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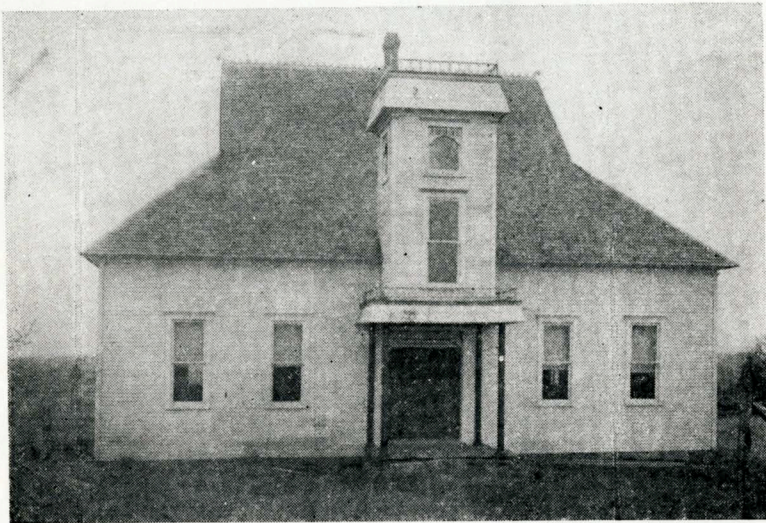


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Antioch Christian Church
One Mile Southwest of Pittsburg

ANTIOCH

Antioch Christian Church, one mile southwest of Pittsburg, Mo. was organized in 1843 by Mim Pitts and E. J. Kendall, Elders. Services were held in a brush arbor. Y. M. Pitts, B. D. Smith, and Levi Bybee were pioneer preachers there. The church was reorganized in 1858 by John Belcher.

A church house was erected in 1875 and was named by a Baptist preacher who rode up to the working carpenters and asked, "Building another Antioch eh?" The name stuck. Many of the pioneer churches were called Antioch after the example of the Gentile church in Acts 11:26. R. B. Turner was preaching for the church in 1895. Mr Alexander served as pastor several years. In 1901 J. D. Babb and S. E. Henderson received 56 new members during a revival. (Christian Evangelist 10-31-01) F. E. Butterfield was pastor in 1907, five additions on one Sunday, new church house almost completed, thirty one additions in the fall revival. Church records give 24 pastors and evangelists in 34 years. R. B. Turner was again pastor in 1909 for regular first Sunday preaching. The women were active in a Ladies Aid Society. (Christian Standard 7-10-09)

The organ or instrumental music question became serious. An organ was destroyed in 1910. G. M. Martin was pastor in 1912-13, membership 100, Bible School pupils 50, L. B. Cox pastor 1915, membership 85, Bible School pupils 25.

A revival in 1926 by M. O. Caldwell added 26 members. Since 1881 there appear more than 600 names on the church book. Non-resident members are found in seven states. Antioch is the mother of four churches in Hickory County. For ten years Orville Hodge of Louisburg, Mo. has been the pastor, preaching each first Sunday.

Disciples of Christ Year Book of 1892 gives 100 members; 1943 Year Book gives 200; 1949 Year Book gives 80. A list of 1950 gives 80 resident and 100 non-resident. The house is valued at \$800.00. A large, well kept cemetery is adjacent the church house. For forty years A. F. Fowler was a pillar of the church. W. E. Gannon of Springfield, Mo. is the half time pastor in 1950.

Antioch Christian Church Members

Andrews, Ida K.	N.R.	Brannon, Willie	
Brannon, Elberta	N.R.	Brannon, Uolia	N.R.
Brannon, Novella	N.R.	Bryant, Daisy	N.R.

Bryant, Mildred	N.R.	DeHart, Audie	
Bigler, Herman	N.R.	Floyd, Edward	
Bigler, Vernon	N.R.	Fugate, Ida M.	N.R.
Branham, Janes	N.R.	Fisher, Ethel	N.R.
Branham, Henry	N.R.	Fowler, Purdy	N.R.
Branham, Lizzie	N.R.	Floyd, Bertha	
Bowen, Ruth	N.R.	Floyd, Lydia	
Bowen, Ida	N.R.	Fugate, Laura	N.R.
Bigler, John	N.R.	Fowler, Romey	
Bowen, Thomas P.	N.R.	Floyd John W.	
Bowen, Fred	N.R.	Fowler, Frank	N.R.
Bush, Artie "		Fowler, May	N.R.
Blair, Minnie	N.R.	Fisher, A. C.	
Branham, Vivian	N.R.	Floyd, Annis	
Bigler, Linda Vee	N.R.	Floyd, Lavary	
Bowen, Callie	N.R.	Floyd, Neta	N.R.
Buckner, Nina	N.R.	Floyd, Rettie	
Buckmaster, Amy	N.R.	Floyd, Wrinkle	
Beakley, Opal	N.R.	Floyd, Alfred	N.R.
Chaney, Edna		Frazier, Noah	N.R.
Chaney, Jewell	N.R.	Frazier, Pearl	N.R.
Chaney, Lavon		Floyd, Bill	
Costelow, A. F.	N.R.	Floyd, Julia	
Conley, R. H.	N.R.	Floyd, Noah	
Colston, Alfred	N.R.	Floyd, Leonard	
Coon, Mr and Mrs Thos.		Floyd, Emma	
Clark, Kittie		Floyd, Pearl	N.R.
Clark, Palmer		Floyd, Noah Frank	
Clark, William		Floyd, Ralph	N.R.
Creed, Elgie	N.R.	Fowler, Bill Frank	N.R.
Creed, Jasper		Fowler, Willa Fae	N.R.
Cyrus, Charley		Fisher, Harold	
Creed, Nannie		Fisher, Arthur Lee	
Crabtree, Atha		Fisher, Kittie Ray	
Darby, Opal	N.R.	Fisher, Mrs Emma	
Davis, Arthur	N.R.	Fugate, Nannie	
Dennis, Erma Dee		Fugate, Sigal and Nannie	
Dorman, Arville	N.R.	Fugate, Alta	N.R.
Dorman, Ruth	N.R.	Foster, Nina	N.R.
Darby, Otis	N.R.	Hobbs, Walter L.	N.R.
Dorman, Gladys	N.R.	Halbert, Vernon	N.R.
Dorman, Rachel	N.R.	Hobson, Ezra	N.R.
Darby, Myrtle	N.R.	Hobson, Hulda	N.R.
DeHart, Maudie		Hobson, Alta	N.R.
DeHart, John Frank		Hooper, Naomi	N.R.
DeHart, Raymond			

