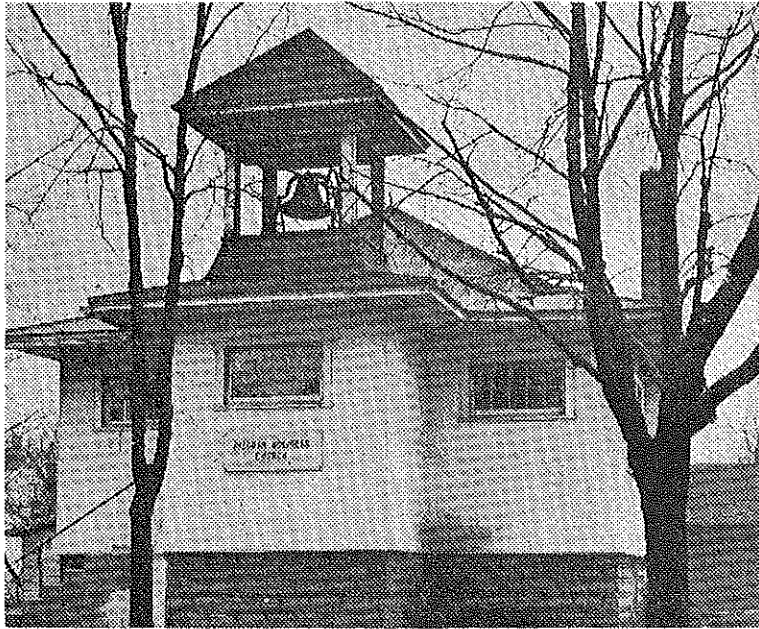
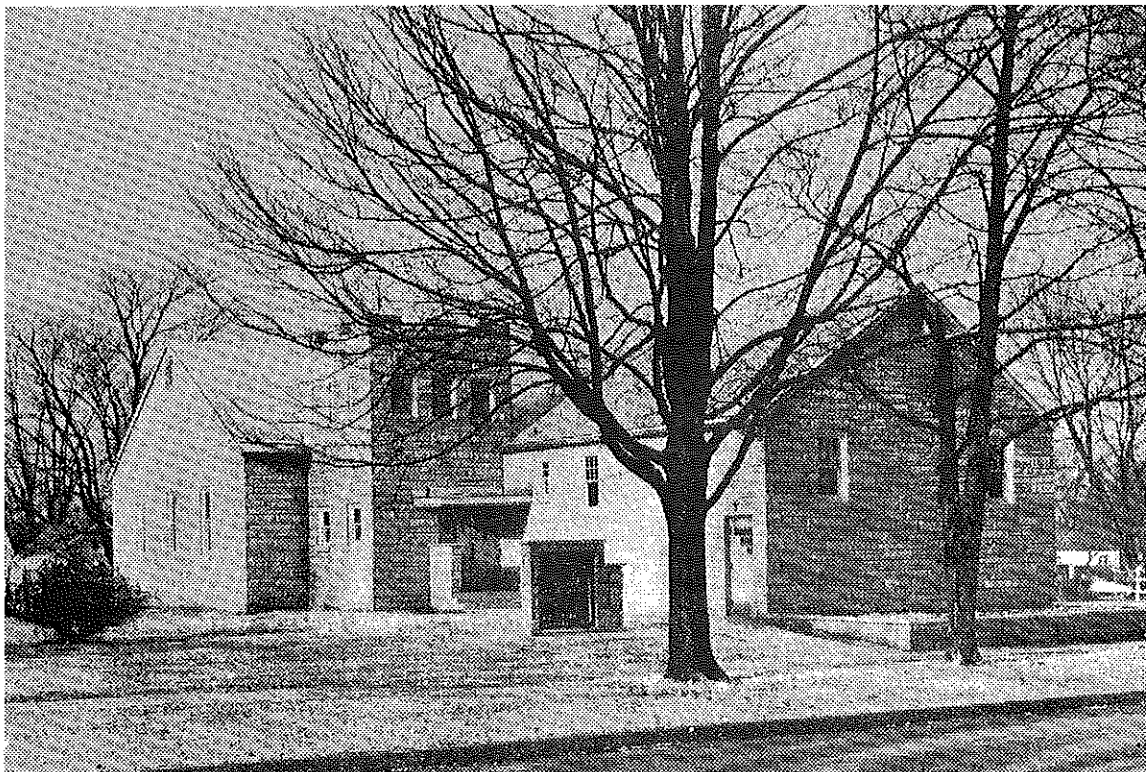


