

## **FUN FACTS of FEDERATED CHURCH**

### *Christmas Eve Service:*

90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Federated Church of Brookston  
1919-2009

Plan a year of excitement in 2009 as we celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> year of the federation of the Baptist church and the Presbyterian churches in Brookston. We are the oldest federation in the state of Indiana.

### ***Fun Fact January 11, 2009:***

Who was the first minister of the Federated Church?

Rev. Clayton C. Brown served 1919-1921. Prior to 1917, he was pastor of the Union Baptist Church. When Federation occurred, he was invited to become the first pastor. The constitution called for choosing pastors alternately from the two denominations of the Federation, so the next pastor would be Presbyterian. On July 29, 1969 he was guest speaker at our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. He was living in Kansas, and his son drove him here for that Anniversary Day Celebration.

### ***Fun Fact January 18, 2009:***

What year did Rev. B. James Walter come to Brookston? How many ministers served before him? How many Walter children were born while he served?

### ***Fun Fact January 25, 2009:***

Dedication of the new Sanctuary, Narthex, Study and Lounge was held on January 9, 1966.

The Committee Serving for this Building Project was:

- **BUILDING & STEERING COMMITTEE:** John Erickson, Chairman, Thomas Kern, Walter Shively, Mrs. Glen Safford, E.C. Dykhuizen, John Ward, Mrs. Cecil Redding, and Rev. Duncan MacNabb.
- **FURNISHING COMMITTEE:** Mrs. Glen Safford, Chairman, Warren North, Phillip Smith, Mrs. Elmer May, Mrs. Clarence Davies, Al Hendrickson, Vernon Mahan, Mrs. John Erickson, Mrs. Alfred Eisert, and Mrs. Karl Bordner
- **PLANS & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE:** Walter Shively, Chairman, Bradley Kent, Mrs. Robert Wynkoop, Andrew Klinkhammer, William Carter, Mrs. Cleo Allen, Mrs. Charles Miller, and Bruce Reynolds.

- PROMOTION COMMITTEE: Mrs. Cecil Redding, Chairman, Wayne Klinkhammer, Thomas Kern, and Don Leming
- FINANCE COMMITTEE: John Ward, Chairman, Ernest Shumaker, Charles Gish, John Hague, and Eldon Johnson
- KITCHEN COMMITTEE: Mrs. Elmer May Chairman, Mrs. Alfred Eisert, Mrs. Vance Barlow, and Mrs. Cora Jagelski
- ORGAN COMMITTEE: Warren North and Mrs. R.E. Matteson

***Fun Facts February 1, 2009:***

Rev. Raymond L. Fletcher, a Presbyterian, came to the pulpit of the Federated Church in May 1930 and served until February 1933. During his pastorate, the economic situation deteriorated so much that there was a constant struggle to meet expenses. This agricultural area was hard hit by the Great Depression of the 1930's.

***Fun Facts February 8, 2009:***

In 1964, the federation was extended to include the women in the Federated Church. After much discussion, study, and planning, the women voted to dissolve the two denominational women's missionary societies and the two study circles to form the Federated Women's Christian Fellowship. This organization has done much to improve the women's mission and fellowship amongst all ages of church women and other interested women.

***Fun Facts March 15, 2009:***

The Presbyterian side of our church dates back to January 2, 1889, when a Commission from the Logansport Presbytery met in Brookston to organize the Brookston Presbyterian Church. In April, the Brookston Presbyterian Church asked for and received assistance to pay the salary of a pastor and help with repairs and improvements of their building. The Rev. Ninian S. Dickey became the first pastor of the Brookston Presbyterian Church. In 1901, under the Rev. John Frindley, the brick housing the present Fellowship Hall became the Presbyterian house of worship.

A stained glass window in memory of the Rev. N.S. Dickey and wife M.J. Dickey can be seen in our Fellowship Hall.

***March 29, 2009:***

Excerpts from the January 9, 1966 Order of Worship:

|                          |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Rev. Duncan J. MacNabb,  | Minister       |
| Mr. Warren North,        | Organist       |
| Mrs. Gladys Hendrickson, | Piano          |
| Mr. Phil Conlon,         | Choir Director |

Mr. Al Johnson,

Church School Superintendent

**WITNESS and SERVICE**

**WELCOME** – to our guests this morning. We are happy to have Dr. John Knight and Rev. James Sala help us observe dedication Sunday.

