

We thank you Our Father in Heaven that in those middle years of adversity, You steadfastly provided for all our needs and continued to bless this temple. Prayerfully we sing this song--

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies we see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided -
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

II. THE MIDDLE YEARS -- 1892-1941

A. The Fire Still Burns

There is a "neat but small church called the Christian Church, or Campbellites" in Cambridge City. The first Church Register of the Cambridge City Christian Church (1842-1892) ends with the pastorate of Brother E. C. Wells. At the close of the year 1893, there "evidently was a revival of unusual worth for in the month of December twenty-eight persons came forward for the hand of Christian Fellowship and joined the congregation of believers." His ministry was shared with the Milton Christian Church. Elder Wells was educated in the Kentucky public schools and in the old College of the Bible where he graduated in 1877. His ministry was from 1892-1894.

B. The Next Church Record Begins -- 1904

It commences with these words, "The Christian Church Record which was made at the beginning of the organization of the Christian Church of Cambridge City, Ind. has been lost. This record was made by a committee of 12, appointed by the president of the Church Board to be made as near like the old one as could be remembered." This statement probably refers to the listing of the membership.

It is only through dates of immersion and by whom baptized, financial reports of disbursement, information from the Disciples of Christ Historical Library and religious notices published in the Tribune, that the writer can 'piece together' the names of some of those who came to minister to the congregation in the following years.

C. Those Who Answered The Call To Serve

Thanks to Our Father in Heaven for the steadfast faith of those that came to minister to this then struggling church. These were:

Brother William Grigsby, pastor of the Dublin Christian Church, apparently came

from time to time to fill the pulpit.

On March 15, 1895, the Tribune reports that "Elder Strawn preached two good sermons at the Christian Church, last Sunday".

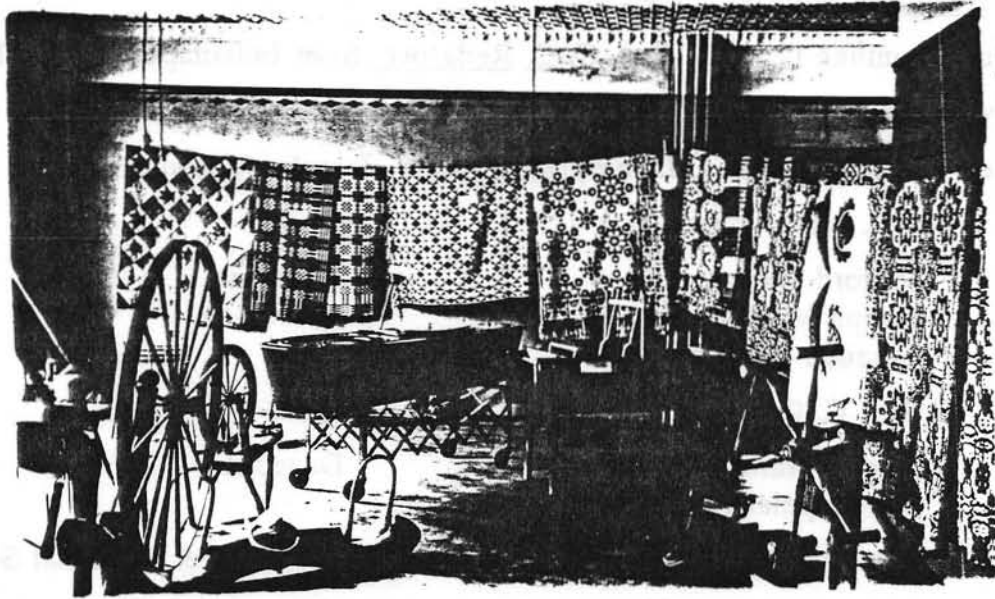
From the June 6, 1895 Tribune, we read, "Rev. Herbert Hall, professor at Butler University, will fill his regular appointment, Sunday, at the Christian Church. Everybody invited!"

A Rev. Hufford (probably from Butler) also served the church. These three ministers may have been called to fill the pulpit from 1895 to 1901.

From the records of financial disbursements, we find that the following supply minister served the congregation: Brother Daniel Robertson Lucas, well-known minister and veteran soldier, who helped build the Central Christian Church in Indianapolis during his seven year ministry, ending in 1892; he also spear-headed the building of the monument to Oliver P. Morton. Upon his retirement he preached to this congregation. Brother J. M. Land, former minister to the Milton Christian Church, filled the pulpit from April 24 to October 23, 1904. He preached every other Sunday and was paid \$8.50 for each service.