**CALLED UNTO HOLINESS  
THE WESLEYAN CHURCH, DELPHI, INDIANA**



Pilgrim Holiness Church, Delphi, Indiana, 1920-1958



Present Building, 1958-Present

Not everything that was "important" in 1920 made history, to say nothing of HIS STORY. 1920--Gaston Chevrolet won the Indianapolis 500, at an average speed of 88.62 miles per hour. The Dr. Hess Fly Catcher was advertised by Elles and Orr, Delphi druggists. William Jennings Bryan's dry plank was voted down at the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco in July. Asphalt shingles were advertised by George C. Loy Roofing Co. About 4,000 Delphi and area residents gathered on Monday, August 30 to hear Democratic Vice Presidential candidate (and Assistant Secretary of the Navy) Franklin Delano Roosevelt at Delphi's City Park. Mr. Roosevelt spoke in favor of the League of Nations and later enjoyed cooling refreshments (tea) at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Wilson, 203 East Monroe Street. Democratic Presidential Candidate (and Ohio Governor) James M. Cox spoke on the Court House square in Delphi on October 13. But the county, state, and nation decided on Republicans Warren G. Harding (U.S. Senator from Ohio) and Calvin Coolidge (Governor of Massachusetts) for President and Vice President. The Carroll County area was labeled the center of soybean production in the United States, as Taylor, Noah, and F. E. Fouts hosted the First Annual National Meeting of Soybean Growers with representatives from 5 states. The Christian Church in Delphi planned a mortgage burning, thanksgiving, and dedication service. Chester E. Troyer (George's grandfather's cousin) of LaFontaine, Indiana, was selected U.S. corn king at the International Hay and Grain Show. Carroll County corn ranked sixth at the International Live Stock Exposition in Chicago. The tobacco habit was declared "dangerous." Indiana became the 26th state to ratify the 19th Amendment, granting voting rights to women (Woe, men!). Mount & Son advertised a Waterloo Boy tractor, able to plow 8-11 acres a day. The U.S. Justice Department warned against the threat of Soviet Bolshevists. A Ford touring car sold for \$650.00, a Ford tractor for \$850.00. A call was made to support Armenian orphans at \$60 per orphan per year. Eversharp pencils were advertised by Luther McCain, Delphi. Miss Ruth Jenkins was killed 2 miles southwest of Frankfort when the car she was driving overturned, resulting from fast driving (50 miles per hour). Delphi's population was 2,087. A total of 49 Sunday Schools were

recorded in Carroll County at the county Sunday School convention held in Camden. Churches often mentioned in the Carroll County Citizen-Times were Methodist, Baptist, St. Mary's Episcopal, Christian, Lutheran (on Union Street), and Presbyterian. The Baum blacksmith shop and the Embree Harness shop properties at the corner of Main and Union Streets were sold to the Standard Oil Company. And a church building was constructed at the corner of Union and Harrison Streets in Delphi.

And now, let's return to those thrilling days of yesteryear, when church history, HIS STORY, was being made. A church is not just a building. It is people--people who experience God's redeeming power. Going back to the time of World War I, 1917 to be exact, we find the seeds of what is now the Union Street Wesleyan Church of Delphi, Indiana.

While the Delphi Journal of September 13, 1917, reported that a second group of Carroll County men were preparing to leave for military training at Louisville (Camp Taylor, Kentucky), among whom were Charles Snoeberger and William D. Sink; also farther down the same front page was a small news item which read as follows:

The Clark Evangelistic Party will conduct a tent meeting on north Washington street, Delphi, Ind., beginning Thursday evening, Sept. 13. The evangelistic preaching will be in charge of Mrs. W. E. Clark. The evangelistic singing will be in charge of Mr. W. E. Clark. Evangelist Clark and wife are from near Frankfort, Ind. Mr. James Campbell, soloist, of Kokomo, Ind., will preside at the piano. The public is invited to attend these services every night at 7:30 p.m. Sunday 2:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. W. E. Clark in charge.

On September 20, 1917, there appeared a larger front page article with a picture:

MR. AND MRS. W. E. CLARK OF THE CLARK EVANGELISTIC PARTY AND CHILDREN PAUL AND MABEL

This glowing account followed:

Large crowds are attending the tabernacle meetings in this city. Interest is growing in each service. Several have come forward and many people from out of town are attending. The revival is on in full swing and standing room will be at a premium before Sunday. The evangelistic preaching and singing is in charge of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clark of Clark Evangelistic party. One feature of the meeting is the special singing of Mr. James Campbell of Kokomo, Ind., and Miss Elsie Benjamin of

Frankfort, Ind. Mr. Campbell and Miss Benjamin are both members of the evangelistic party. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clarke closed a big revival at Kokomo, Ind., where several came forward. Several from Kokomo motored over last Sunday to be in the meeting here. Next Sunday there will be a carload come from Kokomo to attend the tabernacle meeting. The evangelistic party has had a number of calls for revivals for this winter which will keep them in the field all season. The public is invited to all these services.