Bryant, Mildred	N.R.	DeHart, Audie	
Bigler, Herman	N.R.	Floyd, Edward	
Bigler, Vernon	N.R.	Fugate, Ida M.	N.R.
Branham, Janes	N.R.	Fisher, Ethel	N.R.
Branham, Henry	N.R.	Fowler, Purdy	N.R.
Branham, Lizzie	N.R.	Floyd, Bertha	
Bowen, Ruth	N.R.	Floyd, Lydia	
Bowen, Ida	N.R.	Fugate, Laura	N.R.
Bigler, John	N.R.	Fowler, Romey	
Bowen, Thomas P.	N.R.	Floyd John W.	
Bowen, Fred	N.R.	Fowler, Frank	N.R.
Bush, Artie "		Fowler, May	N.R.
Blair, Minnie	N.R.	Fisher, A. C.	
Branham, Vivian	N.R.	Floyd, Annis	
Bigler, Linda Vee	N.R.	Floyd, Lavary	
Bowen, Callie	N.R.	Floyd, Neta	N.R.
Buckner, Nina	N.R.	Floyd, Rettie	
Buckmaster, Amy	N.R.	Floyd, Wrinkle	
Beakley, Opal	N.R.	Floyd, Alfred	N.R.
Chaney, Edna		Frazier, Noah	N.R.
Chaney, Jewell	N.R.	Frazier, Pearl	N.R.
Chaney, Lavon		Floyd, Bill	
Costelow, A. F.	N.R.	Floyd, Julia	
Conley, R. H.	N.R.	Floyd, Noah	
Colston, Alfred	N.R.	Floyd, Leonard	
Coon, Mr and Mrs Thos.		Floyd, Emma	
Clark, Kittie		Floyd, Pearl	N.R.
Clark, Palmer		Floyd, Noah Frank	
Clark, William		Floyd, Ralph	N.R.
Creed, Elgie	N.R.	Fowler, Bill Frank	N.R.
Creed, Jasper		Fowler, Willa Fae	N.R.
Cyrus, Charley		Fisher, Harold	
Creed, Nannie		Fisher, Arthur Lee	
Crabtree, Atha		Fisher, Kittie Ray	
Darby, Opal	N.R.	Fisher, Mrs Emma	
Davis, Arthur	N.R.	Fugate, Nannie	
Dennis, Erma Dee		Fugate, Sigal and Nannie	
Dorman, Arville	N.R.	Fugate, Alta	N.R.
Dorman, Ruth	N.R.	Foster, Nina	N.R.
Darby, Otis	N.R.	Hobbs, Walter L.	N.R.
Dorman, Gladys	N.R.	Halbert, Vernon	N.R.
Dorman, Rachel	N.R.	Hobson, Ezra	N.R.
Darby, Myrtle	N.R.	Hobson, Hulda	N.R.
DeHart, Maudie		Hobson, Alta	N.R.
DeHart, John Frank		Hooper, Naomi	N.R.
DeHart, Raymond			

Hylton, Naomi	N.R.	Pitts, Virgie	
Hylton, Ethel	N.R.	Pitts, Andrew	N.R.
Hylton, Maston	N.R.	Pitts, Roy L.	N.R.
Hogg, Mrs Edith	N.R.	Pitts, Lona	N.R.
Hollingsworth, Roy	N.R.	Pitts, Leland	
Hollingsworth, Mildred	N.R.	Pitts, Erma	N.R.
Hunt, Wilma	N.R.	Pitts, Helen	N.R.
Hooper, Rachel		Pitts, Verna	
Hicks, Alice	N.R.	Pitts, Joe	N.R.
Haskell, Beulah and Lawrence		Parkhusrt, Oran	
Jones, Perry		Quick, Mabel	
Jones, Elpha		Quick, Lindsey	
Jones, Everett		Quick, Inez	
Jenkins, Clara		Quick, Henry	
Jenkins, Ernest		Quick, Chloe	
Jenkins, J. A.		Reser, Nettie	N.R.
Jenkins, Bessie		Reser, Edward	N.R.
Johnston, Martna C.	N.R.	Reser, Laura	N.R.
Kincaid, A. A. and Pearl		Roundtree, Walter	N.R.
Kincaid, Guy and Blanche		Roundtree, Eva	N.R.
Kincaid, Kyle	N.R.	Reser, Vernon	N.R.
Kincaid, Charles R.		Rush, W. R.	N.R.
Kelley, Henry and Elsie	N.R.	Richardson, Melvin	N.R.
King, Lillie	N.R.	Roberts, Willa Mae	
Kelley, Helen Jean	N.R.	Root, Lester	N.R.
Lightfoot, Atha	N.R.	Root, Ray	
Mallonee, Ben L.		Stout, Tempie	
Mallonee, Idar E.		Stout, Walter	N.R.
Miller, Perry A.	N.R.	Stout, Amos	
Miller, Earless	N.R.	Sapp, Oscar	
Miller, Tracy	N.R.	Sapp, Lizzie	
Miller, Cecil	N.R.	Sapp, Beulah	N.R.
Mabary, Ruth		Spillman, Edgar	N.R.
McCubbins, Seth	N.R.	Spillman, Mattie	N.R.
Mabarry, Patty	N.R.	Snow, William	N.R.
Mallonee, Carl L.		Snow, Hattie	N.R.
Miller, Fratie		Shelton, Oval	
Martin, Laveta	N.R.	Shelton, Lorene	
Pitts, Curtis		Simmons, Paul	
Pitts, Perry		Stout, Delia	
Pitts, Everett		Smith, Pauline	
Pitts, Edith	N.R.	Stokes, Mrs Gettie	
Pitts, Cecil	N.R.	Thomas, Golda	N.R.
Pitts, Gladys	N.R.	Triggs, Mrs	
Pitts, Loran	N.R.	Taylor, Rachel	N.R.
Pitts, Clester			

Winfrey, Richard
Winfrey, Daisy
Williams, J. W.