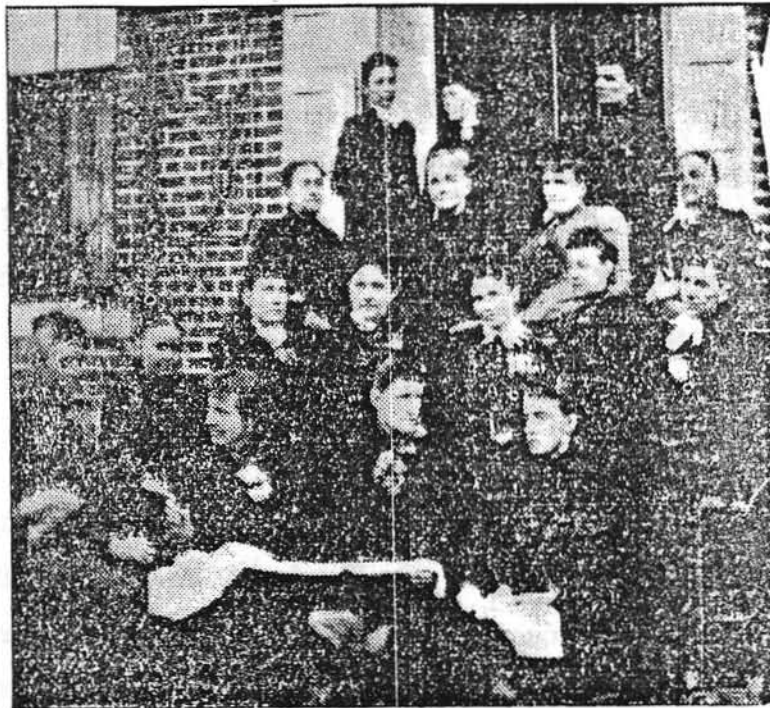
D. The Witness of Faith and Works

The Dorcas Aid Society composed of the women belonging to the Cambridge City Christian Church were organized soon after the Civil War. The purpose of this organization was to support the church spiritually and financially. In the years from 1893 to 1905, church collections resembled the giving of the 'widow's mite'. The church was hard pressed for financial support. The Dorcas Aid 'put their hands to work' by serving Easter dinners, having rummage sales, and a yearly event of making sunbonnets, comforts, and quilts. They had magic lantern entertainment, ladies exchanges, meals for the Lackey horse sales, lining caskets, and helping during the corn husking season. As a result of their works, the Dorcas Aid Society paid for the sidewalks, lumber for the vestibule, piped water to the church baptistry, and bought communion sets as well as many times paying for the support of those who came to preach. Not only did these ladies support the church financially, but many were spiritual leaders exhibiting a strong faith for the Lord's church.



Quilts for sale - Dorcas Aid Society

Early Cambridge City Group



CAMBRIDGE CITY, Ind., Sept. 14.—Among the pictures found which is of great interest to the Cambridge City community is the first Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian Church of which five of the members are still living. The picture belongs to Charles Kerlin, whose mother was one of the interested workers.

Those in the picture from left to right standing in the doorway are Lottie Copeland, Myra Malone, Virginia Barnett; in the second row, standing, are Sarah Kerlin Stephe, Amanda Kimmel, Sue Wilson, Mollie Roth; the next row, five sitting, are Sadie Wiseman, Sarah Stombaugh, Minerva Blue, Hattie Bailey Voss, Cathrine Whitely; the lower row are Viola K. Roth, Savannah Hiser, Amanda Mauk, Olive Miller, and Mollie Drischel.

Those in the picture who are living are Savannah Hiser, Olive Miller, and Lottie Copeland, all of Cambridge City; Hattie Bailey Voss of Muncie; and Mollie Drischel.

Dorcas Aid Society meeting at Rose Hill home of Joseph and Amanda Kimmel

E. First Recorded Minister Called

On December 17, 1905, Rev. C. C. Redgrave, from Indianapolis began his ministry with the Cambridge City Christian Church. As a result, the members called a meeting on Thursday evening, January 14, 1906, to elect the following officers:

Mrs. Nan Rankin	Clerk
Sanford Wilson	Trustees
Joseph Marsh	
Amanda Kimmel	
Rev. C. C. Redgrave	Elder
Joseph Marsh	Deacons
Roy Copeland	
Roy Copeland	Treasurer & Financial Secretary

The meeting adjourned with a motion carried to have a business meeting on each last Thursday evening in each quarter. According to the financial disbursement, Rev. Redgrave served this pastorate until April, 1906. He was given \$25.00 for preaching two services a month.

F. Victory In Jesus

In 1907, Brother Charles E. Shultz, clerk for the Henry Circuit Court and a song evangelist in the Eastern Indiana district, held a protracted meeting of 'great worth' which resulted in VICTORY and added membership. It was commented that, "He does his work in the finest spirit and leaves a church in a healthy condition. His work 'put us on our feet.'" Nineteen additions were added to the membership.

G. Those Who Came To Minister -- 1908-1916

Rev. Cecil Franklin and his wife, Sophie C. Franklin, song evangelists, came to serve the congregation from 1908-1909. On October 6, 1909, a committee was appointed to consult with the congregations at Dublin, Bentonville, Centerville, and Jacksonburg in regard to employing Brother Franklin half time; apparently, none were interested. During his ministry, Mr. Cook, Director of Education in Indiana, spent a week here and established the Graded Bible School in this church with Mrs. J. W. Marson, Superintendent of the Elementary Department (she had served since 1888) as Superintendent of the Children's Department. Mrs. Bird was selected as Superintendent of Juniors and Mrs. Hodson as Assistant in the Primary Department. Mr. Cook's ministry was blessed with thirty-five baptisms.



TEACHER-TRAINING GRADUATING CLASS, CAMBRIDGE CITY, IND.

On January 9, 1910, the church board called Rev. W. L. Burman to minister to the congregation. He was to be paid at rates of \$450 a year for half-time pay; also, to help defray moving expense from Indianapolis to Cambridge City -- \$6.00. Money was 'tight' and women were selected as solicitors and collectors. Church solicitors were asked to put forth special efforts concerning work to collect from delinquents and to ask all members to pay owed Sunday dues in advance.

Aunt Dollie Smith, a consecrated Christian, upon her death, gave her home and household goods to the church. The property was sold in 1908 and the money used to buy new joist sills, an entire new floor and roof for the church. The following year the Dorcas Aid bought new seats at the cost of \$275. In 1910 this same organization donated a new carpet for the entire floor.