This glorious report was given on September 27, page 8:

THE W. E. CLARK  
EVANGELISTIC PARTY

One of the greatest religious awakenings that ever came to Delphi is now in progress at the tabernacle on North Washington Street. People are coming miles to attend these meetings. A carload came from Kokomo Sunday and rendered some very fine music. It was estimated between three and four hundred people were unable to gain admittance to the tabernacle Sunday night. The streets were blocked for a square with automobiles. The meeting is reaching a large class of people who have not been in church for years. The long altar was filled with seekers Sunday night. The Clark Evangelistic Party come here highly recommended as efficient Christian workers. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clark, who are in charge of the evangelistic party, have been at the work for seven years. Mr. James Campbell of Kokomo, Ind., one of the leading soloists of the state, is rendering some very fine solos at each service. Miss Elsie Benjamin, of Frankfort, presides at the piano and is rendering fine service. Tonight Rev. Jester, a fine solo singer of Lewiston, Ill., will join the party. Services each night this week at 7:30 o'clock. Next Sunday there will be an all-day meeting at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Rev. Ed Mullen will preach.

A large crowd is coming from Kokomo to spend the day. Since the evangelistic party closed their meeting at Kokomo there has been a city mission organized, which will seat a thousand people. Everyone is invited to attend these services. Come and bring a friend.

You might say the church was in its embryonic stage when this article appeared on November 8, 1917:

HOLINESS CHRISTIAN MISSION

Sabbath School opened November 4 with an attendance of sixty-four. Sabbath school every Sunday at 2 p.m. sharp. Preaching service immediately following. Everybody invited--the poor, the rich, the Christian, the sinner,--come. Mrs. Effie M. Jones superintendent; Mrs. E. L. Beeven, secretary.

In the 1940's the Committee on Pilgrim Holiness Church History received the following from Pastor Irvin King: "The Tent burnt down in the

first meeting. The old time Sallymanders set the Pent a fire. They used Cokee for fuel. But out of all this Came the Church."

The address of the new mission appeared for the first time in this November 29, 1919 article, as far as I could find (page 7):

#### CHRISTIAN MISSION HALL

Gospel meetings and an old time revival at the Holmes Christian Mission Hall, 123 East Main Street, in charge of Brother and Sister Clark, evangelists, of Bloomington, Ind. These folks need no introduction, as they were the founders of this mission and will be anxious to meet all their old friends and make new ones. This is a soul saving station. Come everyone and help in the effort to help some poor soul to find the Lamb of God who came to take away the sin of the world.

Beginning every evening after Nov. 28 at 7:30

REV ROY S. ELLIS, Pastor.

The anticipation of birth, so to speak, was announced in this December 13, 1919, page 3, article:

#### HOLINESS CHURCH

Delphi is to have another church, the members of the new International Holiness having purchased a lot of Dr. Gochenour, on North Union Street, where a new bungalow edifice will be erected soon. Evangelist W. E. Clark and wife, who held the first Holiness meeting in Delphi, and organized the first Holiness class, of thirty-two members are again conducting revival meetings here now. Eight new members uniting with the church Sunday evening.

Thursday and Friday evening Rev. Albert Ewing, presiding elder, will be with them and have charge of the services, beginning each evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

Finally, this article appeared on September 25, 1920 (page one):

#### announcement

The new International Holiness church on the corner of Union and Harrison street is now ready for use. Services will open on Sunday morning, September 26th with Sunday School. The date for dedication has not yet been decided, and for that service we expect to have present our general superintendent of the International Holiness church, Rev. George B. Culp, of Battle Creek, Michigan. This announcement will be given in time so all can attend who wish to. At present Sunday School will be held at 9:30 A.M., preaching at 10:30 A.M. and also at 7:30 P.M.

Pastor Ellis had quite a knack for wholesome sermonizing in his newspaper articles:

All that have no church home or go to no Sunday School are welcome. If you feel like you are wanted no place else, come let us pray with you. You belong to God and God wants to save you. Jesus died that you might live and He said that none should be lost. So come. You are welcome, repent of

your sins and be made whole through the blood of Jesus.

REV. ROY ELLIS,  
Pastor

Johnny Jones was very instrumental in locating places for the church to meet. His daughter, Gertrude Jones Leslie, sent the letter which reads in part as follows:

2300 Heather Glen Lane, #1  
Rancho Cordova, CA., 95670  
May 25, 1983

...Dear Brother Troyer:

...The beginning of the church was a tent meeting on Washington Street, between Adams and Harrison Sts., on west side of the St. I think this was in 1917.

A number were converted and the congregation moved to a hall upstairs on E. Main St., in the 100 block above a Millinery Store.

The first pastor was Rev. Tony. He drove back and forth from Frankfort, IN., where he lived.

Rev. W. E. Bradley followed him, during which time my father, John A. Jones, who owned a Bakery at 114-116 East Main St., purchased the lot at the corner of Harrison and Union Sts., and built a white stucco church.

The first pastor was Rev. Roy Ellis, who at that time was a baker and worked for my father in his bakery.

The Church was at this time known as the Holiness Christian Church.

The General Church amalgamated with the Apostolic Church and it became the International Holiness Church for a few years. Then later amalgamated with the Pilgrim Church and it became the Pilgrim Holiness Church....

Rev. Carl R. Reed, who was my brother-in-law, and whose widow is my sister, and lives here in Sacramento, CA. (Rancho Cordova is a suburb of Sacramento)....pastored from August, 1928 through August, 1931....

