We thank you Our Father in Heaven that throughout the years You have been with us. You strengthened and comforted us when we were in the 'valley'. You rejoiced with us when we had those mountaintop experiences; but, most of all, we thank You for the blessing of giving to each one of us a shepherd, Your Son, Jesus the Christ, Our Lord and Saviour. Prayerfully we sing this song--

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,
For we need You to help us find our way.
Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us,
For we need Your strength from day to day,
There's no other we can turn to
Who can help us face another day:
Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,
For we need you to help us find our way,
--Gentle Shepherd.

III. IN OUR YEARS -- 1942 -

A. The Fire Still Burns

On December 27, 1943, a special church board meeting was called to read a letter from Brother Frank Schottelkorb stating that he was submitting his resignation as pastor of the Cambridge City Christian Church. His ministry was shared with the Milton Christian Church. Fortunately, the congregation had elected an outstanding board under the leadership of Floyd Hines as Chairman; likewise, strong leadership was elected in the Bible School with Franklin Scott as Superintendent.

B. The Church Took A 'Giant Step' Forward In Faith

It was a faith with the ingredients of a purpose, requiring work by all, and a risk to be taken. The purpose was (1) to call a minister to a full-time ministry (the first since the 1870's), (2) to provide a parsonage for the minister and his family, and (3) to bring to completion the necessary funds (started in 1926) for the erection of an educational unit. All of this would require a lot of volunteer labor, church growth, and an increased stewardship of giving.

C. Reverend George W. Smith Was Called On May 28, 1944

On August 1944, Brother George W. Smith, his wife Lenore, and family came to share with the congregation in the ministry of this church. He gave a short talk to the board stating that he was glad to be with us and asked that we all work in the

interest of the church. Apparently that first year was a great year as commended in the August 4, 1945, <u>Christian Standard</u>, "Cambridge City - twenty-three additions. Attendance has increased 50 per cent and the salary of the minister, George W. Smith, has increased 30 per cent. Have \$8000 in building fund. Offerings for this project average \$95 per month. Building will be erected as soon as labor, building materials, etc. will permit."

D. Music Program Enhanced By A Gracious Gift

Don Smith, Choir Director, requested that the board send a letter of appreciation and thanks to the giver or givers of the electric organ and a plaque be placed on the organ at their pleasure. One recently commented to this writer on how much the organ added to the worship service. On page 3 is a bulletin of the church showing the choir and its members. Pictured are:

Front row (left to right): Jean Will, Mary Alice Scott, Lenore Smith, Marthanna Wissler, Dorothy Kellam, Patti Hubbard, Roberta Henderson, Marguerite Polk, Dorothy Bozoarth.

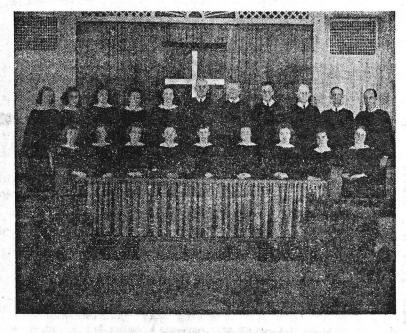
Second row: Martha Shirk, Sue Hines, Ann Roberts, Martha Will, Marthena Hudson, Fred Lamberson, John Reed, Hal Holbert, Don Smith, Arthur Powell, James Bozoarth.

E. Now For The Rest Of The Story -- by Brother George Smith

See page 4 for his letter.

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CAMBRIDGE CITY, INDIANA

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THE CHURCH THAT PREACHES THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

George and Lenore Smith, along with daughters Sandra and Sally, moved to Cambridge City early in August of 1944. Sandra was in the sixth grade and Sally was in the second grade. The church rented a little brick house on West Front Street, owned by Rolla and Mary Grigsby, to serve as the parsonage for the minister's family.

I had met with the pulpit committee early in the summer of 1944. Floyd Hines was Chairman of the Board and presided at the pulpit committee meeting. We received the call to be the minister soon after the meeting.

