

**Fiftieth
Anniversary**

*Flora
Christian
Church*

1914 - 1964

Hanaway Printing Co. - Flora





“AND THE DISCIPLES WERE
CALLED CHRISTIANS FIRST AT
ANTIOCH.” ACTS 11-26



1914 - 1964

HISTORY

The First Christian Church began with meetings being held in the old brick school house on North Division Street in the year of 1877. Later on, services were conducted in the Baptist church which was then located on W. Walnut street.

On May 25, 1884 the members organized as a Christian Church. In October 1886 they had a great desire to have a church home of their own. In the fall of 1887 a one room brick church was started on the site of the present church building at South Center and South Streets. J. C. Guinn, the owner of a brick kiln, furnished the brick at cost. Philip Voorhees did the carpentry work and Samuel Smelcer acted as clerk. Regardless of the time and work it takes to erect a building services were held in the new church prior to its actual completion.

This one room church served the members for twenty six years. Each of these years found new members being added to the congregation, finally more space was needed for classes and organizations within this growing church. Plans were then drawn up for the church as we see it today. The laying of the corner stone took place in June of 1914 with much pride.

Sunday, November 29, 1964 marks the Golden Anniversary of our present church building. Our hearts are indeed filled with gratitude to the pioneers who had the vision of a Christian Church in Flora.



1888 - 1914

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

1964

Chairman
 Vice Chairman
 Treasurer
 Secretary
 Clerk
 Historian

Jean Smith
 Edgar Krauss Jr.
 Meredith Butcher
 Carroll Stout
 Maude McNeil
 Gladys Hursh

MINISTERS OF FLORA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

1914 - 1964

G. Stanley West 1914 - 1918
 J. C. Reynolds 1919 - 1920
 R. D. Thomas 1920 - 1923
 Homer Eshelman 1923 - 1924
 Robert Dillman 1925 - 1929
 Chauncy Piety 1929 - 1930
 W. C. Aschanhort 1930 - 1938
 Hayes Miller 1939 - 1942
 W. C. Aschanhort 1942 - 1948
 Russell Kilmer 1949 - 1950
 Russell Hensley 1951 - 1953
 George Whipple 1953 - 1958
 Ralph Sell 1958 - 1960
 Wm. Milton Craig 1960 -

TRUSTEES:

William Helvie
 Dr. C. N. Wilson

Jack Smith
 Clayton Ayres

Russell Hanaway

ELDERS:

Tom Ayres
 DeVere Hoffman
 Keith Sisson
 Russell Hanaway
 Edgar Krauss Jr.

Carroll Stout
 Jean Smith
 Everett Cochran
 Cecil Hopp
 Wilbert Kenrick

Galen Shope

DEACONESSES:

Lola Mae Harmon
 Maurine Kenrick
 Lucille Smith

Elaine Smith
 Kathren Shope
 Mildred Curts

DEACONS:

Richard Short
 Dale Boller
 Meredith Butcher
 Walter Allen
 Robert Ehler
 John Ayres
 Richard DePoy
 C. J. Harmon
 Ralph Brower
 James Walker
 William Walker
 Mike Hoffman
 Earl Blue
 Gerald Harmon

William Mann
 Wilbur Wilson
 Paul Cripe
 William Helvie
 Hobart Hanaway
 Raymond Dillman
 Cullan Eikenberry
 Richard Ledman
 George Allen
 George Baum
 Bill Bright
 Richard Curts
 Webb Miller
 Clayton Ayres

Jack Smith

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

10:10 A. M. November 29, 1964

Organist Mrs. Jack Smith
 Choir Director Mrs. Fred Humes
 Pianist Mrs. Lois Ledman

Wm. Milton Craig
Minister

**THE ORGAN PRELUDE
THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him, bless his name!

People: I will praise the name of God with
a song;
I will magnify him with thanksgiving.

Minister: Let heaven and earth praise him,
the seas and everything that moves
therein.

People: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!
Praise benefits the upright.

- * THE HYMN OF PRAISE 423
- * THE INVOCATION
- * THE GLORIA PATRI
- THE OFFERTORY - "Bless This House" The Choir
- * THE DOXOLOGY
- * THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND
CHORAL RESPONSE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn: (first stanza) 308
 Meditation and Prayer
 Partaking of the Lord's Supper
 Communion Hymn: (last stanza) 308

- THE ANTHEM - "Praise Ye!" The Choir
- THE RESPONSIVE READING No. 4
- THE PASTORAL PRAYER
- THE SERMON: "We Would Be Building -
Temples Still Undone" Wm. M. Craig
- * THE HYMN OF DEDICATION: No. 363
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE
- * THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

To all who worship in First Christian Church on this the 50th Anniversary of our church building we extend a most cordial welcome.

Immediately following the morning worship service a congregational picture will be taken at the south side of the church building.

