

OAKDALE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our forefathers of Scotch and Irish descent came to America seeking religious liberty and freedom of worship in the latter half of the eighteenth century. Strong settlements were made in Pennsylvania and South Carolina. Having come to America seeking freedom, they abhorred human slavery. In 1829 the church caused all members holding slaves to free them. About this time, the industrial revolution caused the southern planters to change from small family type farms to large plantations. Thus small farms with no slaves were crowded from the agricultural life of South Carolina.

The Land Act of 1820 and Illinois entering the Union in 1818 as a Free State opened up an ideal location for the Covenanters of South Carolina to settle.

After a Sabbath-keeping journey of six weeks about forty persons from the Chester District, South Carolina, arrived in Randolph County in May 1830. They all remained in Randolph County except five families who pushed on into Washington County. The families of Thomas and James McClurkin and John and Archibald Hood and Jas. Kirkpatrick chose home sites on the edge of the Elkhorn Prairie just west of the present village of Oakdale. These were the first Covenanter families in Washington County, however others soon joined them and formed 'praying societies' in their homes which met on the Sabbath and once a month on week days. This small and faithful group were encouraged and ministered to by Rev. Samuel Wylie of the Bethel (Sparta) Congregation which had been organized in 1823.

In the spring of 1834 the Ohio Presbytery sent Rev. David Steel, to visit the societies of the West and do such pastoral and missionary work as he found needful. Mr. Thomas McClurkin, Sr. who had been an elder in South Carolina, Mr. John Donnelly, and Mr. John McClurkin were chosen elders. On July 30, 1834, the session was convened at the home of Mr. Archibald Hood (site of the former T. C. Klene home) and organized a congregation known as the Elkhorn Congregation.

Under the first pastor, Rev. Samuel McKinney (1835-1840) the congregation increased in numbers to one hundred twenty. A common expression of those days when sighting a wagon train approaching was, "There, more 'Old Lights' are coming." additions to the congregation created the necessity of a church home. Mr. John McClurkin and Mr. George McLean aided materially by donating a five acre plot of ground where a brick church was erected of bricks burned near the place of building by the McAfee Brothers. The building was 40 by 60 feet with a self supporting roof. The windows of small panes were in the north and south sides with a large door in the east end. The cemetery was just west of the church in the same yard. In it lie the bodies of many members and one pastor, Rev. William Sloane. This burying ground is still in use today and is known as the Oakdale Cemetery.

(This cemetery was a community cemetery owned by the Covenanter Congregation for many years, however it was later legally incorporated with a Board of Trustees who are representatives of the Community.)

The Rev. William Sloane became the second pastor and served the congregation from 1840 to 1858. The membership increased to one hundred and fifty. After a discussion regarding administration of business affairs the congregation elected a Board of Deacons, March 3, 1841. They were Messrs. John Hughes, James Kennedy, John Hood, and William Morrison. After ordination and installation these men took charge of the finances of the congregation. The membership of the session had been increased by several new members. Rev. Sloane's service may be characterized by faithfulness in maintaining the principles and peace of the church. He was an able and conscientious minister, mighty in the scriptures.

The third pastor, Rev. A.C. Todd was installed July 1, 1859, and served until May 17, 1871. He was a most eloquent speaker, having marvelous power over his audiences. In his pastorate the national unrest was reflected on the congregation. Influenced by the evils of human slavery and the guidance of their pastor, a company of the members volunteered for service in the Civil War with Rev. Todd as captain. This company became Co. F. 10th Mo. Volunteers, as the quota for Illinois had been filled prior to this time. A large national flag, made by the ladies of the congregation, was presented to the company by Miss Jane Forester, as she stood on the stile in the church yard. They marched away July 11, 1861, by all singing a part of the twentieth psalm. Twenty eight men of the congregation joined their pastor in this company.