Today 12:00 a.m. – Carry-in dinner in Fellowship Hall.  
2:30 p.m. – The dedication service for our new addition with several guests participating. Rev. James Sala will give the Prayer of Dedication and Dr. Dallas West will deliver the sermon. There will be Open House and a time of fellowship and refreshments at close.

**January 16 to 21,**

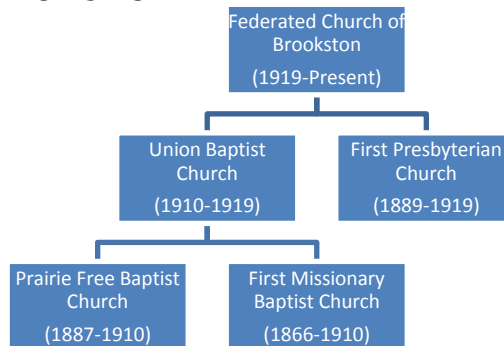
Our Spiritual Life Crusade with Rev. Stanley Nicol and Rev. Luther Bostrom assisting us.

Visitation will be Sunday afternoon, Monday and Tuesday nights. Preaching Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Our Stewardship for December 1965:       \$1,323.19  
Building:   \$2,725.98

**Fun Fact for Feb. 15:**

**CHURCH HEREDITARY TREE**



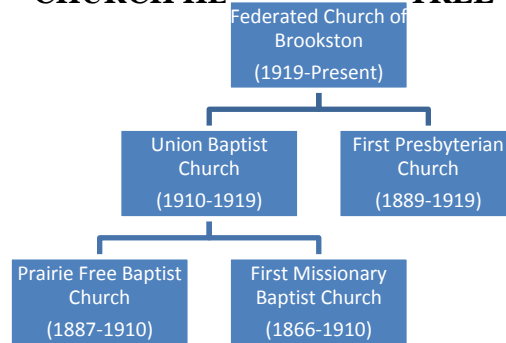
**FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 1866-1910**

This church is the oldest of our parent organizations having been founded in 1866 by Rev. Dunlap with 16 charter members. The first meeting place was in the Town School building on the corner of Prairie Street. Later they bought the building, where they met until about 1889, when they sold the building to the Presbyterians. Then they built a church and later a parsonage. The church roll never exceeded one hundred, but they were a very loyal group. They were well known for their musical talent.

In 1910 this church merged with Prairie Free Baptist Church to form the Union Baptist Church of Brookston.

**Fun Fact for Feb. 22:**

**CHURCH HEREDITARY TREE**



**PRAIRIE FREE BAPTIST CHURCH 1887-1910**

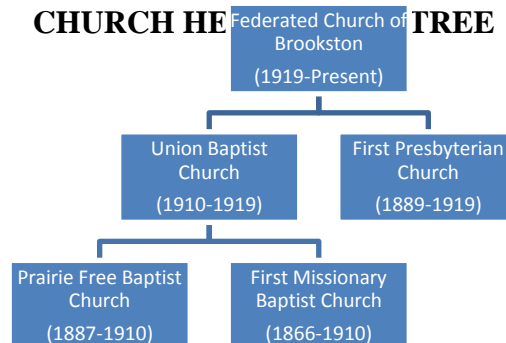
This church was organized in 1887 by Rev. B. F. Ferguson with 18 charter members. It was an outgrowth of the Badger Grove Baptist Church. Many of the young people had been attending there, but as they married and had families of their own, a neighborhood church was desirable as the mud roads were almost impossible during parts of the year. This group first met in the Prairie School house on the corner of the Warren North farm and in 1891 under the pastorate of Rev. George Fritz a little church was built just west of the school house, and became a community center.

As many farmers retired and moved to Brookston and the young people were coming to Brookston High School, it seemed wise to move the church building to town, so a lot was secured. Under the direction of Rev. A. C. Droz the church was moved to Brookston and located on Wood street between Third and Fourth Street. Its membership increased rapidly.

When Rev. C.D. Eddy became minister in 1908 he made many friends in both Baptist churches and under his wise and tactful leadership the two groups were merged, forming a union known at the Baptist Church of Brookston.