Brother Fred Kanauer served this congregation in the years 1911-1912. He was a student at Butler University. During his ministry, twenty-two additions joined the church by immersions.

On December 1, 1912, the "...board and church members unanimously accepted Brother Charles E. Shultz interest to preach for us on the 3rd and 5th Sundays of each month, commencing the year 1913..." His ministry would continue into 1916.

H. The Church Alive and on the Move

In 1913, Ruth Evans Reed and John Slonaker canvassed the business sections of Cambridge City and secured money to buy the fixtures and wiring. Dan Evans donated his work and wired the building.

The Missionary Society, organized in 1876 and later discontinued, was re-organized June 9, 1914, by Mrs. Charles Shultz. Their motto chosen in 1890 was "BEGIN YOUR WORK, GOD WILL SUPPLY YOU WITH THREAD." The Executive Committee for 1914 was

Mrs. J. W. Marson	President
Mrs. A. H. Hodson	Secretary
Miss Barnett	Treasurer
Mrs. V. A. Roth	Secretary Pro Tem -- June 1915-16

In 1914 there were fifty-two children in the elementary department. Mrs. Marson made an appeal for a basement and pledged \$100 from that department. Rev. Shultz urged, "We do remodel and have a basement." A unanimous vote to this was given.

After the morning service, Mrs. Marson made a personal plea for the women of the church who were not members of the Dorcas Society to form an organization and help raise funds for the remodeling. With enthusiasm the women said, "Yes."

On March 3, 1914, the Sewing Circle was organized. Officers chosen were Mrs. Rose, President; Mrs. Frank Repp, Vice President; Mrs. Roy Copeland, Secretary; and Mrs. Forest Hughes, Treasurer. The first money by the Circle was made by selling 'tags' during the Lackey horse sales. "Too much praise cannot be given the women of the circle for their zeal and good work at that time and since." Other projects were dinners, banquets, rummage sales, bazaars, sewing comforts, etc.

While the house of worship was being raised to put a basement under same, the congregation met in the town hall.

I. "In His Name"

In the October 31, 1915, Tribune we find this tribute titled "IN HIS NAME". Excerpts from this article are presented for your reading. "The rebuilt Christian Church was dedicated last Sunday in due and ample form. It stands upon the grounds where the original church was erected in 1850...The building was too small for present day needs and the congregation last spring appointed a building committee who picked up the old structure and built a 9 foot cement basement underneath. The main room of this is 38 x 40 feet, to which is added a boiler room, a spacious kitchen and a stairway leading to the congregation room above. This room has not been changed except inverted dome and electric effects, new wallpaper, paint and varnish, making the

transformation quite noticeable. This is reached by cement steps from the sidewalk to the reception room on a grade so easy that the approach is not difficult. The basement has entrances on either side as well as in the rear. Those in front are protected by caps and columns that add to the architectural beauty of the building as a whole..."

"The members feel proud of their efforts and especially, the ladies have labored faithfully in the good work. It is an honor to HIM in whose name it was dedicated, a credit to the congregation and a valuable addition to the religious and civic interests of Cambridge City."

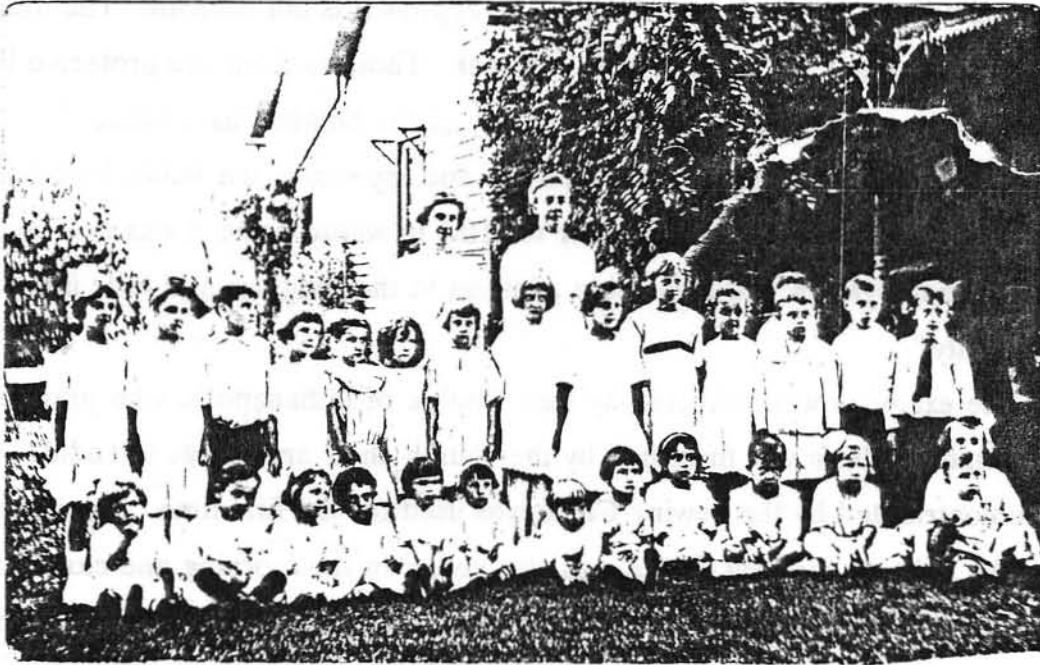
"...The exercises were directed by Rev. Cauble of Indianapolis, who preached the morning sermon. Music was furnished by the church choir and it was splendid. The new piano contributed by the Sewing Circle was used for the first time. The work of canceling the debt on the new edifice was also begun in the morning and closed in the afternoon with plenty of pledges and to spare. It was required to raise \$3,500--when the day closed \$3,835 in cash and pledges was the results..."