As many as fifty members of the congregation saw service in different companies and at different times during the Civil War period. In the absence of the pastor, Dr. Wm. L. Roberts served the congregation part time. He was regarded as one of the great preachers of the Covenanter Church and was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

A missionary society was organized May 31, 1862, and the Sabbath School organized in 1865. These organizations materially and spiritually aided the work of the congregation. In 1867 the question of a new church house arose and Mr. James B. McClurkin gave a block in Oakdale for a site, which was accepted. The building erected was a two-story brick building, used for school and church purposes and was a blessing to the educational and spiritual uplift of the community. In 1871 Rev. Todd, with a number of members, went to Evans, Colorado, and formed another Covenanter congregation.

The Rev. D.G. Thompson, the next pastor, came August 1, 1872, but was not ordained until October 11, of the same year. The solemn service of signing the Covenant occurred here in August 1872, presided over by Rev. H.P. McClurkin, assisted by Rev. D.S. Faris. One hundred fifty-two members swore allegiance to the Covenant. Rev. Thompson gave us twenty years of active service resigning because of ill health. He went to LaJunta, Colorado, where he died and is buried.

The faithful service of the Thompson's has left an indelible imprint on the lives of this community.

In August 1894 Rev. J.C. French became the fifth pastor. He was ordained in October. During this pastorate the congregation's name was changed from Elkhorn to Oakdale. The present place of worship was built and was dedicated on Thanksgiving Day, 1901. The pastor and the members together with their friends, made this building possible. Rev. French was a clear and convincing speaker with the natural powers of an orator. After twelve years of active and faithful service, in which he endeared himself to many, he resigned in August, 1906 to go to Denver, Colorado.

The Rev. M.A. Gault was chosen pastor June 14, 1907. He was ordained the same year in October. He was a distinguished National Reform speaker in the church and community. He resigned in April 1913, after ministering to our spiritual life for six years. His residence was retained here until his death, December 13, 1913. He and his wife are buried in Caledonia cemetery at Sparta, Illinois.

On July 22, 1914, Rev. W.O. Ferguson became our pastor and was released November 23, 1920, to go to Dennison, Kansas. During his six years of service our country was torn by World War I. Those who were in active service, or were awaiting assignment to camp for training when the armistice was signed were: Mattie and Katie Digid, nurses; Roy Carson, Willard Carson, Oscar McClay, Elwyn Carson, Floyd Carson, Floyd McClay, Lawrence McClay, Lloyd Torrens and Kennedy Auld.

Rev. Ferguson and his wife faithfully encouraged and comforted troubled hearts in this trying time. They were congregational and community leaders in war-time activities. In 1853 Rev. Ferguson retired from active preaching and he and Mrs. Ferguson came back to Oakdale to live.

On January 27, 1923, Rev. J.M. Wylie became our eighth pastor. Dr. Wylie was a noted organizer and builder of churches. He was a forceful speaker in the pulpit and on the lecture platform. He was greatly interested in placing the Bible in the public schools. In the last few months of his life he traveled much in the interest of this work, which was a great strain physically. He died very suddenly April 29, 1929. He was buried in Ohio. The congregation owes much to the faithfulness of Dr. and Mrs. Wylie. In this pastorate the congregation added a parsonage to the church holdings.

In 1922 a young woman's missionary society was organized and has become one of the active organizations of the church. Later it was named the "Willing Hands Missionary Society."

In July, 1930, Rev. A.A. Wylie became our ninth pastor, giving the Oakdale congregation and community a life characterized by meekness, kindness, and gentleness of spirit. Many were his talents which he so graciously displayed in the organizing of the Daily Vacation Bible School, the teaching of music in the public schools, and his outstanding work and endeavoring efforts with the young people of the church and community. During his latter years of service our country was engaged in World War II, and during this time Rev. and Mrs. Wylie faithfully encouraged and prayerfully comforted the many troubled hearts of the congregation. With each member that entered active service, they sent their heartfelt prayers.