**Fun Fact for Mar. 1:**

**CHURCH HEREDITARY TREE**

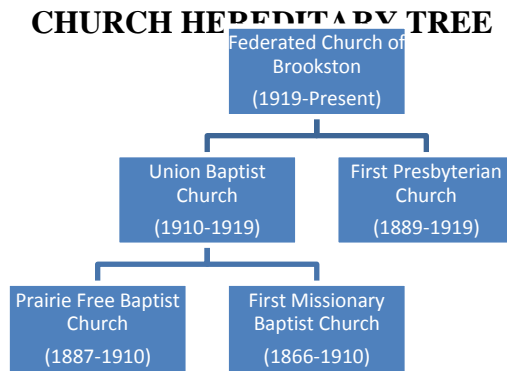


**UNION BAPTIST CHURCH 1910-1919**

This church was established in 1910 as a merger of 162 members of the Free Baptist Church and 55 members of the Missionary Baptist Church. The Free Baptist Church building was remodeled and used for worship and the Missionary Baptist Church was torn down and its parsonage moved to a lot near the Union Church. From 1910 to 1919, four men served the church until it merged with the Presbyterians. These men were all young, and very active in young people's groups and community activities.

Following World War I, rising costs and too few church members to support all the churches set the stage for thinking of cooperative church movement resulting in the Federation of the Baptist and the Presbyterians.

**Fun Fact Mar. 8:**



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1889-1919**

There had long been a desire on the part of Presbyterians living in Brookston and its vicinity to have a church of their own faith and order. By December of 1888, sufficient money had been raised by the friends of the project to purchase the building formerly a school house and later the church of the Missionary Baptist Church of Brookston. It was moved to the rear of a lot owned by Dr. John Medaris at the corner of Second and Railroad Streets, facing Second Street.

With a church building and a number of people wanting a Presbyterian Church, a request was sent to Logansport Presbytery asking that they be organized into a Presbyterian Church.

At the April meeting of the Presbytery in 1889 the Brookston Church asked for and received Home Mission aid of \$400 per year to help them pay the salary of a pastor, and \$300 to help them repair and improve their church building. Rev. Ninian S. Dickey, father of the pastor of the Monticello Church, moved to the community to serve Brookston and the Meadow Lake Church near Wolcott.

One problem which confronted the Session during this time was the matter of discipline of Sunday School teachers and church members who engaged in what the Session considered "worldly entertainment." Dancing and card playing and the use of Sunday for picnics, reunions, and purposes other than worship were matters of concern

for the Session, and several members were hailed before the Session to answer for their conduct.

### ***Fun Fact for Mar. 22***

Rev. Ralph M. Martin, a Presbyterian, was called to Brookston from Camden, Ohio, and began his work on October 15, 1957. During the years of his service at the Federated Church the organization of the church was strengthened to meet the challenges which lie ahead. Rev. Martin served as pastor until August 1960 when he felt he could no longer serve all the interests prevailing in the congregation.

Rev. Wallace McDonald of the Monticello Presbyterian Church served as interim moderator for the church during the ten months that it was without a pastor. The pulpit was supplied by many guest ministers from nearby communities and field representatives of our affiliated denominations.

### ***Fun Fact for April 5, 2009***

#### ***Brookston Federated Church History:***

The French Memorial Parsonage, which is the present parsonage, started with a memorial gift from Mrs. Ruth Rut French, was built in 1925.

In July, 1933, work was started on the addition to the east end of the original building with dedication services March 17, 1940.

In May, 1946, a contract was let to the Louisville Organ Co. for the present organ at a cost of \$3,720.00 (pipe organ).

Early in 1962, each of the church Boards, each adult class, and the youth department were asked to name the two persons from their group to serve on a proposed church building committee. The first meeting of this committee was held on May 28, 1962. As chairman of the Board of Directors, Albert Biddle called the meeting to order and read the names of the persons who had been appointed. The Committee proceeded to elect its first officers which were John Erickson as chairman and Jill Davis as secretary.