"It was largely due to the influence of Rev. Shultz that the congregation took up the proposition to rebuild the church...Much credit is due Roy Copeland for the interest he took in this project. Other members of the committee, all of whom were active in the work, were J. J. Richardson, Chairman, Charles Marples, Chas. Sowers, B. R. Miller, Will Sowers, Albert Kelsey, Chas. Boyer and John Parrish...Edward Copeland was in charge of the carpenter work...The basement and approaches were built by Orpha Dill...The Dorcas Society gave a beautiful bible as well as cash..."

During the ministry of Rev. Charles Shultz, it is recorded that there were 47 baptisms. One commented, "We owe much to Brother Shultz and his wife. They were song leaders and accomplished much good in our community."



Cradle Roll Day - May 10, 1913 - Irene Kelsey with finger in mouth (front row)



Picture taken at the home of Sue Marson of the elementary Sunday School student.
Back row: Sue Marson on the right and Ruth Barnett, assistant on the left.



On the steps of the newly remodeled church
Mrs. Marson, Supt. of Elementary Department on left. Mrs. Bird, Supt. of Juniors in
the middle. Mrs. Hodson, assistant in the Primary Department on right.

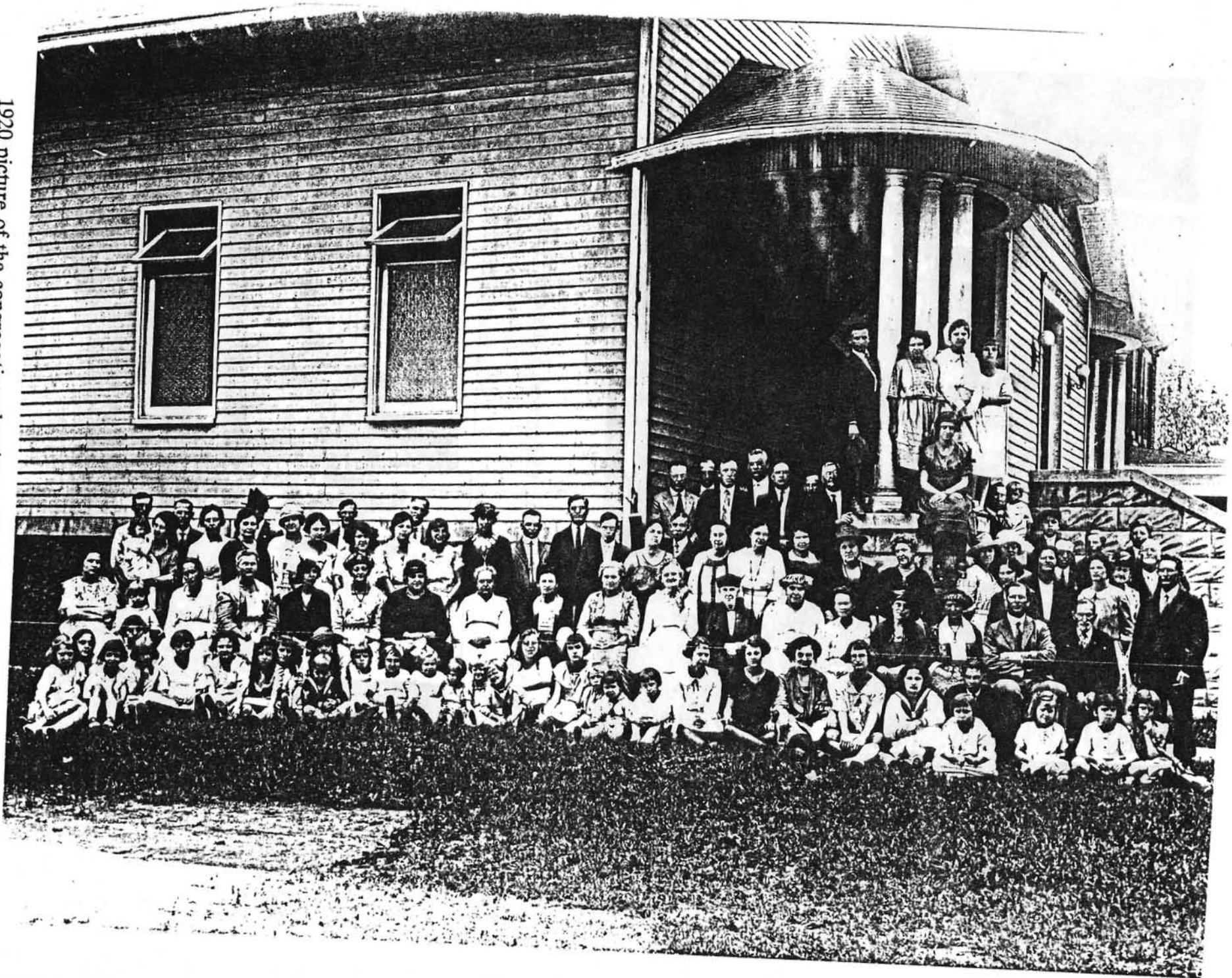


Mrs. Blanche Copeland and 2 assistants. Children in muffs and knitted caps and hats.