Death came calmly, but suddenly, on Tuesday, July 13, 1943, climaxing a life here on earth that was so completely dedicated in the service of Christ.

Our tenth pastor was Rev. Harold Foster Thompson, who was ordained and installed as pastor in 1944. He was the grandson of a former pastor, Rev. D.G. Thompson. Soon he made a trip to Greeley, Colorado, and returned with, as his wife, the former Mary Carson of that city.

They were both very much interested in the spiritual and social welfare of the congregation. Rev. Thompson visited the rural schools around Oakdale each year and taught the Bible with acceptance and benefit to the pupils. He resigned in 1948 to accept a call to Southfield, Michigan.

The veterans of World War II were Charles Auld, William Auld, James Henderson, John Henderson, William D. Hunter, Russel McClay, Bruce McLean, Elmer McLean, Thomas McLean, Lawrence, Patton, Lloyd Patton, John Piper, Otis Piper, Robert Piper, Glenn Thompson, James Thompson and Finley Torrens. Those who came into our church and served in World War II were Kenneth Dintelman, Dale Musselman, Charles Palek and William Richards. Those who were veterans of the Korean War were Paul Auld, Glenn Brammeier, and Larry McClay. Kenneth Hood served in peace time in Germany.

Rev. D. Ray Wilcox was installed on September 13, 1948, as our eleventh pastor. Rev. and Mrs. Wilcox were faithful servants of the Lord and did much personal work in our church and community, especially among the children and young people. The school children met in their home after school one evening each week. They were a comfort to the parents whose sons were in service.

Rev. Wilcox was a cartoonist and could present a message with the pictures he could draw.

During his pastorate our church was redecorated inside, and the bricks were tuck pointed on the outside. A basement was also added to our church. In August he was called to teach "Bible" in our Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Penn. He preached his last sermon as pastor in Oakdale, August 13, 1950.

Rev. Philip Martin was installed pastor October 23, 1951, and preached his last sermon July 4, 1954.

Rev. and Mrs. Martin used their many talents in the Lord's service helping with the work among the juniors and young people and teaching adult Bible classes. They taught us many of the new tunes in the Psalter. For the children of the community they held Bible classes in their home before and after school and very effectively conducted Vacation Bible School.

Our Synod adopted "The Covenant of 1954" which was signed by Synod and members at Grinnell College, Iowa, during our National Conference. It was a very solemn service. On September 25, 1954, sixty-nine of our members signed the brief covenant of 1954. Rev. Remo I. Robb, National C.Y.P.W. Secretary, was in charge of this service.

Our next pastor, Dr. A.W. Smith, was installed on October 25, 1955. Both Dr. and Mrs. Smith are active workers in the organizations of the church and community. They have been active in temperance work throughout the state. Their musical talents have benefited us in many ways. This year Mrs. Smith was honored by being chosen "Illinois Mother of the Year for 1959."

During the years that Dr. Smith was our minister, their son Kenneth was ordained as a minister and Alvin entered the R.P. Seminary. Both are active ministers in the work of the denomination.

Dr. Smith's parting admonitions were based on Hebrews 13: 1-18 and given on Aug. 5, 1962.

Rev. Charles Sterrett was installed as our fourteenth pastor on July 21, 1963. He and his family have entered heartily into all activities of the Church and of the community.

As a member of the Washington County Ministerial Association he visits the patients of the Nashville Hospital and Nursing Home regularly, as well as calls regularly on all residents of the community who are patients in other hospitals.

Rev. Sterrett's morning sermons are scholarly, true to the reformed faith, with an evangelistic overtone. His evening services have been ably given over to many series of studies based on various books of the Bible.

His ability in music has been most helpful. His work with the young people has been dedicated and rewarding.

It is our hope that he will labor in this community many more years.