A Carry-in fellowship dinner will be held in the fellowship hall at 11:45 a. m. with a brief anniversary program to follow.

Our Church School meets each Lord's day morning at 9:30 a. m.

Superintendent:	Richard Short
Secretary:	Galen Shope
Pianists:	Kathy Butcher Judy Curts

The Adult Choir meets for practice each Thursday at 7:00 p. m.

The Disciples Choir meets for practice each Saturday morning at 10:00 a. m.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP EXECUTIVE

1964

President Elaine Smith
 Vice-President Mildred Curts
 Recording Secretary Ruth Spooner
 Corresponding Secretary Thelma Hanaway
 Treasurer Roberta Gillam
 Worship Director Patricia Helvie
 Study Director Maxine Humes
 Service Director Radiance Allen
 Outreach Director Annis Ayres
 Dining Room Committee Chairman: Lola Mae Harmon
 Naomi Butcher, Susan Mann
 Sewing Chairman Martha Hoffman

CIRCLE LEADERS

Crystal Hilda Baum
 Assistant Roselyn Boller
 Fidelis Eva Sisson
 Assistant JoAnn Smith
 Candlelite Kathren Shope
 Assistant Thelma Hanaway

RESIDENT MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES

1964

Harley Albaugh
 Eva Albaugh
 George Allen
 Radiance Allen
 Darlene Allen
 James Allen
 Ross Allen
 Mary Allen
 Walter Allen
 LaDonna Allen
 Cheryl Allen
 Nancy Allen
 Chester Ayres
 Mary Belle Ayres
 Clayton Ayres
 Grace Ayres
 Joe Ayres
 Linda Ayres
 John Ayres
 Ruth Ann Ayres
 John Ayres*
 Phillip Ayres*
 Tom Ayres
 Beverly Ayres
 Alan Ayres
 John Ayres
 Linda Ayres
 Annis Ayres
 Louis Baker
 Ruth Baker
 Robert Baker*
 Nancy Baker*
 George Baum
 Hilda Baum
 Billy J. Baum
 June Baum*
 Jerilyn Baum*
 William Baum*
 Jean Balsler*
 Samuel Balsler*
 Pamela Balsler*
 Geneva Bausam

Gracie Barker

Mildred Ballew
Timothy Ballew

Willard Best*
Janet Best*
Carla Best*
Lorie Best*

A. D. Bishop
Winifred Bishop
Daniel Bishop
Michael Bishop

Lloyd Bixler
Gladys Bixler

Earl Blue
Wilma Blue
Sandra Blue

Fannie Blue

Dale Boller
Roselyn Boller
Stephen Boller
Karen Boller*
Thomas Dale Boller

Ralph Brower
Harriet Brower
Tom Lee Brower

William Bright
Mary Bright
Terry Bright
John Bright
Richard Bright
William Bright*
Susan Bright*

Maude Budrow

Meredith Butcher
Naomi Butcher
Kathy Butcher

Carl Butler
Sylvia Butler

Everett Cochran
Amanda Cochran

Ancil Calendar
Ruth Calendar
Peggy Joyce Calendar

Stella Calhoun

Fae Culp
Robert Clem*
Beverly Clem*
Gayle Clem*
Susan Clem*
Paula Clem*
Wm. Milton Craig
Margaret Craig
Robert Craig
Donna Craig
Ruth Craig*
Richard Curts
Mildred Curts
Judy Curts
Sondra Curts
Carole Curts*
Rosa Colvin
Edith Cree
Paul Cripe
Margaret Cripe
James Cripe
Janice Sue Cripe
Robert Cripe
Mary K. Cripe
Dennis Cripe*
Steve Cripe*
Charles Croft
Florence Croft
Austin Cromer
Dorothy Cromer
Cathy Cromer
Richard DePoy
Martha DePoy
Mark DePoy*
Jeffrey DePoy*
Kurt DePoy*
Robert Ehler
Lois Ehler
Rebecca Ehler*
Regina Ehler*
Raymond Dillman
Esther Dillman
Mabel Eikenberry
Cullan Eikenberry
Rebecca Eikenberry
Andrew Eikenberry*

Lee Eikenberry
Pauline Eikenberry
Nola Finney
Gertrude Finney
Elsie Foster
Eva Garrison
Orpha Garrison
Robert Garrison
Mary Sue Garrison
Danny Garrison*
David Garrison*
Dawn Garrison*
Charles Garrison*
Jo Ann Garrison*
Sondra Garrison*
Michael Garrison*
Charles Gibbs
Tom Gibson*
Jane Gibson*
Sharon Kay Gibson
Curt Gibson*
Jack Gillam*
Roberta Gillam
Michael Gillam
Mark Gillam*
Mabel Good
Catherine Gotshall
Carl Hanaway
Ruth Hanaway
Carolyn Hanaway*
Edward Hanaway*
Cynthia Hanaway*
Carl Hanaway Jr.*
Hobart Hanaway
Betty Hanaway
Larry Hanaway
Deborah Hanaway*
Kathy Hanaway*
Russell Hanaway
Thelma Hanaway
Clarence Harmon
Lola Mae Harmon
Janis Harmon
Joyce Harmon
Joretta Harmon