Ladies of the church - 1919. Rev. Erastus Conner standing in doorway.

1920 picture of the congregation showing a side view of the 'raised church'.



J. The War Years And a Recession

There are no records for the years 1915 through 1919. However, from the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Pastor Erastus S. Conner served the congregation on a half-time basis for four years from 1917-1920 while located at Indianapolis. He graduated from the Northwestern Christian University in 1887.

Brother Lyman Hoover, while a student at Butler University, was called to serve the congregation commencing January 9, 1921 to September 1, 1922. It is recorded that he was a strong spiritual leader. During his short tenure there were an amazing number of additions, forty-three. Upon graduation from Butler, he entered graduate study at Yale University.

K. A Blest Ministry

On October 1, 1922, Brother F. C. McCormick entered into a shared ministry with the Milton Christian Church and the Cambridge City Christian Church. In the annual report of the Milton and Cambridge City Christian Churches for the year 1925, we see a picture of Rev. F. C. McCormick with these words below, "Who has been Given a Life Pastorate with these two Churches."

During his ministry we find friendship and fellowship between these two sister churches. Board meetings were held regularly and a structured order of reporting, still used today, as follows:

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| 1. Prayer | 8. Reports of Standing Committees |
| 2. Roll Call | 9. Reports of Special Committees |
| 3. Reading of Minutes | 10. Unfinished Business |
| 4. Pastor's Report | 11. New Business |
| 5. Report of Financial Secretary/Treasurer | 12. The Good of the Church |
| 6. Reports of Officers | 13. Closing Prayer |
| 7. Organizational Reports | 14. Adjournment |

But perhaps most of all, Brother McCormick was a voice of encouragement during those depression years. In the latter part of 1937, Brother McCormick became ill and a supply minister, Reverend Barney, finished the year.

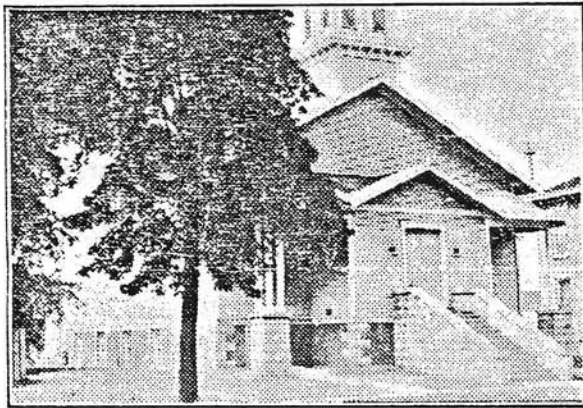
Following are copies of the annual reports for 1925 and 1927 as well as remarks made by Rev. F. C. McCormick in the 1934 pre-Easter meetings.

ANNUAL REPORT

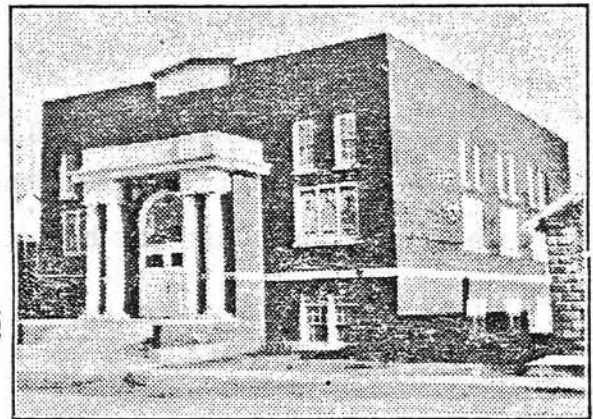
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The Milton and Cambridge City Christian Churches

For the Year 1925



THE CHURCH AT CAMBRIDGE CITY, IND.



THE CHURCH AT MILTON, IND.

*W*E EXALT and wear no name but Christ's.
We have no creed but the living Christ.
Our only rule of faith and practice is the Bible.
We are not the only Christians, but we are christians only. We stand for the restoration of the New Testament church in its doctrines, its method of conversion, its ordinances and its ideals of life.

OUR MOTTO

“In faith, unity; in opinions, liberty; in all things charity.”

1925
CAMBRIDGE CITY CHRISTIAN
CHURCH OFFICIARY

Pastor: Rev. F. C. McCormick.

Elders: Sanford Wilson, C. P. Marple, Chas. Sowers, Elmer Fryman, Frank Buser, T. W. Davidson, Roy Higgins, A. R. Kelsey.

Deacons: Roy Clingman, Sam Gerber, Ben Sanford, Walter Smith, Golie Moore, Eli Brewer, Chas. Boyer, Ross Cramer, Carl Oldham, Raymond Gardner, Walter Vernon, J. H. Ayres, Carl Buser, Lowell Cornthwaite, Herbert Hodson, Melvin Goley, Percy Donaldson.

Deaconesses: Jessie Cornell, Lottie Copeland, Ollie Miller, Pearl Evans, Nellie Gerber, Retta Kelsey, Madge Moore, Mae Clingman, Reba Fryman, Sarah Tague, Edna Hangle, Merle Smith, Marie Gardner, Nevada Goley, Maude Harmeier, Blanche Copeland.

Trustees: Roy Clingman, A. R. Kelsey, C. P. Marple.

Treasurer: Roy Copeland.

Clerk: A. R. Kelsey.

Chairman of Board: I. J. L. Harmeier.

Vice-Chairman: Percy Donaldson.