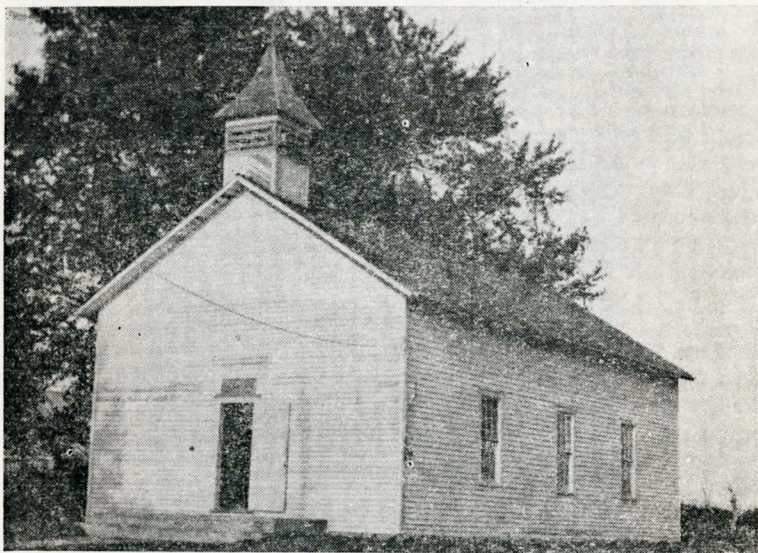
N.R. Williams, Viannia
N.R. Winfrey, Verna
N.R. Waldren, Nellie

N.R.
N.R.
N.R.

(N.R.—non resident)



Eld. Mim Pitts, earliest preacher, farmer, miller and a founder of Pittsburg. Father of ten children.



Cross Timbers Christian Church

CROSS TIMBERS

The Cross Timbers Church sprang from nearby school house congregations. Stark's Creek School had a group of forty in 1888, J. B. Ihrig, pastor. Mr Ihrig lost his voice when he was 46 years of age. Then some of his churches requested he preach to them in a whisper. ♦♦

A report of December, 1891 by J. S. Beckwell gives: "Thirty-six members organized, 21 more added" following a short meeting. The 1892 Year Book shows 45 in Sunday School, \$800.00 value of church property. The Christian Evangelist Jan. 1895 tells of "an earnest band of 97 members". S. E. Henderson was the resident pastor one fourth time. His family was described as "awfully fine people". J. B. Jeans, J. H. Jones, Pleasant Clark, G. M. Martin were other visiting pastors. L. B. Cox in 1915 was pastor of the 100 members, \$100.00 per year for local work. Elders—W. Frederick, G. W. McClure, M. C. Jenkins. Deacons—W. L. Ihrig, W. S. Picket, Bible School Supt. C. E. Barnett.

Levi Bybee

Levi Bybee (1821 - 1877) was married twice. Six children by his first marriage, four by the second. He preached over Hickory County during the 60's and 70's. For several years he farmed near Cross Timbers. He died of pneumonia and was buried in Benton County. Mrs Eliza Smith of Preston is his granddaughter.

Cross Timbers Christian Church Members

Anderson, Bernita	Guier, Mr and Mrs Flavel
Admire, Grace	Holmes, Etta
Admire, Mr and Mrs Alfred	Hickman, Mrs Bert
Boyd, Mrs Joe	Ihrig, John T.
Bonner, Mrs Orphus	Ihrig, Mr and Mrs Luther
Bliss, Mr and Mrs G. A.	Jenkins, Mr and Mrs Giles
Brown, Mr and Mrs Hoyt	Kirby, Francis
Calkins, Florence	Kirby, Mr and Mrs Ronald
Cothorn, Leland	Kirby, Mr and Mrs Will
Cothorn, Mr and Mrs Bill	Johnson, Martha Ann
Cothorn, Marion	Koons, Francis L.
Davidson, Robert	Little, Mr and Mrs C. O.
Davis, Esther	Little, Mr and Mrs W. C.
Davis, Gertie	Logan, Mr and Mrs J. E.
Edwards, Mr and Mrs J. M.	Logan, Mr and Mrs Lee

Logan, Jackie Lee	Stevens, Mr and Mrs W. F.
Miller, Atha	Sandage, Mrs H. G.
Miller, Mrs Laura	Sandage, Jean
Mitchell, Mr and Mrs Lawrence	Smith, Mr and Mrs Clint
Mitchell, Shirley	Smith, Jody
Ogden, Mr and Mrs Lester	Smith, Jack
Porterfield, Dean	Smith, Mr and Mrs Edward
Porterfield, Mrs Belle	Smith, Mr and Mrs W. B.
Porterfield, Mrs Andy	Smith, Warren
Porterfield, Harold	Twigger, Mrs Lena Dell
Populias, Mrs Charley	Wiley, Robt.
Rose, Mr and Mrs Luther	Ward, Esther
Scarborough, Mrs Bertie	Wathall, Mr and Mrs Robert
Smith, Mrs Eliza	Wright, Mr and Mrs Earl
Schnitker, Mr and Mrs Lee	Warstadt, Mr and Mrs Fred
Schnitker, Joan Marie	Wright, Mr and Mrs Fred
Schnitker, Willa Lea	Wallo, Mrs Esther