CHARTER MEMBERS

Thomas McClurkin, Sr.
Mrs. Elizabeth (Smith) McClurkin
Miss Nancy McClurkin
David McClurkin
Thomas McClurkin, Jr.
Mrs. Martha (Kirkpatrick) McClurkin
John McClurkin
Mrs. Elizabeth (Parks) McClurkin
James McClurkin
Mrs. Sara (Rodman) (Hood) McClurkin

John Donnelly
Mrs. Rebecca (McClurkin) Donnelly
Archibald Hood
Mrs. Mary (Kirkpatrick) Hood
John Hood
Miss Margaret Hood
Mrs. Isabelle Kirkpatrick
James Kirkpatrick
Mrs. Mary Kirkpatrick
Miss Isabelle Kirkpatrick
Miss Jane Kirkpatrick

MINISTERS WHO HAVE GONE FROM THE CONGREGATION

J. J. McClurkin	H. P. McClurkin	J. B. Tweed
J. R. W. Sloane	John Hood	C. T. Carson
R. C. Wylie	S. R. McClurkin	R. S. McElhinney
J. G. McElhinney	W. C. McClurkin	Melville K. Carson
R. W. Piper	O. F. Thompson	

MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE GONE FROM THE CONGREGATION

Mrs. Annie L. Kennedy Currie	Syria
Miss Irene Piper	Cyprus
Miss Eleanor Auld	Selma, Alabama

MEMBERS WHO HAVE GIVEN SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY

AMERICAN REVOLUTION

~~George Cherry~~

Thomas McClurkin

WAR OF 1812

John McClurkin

BLACK HAWK WAR

John Hood

CIVIL WAR

Boyd, John	McClurkin, J.C.
Calderwood, Alexander	McClurkin, J.R.
Cook, Andrew	McClurkin, Thomas
Dermond, James	McElhinney, Charles
Donaldson, John	McElhinney, Robert
Donahue, Barney	McLean, John
Duguid, David	McLean, Thomas G.
Hood, Archibald	Meichen, Thomas
Hood, John, Rev.	Miller, William
Hood, Kennedy	Montgonery, John
Hunter, James	Morrison, James R.
Keady, Moses	Piper, John
Keady, Samuel	Rainey, James
Kelso, James	Ramsey, James
Kelso, Robert	Sharp, James
Kennedy, Andrew	Sloane, Alexander
Kennedy, John C.	Sloane, James H.
Luney, John	Thompson, D.G., Rev.
Luney, Robert	Todd, A.C., Rev.
Luney, Thomas	Torrens, James M.
McCair, William	Torrens John J.
McCloy, Samuel	Williamson, Sam. G.
McClurkin, Andrew	Williamson, S.P.
McClurkin, C.F.S.	Wylie, D.W.
McClurkin, D.W.	Wylie, J.W.

SPANISH AMERICAN WAR

Luther Kemps

WORLD WAR I

Auld, Kennedy	Duguid, Katherine
Carson, Floyd	Duguid, Mattie
Carson, J. Elwyn	McClay, Floyd
Carson, Roy M.	McClay, Lawrence
Carson, Willard	McClay, Oscar
	Torrens, Lloyd

WORLD WAR II, KOREAN WAR , ARMY OF OCCUPATION

Auld, Charles W.	McLean, Thomas G.
Auld, Paul J.	Musselman, Dale
Auld, William R.	Palek, Charles
Brammeier, Glenn	Patton, Lawrence
Dintelman, Kenneth A.	Patton, Lloyd
Henderson, James	Piper, John H.
Henderson, John D.	Piper, Otis
Hood, Kenneth	Piper, Robert
Hunter, William D.	Richards, William
McClay, James L.	Sterrett, Charles, Rev.
McClay, Russell A.	Thompson, James P.
McLean, Bruce	Thompson, R. Glenn
McLean, Elmer	Torrens, J. Finley

**HISTORICAL SKETCH
OF THE
OAKDAKE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
by Mrs. Nelda Robb**

On January 15, 1868 the St. Louis Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church of North America met at Sparta, Illinois. During the evening session, which began at 6:30 P.M., the third item of business was that of considering a petition from Elkhorn Prairie which asked that a congregation be organized there. This petition was granted. The Rev. Mr. J.R. Finney and Elders Samuel L. Boyd and Joseph McHenry were appointed to effect such an organization.