I lost my husband almost four years ago, but his cousin, Mrs. Luther Hunt, attended the Church for years and may be able to fill in more details than I have given.

My sister and I attend a very spiritual growing Holiness Church in Sacramento. A Pioneer Church of the Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Connection.

May the Lord richly bless your labors in Delphi.

In His service,  
Gertrude Leslie

Besides old local newspapers and the very helpful letter above, I was also able to glean some Delphi information from Conference Journals, some of which are located at our Wesleyan Church Archives in Marion, Indiana. This was a very interesting example: from the August 26-28, 1918, District

Conference (page 5):

"...Next in order was the reception of new classes knocking for admission into the Conference. Delphi was the first one desiring admission and on motion was received....

Also joining were Dayton, Ohio, Huntington, North Kokomo, Bluff Ave, S.W. Indianapolis.

A women's liberation movement, of sorts, took place in 1921, as recorded in the following January 15, page 1, news article:

Lady Minister Performs Wedding Ceremony.

Mrs. Minnie F. Davidson and Wm. A. LeMar were united in marriage Tuesday by Rev. Katherine Dunkleberger. This is the first marriage ever performed in Carroll County by a lady minister.

Rev. Dunkelberger resides in Three Oaks, Mich., and she and her sister, Miss Hattie, are conducting a series of Evangelistic services at the Holiness Church, on North Union St. Mr. and Mrs. LaMar immediately after the ceremony, left for their home in Francisville.

But something even more significant happened during the Dunkelberger visit. Ralph Smith was converted from a life of sin. Born on March 22, 1904, he attended these revival services soon after the church was completed. If anyone wondered whether Delphi needed another church, Brother Smith's new life is certainly a valuable argument in the affirmative. From 1923 till 1926 he attended God's Bible School. On a summer day in 1926 he loaded his belongings and boarded the Wabash Railroad at Delphi and traveled to Salina, Kansas. From there he rode the Union Pacific to Lincoln, Kansas. He pastored a church which met in a one-room school house 14 miles north (and slightly west) of Lincoln. This church later merged with the Lincoln church. It was in Kansas that he met and married his first wife, Ruth Pearl Tromble. Their children include Reva (Mrs. James Green of Delphi), Raymond (a veterinarian in Wyoming), Roberta (Slack), Rosaline (Johnson), Bob (a missionary to the Philippines and now Indonesia), and Raydene (Green). The Smiths pastored at Freeport, Keystone, Fall River, Brewster, and Lucas. After much growth the Keystone church was abandoned as part of a government bombing site. During their last year at Fall River Robert was born. He was their "bargain boy." The doctor charged \$5.00 for the all-night delivery. From 1937 to 1941 Brother Smith pastored an older church at Humboldt (which I failed to list above). In 1947 they moved to Pittsburg, Indiana. Pastoring during the Depression and war years was economically difficult. Extra money

was earned scooping wheat, husking corn, tending a general store, janitoring a school, and cutting fire wood. At Keystone there was no well. So two barrels' worth of water had to be carried each day for the cistern from a friend's windmill or a nearby spring. Combining was quite an art. The spout on the horse-drawn combine had to be kept in line with a horse-drawn wagon alongside. In 1952 or 53 they moved to Frankfort to enable Bob to attend Frankfort Pilgrim High School more easily. They moved back to Delphi in 1959. Ralph was a widower from the spring of 1973 to April, 1975, when he and Estella Beryl Coppock were joined in holy matrimony. Bob arranged for Brother Smith's book about Revelation to be printed in Manila in 1974. Ralph and Beryl now reside at 8A Street, Zephyr Mobile Park, Zephyrhills, Florida.

Another interesting person whose life I have been able to follow is Ellen Roark Atkinson. Ellen remembers the old church with its platform clear across the front. The piano was on the platform, and at times there was quite an orchestra with Hawaiian guitar, accordion, violins, and Luke Hunt at the guitar. Her father, William Roark, was the first in the family to be attracted to the Pilgrim Holiness Church, in 1927. About a year later her mother, Lula Roark, was convinced to change from the church she had been attending. As a girl Ellen was especially impressed by a young man who came to their house to make restitution for some stolen watermelons. This was hard for her to understand. He had not been caught--at least by man. Ellen attended Union Bible Seminary at Westfield, and Bible School at Owosso, Michigan. After spending time working at the G.M. plant in Anderson she pastored at the Tell City church, and at Boonville. Some of her work was in older facilities and in a feuding territory, but the services were good. In 1945 she returned to Anderson, where she worked for a medical doctor and was put in charge of meals. Meanwhile, Fred Atkinson was born in 1905 in Logansport. He moved with his family when he was 8 or 9 to Chicago. Fred's dad, Eddie B. Atkinson, a barber, later moved his family back to Indiana, at Elwood. In 1914 they moved to a farm in Brown County (where roads were often muddy in those days). After a couple more moves he was in Chicago for 20 years or so. Then he moved to Anderson, Indiana, where he became a mail carrier. While attending Anderson First Pilgrim Holiness Church his



eye caught one particular attender and it was like love at first sight. Fred Atkinson and Ellen Roark were united in marriage in a ceremony conducted by Pastor Hayhirst.