Missionary Society Officers: President, Sarah Tague; Vice President, Mattie Kerlin; Secretary, Alma Hodson; Treasurer, Mrs. Sanford.

Christian Endeavor Officers: President, Isol Vernon; Vice President, Russell Barnes; Secretary and Treasurer, Irene Kelsey.

Dorcas Aid Society Officers: President, Mrs. Mattie Kerlin; Vice President and Secretary, Laura Parrish; Treasurer, Clara Cornthwaite.

Sewing Circle Officers: President, Edna Zook; Vice President, Nellie Gerber; Secretary, Mae Clingman; Treasurer, Maude Harmeier.

BIBLE SCHOOL OFFICERS

Superintendent, C. P. Marple; Assistant Superintendent, Jessie Cornell; Treasurer, Roy Clingman; Secretary, Thelma Edwards; Assistant Secretary, Irene Kelsey; Pianist, Mrs. Maude Harmeier; Superintendent Adult Division, Clara Cornthwaite; Superintendent Young People's Division, Sarah Tague; Administrative, Jessie Cornell; Missionary, Lottie Copeland; Temperance, Carl Buser; Superintendent Children's Department, Alma Hodson; Secretary Children's Department, Mabel Howard; Cradle Roll Superintendent, Clara Huddleston.

Teachers: First Year Beginners, Mrs. Hodson; Second Year Beginners, Mrs. Copeland; Second Year Primary, Mrs. Hangle; First Year Junior Girls, Jeanette Boyd; First Year Junior Boys, Mrs. Hubbard; Second Year Juniors, Mrs. Sanford; Third Year Junior Girls, Mrs. Kerlin; Third Year Junior Boys, Mrs. Marson; Busy Bees, Mrs. Elmer Fryman; Joy Class, Lottie Copeland; Loyal Boosters, Carl Buser; Loyal Daughters, Mrs. Sarah Tague; Loyal Sons, J. H. Ayres; Loyal True Blue, Frank Buser; Loyal Women, Mrs. Jessie Cornell; Loyal Men, Irvin J. L. Harmeier; Home Department, Mrs. Nola Crook.

Music Committee: Roy Copeland, I. J. L. Harmeier, Arthur Reese.

Press Correspondent: Sarah Tague.

About \$2,000.00 was raised for local expenses and about \$400 for missions and various benevolences in 1925.

The secretary of the Bible School reports 294 enrolled and a record attendance of 362, and an average attendance for 1925 of 180. The average attendance for 1924 was 173, and for 1923 it was 163. We hope the average for 1926 will be 200.

Our church building is attractive and comfortable but we need more room. It is fortunate that our building is so arranged that for about \$8,000.00 we can add sixteen class rooms and enlarge our auditorium. Whenever the members and friends of the church make this possible it

will be done. Considering the good work this church is doing, where can anyone invest money in this community where it will do more good?

The Christian Churches in Bentonville and Jacksonburg, which are the only churches in their townships, the strong Christian Churches in Centerville, New Lisbon and Milton, and, a little farther away, the church at Greensfork, are a source of strength and encouragement to us and we hope we are helpful to them.

The DeKovan Male Chorus of Muncie, will be here on January 31st. This is a great chorus of more than sixty voices.

OFFICIARY, 1928

Minister.....F. C. McCormick (Phone Red 124)
 President Official Board.....Irvin Harmeyer
 Clerk.....Fred Masterson
 Treasurer.....Roy Copeland
 Trustees.....Charles Marple, T. W. Davidson, Charles Boyer
 Press Correspondent.....Thelma Edwards
 Chairman Music Committee.....Arthur Reese
 Chairman Flower Committee.....Mrs. Charles Kerlin

BIBLE SCHOOL

Superintendent.....Charles Marple
 Assistant Superintendent.....Bruce Henderson
 Secretary.....Irene Kelsey
 Assistant Secretary.....Thelma Edwards
 Treasurer.....Roy Clingman
 Pianist.....Mrs. Maude Harmeyer
 Superintendent Adult Division.....Mrs. Clara Cornthwaite
 Superintendent Home Department.....Mrs. Eva McCray
 Superintendent Temperance Department.....Carl Buser
 Superintendent Miss and Young People's Dept.....Mrs. Sarah Tague
 Superintendent Cradle Roll.....Mrs. Clara Huddleston

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Superintendent.....Mrs. Alma Hodson
 Assistant Superintendent.....Mrs. Blanche Copeland
 Secretary.....Mabel Howard
 Pianist.....Jeannette Boyd

DORCAS AID

President.....Mrs. Mattie Kerlin
 Vice President and Secretary.....Mrs. Laura Parrish
 Treasurer.....Mrs. Clara Cornthwaite

SEWING CIRCLE

President.....Mrs. Hazel Kirlin
 Vice President.....Mrs. Claude Dickerson
 Secretary.....Mrs. Ben Sanford
 Assistant Secretary.....Mrs. Roy Clingman
 Treasurer.....Mrs. Ralph Tague

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President.....Mrs. Ralph Tague
 Vice President.....Mrs. Thomas Bird
 Secretary.....Mrs. Charles Ellsberry
 Treasurer.....Mrs. Ben Sanford

The average attendance for the Bible School for 1927 was 143. The average offering was \$7.86. Attendance records were made as follows: 52 Sundays, Mildred Howard and Frances Kellam; 49 Sundays, Mabelle Howard, Irvin Harmeyer, Roy Copeland; 48 Sundays, Blanche Copeland, Edna Hangley, Irene Kelsey; 46 Sundays, Mrs. Alma Hodson; 44 Sundays, Jeannette Boyd, Mrs. Maude Harmeyer. The average attendance in the Annex was 57 and the average offering was \$1.92. There are 18 on the Cradle Roll. The Bible School gave \$154.69 to Missions and Benevolences.