We were met in the church by friendly people who became very supportive of our ministry in Cambridge City. Floyd Hines, Bruce Henderson, Quincy Bryant and Oliver Morton were the elders at that time, and I have never known better elders. Their meditations at the communion table were very enriching, giving a great spiritual lift to the morning worship.

The congregation purchased the Graver' house for a parsonage in 1946. This may have been the first parsonage the church ever owned. Quite a bit of remodeling was done, including an office or study for the minister. The parsonage was dedicated August 18, 1946, during the morning worship hour and an open house was held the same day from 6 to 8 p.m.

When I began my ministry in Cambridge City I found Franklin Scott as the Superintendent of Sunday School. He did a great job. On Easter of 1946 a new attendance record was set at 330; that record stood for a long time. Along with the increase in Sunday School was a good increase in the worship service.

The church had a good choir directed by Don Smith. The organist was Dorothy Bozarth and Mildred Dunavent played for the evening services.

The church developed an evangelistic zeal, holding two evangelistic meetings during our ministry there. In the two and a half years I served as minister of the Cambridge City Christian Church we had 33 additions by confession of faith and 34 additions by statement or letter.

A very important happening in the Smith family was the birth of a new daughter on December 23, 1946, in the Henry County Hospital. We named her Susan Beth.

On February 13, 1947, we moved to Salem, Indiana. We left Cambridge City with regret as we had made many good friends and the church was going great.

Sincerely, George W. Smith

F. A Call Was Extended To Brother Frank Smith

On March 10, 1947, Brother Frank S. Smith, his wife Hylda, and family joined with the congregation in a shared ministry of the church. He stated that he was glad to be with us and asked that we help him all we can.

G. Missions And A Question

At the July, 1947, meeting, the church board requested that Brother Frank Smith address both the board and the congregation relative to the concerns with regard to missions. He delivered four sermons on the missionary subject as to its growth, its policies, etc. He reported good attendance with everyone expressing their appreciation of his bringing out both sides. He also reported there are probably still differences of opinion but no division among the church people over the missionary question, mostly centered concerning the United Christian Missionary Society with regard to the endorsements of certain mission fields. Also, it was stated that those that had started the petition had no thought of division but desired a spirit of investigation.

H. A Recommendation For Ordination

On September13, 1948, a letter of recommendation was written stating that "We, the official board of the Cambridge City Christian Church are happy to recommend Brother Wayne Alford as being, to the best of our knowledge, a most promising candidate for ordination to the ministry of the WORD." The ordination was to be conducted by the elders of the Bentonville Christian Church and they were to be allowed to use this church for the ceremony.

I. Building Plans Now In The Planning Stages

In November 1949, two committees were organized to implement the building of an educational unit; namely

- (1) The Planning-Surveying Committee: Ross Hutchinson, Don Golay, Bruce Henderson, Pearl Scott, Martha Holbert.
- (2) Building Fund Committee: Fred Lamberson, Robert Whitton, Mary Grigsby, Alice Davis.

On May 15, 1950, the Church Planning Committee submitted plans for the building of this educational unit. It was interesting to note the Mrs. Leatha Inco was elected to a position of trustee to insure that 'there would be adequate restroom for women'.

J. Now For The Rest Of The Story and Reflections -- Brother Frank Smith

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July 27, 1992

Mr. David L. Zeigler, Minister Cambridge City Christian Church Post Office Box 340 Cambridge City, Indiana 47327

Dear Brother Zeigler:

Thank you for extending to me the opportunity to contribute something toward the publication of Cambridge City Christian Church's Sesquicentennial History.

I served the congregation from March, 1947 until July, 1950. My wife, Hylda, and I have said many times that we have known no happier years in the church than those three years in Cambridge City. Two of our four children were born while we were there.

We were relatively inexperienced at our tasks. I had been preaching only six years, and most of that time was spent in weekend ministries while attending the old Butler University School of Religion. No congregation could have been more accepting or supportive of us and our efforts.

I do not know that we did the church a great deal of good but we did the best we could, and we certainly profited ever so much from our time spent there.

We did see sixty eight new members added, forty one of these by the primary obedience of Christian Baptism. I officiated at ten weddings, and fifty five funerals. Many of these funerals were for non-members whose families held high enough regard for Cambridge City Christian Church to call on us in their time of need.