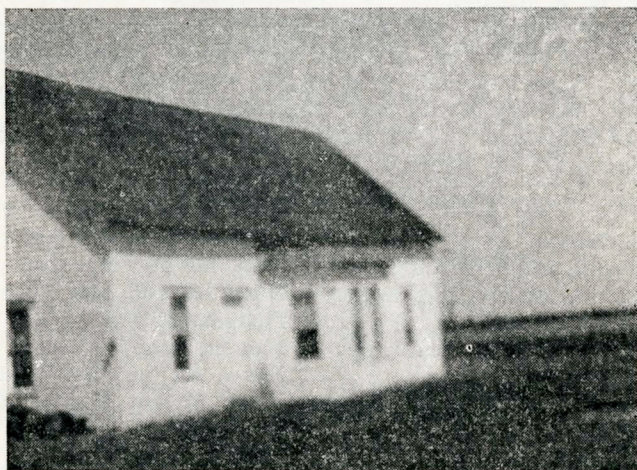


John Benton Ihrig

A letter from John Ihrig June 27, 1950 says that his father, John Benton Ihrig, came from Indiana to Cross Timbers in 1880. He preached "in the Methodist church and in private homes. He was instrumental in the building of the Christian church here with only about eight members. It look'd impossible at that time." J. B. Ihrig (1843-1893) was buried at Cross Timbers. He owned 120 acres south of the town. One year the churches gave him a wagon load of sheep for his salary. His children were county leaders in Hickory County Christian Churches.



Baptismal Scene at Cross Timbers
October 1915. A. W. Rethemeyer, Evangelist



Elkton Christian Church, Built 1907

ELKTON

The Elkton Christian Church was organized Oct. 8, 1898 at Prairie Valley School House - 17 members. Elders: W. W. Taylor and Elijah Williams. Deacons: T. M. McCracken and Carlos Palmer. Hugh Combs was the early pastor. Thirteen members started the building program for a \$1000.00 frame house in 1907. Orville Hodge held a revival in 1910 with forty additions.

The 1913 Year Book gives 80 members, F. E. Butterfield, minister. G. M. Martin was the pastor in 1914. H. C. Clark held a revival in 1915 with thirty four additions. Church members 84, Elders were J. E. Rupard, Joheph Coon, Carlos Palmer. Deacons were Tipton Williams, W. T. McCracken, S. P. Nevins. Church clerk, W. A. Beasley.

R. W. Hoffman (1925-1930) and A. T. Mahanay (1930-1947) held the longest pastorates. In 1949 a Bible School was organized, Dovie Reser - Superintendent, Fred Woods, President of the Church Board. Mrs Coy Nutt, Clerk. Sixty members.

In September of 1950 Chris Sais of Bolivar held a revival—four additions by baptism.

Elkton Christian Church Members

Allen, Minnie	Nutt, Mr and Mrs Ray
Blackwell, Mr and Mrs Arden	Nutt, Mr and Mrs Coy
Blackwell, Mr and Mrs Ervin	Nutt, Mr and Mrs Tobe
Blackwell, Loyd	Pearson, Minnie
Blackwell, Mr and Mrs James	Palmer, Wm.
Blackwell, Bessie	Reser, Mr and Mrs Oral
Blackwell, Mr and Mrs Everett	Reser, Mr and Mrs Lloyd
Berg, Mr and Mrs Alva	Reser, Lola
Berg, Chester	Reser, Mr and Mrs Ira
Coon, Mrs Homer	Simmons, Mrs Paul
Cooper, Mrs Kelly	Stacey, Mrs Elmer
Crance, Mr and Mrs Jack	Street, Mr and Mrs Willie
Davis, Mr and Mrs Homer	Street, Howard
Ecton, Mrs Dan	Street, Glenn
Eskew, Etolia	Sutt, Mr and Mrs Lum
Fisher, Sophia	Vaughn, Margaret
Fowler, Flora	Vaughn, Ross
Green, Juanita	Wood, Mr and Mrs Fred
Green, Othol	White, Mrs Al
Huffman, Rosa Lee	Williamson, Savilla
Nutt, Mrs Kenneth	Wolfgang, C. Asa and Mrs
Hoffman, Viva	Wolfgang, Chas. R.
Hoffman, J. C.	Whit, Mrs Florence
Morton, Lena	

HERMITAGE

Hermitage is the youngest church, being organized Mar. 26, 1905 by J. D. Babb. Elders: Wm. F. Coon, Wm. L. Pitts Deacons: Geo. C. Owens and Albert Pitts. Clerk, Ross Coon. Treas., Wave Coon. Orville Hodge received 23 new members in a revival in 1910. S. E. Hendrickson, F. M. Hooton, and F. E. Butterfield built the church to fifty members by 1915. By 1950 the Church Record lists 158 people as, having held membership in the church, or an average of three and one half new members per year. A. T. Mahanay and R. W. Hoffman held the longest pastorates. The church of fifty members meets in the Methodist church house and shares in the Union Sunday School.

Minutes of 1938 church election read: Elders—Ross Coon, W. E. Davis. Deacons—Ralph Nevins, W. C. Owens, Harry Pitts, Isaac Clark. Deaconesses—Wave Coon, Alpha Pitts.

The church has sent several of her young people to Bennett Spring Camp and for one year furnished the President, Wm. L. Pitts, Jr.

Hermitage Christian Church Members

Amlin, Mrs Tilda	Day, James
Anderson, Mrs Carl	Dollarhide, John
Anderson, Ardith Lee	Dorman, Mrs C. E.
Bennett, Mrs Velma	Donovan, Harvey
Bergstrom, Mrs Emil	Donovan, Ruby
Beck, Mrs Dona	Gates, Mrs John
Boller, Mrs Dorothy	Gardner, Mrs Velma
Blair, Dee and Edith	Gardner, Lena Mae
Boller, John	Gardner, Willa Fae
Breazeale, Mr and Mrs E. S.	Gibson, Mr and Mrs R. B.
Carlstrom, Mrs Maureen	Ferrell, Mrs Jean
Clark, Isaac and Ramah	Hollingsworth, Mr and Mrs Albert
Coon, Ross and Wave	
Davis, Clyde and Lucille	Hunt, Mrs Lucile
Davis, Mrs Chloe	Jenkins, Betty Ruth
Davis, Mr and Mrs Ralph	Jenkins, Earl
Davis, Willie and Essie	Johnson, May
Day, H. G.	Johnson, Ernest
Day, Gertie	Johnson, Myrtle
Day, Edward	Johnson, Billy
Day, Madalyn	Liedtke, Mrs H. H.