In 1947 they moved to Oklahoma. They shared with each other pastorates in Fairview, in the Gloss Mountains; then Enid, and Henrietta, a mining town; and Albuquerque, New Mexico (where John Mark was born on September 11, 1953). At Dallas, Texas, they assisted Parker Hesselton, who had pastored at Delphi. After a pastorate in Hillsboro, they moved back to Delphi, and later pastored at Burlington. Then they were asked to resuscitate a desperately dwindling church at Norway, Indiana, but damage was already done. Some snowy nights, a Mrs. Miller might be the only one in attendance after a long cold drive by the Atkinsons. As of this writing, in 1984, Fred and Ellen are actively participating in the Delphi Wesleyan Church. Their testimonies and labors are such an encouragement to us all.

The limited time I have spent on this history has not permitted me to give a complete picture, by any means, of the people whose lives have been changed by what God has done at our church. And certainly a complete list would be impossible. But I do want to share a few items.

The church gained quite a reputation for having more than the usual number of shouters. It was told that on one particular occasion the congregation was so unwilling to hide their joy that a policeman was summoned to quiet things down. But, they persuaded him until he, too, was kneeling at the altar of repentance.

Taggart Thomas tells me that Johnny Jones, besides being a baker, was also quite a carpenter. Jones was one of the first to build a camper on the back of a truck. This was in the 1920's and allowed Mr. Jones to travel a great deal. The Joneses had 2 daughters: Olive (Mrs. Carl Reed) and Gertrude (Trudy, Mrs. Lawrence Leslie). Jones had been a member of the Mason Lodge. But, upon his conversion he renounced his membership.

Faith Conn's mother, Mary Katherine, was passing the Holiness Mission one night with a heavy heart. She was so strongly attracted by the singing from within, that she eventually transferred there. Faith states recently that her Mom had made a financial pledge. When the Depression

hit, she took in washing, and kept up on her tithe and pledge. Faith witnessed that Mrs. Conn's children never were in want.

Luke and Vivian Hunt began attending when Earl E. Davis was pastor. As a child Vivian had visited the Holiness Mission downtown with her aunt, Mable Leslie.

Ralph Smith said that Brother Davis had a voice like a trumpet that could be heard all over town.

In 1983 I received this letter from Glen Newton:

Alexandria, Ind. 46001  
R. 3, Box 256

George Troyer

Dear Brother Troyer,

Yes, I am the Glen Newton that was the pastor in Delphi Pilgrim Holiness Church at that time. We had good meetings with lots of fish to eat.

I am eighty-six years old now and can not write much. We enjoyed being pastor in Delphi.

Hope you are doing well and the Lord is blessing you and the church in a good way.

The Lord bless you  
Glen Newton

Why would a former pastor devote nearly 10% of the text of his letter to the mention of fish? This puzzled me until I discovered that he pastored here in the early 1930's, during the heart of the Great Depression. This reminded me of the abundance of varsatile eggs which have more recently been supplied to the church through the Mark Stern family. For this we have been so very thankful. Philippians 4:19 is so true. "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Hascue Carter came to Delphi with two children: Edna, who later married Carl Roark; and John, who married Ina Ruth Ball.

Taggart Thomas pastored at Delphi from 1940 to 1944. The church at first rented the dwelling at 601 North Indiana Street for the parsonage. Parker Husselton, who preceded Brother Thomas, had had a body shop or paint shop in the garage which set east of the parsonage at that time. During the Thomas years, the church purchased the parsonage at 312 North Wilson Street. The salary was \$10.00 per week plus food donations. While the Thomases were here they had 2 children, Debra (now Mrs. Dale Stewart) and Mark. Later additions to Taggart and LaVerna's family

included Joe T., D. Philip, Hannah (Mrs. Kent Peterson), Daniel, John, and Seth.

In the 1950 Journal of the Indiana Conference of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, page 55, under the heading "In Memoriam," the following was recorded:

ELMER CLARK

Elmer Clark was another of the veteran ministers of the Pilgrim Holiness Church....The church at Delphi was organized as the result of his labors there.

Frances Wamsher began attending the church in 1932, when Harold was just a baby, and R. K. Storey was the pastor. After a couple moves, she began attending again in 1955 when Lois was about 3 years old, and O. D. Williams was pastor. She states that she came through the influence of her parents, Brother and Sister Sinks. She was drawn by the type of service, and she was hungry spiritually.

Roscoe and Dorothy Rhine came in 1981 through the influence of David and Mary Rhine who had attended in the 40's, and through the "Friendliness of congregation."

Ruby Spurgeon began attending in 1934 as a child because of the efforts of Brother and Sister Hunt. Later, around 1963 she and Bill began attending because their children did, when George Blice was pastor. Some important conditions listed as follows are: "My children; friendliness of congregation; old time evangelistic services; born again experience."