By April, 1964, plans began to take shape for the remodeling of the present structure and the addition of the new area. On December 6, 1964, a fund raising campaign for the building was undertaken by the membership, which resulted in over \$50,000.00 being pledged on that day. Previous church resources amounted to \$40,000.00. The new addition consists of the Narthex, Sanctuary, Lounge, Pastor's Study and a full size basement. The remodeling includes complete repair of the second floor classrooms, added washroom facilities, new kitchen and equipment, new heating system and some new wiring. The approximate cost of the present project is to be about \$140,000.00. The church voted to incorporate in May, 1965.

**Thoughts for the Season April 12, 2009:**

**Why the Cross?**

In Jesus' Day, the Roman Army ruling Israel carried out capital punishment by using a wooden cross. Criminals, troublemakers and others who threatened society were crucified in public places for everyone to see.

False charges were levied against Jesus. Caiaphas, the Jewish high priest, accused him of blasphemy against God and of being a threat to Roman rule. Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, had Jesus nailed to a cross on a Friday.

Perhaps ironically to non-Christians, that day came to be called Good Friday. God reached down into our Lord's grave and restored him to Life. The cross that had been symbol of horror became a symbol of joy.

**A Church Garden**

Three Rows of Squash

1. Squash indifference.
2. Squash criticism.
3. Squash gossip.

Four Rows of Turnips

1. Turn up for meetings.
2. Turn up with a smile.
3. Turn up with a visitor.
4. Turn up with a Bible.

Five Rows of Lettuce

1. Let us love one another.
2. Let us welcome strangers.
3. Let us be faithful to duty.
4. Let us truly worship god.
5. Let us give liberally.

**Fun Facts April 19, 2009:**

**Music of the Church, Past and Present**

*Adult Choir Directors*

Mary Bordner, Phil Conlon, Hilda Anderson, Larry Hartzler, and Sue Connely.

*Jr. Choir Directors*

Evelyn Leming, Mary Utley, Aylo Matteson, Norine Hartzler, Jana (Taylor) Schwartz, Larry Hartzler, Linda Harmon, Pat Hurst, and Joyce McKinney

*Crusader Choir (Youth)*

Jim Kline

*Organists*

Grace Cottrell, Warren North, Hans Groeber, Mark Smith, Linda Harmon, and Helen Barlow

*Pianists: Sunday School, Children's Choir, Church Services*

Peg Victor, Eleanor Biddle, Susan Creamer, Aylo Matteson, Kathy Guntrip, Geraldine Olson, Gladys Hendrickson, and Linda Harmon

*Notes*

Gladys Hendrickson received a plaque in 1979 for playing the piano 30 years and is still playing for the choir and other services of the church. Also, Warren North received a plaque at that time. Many hours were given for the love of music as he played the organ many years at the church. He also had a pipe organ in his home. Warren died in 1988. Linda Harmon has played the organ full-time since Warren's passing and part time prior.

The church appreciates all the time devoted to the music of the church; it adds so much to the worship services. Many choir members through the years are singing in the heavenly choir now. P.S.: There is always room for more in the choir and the pay is good also!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Fact of the Week April 26, 2009**

**Junior and Senior Youth Directors/Teachers of the past and present:**

|                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Edna Mitchell           | Mike and Valerie McKay  |
| Patsy and Dick Grauel   | Gene Schultz            |
| Janie Wilson            | Tim Potts               |
| Dwayne Sauffley         | Larry and Sharon Stokes |
| Jennie MacNabb          | Todd and Melissa Pekny  |
| Gloria Erickson         | Nancy Sullivan          |
| Ken and Deb Hendrickson | Lisa Zarse              |
| Jody Morgan             | Michelle Biggs          |
| Jim Kline               | Susan Creamer           |
| Jill Doll               | Neil and Kerri Kiger    |
| Janelle Kennedy         | Darren Bailey           |
| Bina Hutson             |                         |

If you know of others that may have been left off this, please let contact Larry or Jason.

**Fun Facts for May 3:**

**From Church Records 1925-1947 Journal book (Handwritten)**

A congregational meeting was held in the church at 8:30 p.m. with about 75 members present.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman.

The recommendation of the business committee for the re-consideration of the location of the parsonage was stated. Carl Dahling moved its adoption which was seconded and motion carried.

The business Committee then recommended that the new parsonage be built where the old dwelling now stands, but the recommendation was voted down by the congregation.

It was then moved that the parsonage be built on the Southwest corner of the Sampson property. The motion met with a second and carried by a vote of the congregation.