Meier, Mr and Mrs L. W
Meier, Sharon
McKinley, Mary
McKinley, Florence
Nevins, Mary and Ralph
Owens, Edith
Pitts, Fred
Pitts, Albert

Pearson, Mrs Claud
Pinkston, Mrs Nancy
Roberts, Lawana
Stroud, Oval
Scott, Charles
Walker, Cecil and Gertie
Wilson, Loren



**H. T. Alexander, Wife and Five
of the Seven Daughters**

H. T. Alexander (1848 - 1900) was born in Indiana. He was married in 1876 to Margaret McKee of Crawford County, Illinois. Moved to Hickory County, Mo. in 1895. He graduated from McGee College in 1871 and also attended Warrensburg Teachers College. He taught school 24 years. He was ordained a Christian minister in 1890. While painting a house a ladder fell with him causing his death. He was buried in the Tillery cemetery near Flemington. Bro. Allen Bridges conducted his funeral. He was the father of seven daughters. He preached in most of the Hickory County churches.



Methodist Church and Masonic Hall at Hermitage
Used by both Methodist and Christian Churches

QUINCY

Quincy, Mo. had a congregation by 1875 with Levi Bybee as preacher. "The Year Book of 1892 gives 50 members, a Sunday School of 75. David and Bailey Warren, Hugh Combs, Bridges Brothers, Butterfield, Noblette, Parks, J. H. Jones, A. T. Mahanay, R. W. Hoffman, Roy Fields, Jr. preached here. Noblette held a ten night debate with the Latter Day Saints in 1912. A cyclone destroyed the church house near the turn of the century. The Quincy City Hall serves as a church house. The church was reorganized Nov. 20, 1917 with 32 members. Elders, John E. Allen, J. R. Wilson, and J. T. Cogle. Deacons, J. S. Tilford, G. W. Allen, Tom Wilson and Charles Wilson. Mable Stewart, clerk

Hugh Combs lived five miles east of Quincy. His granddaughter writes June 5, 1950, "My grandfather served in the army of the South during the Civil War. He moved to Hickory County in 1881 and settled near Wheatland where he was living at the time of his death (1905). He preached at Antioch, Wheatland, Quincy and Iconium." He was buried in the Sumner cemetery where a beautiful tomb stone marks his grave.

Quincy in 1950 is a mission point with four families represented—nine members who share in the Union Sunday School. Members—Mr and Mrs Tom Wilson, Mr and Mrs Glover Wilson, Mary Fay and Bobby Wilson, Walter Baldwin, Mrs Maggie Nowell, Mrs Harry Allen.



Mrs S. C. Gentry, Charter Member
of Weaubleau Church

WEAUBLEAU

In the year 1901, there were a few faithful Christian Church members without a church who wanted to perfect an organization. They secured the services of Evangelist J. B. Jeans of Springfield, Mo. and held a series of meetings in August 1901 in the old Public School House in the west part of town where the Earnest Wheeler residence now stands. This meeting was a success with a number of additions. The charter members decided to build a church house and on December 24, 1901, Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Gentry gave the land and made a deed to it where the church now stands. In January 1902 the deed was recorded in Hermitage, Mo., Hickory County. Rev. Jeans secured the plans and the congregation began to erect a building on the present site with Ira John as contractor at a cost of \$1200.00. The following 22nd of June 1902 the church was dedicated to the Lord by T. A. Abbott of Kansas City, Mo. Following the dedication Eld. J. J. Jones held a protracted meeting from July 26 to Aug. 11 with 10 additions.

Sunday School was organized by J. B. Jeans our first pastor with Mrs S. C. Gentry as Superintendent. Also at one time she taught a teen age class of 19 boys.

The Sunday School and Church continued to grow under efficient pastors until at one time there was a membership of more than 100.

During the past 49 years there have been several pastors some of whom stayed a long time. Among the familiar ones were R. W. Hoffman, E. T. Sechler, and A. T. Mahanay who spent 18 years with us. During these years there were ups and downs but the faithful few stayed together and carried on when it seemed hopeless.

S. E. Hendrickson held a protracted meeting from Aug. 16 to Sept. 11, 1902 with 18 additions. Rev. Hendrickson began half time pastorate here in January 1903. He received \$250.00 for the year and continued his work through 1904, 1905, also in 1907.

J. D. Babb held half time pastorate here in 1906.

F. D. Bezona held half time pastorate in 1908 for a salary of \$300.00.

Rev. Butterfield began his pastorate here the second Sunday in January 1909, salary \$300.00.

Rev. Clark was the pastor here in 1910.

J. D. Babb held a protracted meeting from Sept. 16 to Oct. 1, 1905 with 19 additions and he received \$33.35 for his labor.

J. H. Jones of Springfield, Mo. held a protracted meeting here in 1914-1915 with three additions.

Earl T. Sechler, student minister, began his work here May 28, 1916. In July 1917 E. T. Sechler and Henry Clark held a two weeks meeting with eight additions.

On January 27, 1918, Rev. Sechler called the members together for a business meeting. George T. Owens and Lee Shockley were retained as elders. Harrison Marlow and Alfred Owens were elected deacons. Lizzie D. Niehardt elected church treas. and Mrs S. C. Gentry church clerk.

Rev. A. T. Mahanay, district evangelist of Springfield, Mo., held a series of meetings from Jan. 9 to 23, 1921 with seventeen additions, 8 by confession and baptism and 9 by statement. He received \$105.00 for his services.

