methodist Church."

The trustees of the church at that time were James Isenhour, George Rader, Dr. P. B. Little, Abe Hardesty, and B. F. Hawkins. They with Walter Isenhour, Walter St. Clair, William Shaw and Rev. Lynn Bates comprised the building committee.

Among the Sunday School officers at that time we found, Miss Clara Christy, secretary, and Miss Lillie Cragun, treasurer. Epworth League officers were: Walter Isenhour, president; W. H. Isenhour, secretary, and Miss Lillie Cragun, treasurer.

Among those families prominent in the church at that time we found the names: Isenhour, Hawkins, Hull, Rader, Lineback, Hill, McKinney, Livengood, Christy, Cragun, Little, Shaw, St. Clair, Tomlinson, Schooler, Ferrell and Neese.

In 1931 the twenty fifth anniversary of the building of this

church was celebrated. The anniversary message was delivered by Rev. Lynn Bates, who was pastor at the time of the dedication.

An anniversary cake, baked by Mrs. Edna Adair, centered the table, and Laurene, her little daughter, lighted the candles. Another anniversary cake was baked by Arbie Isenhour.

Alva West was chairman of the music committee. Those on the program included Helen and Virginia West, Eugenia and Marjorie Smith, William L. Dodson, Sybilla Atkins, Mary Katherine Dulin, and Alyce Scott.

B. F. McMakin presided at the homecoming services in the afternoon. E. E. Smith gave the history of the church. Rev. Orville Woody was pastor at this time.

Sunday School attendance was 107, a record for that time.

During the last nine years the church has grown steadily, not only in numbers, but spiritually as well. In 1943 our church membership was 155, today it is 270.

In 1943 our average attendance in Sunday School was 50; in 1952 our average was 141, the highest on record. On Easter Sunday 1952 we had a record attendance of 279 in Sunday School, with more than 300 attending morning worship.

An extensive decorating program was carried out early this year. Floors were sanded and entire interior repainted. New wiring and fluorescent lights were put in the basement. New front steps and rest rooms were added in 1951.

A Hammond organ was presented through the courtesy of friends and will be dedicated June 22.

Our present minister, Rev. James E. Byrd, has served more than ten years, this evidence of the esteem in which he is held in our community. His inspiring words and the beautiful music of the new organ add much to the spiritual growth of our church.

As we look into the past records of our church many of us have fond memories. Some of us see the efforts and sacrifices of great-grand parents, grand parents and parents helping to make our church what it is today. Some of us were on the cradle roll here, possibly we found our Saviour at the altar of this church.

May God richly bless our church as we continue in His work. May it continue to grow not only numerically but spiritually as well.

CHURCH CHOIR

The present choir was organized in the fall of 1945 by Mrs. Bruce Neal, who faithfully served four years with Mrs. Lloyd Nease, pianist.

George McDaniel was elected as choir director in 1949 with Mrs. Kenneth McKinzie, president and Mrs. Eber Neese, organist.

Mrs. Neal again accepted the position of choir director in June, 1952.

Much praise goes to Mr. McDaniel, who gave considerable time and work during these past months to the directing of the choir and music of the church.

LADIES AID SOCIETY

The earliest records we have of the Ladies Aid dates back to 1904. Among the names of presidents of the Ladies Aid we find Mrs. Mary Bates, Mrs. P. B. Little, Mrs. Jane Christy, Mrs. Eugene Schooler, Mrs. Gus Tomlinson and Mrs. Taylor.

Mrs. Little was president, Mrs. Emma Neese, secretary and Mrs. Ira Hull, treasurer, at the time of the dedication in 1906.

The Ladies Aid contributed \$500 to the building fund. Ladies donated carpet rags to make a rag carpet to sell, they quilted, made comforters, held bazaars and suppers, husked corn at 3 cents per bushel, made bonnets, and peeled tomatoes at the canning factory. One record showed seven ladies had worked at the canning factory one night and were paid \$1.92. This hard work contributed to the building of our church.

A Ladies Guild composed of the younger women was quite active several years and disbanded in June 1933, by invitation of the older women to form a new Ladies Aid composed of both young and elderly women. Presidents who served this new Ladies Aid Society were: Mrs. Minnis Yates, Mrs. Robert McMakin, Mrs. Carl Batz and Mrs. Claude Shelburne.

We have no records of the Missionary Society. We know that it was active for a number of years until September 12, 1940 when we saw the two organizations merge into our present Woman's Society of Christian Service.

One unique event in the church took place on Sunday, May 11, 1952, when Miss Monzelle Byrd, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James E. Byrd, became the bride of Loren Eugene Souders, Corporal United States Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Souders.

To the best of our knowledge this is the first wedding occurring in the church of a daughter of a pastor while on the charge.

The W. S. C. S. sponsored a bridal shower for the honored couple, and served the bridal dinner.

FINAL WORD

Grateful acknowledgement to all who have helped to make this Centennial Celebration a successful and appropriate memorial to all who have labored through the years for the cause of Righteousness, Truth and Justice.

May we set the pace and the standard in this our day of opportunity that will reach out in ever growing influence to the next Century milestone to the glory of the Master and the coming of His Kingdom.

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