While living in this area again, Ralph Smith sold Stanley products. He promoted a glue "that will fix anything except a broken heart. Only Jesus Christ can mend that."

The church has gone through various remodelings of the building. During one basement expansion Brother O. D. Williams had an eye injury during this very difficult process of breaking up the very rocky ground.

A mention is made in the 1958 conference journal:

The church...is now worshipping in the new church. A building--40 x 60--has been erected. While the exterior is not completely finished yet it is being used for worship service. The old church is being converted into a Sunday School educational unit.

In 1960 the Journal reported:

Delphi, completed the new church, finished inside and

stoned the outside. They had a beautiful dedication service.

Mary Jane Whitfield showed me a couple pictures (undated, but probably in the 1950's and/or 1960's) which show the following attenders, including children, at Women's Missionary Society meetings: Ellen Atkinson, "Bobbi" Baer, Ruby Blice, Mary Katherine Conn, Dorothy Davis, Fanny Mae Fife, Martha Fife, Vivian Hunt, Mable Leslie, Inez Medbourn, Ida Metz, Mrs. Mary (Ollie) Myers, Mrs. Pegg, Lula Roark, Barbara Slack (later Freels), Becky Slack (later Brown), Gladys (Mrs. Harry) Slack, Gladys Sneathen, Blanch Ward, and children John Mark Atkinson, Esther Baer, Johnny Baer, and Rachel Baer? (now Wilmington).

In the annual report in the 1967 District Journal the number of Young People was recorded at 49:

The local church minutes show that between May and August, 1968 the legal name for all documents, contracts, and business transactions shall be "Union Street Wesleyan Church." In September 29, 1968 the minutes said, "The record has been set 160. So we can open the box that Bro. Blice fixed 4 years ago. No one knows what's in the box."

A newspaper article with a picture had this caption:

MORTGAGE BURNING--Delphi Wesleyan Church, pictured above, will be the scene of a mortgage burning ceremony Sunday afternoon. A full day of activities is planned. An open invitation is extended to all events.

A hand-written note indicates that the mortgage burning was April 30, 1972.

In the 1973 Conference Journal, in District Superintendent D. W. Lacy's report the following was found: "Delphi Wesleyans sold their parsonage near the railroad and purchased a house near the church. This spacious home meets the need of a church parsonage." This is located at 501 North Washington Street, on the opposite corner (yet on the same square block) as the church building. By 1979 this parsonage was greatly improved with a spacious addition to the kitchen, the addition of a roomy 2-car garage, and insulation and vinyl siding for all but the garage. The interior of the garage was later paneled, as a youth project.

The Deals have pastored here longer than any other pastor, 1969-1974 and 1977-1979. Their friendships with neighbors, the O'Neills and Allens for example, are still bearing much fruit today. Besides Delphi, the Deals have pastored at Lynn, Indianapolis McCarty Street, Browns Chapel,

Andrews, Lynn, Frankfort Eastside, and as assistant to Creston Eckart at Indianapolis Warren Park.

I have a Sunday-morning group picture taken when Willis Snyder was pastor. The attendance board was also brought outside to be included: Attendance today 145, Record attendance 267\*, Attendance last Sunday 151, Attendance a year ago 134. Pastor Snyder gave me a list of weddings which were conducted while he was here:

Esther Baer to Jerry Hufford  
Rev. Ralph Smith to Mrs. Estella Beryl Coppock  
Donald John Stevens Jr. to Debra Jean Allen  
Richard Gene Davis to Martha Jane Saubert  
Mark Alan Flanagan to Robin Dale Hunt  
Susan Borden to David Hawn  
Ronald Gregory Long to Virginia Nell Snyder  
Jeanette Sterritt to Kevin Wallace  
Donald D. Rhine to Pamela Stewart  
Dale K. Stern to Lois Ann Wamsher.

Eva Massie began attending in May, 1981, because of "friends, fellowship and food for my soul," after moving into the area from Kentucky. They, John and Eva, live in a log house about 2 miles west of Pittsburg on 421.

Is it possible to record a testimony in mere words? Only God knows the depth and meat, for which the words are only the surface expression. I think this one has been a classic: "It's a beautiful day. I love everybody. I have Jesus in my heart." So declared Alicia Sterrett on a Sunday morning in May.

Sometimes a testimony comes from indirect sources, not from the church, as when the people at work began to ask "What's happened to Audrey?" (Marchand).

Any church history represents a collection of personal afflictions. Madge Hickman tells about the time in the hospital when she was so sick and her skin so discolored that Pastor J. B. Zeits had to be told at least twice that she was who she was. Brother Hunt's severe shock, Doug Collins' burns, and Maxine Borden's multiple afflictions through which she endured

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\* The record attendance was blurred. I was not able to find a Sunday School attendance above 219, when an effort was made to bring in all the former attenders, Easter, April 18, 1976. But the picture was apparently taken on Mother's Day, May 11, 1975, when all the statistics match.

so cheerfully and jokingly, were situations which drew God's family together in triumphant prayer. We have wept with those who weep and rejoiced with those who rejoice.