Rev. Hoffman held three special meetings Apr. 1-3, 1927 with nine additions to the church.

On August 31, 1941 closed the first forty years for the church with all day services and basket dinner. There were only three of the earlier members living at that time who still had their membership here.. They were: Mrs Gentry, Mrs Alfred Owens and Lee Shockley; the latter having passed away in January 1949.

The first wedding to take place in the church was that of Miss Dora Monroe and Clyde McCracken. The most recent wedding was Miss Marilyn Reser and Earl Juhas.

The present church board this first day of June 1950 is: H. P. Reser and B. W. Keller, Elders; J. M. Brown, W. C. Owens, Doyle Riley and A. F. Owens, Deacons; and Jewell Owens, Secretary and Treasurer.

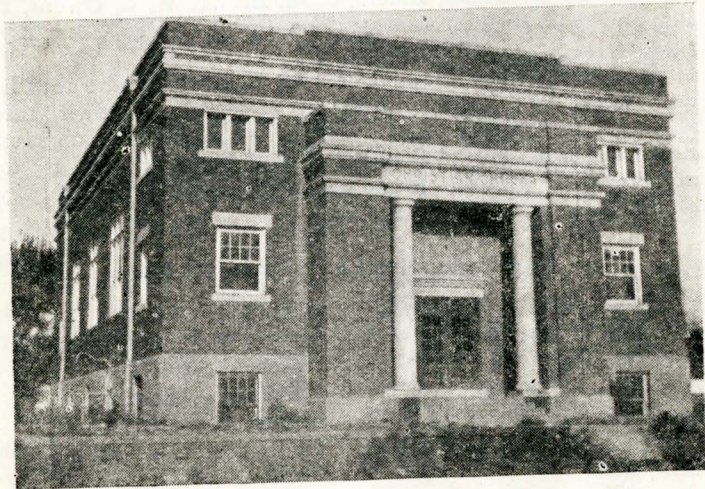
No member in our church is entitled to the praise that is due Mrs Gentry. She has been loyal and faithful all down through the years. Never tiring in her efforts and shouldering any responsibility that was for the upbuilding of the church. She is to be commended for the records she has so thoroughly kept the 42 years that she was clerk of the church.

Weubleau Christian Church Members

Allen, Mr and Mrs Lawrence	Crissinger, Mrs Joe
Allen, Mrs John	Foster, Mr and Mrs E. C.
Allen, Wendell	Gentry, Mrs S. C.
Blair, Mr and Mrs Clifford	Goodnight, Emmitt
Brown, Mr and Mrs J. M.	Goodnight, Anita
Blackwell, Mr and Mrs Albert	Hargiss, Phillip Ray
Burns, Mrs	Halbert, Dot
Coffey, Darlene	Johnson, Leotia
Carlton, Mr and Mrs Keith	Juhas, Marilyn
Carlton, Patricia	Keller, Mr and Mrs B. W.

Keller, Mr and Mrs Jack
McAllister, Mr and Mrs Glen
Miller, Mrs John
Mashburn, Mr and Mrs Roy
McCaslin, Minnie
Monroe, Jess
Owens, Mr and Mrs A. F.
Owens, Mr and Mrs W. C.
Parkhurst, Carol
Eiley, Mr and Mrs Doyle

Reser, Mr and Mrs H. P.
Shockley, Betty
Shockley, Nannie
Stephenson, Mr and Mrs Edgar
Thompson, Ollie
Thornton, G. W.
Ussery, Mr and Mrs Artie
Wilson, Mrs Naomi
Welch, Pearl



Wheatland Christian Church
Built In 1922

WHEATLAND

The Wheatland congregation dates to 1878 when The Christian Apr. 11, 1878 reported "meeting held here by O. Bryan, 29 added. J. G. Flannery, reporter. The Standard gave 75 as the membership in 1888. The 1892 Year Book shows 90 members, 50 in Bible School. The church met in a union house, now the Baptist Church. Near the turn of the century the church met in a union hall over a store, on the square. The Christian Church and the Methodists worked together until near 1909.

Elder J. Jones, who reorganized the church in 1902 received \$80.36 for the year's work. For seven months, two Sundays per month, he received, "a horse and buggy and \$45.37". Church Board in 1901: Elders—A. S. Johnston and Alva Fisher. Deacons—W. R. Burge and J. S. Dent. Clerk—Zetta Johnston.

Wheatland entertained the first County Convention July 29-31, 1901. T. A. Abbott was guest speaker.

A. J. Williams, District Evangelist, was in Wheatland in 1902. He baptized Zilpha Fisher and May Dent Dec. 24, 1902. S. E. Hendrickson's meeting of 1905 with 14 additions was accounted "best meeting in quarter of century". "One man over 70 years old started after a load of wood and stopped to see the baptizing and concluded he had not been baptized, and made the good confession and was baptized". Two years later Pleasant Clark, minister and John Giddens, evangelist had 14 additions. G. M. Martin and F. E. Butterfield preached in 1912-1917. Forty members in 1914. Pastors were paid \$100.00 per year for services.

A. W. Rethemeyer held meetings in Nov. 1914 and Dec. 1915 with near twenty additions. He baptized Mr and Mrs D. V. Goodman and Ivan Hargrove in Oct. 1915. B. B. Ihrig was S. S. Superintendent and principal of the High School for several years. L. V. Cox was pastor in 1915. He was drowned April 1916 at Hermitage.

J. H. Jones of Springfield was pastor 1917-1920, at \$15.00 to \$25.00 per month for quarter time. A. T. Mahanay held the revival in 1920, 52 confessions, 63 additions in the 25 day tabernacle meeting.

After the tabernacle meeting: June 8, 1922 deeded a lot by Dr. A. L. Fisher. Oct. 22, 1922 church was dedicated, E. F. Leake guest speaker. Raised \$8,754.79 to cover the deficit. Second Mahanay meeting, 3 weeks - 10 additions. A. T. Mahanay employed for half time at \$50.00 per month. In 1924 increased to \$60.00. In 1924 an

18 day meeting - 31 additions by A. T. Mahanay. R. W. Hoffman arrived Dec. 17, 1924, for 6 year pastorate.