On February 19, 1868, at 11:00 A.M., this committee met with interested persons in the old Reformed Presbyterian Church building by the cemetery to hear a sermon from the text, "The church of the living God, the pillar and ground of truth, I Tim. 3:15." After this service nine persons were received into membership of the new body. Samuel R. Stormont and Thomas G. Gormley were elected ruling elders, with March 7, 1868, set aside for their ordination and installation. The name Elkhorn United Presbyterian Congregation was selected. When the Rev. Mr. Finney met again with this new church group, nine more members were received into the congregation and the elders were installed.

During this same month of March, the General Synod Reformed Presbyterian Church (New School) also started a congregation in Elkhorn Prairie at the same old church building. This body adopted the name New Unity Elkhorn Congregation. From almost the first their membership was approximately thirty members and changed but very little. The two congregations bought the old brick church in partnership for \$ 800.00 from the Covenanter Congregation which had a new house of worship in the village of Oakdale. This structure was built in about 1835 and was sixty by forty feet made of local brick cast by the McAfee brothers.

Each congregation tried to keep preaching one half the time by securing supplies. In those early days church services lasted most of the Sabbath. There was a morning worship service, and at noon each family went to their wagon or buggy for a basket lunch eaten under the trees in the grove during clement weather. Then a long afternoon service followed.

This seems to have been the practice until 1870, for in that year the Western Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church (New School) voted to unite with the United Presbyterian Church. Therefore on October 14, 1870, all but two families of the New Unity Elkhorn Congregation joined the United Presbyterians and sold their part of the building. The two groups of Presbyterians became one body. They celebrated the Lord's Supper together on Oct. 28, 1871.

In June, 1872, the Rev. J.M. Henderson was installed as the first pastor. By his faithful service the congregation grew to nearly one hundred members. Because of failing health, the Rev. Henderson resigned in Oct. 1876. While the church was without a pastor, members were lost but not all from a falling away, because this was a period when many Oakdale people sought homes elsewhere, some going west.

Two things happened in the spring of 1878. The congregation called a young minister from the local presbytery, the Rev. Mr. H.M. Pressley, who came in April but was not installed until August. The other important happening was the decision and action to build a new church. Money was subscribed, and Lots 1, 3, 5, and 7 in Block 7 in the village of Oakdale were acquired during March and April. A contract for a new church building was let to Seyler and Watson of Nashville, Illinois.

The old brick church was torn down at the cemetery, and some of the material was used in the new building. On March 17, 1878, the first load of rock was hauled for the new building by Mr. L. Snyder. Mr. James Christie laid the foundation. Thirty-one loads of lumber were laid down on the site on April 30. A carpenter, Mr. Clark Gordon, began work. The records seem to indicate that the first service was held in this building on July 7. On July 27 the bell was raised, but the work seems not to have been finished until August first. No record of a dedication service has been found. In December of 1879 the name of the congregation was changed to Oakdale United Presbyterian. The Rev. Mr. Pressley left in January of 1886. During his pastorate the membership was raised again into the nineties.

For several years the church was without a shepherd until the Rev. Mr. Ritchie came in April of 1891. The congregation prospered, and on February 19, 1893, it celebrated a silver anniversary. By the time of Rev. Mr. Ritchie left in January of 1895, the membership was close to the 200 figure. A parsonage had been obtained and was debt free.

In June, 1895, the Rev. Mr. Chambers took up the work. Sad times followed. Mrs. Chambers died from complications in childbirth. A baby girl lived for a few months but died while her father, the Rev. Chambers, was away from Oakdale attending his father-in-law's funeral. The church held its strong membership, and the work of Christ continued in the community. Mr. Chambers was remarried to Miss Margaret Steele of Pennsylvania before he closed his pastorate in December 1900.