What would our church be without music? A person can gain such encouragement from just the song that is requested by a person going through a valley, a decision, a transition, or the day-to-day pilgrimage. We hear Sister Hunt request number 68 ("All That Thrills My Soul Is Jesus"), Ruby Spurgeon asks for 300 ("He Included Me"), Sister Wamsher calls for "I Will Meet You in the Morning." I will not soon forget Phil Thomas' singing of "Nothing Between," or "Oh the Land of Cloudless Day." Sister Wamsher's Dad's favorite was # 388 ("The Blood-washed Pilgrim"). Two of Luke Hunt's many trademarks were, "I'm Over The Jordan Tide" ("Out of Egypt Into Canaan," #133 in the old blue book), and the following:

"Things That Money Can't Buy"  
I Peter 1:18-19  
c Copyright 1965 by Rev. Wm. R. Hannan

We're not redeemed with silver or gold  
With corruptible things In the Bible we're told  
But Jesus, our Lord On Calv'ry did die  
And His blood purchased things that money can't buy.

Chorus:

Money can't buy The peace that I feel  
Money can't buy Salvation that's real.  
Contentment on earth, And a home in the sky.  
These are wonderful things That money can't buy.

A conscience that's clear, A hope that is bright,  
A heart that is pure, A life that is right,  
A joy that is full That can satisfy,  
These are great things that money can't buy.

True happiness And a faith that is strong,  
Vict'ry o'er sin And ev'rything wrong.  
You can't purchase these There's no need to try.  
But Jesus gives things that money can't buy.

Many have things I cannot afford,  
But I am content With Jesus, my Lord.  
He intercedes With the Father on high,  
And I receive gifts that money can't buy.

Evangelists who have spoken at Delphi include David Storey. A newspaper account gave his address as West Virginia and read, in part,

as follows:

The evangelist's father, Rev. R. K. Storey, served the local church at one time for three years. David was born in the Philippines while his parents were on the mission field there. ...Along with his father...all of his family were captured and placed in a Japanese prison camp

Evangelists during O.D. Williams' pastorate include J. Wesley Adcock, E. E. Leedingham, Tommy Holshouser, William Babb, II, R. W. Wolfe. Other evangelists include J. C. Williams (with Ellen Webb, Singer), S. I. Emery, (1959), J. Maxey Walton (1960), C. J. May (1955, 1957, 1965?, 1967, with singers Harvey and Joan Best and Norman McCoy), Ray Williams (1958), R. Hannan (1956 with singers, Maurice and Lois Schenck), Howard Williams (1958), William Hannan (1964), Brother Felter (1968 with singers, Nancy and Naomi Weldon), Floyd Goins (1966, with singers, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Spriggs), A. L. Luttrull (May, 1963) and/or 1961), Melvin Groves (1962, and 1966 with Brother and Sister Gafford, singers), Brother Pratt (1961), Kermit Farlow (1965 with Brother and Sister Hamilton, 1967 with Doug Slack, and 1983), Terrence Hollingsworth (1970), Vard Van Briggles (1970), David Storey, Raymond L. Williams (1969), Ray Simpson (1968 with the Gaffords), Brother Carr (1968), Thomas A. Wildey (1971, with the M. Dodrills--"good revival"), David Storey (1972), G. F. Sheridan (1972), G. R. Bateman (1973<sup>78</sup>), Ed Irwin, Paul F. Elliott (1974), Youth Revival with Bob Thyer (1975), Rev. and Mrs. Barefoot (1975<sup>76</sup>, 1980) Terrence Hollingsworth (1975), Youth Revival with John Oliver, John Mark Atkinson, and Rex McDowell (1976), Tom Phillippe (1976), C. Gilbert Pegg (1977), D. W. Lacy (1977<sup>79</sup>), Henry W. Lelear (1978, 1981), Gary and Donna Lawrence (1979), Youth Revival with Lloyd Van Meter (1980), Paul and Gloria Gafford (1980), Youth Revival with Sounds of Gospel from Kokomo (1981), Bill and Jeanette Tucker (1981), Good News Outreach week (1982), Joe and Kathryn Brown (1982), George and Mary Blice (1983), and John Ott (New Life Evangelism, 1984--proposed).

George Blice said that when A. L. Luttrull was here, "We really had revival!" By the end of a Sunday morning service possibly everyone in attendance had been saved. It was a glorious time.