The first funeral in the new church, Dr. A. L. Fisher, Feb. 27, 1924, preached by A. T. Mahanay. First baptism, Mildred and Alice Mills on the day of dedication. First wedding in the church, May 20, 1923, Tom Brown and Mildred Mills.

Roy Fields, Jr., pastor in 1946, received 13 members into the church.

Wheatland Christian Church Members

Akin, Phyllis (Mrs James)	Foltz, Dona Faye (Mrs Edward)	
Bell, Laura (Mrs Elmer)	Farr, Grace (Huffman)	
Bartshe, Claudine (Mrs Jack)	Gardner, Jennie	R
Barnhart, Cathryn (Mrs Harold)	Gist, Fred	R
Barnett, Bobby	Goodman, Cora	R
Barnett, Eugene	Hague, Viola (Mrs J. L.)	R
Besser, Ann	R Halbert, Avis	
Bennett, Leola (Mrs Harry Wente)	Hickman, Horace	R
Blair, Boone	Hickman, Effie (Mrs Horace)	R
Blair, Jackie	Hickman, Harry Lee	
Blair, Shirley	R Hendricks, Rebecca (Mrs Elmo)	
Blair, Stella	R Hodges, Michalene (Mrs Roy)	
Bigler, Jessy	Holloway, Norris	R
Boone, Ede	R Hollowoy, Pauline (Mrs Norris)	R
Bradshaw, Lottie	R Howard, Myrtle (Mrs John)	R
Breshears, Ina Faye	R Huffman, Mae (Mrs Dan)	
Breshears, Lucy	R Hutton, Fannie (Mrs Walter)	R
Briggs, Dorothy (Mrs J. E.)	R Hutton, Ralph	R
Burger, Charlotte	R Hutton, Duke (Mrs Ralph)	R
Button, Bill	Hutton, Lance	R
Carlisle, Lula (Luckey)	Jenkins, Fred	R
Carter, Martha (Mrs Albert)	R Jenkins, Alba (Mrs Fred)	R
Carter, Wilma Lee	R Jennings, Margaret (Mrs Tracy)	R
Chaney, Wessie	R Kelly, Edith (Mrs Harold)	
Chaney, Lula (Mrs Wessie)	R Kragel, beulan (Mrs Harry)	R
Chaney, Ina May (Mrs Bert)	R Kragel, Harry, Jr.	
Crance, Roscoe	Lafaver, Mae (Mrs Roy)	R
Crates, Jacqueline	R Largent, Thos. A.	R
Crates, Frances (Mrs Fletcher)	Largent, Edna (Mrs T. A.)	R
Delmont, Walter	Long, Nellie	
Duncan, Lora Jean (Mrs Ralph)	R Marsh, Clayton	
Dobson, Dorothea	R Martin, Ernest	R
Damker, Annis (Mrs Walter)	R Martin, Glenna (Mrs Ernest)	R
Damker, Walter	R Martin, Karoyl	R
Edge, Louella (Mrs Don)	Martin, George	
Flint, Ina Faye (Mrs Hobart)	Martin, Noah E.	

McGuire, Billy		Reno, Perry	R
McCillin, Arvilla (Mrs Frank)	R	Reno, Annabelle (Mrs Perry)	R
Miller, Jesse		Reno, Cecil	R
Miller, Velvoene (Mrs Ted)	R	Reno, Myrtle	R
Moore, Rosa Mae		Roach, Mary (Mrs Kenneth)	R
Moore, Nellie		R Rorer, Lola (Mrs Hallie)	
Moore, Harry		R Rorer, Helen (Mrs Frank)	R
Moore, Willie L.		R Schnitker, Anne (Mrs Owen)	
Moore, Hattie (Mrs W. L.)	R	Selvidge, Lillie (Mrs Chas)	R
Moore, Virgil		Selvidge, Snow (Mrs Tom)	R
Moore, Anna (Staten-Mason)		Scott, Roy	R
Moore, Emma Blanche (Mason)		Scott, Maxine (Mrs Roy)	R
Morton, Thornton	R	Scott, Mabel (Mrs Dale)	
Morton, Stella (Mrs Thornton)	R	Shockley, Zonita (Mrs Cecil)	
Morton, Billy Charles		R Sibert, Lizzie (Mrs Ed)	R
Morton, L. Holley		R Siems, Dollie (Mrs Chas)	R
Morton, Ione (Mrs L. H.)		R Staten, Mabel	R
Murphy, Zilpha		R Staten, Cora (Mrs Henry)	R
Murphy, Fisher		R Smith, Alice (Mrs Ney)	R
Murphy, W. Ralph		Sutt, Mary	
Murphy, Ruth (Mrs W. R.)		Sutt, Henry	R
Nelson, Edna (Mrs Morris C.)		Thatch, Joe	
Overturf, Verda (Mrs Wilford)		Thompson, Ollie	
Oesch, Treva (Mrs John Wm.)	R	Tilford, J. Sherman	R
Orr, Ann		Tilford, Geneva (Mrs J. S.)	R
Owens, Joe S.	R	Tilford, George	
Owens, Sarah Ann (Mrs Joe S.)	R	Turk, Louise	
Palmer, Grace (Mrs Holley)		Vanderford, Ruth	
Palmer, Dixon		Whelchel, Mae (Mrs Frank)	R
Payne, Elaine (Mrs Stanley)	R	Williams, Lloyd	
Parker, Mabel (Mrs Rosa)		Williams, Ruby (Mrs Lloyd)	
Peck, Mary Sue		R White, Shirley (Mrs T. J.)	
Pitts, Joe		R Williams, John S.	R
Pitts, Jack		R Wilson, Josie (Rorer)	R
Reavis, Ray		R Wright, Frances (Mrs Howard)	R
Reavis, Ninnie (Mrs Ray)		R White, Helen (Heard)	
Reavis, Layverne		R	
Reno, Charles		R	