While with the Church, we began a Building Fund for the enlargement and improvement of the church's facilities. This, perhaps, was the beginning of the road which has led to today's splendid edifice.

We have found considerable satisfaction in every evidence of the church's progress during the years since we were there, and we extend our very special good wishes as the congregation celebrates its Sesquicentennial.

Frank S. Smith

Frank S. Smith

K. Brother Homer H. Stansbury Called

On August 30, 1950, Brother H. H. Stansbury and his wife Barbara came to share in the ministry of the Cambridge City Christian Church. His ministry would 'reap the fruits' of the labor and faith of the many to build an educational unit.

L. Ground Breaking Ceremony

At the October 13, 1951 board meeting, Franklin Scott, Chairman of the Construction Committee, reported to the board that Jess Breitenbach, a local contractor, was instructed to begin immediately under the supervision of the committee. Upon the suggestion of Brother Stansbury, a ground breaking ceremony was planned for Sunday, November 4, 1951. Chairman Franklin Scott was given the honor of digging the first shovel full.

M. Read All About The Dedication Of The Newly Erected Educational Unit



DEDICATION DAY PROGRAM

Christian Church

CAMBRIDGE CITY, INDIANA



SUNDAY, JULY 27, 1952 2:00 P. M.

PROGRAM



ORGAN PRELUDE

HYMN

PRAYER

HYMN

INTRODUCTION OF VISITING MINISTERS_____By R. L. Whitton
Chairman of Church Board

FINANCIAL STATEMENT______By Fred Lamberson
Building Fund Treasurer

RENDITIONS _____Junior Choir

MEMORIAL SERVICE Led by Bruce Henderson

ANTHEM—"Wonderful Grace of Jesus"_____Adult Choir

PRESENTATION OF KEYS......By Franklin Scott,
Chairman of Building Committee

DEDICATION SERVICE _____Led by Minister, H. H. Stansbury

OFFERING

INVITATION HYMN

BENEDICTION

Miss Mildred Dunavent, Organist

Mrs. James Black, Song Leader

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This view of the new addition to the Cambridge City Christian church is from the reartoff building looking toward the front of the church lot.

N. Thanks

Ray Judy, member of the Building Committee, requested that the Clerk, Norma Beeler, send letters of thanks to the various ones that aided in building the new unit. It was also requested that a donation be given to the members of the Masonic Temple for the use of their building while the church was involved in construction.

O. Death Of Brother Stansbury

On May 22, 1953, Chairman Robert Whitton called a special board meeting to relate the sad news that Brother Stansbury had died.

P. Brother Cyril (Cy) Stocke Called To Fill the Pulpit

On July 16, 1953, Brother Cy Stocke, his wife Betty, and his daughter Margaret came to share with the congregation in the ministry of the church and be a witness to

this community for twelve years (1964); and then they came back in their retirement years (1978 to 1985) to once again be a part of this 'family of God'.

Q. A Need For Remodeling The Auditorium

An increase in both the Bible School and the worship service presented a need for expansion of both the auditorium and the basement classrooms. Through the generosity of Charles and Don Golay, this construction began on August 9, 1954. It would include two large rooms, which may be separated by folding doors, at the back of the auditorium, with two equally large basement rooms, a new steeple, a ramp on the east side for the handicapped, and a large lighted sign. The outside of the church and the parsonage were to be covered with Indiana limestone. Also, while remodeling was taking place, the congregation decided to buy new pews with contour, plain ends, made of red oak with a golden oak finish. Two hundred hymnals titled, Great Hymns of the Church, were purchased. Ed and Hilda Sheets gave the gift of new communion furniture. It is now used for Little People's Worship. Burris Butler, editor of the Christian Standard delivered the dedicatory address during the afternoon program.

Pictures of the church building before and after are shown for your viewing as well as the Dedication Day Program.