There is an impressive list of workers who have entered the pastoral ministry from Delphi: Clarence Morrison, David Storey, Carl and Olive (Jones) Reed, Burt Brooks, Carl and Edna (Carter) Roark, Bob Smith

(missionary to the Philippines, and now Indonesia), Ralph Smith, Becky Slack (Mrs. LaMar Brown, missionaries to Peru, and now pastoring in Louisville, Kentucky), Barb (Slack) Freels, Herb Slack, Ellen (Rark) Atkinson, Don McDowell, Rex McDowell, Dortha Dobey (or Dobie?), Phil and Sharon (Shei) Thomas, Jim and Bonnie (Stern) O'Neill, Jackie Spurgeon (Mrs. Steve Bard, Sam (John) and Marie (Fergusson) Gray, Libby Quesenbery (Mrs. Dave) Bauer. It is interesting that LaMar Brown, though raised in a Godly home, was led to a definite experience of salvation while at Frankfort Pilgrim College through the help of R. K. Storey. LaMar and Becky were in Peru when the devastating earthquake ripped through the area in 1970.

There are also multitudes of active laymen who have gone to other churches: Dan and Pam Thomas (Logansport) and the Paul (and Janet Collins) Reed family (Lafayette South Side) are two of the more recent examples.

In connection with music on page 13, I failed to mention Marlene Collins' songleading, and Reva Green's and Chuck Mullendore, II's skills at the piano and organ, which have been superb. Others have taken their turns very capably, too.

What is this Wesleyan Church, of which we are a part? World Book Encyclopedia gives the following definition:

WESLEYAN CHURCH is a religious denomination that was founded in 1968. It was formed by the merger of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and the Pilgrim Holiness Church. The Wesleyan Methodist Church had been established in 1843, and the Pilgrim Holiness Church in 1897. Many beliefs of the Wesleyan Church are based on doctrines set forth by the Dutch theologian Jacobus Arminius and the English minister John Wesley.

The Wesleyan Church conducts missionary work in Africa, Asia, Australia, Latin America, the Pacific Islands, and several nations in the Caribbean region. In the United States, it operates five colleges, two academies, and a children's home. The church has headquarters in Marion, Indiana.

Those five colleges and two academies are Marion College (Marion, Indiana), United Wesleyan College (Allentown, Pennsylvania), Houghton College (Houghton, New York), Bartlesville Wesleyan College (Bartlesville, Oklahoma), Central Wesleyan College (Central, South Carolina); plus Bethany Bible College in Sussex, New Brunswick, Canada; and Houghton Academy (Houghton, New York) and Wesleyan Academy (San Juan in the American territory of Puerto Rico). There are also several similar institutions on our mission fields. The children's home is Hephzibah, in



Macon, Georgia.

On one of the first pages of the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Holiness Union And Prayer League (the forerunner of the Pilgrim Holiness Church) was a motto which we still need so much today: "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity." That was printed in 1897.

Pastors who served at Delphi are Oliver Tony (1917-1918), William F. Bradley (1918-1919), Edwin Mullens, Supply (1919-1920), Roy S. Ellis (1920-1922, on circuit with Cambria), Howard Goins (1922-1923), Howard Beecher (1923-1925), Earl E. Davis (1925-1928), Carl Reed (1928-1930 or 1928-1931), Glen N. Newton (1930-1932 or 1931-1932), R. K. Storey (1932-1933), Herbert Dotson (1933-1934), Leonard Guyer (1934-1935), Hascue B. Carter (1935-1937), J. E. Zeits (1937-1939), Parker Husselton (20 months in 1939-1940), Joseph Taggart Thomas (1940-1944), Irvin T. and Freda (or Freedia?) King (1944-1947), William McFarlin (or McFarland, 1947-1948), O. Dale Williams (1948-1953), Gilbert Pegg (1953-1959), George Blice (1959-1965), Estel Eckart (1965-1969), Broadus Deal (1969-1974, etc.), Willis A. Snyder (1974-1977), Broadus Deal (1977-1979), and George Troyer (1979-1984).

Sunday School attendance averages are interesting, as are membership numbers, which follow respectively:

1920	20	19	1942	66	36	1964	109	24
1921	30	37	1943	76	37	1965	107	29
1922	35	37	1944	76	39	1966	107	37
1923	30	37	1945	84	43	1967	91	30
1924		36	1946	74	36	1968	114	44
1925	30	31	1947	73	29	1969	99	
1926	45	43	1948	109	28	1970	103	51
1927	59	45	1949	121	32	1971	106	48
1928	65	52	1950	122	34	1972	110	47
1929	68	62	1951	124	33	1973	104	52
1930	60	57	1952	122	37	1974	100	51
1931	65	58	1953	123	32	1975	101	53
1932	65	52	1954	108	38	1976	110	54
1933	48	50	1955	106	32	1977	86	59
1934	53	37	1956	126	36	1978	64	57
1935	30	42	1957	125	39	1979	55	35
1936	71	41	1958	120	38	1980	54	37
1937	63	42	1959	124	34	1981	56	44
1938	61	65	1960	121	32	1982	61	43
1939	82	68	1961	122	31	1983	56	37
1940	83	43	1962	118	31			
1941	83	43	1963	111	27			

History marches on. When future historians dig into 1984 will they find unity, liberty, love, and progress? I know I have left out many faithful people and significant events. Write them down somewhere, keep track of memories and current happenings. And may God bless all the history that is made today. History is people--HIS STORY is you.