The two Rev. Mr. Jacksons next ministered to the congregation. During these years, study groups were active, and evangelistic meetings were held. In 1902 the session granted the young people the right to use an organ in their worship services. Later the same year, through the efforts of the young people, the instrument was used in the regular church services. Mary Ella Gordon was the first appointed organist with Mrs. Jennie Jackson assistant. In 1905 Anna Belle Kirkpatrick (Borcharding) was appointed organist, in which capacity she served for many years. Near the end of the Rev. S.A. Jackson's pastorate, the weekly envelope system was started. The congregation lost in membership somewhat, again because of migrating people.

In April, 1910, the Rev. R.H. Park took up his work as pastor, but he asked to defer installation until Mrs. Park and his daughter Bess joined him. For two years the Park family occupied the manse. During this time the congregation changed to individual communion service. In March 1912, the Park family removed to Morning Sun, Iowa.

In September 1913, the Rev. John J. Gardenier came to preach and was called as regular pastor in November. Again the work prospered. Presbytery met in Oakdale in the fall of 1914. The church was saddened by the war, and special offerings were taken. In 1917 the Gardeniers went out to visit and to attend special meetings. The Rev. Mr. Gardenier became ill on the way home. For three Sabbaths he tried to report on the meetings and preach briefly. On July 17, 1917, he was called to his heavenly home. A saddened congregation mourned his death. So it was that the congregation celebrated their golden anniversary on February 18, 1918, without a minister.

In April 1918, the Rev. W.G. Watson took over the pastorate. Christian people are not always filled with Christian grace, and our church was shamed by much discord. The Rev. Mr. Cassius G. McKnight worked to heal the strife when he came in June 1923. Presbytery met in Oakdale in April 1924. Repair work was done on the church property. Because of the oldest son, Charles' need for a different climate, the McKnight family left in June 1926.

The congregation had many candidates but could decide on none. In the summer of 1928, student Harold R. Karnes of Xenia Seminary was a stated supply. In September the congregation asked Mr. Karnes to continue his work with us during his student days and to come as settled pastor when seminary work was completed. Arrangements were made suitable to both the congregation and Mr. Karnes. In January 1929, a formal call was made to the Rev. Mr. H.R. Karnes. In May 1930, he asked to be released. While pastor, the Rev. Mr. Karnes sponsored a strong and vigorous young people's work in the church. From the local congregation he chose Miss Bessie McClay as his wife.

Several calls were made, but no minister was secured until early in 1931 when the Rev. Mr. Frederick S. Zeller and family accepted work with the Oakdale Congregation. These were the depression years that the Rev. Mr. Zeller worked among us. Money was scarce, and indebtedness was often the problem of the congregation. Some further work was done on the church building. Both the Rev. and Mrs. Zeller worked diligently with the youth of the church. In 1938 this pastorate terminated. The Rev. Mr. Zeller will be remembered especially for the excellent work he did as army chaplain in World War II with his paratroop unit some years after he left our midst.

In 1938 the Rev. Mr. John G. Dick and his sister Miss Margaret came to the manse. Many of the congregation today have fond memories of the ministrations of these servants of God among us. Miss Margaret Dick passed away during her brother's pastorate and is buried in our Oakdale cemetery. Because of failing health, the Rev. John G. Dick resigned in 1944.

The young Rev. Mr. Ralph Donaldson came in 1947 and was with us for two years. During this time much discussion took place concerning our church building. It was decided to raze our second house of worship and replace it with a new structure. During the Rev. Mr. Donaldson's pastorate, the name of the "United Presbyterian Church of Oakdale" was formally adopted.