The Women's Missionary Society has 33 members. They added seven new members in 1927. They gave \$157.19 to missions and benevolences last year. Their aim this year is 36 members, 19 World Calls and \$150.00 in offerings.

The Dorcas Aid made \$74.42 quilting last year.

The Sewing Circle made \$244.03 last year. Since Jan. 1, 1928, they have paid \$175.00 into the general budget fund of the church, purchased a new range for the church kitchen and subscribed \$250.00 to the general budget fund for 1928.

The Church Treasurer's report shows: total receipts, \$1,723.10; total expenditures, \$1,698.97; amount on hand at beginning of 1927, \$57.28 and balance of \$13.36 at the close of the year 1927.

One of the greatest needs of our church is more room for our Bible School, but this cannot be provided until there is more money in the building fund. This fund is growing slowly.

"The World Call", the best church magazine published, will keep you informed about the great, educational, benevolent and missionary enterprises of our brotherhood, and it only costs \$1.50 a year.

One of the best pieces of work done last year was the compiling of accurate lists of members and friends of the church and its organizations.

The Orchestra, under the leadership of Irvin Harmeyer, has been a great help to the church and Bible school and to the community at large. Have you told them this?

Let this be visiting year in every department of the church. At every regular meeting of every class and organization let reports be made of the number of visits made in behalf of the church and its work since the last regular meeting.

The Choir can help the church greatly this year. Let every one who sings at all help all they can. We have the talent for a great choir. Why not have it?

Several copies of this bulletin are being sent to you. Please keep a copy throughout the year and give or send the others to friends you would like to have know about our work.

The total amount of the missionary and benevolent offerings given by all the departments of the church last year was \$421.88.

The visits and addresses of Miss Margaret Lawrence of China, and of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Moon, former missionaries to Africa, were very interesting and helpful.

Please get several of these reports and give or send them to your friends.



F. C. McCORMICK, 1922

At the candle light services in both the Milton and Cambridge City Christian Churches all are requested to enter quietly and wait in silence for the service to begin. There will be a recital of the events connected with the establishment of the Lord's Supper, the Supper itself will be served, appropriate hymns will be sung and all will leave the buildings without visiting. The only light in these meetings other than candle light will be from the cross.

Walking reverently in the woods and fields is good but will not take the place of worship of Our Savior—the most inspiring, life-giving, cleansing personality that ever lived. To worship God in Christ quickens every good in the human heart. And there is an exaltation of spirit that comes when we worship with others that makes for fellowship on the higher levels of life and that can come in no other way. A religion that leaves all others out of it and is satisfied with feelings of personal piety is not christian. To love God and to love your brother as you love yourself is true religion. Love and the fragrance of a rose diffuse themselves equally in all directions.

At this time when lack of integrity and common honesty may wreck our entire business and political structure, all character building agencies should have universal encouragement and support—and the church is the greatest and most effective character building agency the world has ever known.

And money—don't quit doing what good you can do because you have little or no money and don't make this an excuse for staying away from church. Christ and the apostles did a marvelous work and they were penniless. Anyway, "It isn't what you'd do with millions, if millions should be your lot; but what are you going to do with the dollar and a quarter you got."

A religious journal suggests that we adopt a five-year program of advancement in the churches ending December 31st, 1938. The deepest need in America today is more widely attended and more reverent services of worship where all that is noblest and best is exalted. There should be no less activity in all the live, effective and useful organizations of the church. If all work together we can build up great and helpful services of worship. To succeed in this would be a real and worth while achievement.

L. "Your Church"

On December 26, 1937, Reverend William V. Barney answered the call to serve both the Milton and Cambridge City Churches fulfilling Rev. McCormick's ministry and then be considered for a more definite and longer period. He was given permission to two days of graduate school at Butler University, making his residence in this area. He had graduated from Eugene Bible University and spent most of his Christian service work as a chaplain in the army.

An interesting article written in the Traveler by J. W. Roberts, titled "Your Church" in an interview with Rev. Barney, probably 1940, contained the following information.

The Board Officers were:

Mr. Bruce Henderson, Chairman

Trustees -- Percy Donaldson, Golie Moore, and R. B. Grigsby

Deacons -- Golie Moore, John Reed, Herbert Shutz, Vincon Inco, Gayle Dunavent, Harvey Whitton, and Floyd Hines

Deaconesses -- Mrs. Mattie Kerlin, Mrs. Golie Moore, Mrs. Melvin Golay, Mrs. Harvey Whitton, Mrs. Rollie Grigsby, and Mrs. Gayle Dunavent

Elders -- James Bozoarth, Bruce Henderson, and Will Protsman

The writer wrote that, "...had the opportunity to attend the recent Young People Service...Miss Rilda Jean McGrady presented two melodic xylophone solos, "Glow Worm" and "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise."...Robert Whitton gave an informative talk on values gained by youngsters in the Christian Camp at Rushville (Weakleys Camp)...excellent moving pictures of camp scenes were shown when Rev. Barney was Dean of the Camp...A duet by Rev. Barney and his wife was appreciated by the audience...The impression of Christian Fellowship was not lost on the visitors..."

On January 29, 1941, Chaplain Barney was appointed Camp Chaplain at Camp Shelby.