Gerald Harmon
Geneva Harmon
Jan Lynn Harmon
Kurt Harmon
Mary Jane Harter
William Helvie
Patricia Helvie
Thomas Helvie
Terry Helvie
Lisa Ann Helvie*
DeVere Hoffman
Martha Hoffman
Darrell Hoffman
Gregory Hoffman
Michael Hoffman
Judy Hoffman
Alice Hoffman*
Richard Hoffman*
Judy Hoffman*
Roy Hicks
Mabel Holmes
Helen Gene Holmes
Cecil Hopp
Verlin Hopp*
Betty Hopp*
Janet Hopp*
Shirley Hopp*
Fred Humes*
Maxine Humes
Gladys Hursh
Dovie Isaac
Herbert Johnson
Florence Johnson
Richard Johnson
Leroy Kelly
Mae Kelly
Maurine Kenrick
Wilbert Kenrick
Laura Kenrick
John Kesner
Faye Kesner
Dana Keyes
Laura Keyes
James Keyes
Joanna Keyes

Edgar Krauss Jr.
Georgeanna Krauss
Kenneth Krauss
Kim Krauss*
Kyle Krauss*
Lucy Krauss
Lois Ledman
Richard Ledman
Dorothy Ledman*
Hoyte Mann*
Arlene Mann
Richard Mann*
Jean Mann
Debbie Mann
Jackie Mann
Rickie Mann*
William Mann
Carolyn Sue Mann*
Cathy Mann*
Vicki Mann*
Webb Miller
Jo Ann Miller
Timothy Miller
Thomas Miller
Terry Miller*
Troy Miller*
Charles Murray*
Mabel Murray*
Maude McNeil
Gaylord Isaac
Josephine Isaac
Bertha Niewerth
Fannie Parks
Bethel Ratcliffe
Marjorie Reames
Sedonna Reames
Nikki Lou Reames
William Rector*
Barbara Rector*
Susan Rector*
Michael Rector*
Cleo Reppert
Dorothy Reppert
Fannie Richter

Maurice Robeson*
Janalie Robeson
Miriam Robeson*

Frank Shoff
Jennie Shoff

Galen Shope
Kathern Shope

Richard Short
Patricia Short
Toni Sue Short
Robert Short

Keith Sisson
Eva Sisson
Debra Sisson
Scott Sisson

Lucille Smith
Jon Smith

Jean Smith
Elaine Smith
Arlene Smith

Jesse Smith*
Vera Smith

Jack Smith
JoAnn Smith
Anthony Smith
Sherry Ann Smith

Jessie Spitler

John Spooner*
Ruth Spooner*
John Spooner*
Charles Spooner*
James Spooner*

Carroll Stout
Mary Lee Stout
Gloria Stout

John Summers
Ossie Summers
Cheryl Barker

Ernest Sylvester
Helen Sylvester
Charles Sylvester
Jeffrey Sylvester

Fred Sylvester
Susie Sylvester
Bill Sylvester

Arnold Teel*
Bernadene Teel*
Randy Teel*
Vicki Teel*

Richard Von Ahrens*
LaVerne Von Ahrens
Karla Von Ahrens*
Karen Von Ahrens*

Alta Ward

Larry Ward
Kathleen Ward*

Marian Walker*
Mary Walker*
William Walker
Carolyn Walker
Marilyn Walker*
Mary Walker*
Lisa Walker*

James Walker
Bonnie Walker*
Scott Walker*

Clarence Watson
Helen Watson
Richard Watson

Orel Wiles

Burl Wiles
Dorothy Wiles*
Rickie Wiles*
Ronnie Wiles*
Dannie Wiles*
Robert Wiles*

Huey Wiles
Nadine Wiles*
Bart Wiles*
Teressa Wiles*

Zelda Wiles

Dr. Charles N. Wilson
Opal Wilson

Wilbur Wilson
Mary Wilson
Jane Marie Wilson
Mary Jane Wilson

Keith Wilson
Phyllis Wilson*

Lawrence Yerkes
Ruth Yerkes

Tribute To The Christian Pioneers

Would God that we, their children, were as they;
Great souled, brave hearted and of dauntless will;
Ready to dare, responsive to the still, compelling voice
That called them, night and day.
Would God we knew the thrill
That exquisitely tormented them until
They stood up strong and resolute to obey,
God make us like them, worthy of them;
Shake our souls with greatness;
Our dull eyes set on some high star
Whose splendid light will wake us from our dreams,
And guide us from this fen or selfish ease, won by our
father's sweat.
Oh lift us up — The church has need of men.

PAULINE VOORHEES EIKENBERRY

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