Cambridge City Christian Church Around 1915



Worship Center Following The 1954 Addition

Dedication Day Program July 27, 1952

Organ Prelude

Hymn No. 504— The Church's One Foundation

Invocation

Greetings Elder Maynard Wolf

Hymn No. 473-O Worship the King

Scripture and Prayer Bro. Paul Banta (Centerville Christian Church)

Financial Statement, Bro. Fred Lamberson (Building Fund Treasurer)

Organ and Piano Duet-

Angels Ever Bright and Fair (Handel) JOAN SKATES AND GAYLE DUNAVENT

Dedicatory Message Bro. Burris Butler (Editor, Christian Standard)

Responsive Reading Bro. C. E. Stocke

Dedicatory Prayer

Solo-"Bless This House," Roberta Bertsch

Benediction

Hymn No. 224 (Vs. 1)-

"Take the Name of Jesus"

- R. Spiritually Our Faith Was Shown Through --
- the Bible School attendance indicating a growing church. In 1955, Paul
 Lunsford, Bible School Superintendent, recorded an average attendance of 199; in 1961
 the average attendance was 229. Every class had a strong fellowship program,
 contributing not only to social activity, but in the stewardship of giving to benevolent
 endeavors above and beyond the missionary program.
- 2. the Missionary and Benevolence Endeavors. In 1953, the total receipts were \$817.75 and disbursements were \$748.59; in 1963, the total receipts were \$3,129.45 with disbursements of \$2,508. Three living-link missions were developed, namely

Toronto Christian Mission -- Gene Dulin

One of Bill Scott's children when the family left for the mission field in Barbados Island.

Black Forest Mission in Germany - Alva and Janice Phillips

3. through the creation of the Timothy Fund. Brother James Harris presented the concept, reason and purpose for a Timothy Fund. In the Constitution and By-laws, published in 1960, we read the following: I. Object or Purpose. "To create a fund which will enable the church to primarily encourage our young people to enter into full time Christian service and second to lend support to those already in Bible Colleges but who need financial assistance, or to encourage young people to enter into full time Christian service."

On November 21, 1960, the first recipient was Rupert Bishop, a prospective missionary to his native land, Barbados Island. He was a student attending Cincinnati Bible College. He was later ordained in this church.

The ordination of a Timothy, Alva Phillips, is shown in the following picture.



From left to right: Quincy Bryant, Paul Lunsford, Kenneth Stevens, Brother Cy Stocke, James Harris, and Chairman of the Board James Grigsby. Timothy -- Alva Phillips

- R. (continued) Spiritually Our Faith Was Shown Through --
- 4. an awsome Revival. On March 31, 1958, Brother Cy Stocke reported to the board, "... this was undoubtedly the happiest report he had ever made to any church board at any time in his ministry... During the time covered by the evangelistic meeting, there were forty-four added to the church by confession and baptism and twenty added by transfer of membership..." Evangelist Myron Taylor was the speaker and Harold Clark was the song leader for the revival meeting held March 16 through the 28th.

In the Annual Report for 1958, Brother Cy Stocke reported 97 added to the church roll, 62 who made the good confession and were buried with their Lord in Christian baptism and 35 who were added to the church fellowship via transfer of membership.

5. <u>through the Circles</u> engaged in purposeful activities. The Annual Report for 1959 reported as follows:

Mattie Stevens reported for the Dorcas Circle the funding of the following missions: Toronto Christian Mission \$140, Lower Caribbean Mission \$65, for needy families \$50, and sponsored the Mother-Daughter Banquet.

Ruth Reed reported for the Sue Marson Circle the funding of the following missions: United Christian Missionary Service \$50, Riley Donica \$50, American Leprosy Mission \$25, Cleveland Children's Home, Emily Flinn Home \$50, and kitchen remodeling \$829.75.

- 6. fellowship at the Annual Church Picnic. A picnic under 'the spreading beachnut trees', high on a hill overlooking a beautiful pond below -- the creation by God and man working together. Members brought well-filled baskets followed by hot fudge sundaes and all the watermelon you could eat. Then the fellowship of recreation followed with horseshoes, softball, hiking, fishing in the pond, or a boat ride in Howard Roger's motor boat. As the sun began to set in the west, vesper services were held. An unforgetable day at the annual church picnic at the Chore-Boy Farm.
- S. Now For Reflections As Written By Brother Cy Stocke

To the church in Cambridge City, Indiana

Greetings, in the name of our precious Lord whom we have served ever more faithfully for many years: Christ Jesus, in whose service we have found peace and love which produced fruits of the Holy Spirit enabling us to reach out to others with the dynamic message of personal salvation through His blood.