M. Hard Times -- But God Hath Provided

From the early days when Joseph Kimmel gave most of the support to the church in the eighties, the congregation had struggled to pay the bills. Many times the Dorcas Aid Society and the Sewing Circle were 'looked to for support'. The poem, The Sewing Circle of the Cambridge City Christian Church, seems to illustrate this need for support.

The Sewing Circle of the Cambridge City Christian Church

Oh the Sewing Circle of the Cambridge City Christian Church
Is an organization prosperous and alert;
It came into existence twenty years ago or more
And its splendid deeds are counted by the score.

Its popularity and influence are to be considered
Its spirit and attitudes are never embittered.
Its made up of women loyal and true
Who are always willing to give and to do.

The needs of the Master's Church are many
And they must work for every penny;
So they sew and stitch and work
And never do their duties shirk.

About this circle there is nothing phoney—
It has many ways of making money.
They have markets which people adore
Where they have cakes, salads and dainties galore.

And their Easter Bazaars are always right in it,
All of their things are quite up to the minute.
They have quilts and aprons and caps so fine
You will be sure to buy one every time.

And their penny suppers, oh my, oh me—
The food is the most delicious that ever can be;
They make the best dishes from their recipe books
Which shows that they are of the finest cooks.

If every church in every town
Had a circle of such renown;
There would be no ragged song books, no shabby floors,
And not a church would ever have to shut its doors.

I have belonged to clubs and circles far and wide
But this fact to you I surely must confide—
That of all the circle I have chanced to meet
The one of the Cambridge Christian Church can't be beat.

Composed by Mrs. Maud Thurman, Milton, Ind.

August 1936

Even as late as March 8, 1937, the board discussed financial problems. It was decided "that something must be done, at once about these problems. We must let the members of the church know that we need money."

Despite all these financial problems, the church was optimistic about the future. In May 1926, a Building Fund had been started looking forward to the day when an educational unit could be added to meet the needs of congregational growth. A letter of encouragement was sent to the congregation on December 15, 1937, proposing the budget for the year 1938. It is attached for your reading.

MILDRED DUNAVENT, Clerk
BRUCE HENDERSON, Chair. of Board

VINCE INCO, Treas.
FLOYD HINES, Fin. Secy.

Cambridge City Christian Church

F. C. MCCORMICK, PASTOR
WM. V. BARNEY, SUPPLY PASTOR

Cambridge City, Indiana

December 15, 1937

Members and Friends
Christian Church
Cambridge City, Ind.

Greetings:

We wish to express our most sincere appreciation for the wonderful response to our call for funds in order to liquidate a debt at Thanksgiving time. The goal was met; and more, too. You went over the top by \$5.00. The skeptics who said, "It can't be done" lost again. We thank you for this reply to them.

The task of raising funds can be done without "campaigns" if each of us will do our part each Sunday of the year. May we call to your attention the following statement of proposed expenditures for 1938.

Lights	\$32.00
Fuel	75.00
Gas	12.00
Water	10.00
Printing-Postage	35.00
Insurance	40.00
Pension	60.00
Repairs	60.00
Janitor	144.00
Room for Minister	100.00
Minister	<u>520.00</u>

Total \$1038.00

(There is no debt to be added to the budget)

Envelopes for weekly contributions will be sent to those who have used them during 1937. Should you not receive the envelopes notify a member of the church board. Please give this financial matter the same careful consideration that is given to your other interests. Pledges for weekly contributions should be made both to Current Expense and Benevolences.

Heartiest Christmas Greetings and wishes for a Happy 1938 Church Year.

THE CHURCH BOARD



The Homebuilders Class

- 1st row: Martha Will, Bertha Stockberger, Eva Passmore, Dorothy Bozoarth, Freida Craig.
2nd row: William Will, Fred Jaehne, James Bozoarth, Mary Bryant, Helen Jaehne, Pearl Scott, Bertha Lamberson.
3rd row: Ed Craig, Ed Stockberger, Don Bryant, Moss Scott.

In May 1941, Reverend Frank Schottelkorb answered the call to serve the Milton and Cambridge City Christian Churches. He was a graduate of Butler University. Rev. Schottelkorb submitted his resignation to the board on December 27, 1943.

N. Make Me A Blessing

"Moses sang, and led the people in singing. Miriam sang. Deborah and Barak sang. David sang, and wrote the Psalms to be sung. Jesus and the Twelve sang. Paul and Silas sang. The angels sing. In Heaven everybody will sing." So, of course, the congregations did sing; but little is written in the records. In 1930-31, it is written that "Mrs. V. M. Miller, with a vested choir of thirty, rendered great service to the church on Easter and many other days." During the tenure of Rev. Schottelkorb, in the 1940's, we find this listing of the choir members, namely:

Don Smith, Director	Pianist, Dorothy Bozoarth
Rilda Jean McGrady	Assistant, Marthanna Wissler
Sue Hines	Shirley Woods
Beverly Phillips	Roberta Henderson
Dorothy Kellam	Edith Schottelkorb
James Bozoarth	Horace Shirk
Fred Lamberson	Martha Shirk
Patti Hubbard	Anne Roberts
Martha Will	Jean Will
Joe Bill Hutchinson	Marguerite Polk
Harold Dean Henderson	

So ends the middle years. Despite a recession, a war, separation of some leaders from the congregation, a depression and another in the offing, THE FIRE STILL BURNS BRIGHTLY. GOD IS SO GOOD -- ALL WE HAVE NEEDED HIS HAND HATH PROVIDED.