On Easter, April 9, 1950, the final communion service was held in the old frame United Presbyterian Church. Members of the congregation began dismantling the building on Monday following the session meeting. At the time it was the oldest building of worship in the village. The contract for the new structure was let to Mr. Ray Williams of Harrisburg. On May 14, 1950 the congregation joined in a special Corner Stone Laying Ceremony. Church services that summer were held in the old school building which then stood on the opposite corner of the block. Dedication Services were held November 19, 1950. Dr. George P. Kerr, a son of the congregation and then of the Board of American Missions delivered the dedicatory address. The Rev. Mr. David S. Sharpe was serving as interim pastor.

The Rev. Mr. Meima was the first called pastor to direct worship services in the new church. In February 1956, the Rev. Mr. Walter White was installed as minister. For almost eight years he worked earnestly with the old and young alike and the congregation prospered. During his pastorate the United Presbyterian Church of North America united with the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., Northern Body becoming the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. This union effected the local church government in a larger Presbyterial area. When the Rev. Mr. White felt called to return to Pennsylvania, many were reluctant to see his pastorate end but rejoiced that they might be near their respective parents, some of whom were in failing health.

In September 1956, the Rev. Mr. Phillip P. Brunn began his ministration. While he was pastor the congregation joined in the Fifty Million Fund, a money raising project of the national church body. His work terminated on the second Lord's Day of this year, (1968.)

For the third time the congregation celebrates its founding and again there is no shepherd over the flock. Yet with the greatest humility, we thank God for the blessings of the past century, for the witness of this church in the many lives it has served and for its place in the community. Earnestly we ask forgiveness for our many sins and shortcomings as a congregation and as Christian people. In His abundant grace we ask special blessings for a continuation of the work of Christ both here at Oakdale and as our Church ministers throughout the world.

The above historical sketch was read by Mrs. Robb at the Centennial Celebration.

CHARTER MEMBERS

(Received into membership at the first session meeting constituted Feb. 19, 1868 by the Rev. Mr. J. R. Finney.)

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| A. B. Shaw | Robert McAuley | Thomas Boyle |
| William Kilpatrick | Thomas G. Gormley | Thomas Walker |
| Samuel R. Stormont | Margaret E. Kerr | David W. McClurkin |

(Received into membership at the second session meeting constituted Mar. 7, 1868, by the Rev. Mr. J. R. Finney.)

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| William Bailey | Elizabeth McAuley | Robert Weaver |
| Margaret Bailey | John P. Brown | George McLain |
| Margaret Boyle | John Davis | James Edgar |

P ASTORATES

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| Rev. J. M. Henderson | 1872-1876 |
| Rev. H. M. Pressley | 1878-1886 |
| Rev. C. M. Ritchie | 1891-1895 |
| Rev. W. A. Chambers | 1895-1900 |
| Rev. H. T. Jackson | 1901-1904 |
| Rev. S. A. Jackson | 1904-1909 |
| Rev. R. H. Park | 1910-1912 |
| Rev. John J. Gardinier | 1913-1917 |
| Rev. W. B. Watson | 1918-1920 |
| Rev. Cassius G. McKnight | 1923-1926 |
| Rev. Harold R. Karnes | 1929-1930 |
| Rev. Frederick S. Zeller | 1931-1938 |
| Rev. John G. Dick | 1938-1944 |
| Rev. Ralph M. Donaldson | 1947-1949 |
| Rev. H. V. Meima | 1952-1954 |
| Rev. H. Walter White | 1956-1963 |
| Rev. Phillip P. Brunn | 1965-1968 |

MINISTERS WHO HAVE GONE FROM THE CONGREGATION

Rev. John G. Klene b. 1862 d. 1937 Rev. George P. Kerr b. 1905

HOME MISSION WORK
Miss Lottie Edgar, Hill Top, Arkansas

MINISTERS' WIVES

- Miss Bessie McClay (Mrs. Harold Karnes)
- Miss Elma McClurkin (Mrs. Thomas A. Davis)
- Miss Dolores Friemen (Mrs. Michael Hewitt)