How oft I have prayed for you so that you might continue to send faithful laborers

into the vineyard which is ripe unto harvest.

Memories, sweet memories, fill my cup when I review the years when we served our Lord in the name of our victorious Savior, nurtured by His Word and led by His Holy Spirit.

There are happy memories of the steady spiritual growth of the Body in Christ and additions to the Body as men, women, and young people responded to the study of God's Word and surrendered their lives in repentance and Christian baptism. Growth was witnessed, also, as His followers evidenced the indwelling Spirit of the living Christ.

We remember so many young people -- in Bible School, flourishing youth groups, weeks and weeks of Daily Vacation Bible School and of camps. I wish we could revisit Mahoning Valley and relive the joy and anticipation we invested in countless young lives.

Yes, there are memories, which bring a tear to the eye and a catch in the throat, of faithful soldiers of the Cross who have exchanged their cross for a starry crown. What a blessed reunion awaits us beyond the sunset.

Yes, Betty, Margaret and I share blessed memories with you when God permitted us to join hearts and hands in Christian service from 1953 to 1964. Who can forget the sound of the old church bell every Sunday morning or the Stevens's faithful dog which followed them to church throughout the years they served so well as caretakers.

Memories of days of devoted labor at which we remodeled the buildings so we could more effectively perform the task before us, or when the original building and parsonage were covered so beautifully with limestone.

With what gratitude we remember the expanding of our mission outreach, sending Gene and Lenore Dulin to Canada, and eventually to Europe, where they faithfully and truthfully served until recent retirement. Other missionary families were the Bill Scotts, in Barbados; Bob Warricks, Japan; Wayne Alfords, in Arizona and Canada; Hale Whitcomb in Africa; and Alva Phillips who served Germany after attending Johnson Bible College and being ordained in Cambridge City. Several families were represented by their young people who attended Bible Colleges and are now in full-time Christian service -- Sandra (Harris) Leinbaugh, Whittons, Cheeks, and others.

There is a postlude to the memory song when we enjoyed the family of God in Cambridge City once again, in retirement, from 1978 to 1985, as you loved us in days of need and reassurance. We thank our Father for your love and caring during each of the 18 years He permitted us to be a part of His family at Cambridge City.

We pray for a glorious future in His Church. One day we shall gather around the throne, in Glory, brothers and sisters who have worked and prayed, and laughed and cried, in the Lord.

May the future add numberless souls to our family.

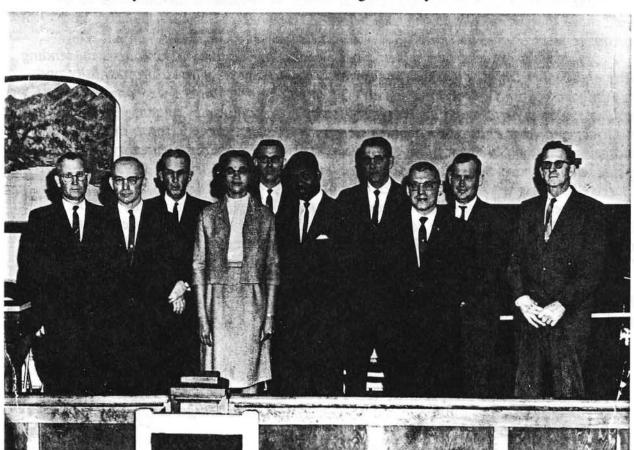
In His Love, Cy and Betty Stocke and Margaret

T. A Call Extended to Brother Harry Holloway

A special congregational meeting was held on the evening of May 10, 1964 to hear a trial sermon by Brother Harry Holloway. Following the service, Bruce Henderson, Chairman of the Pulpit Committee, recommended a call be extended to Brother Harry. The ballot was cast. It was nearly unanimous in favor of extending the call to Brother Holloway. On July 12, 1964, Brother Harry, his wife Janet, and their two children, Beverly and Ronnie, came to share with the congregation in the ministry of the Cambridge City Christian Church.