*R — Resident



Dean R. W. Hoffman and Mrs. R. W. Hoffman

Dean R. W. Hoffman

Ralph Warren Hoffman was born on a farm near Nixa, Missouri July 13, 1885, to James and Anne Hoffman. He with his younger brother, Clarence, attended the nearby country schools, going later to Republic for two years of high school. While in Republic they placed their membership in the Christian Church, and were active in the young people's work. Warren completed his high school work in the old Springfield Normal School (now SMS) continuing his work there for his teachers certificate. He taught his first school in the Blackman school, Springfield; his next school being the Oak Grove. Later taught at Piedmont. He entered Drury College in the fall of 1915 and took the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1917. While in Drury he served the churches of Alba and Lockwood. In the fall of 1917 he entered the Divinity School of the University of Chicago for three years of ministerial training. He received the Masters degree in 1919, and the Bachelor of Divinity in 1921. While there he met Miss Anne Abel, secretary to Dean Shailer Mathews and also registrar of the Divinity School, whom he married in 1921. They made their first home in the newly remodeled parsonage of the Christian Church, Sullivan, Indiana. The call of his native state for workers brought him to Hickory County as County Pastor in 1925, where the field was prepared by Rev. A. Taylor Mahanay (now pastor of Republic Christian Church), and where through the generosity of Harry H. Rogers,

San Antonio, and the equally generous folks of the churches of the county, a fine new church had been erected, with facilities for a religious educational program.

The sudden death of Carl Swift, Dean of the Drury School of Religion, brought the Hoffmans to Springfield in 1930 where he served as Dean and teacher of Bible, Religion and Philosophy until 1944, when illness forced him to retire.

His death came Dec. 24, 1949. Quietly and confidently he slipped away to meet the Great Teacher he loved.



A. T. Mahanay
County Pastor 18 Years

A. T. Mahanay—born Feb. 10, 1880 at Grove Springs, Mo. Married to Ida Copening of Niangua, Mo. May 11, 1904 by Eld. F. M. Hooten of Marshfield. Two daughters, Mrs Lillian Weaver and Mrs Louise Squires both now of Springfield. Three grandchildren, Jerry, Weaver, Marianne and Andy Squires. Began preaching in 1912. Graduated at Drury 1914. Pastor at Collins, Selmore, Niangua, Conway, Northview. Moved to Richland 1915. Pastor of Richland and Dixon. Call to Marshfield 1918. Entered evangelistic field under State and District Board 1920. Meeting at Wheatland Oct. 1920—67 additions. Preached in Hickory county 1922-24. County Pastor in Hickory 1930-1946. Accepted call to Republic 1946. Led in building the \$65,000 church house. Preached the dedication sermons at Collins and at Bennett Spring Camp.

Summary

Hickory County reached its zenith in population (9,985) in 1900. In forty years the population was 6,506. Christian Church membership followed the rise and decline of county population. In 1888 reports give 305 members. In 1892 - 425 members. In 1906 - 754 members. In 1916 - 426 members. In 1943 - 594 members. In 1949 - 444 members. The church membership in 1950 is as follows:

Antioch - 201, Cross Timbers - 90, Elkton - 64, Hermitage - 66, Quincy - 9, Wheatland - 146, Weaubleau - 54, a total of 630—200 of which are non-resident. Disciples of Christ rank second in the county - being exceeded by the Baptists. Two extinct congregations Preston and Stark's Creek which had memberships of 75 and 40 in 1892. Five church houses and one parsonage are owned by the churches, a property valuation of \$50,000.00.

For the years 1949 - 1950 the State Board has subsidized the Hickory County Pastoral Unity of five churches. A County Board of twenty members meets at least twice per year, a monthly church bulletin is published, an annual Fellowship Supper is held. Revivals and Vacation Bible Schools are planned cooperatively. This History of the County Churches is being distributed. If a copy is desired write Mrs Zilpha Murphy, Wheatland, Mo.

Thanks to all the church clerks and others who helped collect the data and to Mrs. W. C. Owens who wrote the Weaubleau church history.

County Board Constitution

- I The County Board shall consist of four members from each church, preferably an equal number of men and women from each church. If no election is held by the local church then the President of the Church Board, the Vice President, the church clerk and the assistant clerk shall represent the church. Members of the County Board shall serve three year terms.
- II The County Board shall elect its own officers - President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and assistant secretary.
- III The County Board shall hold two regular meetings per year and as many others as the Board shall see fit to call.
- IV The County Board shall cooperate with the local churches in calling a county pastor, in publishing a church bulletin, in holding revivals, in planning Vacation Bible Schools, in promoting the Annual Fellowship Supper, in Leadership Training, in sending youth to Camp and delegates to our District, State and National Conventions.
- V The County Board shall decide its own place of meeting.
- VI Seven members shall constitute a Quorum.
- VII Fifteen members of the County Board by unanimous vote may amend this constitution provided thirty days notice has been given.

Summary

The following summary is based on the report of the
Committee on the Administration of Justice, which
was established in 1962. The Committee's terms of
reference were to examine the organization and
administration of the courts and to recommend
ways of improving the efficiency of the
judicial system. The Committee's report was
published in 1965 and has since been
widely discussed. The following is a
summary of the main findings and
recommendations of the Committee.

The Committee found that the judicial system
was in need of reform. The main problems
identified were: (a) the delay in the
trial of cases; (b) the expense of litigation;
(c) the complexity of legal procedure; and
(d) the inefficiency of the courts.
The Committee recommended a number of
reforms, including: (a) the creation of a
new court of appeal; (b) the abolition of
the High Court and the creation of a new
court of first instance; (c) the abolition
of the County Court and the creation of a
new court of first instance; (d) the
abolition of the Magistrates' Courts and
the creation of a new court of first
instance; (e) the abolition of the
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