U. Spiritually Our Faith Was Shown Through --

- 1. the ministry of preaching. There was a quick, positive response to Brother Harry's evangelistic 'down home' preaching with an appealing approach, and he was well received by the many. He created a desire in the congregation to 'walk the second mile' in sharing the gospel by a walk of faith. At the end of his ministry of four years, attendance at church worship approached 250; in the evening worship 70 or more. During his ministry there were 167 additions, 112 by baptism and 55 by transfer.
- an Ordination of Brother Rupert. Brother Rupert Bishop, a student at the Cincinnati Bible College, preparatory to returning as a missionary to Barbados Island with his wife, Crystal, was recommended as being a worthy candidate for ordination.



U. (continued) Spiritually Our Faith Was Shown Through --

Names of those pictured on previous page:

First row (left to right): Paul Lunsford, Kenneth Stevens, Crystal and Rupert Bishop, Robert Whitton, Arthur Powell.

Second row: James Harris, Brother Harry Holloway, Joe McGuire, and James Grigsby, Chairman of the Board.

- 3. an Eagle Scout Recognition Program. John Black, Samuel J. Lilley, Stephen Locke, and Jerry L. Myers were presented the Eagle Award at the Cambridge City Christian Church on March 5, 1967. Later both Dennis and Greg Cole were presented the Eagle Award. John Black and Charles Edward Golay were presented the God and Country Award at another time. Both awards require the evidence that the scout has met his obligations to home, school, church, and community willingly and ably.
- 4. the employment of a youth minister. Brother David Huddleston was hired to work with the young people on August 22, 1965.
- 5. the ministry of music. Brother Harry commented, "... and what about Denzel and the choir? How willingly and lovingly they have given themselves to the ministry of music. .." Organists were Janine Skates and Sondra Clifton.

Pictured on page 18 from left to right:

First row: Betsy Grigsby, Candie Henderson, Nancy Allen, Marguerite Black, Janet Holloway, Bonnie Bertsch.

Second row: Ruth Gethers, Mary Alice Scott, Jane Henderson, Deanna Barricklow, Jean Morse, Sue Quick.

Third row: Denzel Barricklow, Hugh Nichols, Kenny Scott, Steve Batzka, John Black, Joe McGuire.



- 6. the presentation of Timothy Scholarship at Lincoln High School commencement. Lois Scott was the first recipient of the Timothy Scholarship which amounted to \$250 and was to be continued each year for three years if she was successful in her Christian endeavor of study.
- 7. a decision to remove The Cambridge City Christian Church's name from the Disciples of Christ yearbook. The following resolution was voted on by the congregation:

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CAMBRIDGE CITY, INDIANA

RESOLUTION

At a duly called congregational meeting of <u>The Cambridge City</u> Christian Church, located in <u>Cambridge City</u>, <u>Indiana</u>, which was held on <u>June 30</u>, <u>1968</u>, the majority of the Church members present and voting at said congregational meeting, adopted the following Resolution as being both expressive of the will of, and also binding upon said congregation and its property:

Be it Resolved that The Cambridge City Christian Church located in Cambridge City, Indiana, hereby go on record as declaring, in unmistakable terms, that, under no circumstances, shall said congregation ever surrender, by merger, absorption, or otherwise, its historically independent and uniquely undenominational position in Christendom, nor its strictly congregational polity, that is to say, its God-given and Bible-centered right, as well as its inherent authority, to govern its own internal affairs in accordance with the New Testament, without interference by any outside authority, ecclesiastical or otherwise, so long as said congregation does not violate any civil or criminal laws of the state of Indiana or of the United States of America.

I, Ruth Gethers , the duly elected Clerk of said congregation, do hereby certify that, on June 30, 1968, the majority of the Church members present and voting at the congregational meeting duly called and held on that date, did adopt the foregoing resolution.

Signature of Church Clerk