It was then moved and carried that the Business committee proceed with the building of the parsonage with power to act without another congregational meeting. Also moved and carried that the new parsonage be dedicated to Mrs. Ruth French and that the name be called the Ruth French parsonage.

There being no further business meeting closed with several prayers.

A. P. Heansen, Clerk

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(From Church Annual Report 10/1/57-12/31/58)

Meeting 1/14/59

Pastor – Reverend Ralph Martin

Church Clerk – Mrs. Mae Warner

Clerk of the Official Board – Mr. John C. Vanatta, Jr.

President of the Board of Directors – Mr. Edward C. Dykehuisen

Treasurer of the Church – Mr. Wendell Grissomer

Meeting held with a carry-in supper 6 p.m. with business sessions at 7 p.m.

### ***Fun Facts for May 10:***

#### ***History of the Federation Women's Christian Fellowship White Cross Sewing and Supplies***

When the Baptist and Presbyterian Missionary Societies united in 1965, their priorities were Bible Study and missions, both home and abroad. They were a very active group of ladies and later a couple of men joined.

They met twice monthly for an all-day session to make new garments, quilts and blankets, dish towels from flour sacks for the church kitchen, lap robes, layettes (even diapers), rolled bandages, hospital gowns from men's shirts, knit leprosy bandages, cut quilt blocks and other things as requested. Each brought a sack lunch for their noon meal, and circles were assigned to bring snacks.

In a newspaper clipping date 1973, it was stated that in the previous year 21 different mission centers were ministered to by the sewing group.

A quilt frame was set up at one time in the Fellowship Hall, and a quilt in progress was kept in place so members could come in anytime to sew on it.

Some of the early sewers were Essie Baker, Eleanor Biddle, Donala Brown, Louella Brown, Myrtle Bush, Avis Deweese, Geneve Erickson, Bessie Hague, Edith Hagerty, Kathryn Harmon, Marie Kelly, Ruth Klinkhammer, Jennie MacNab, Minnie McReynolds, Bertha Price, Alta Rainier, Bertie Redding, Veda Richardson, Alice Shiveley, Esther Shumaker, Alice Utley, Mae Warner, Rose Yerk, and Mignon Weiderhaft.

As time went by, the requests of both denominations became smaller. Some asked for money in lieu of material things. The cost of overseas postage made overseas shipping prohibitive. Our overseas sewing was sent to Church World Service in Maryland for distribution where needed most.

The letters of thanks we received were heartwarming and made us feel closer to those we helped. We were glad when our mission stations were close enough to visit. It was a blessing to meet our home missionaries and to tour the facility in person.

The number of those meeting to do mission work became smaller but we continued to meet all of our requests with the generous help of the entire church congregation. When we disbanded in 2008, we were meeting once a month and all shared a carry-in lunch. We will continue to make and present a blanket to all new babies born into the congregation of our church.

Some of the later sewers were Helen Barlow, Grace Bush, Eddie Carter, Margaret Coggins, Ruth Ann Chitty, Helen Clevinger, Gloria Erickson, Treva Gish, Olive Holwerda, Gladys Hendrickson, Peggy Klaverenga, Fran Logan, Albert and Bernice Meiser, Raymond and Irene Post, Judy Payton, Helen Reynolds, Wilma Scruggs, Emogene Wearstler, and Ed and Martha Zufall.

#### **Fun Fact for May 17, 2009:**

The annual church golf outing trophy is named for Lucille G. Griffin. Lucille, a member of our church for thirty years, was one of the finest golfers in our area, representing Duncan Meter in a number of tournaments. Unfortunately, Lucille had retired from golf by the time our outing began in 1993.

The 1<sup>st</sup> year for the annual golf outing was in 1993. The first recipients of the Lucille G. Griffin award were James E. Johnson and Robert H. Little. The only year, since 1993, that we did not have the golf outing was 2006.

## **Fun Facts for May 24:**

### *Federated Church Dart Ball Team:*

This sport was popular in the church several years ago. It still continues in some of the White County churches today. In 2008, the Reynolds St. James Lutheran church team was the champion.

A diamond shaped board was made with different scoring areas. If your dart hit that area and STUCK, you would receive the designated number of points. At the end, points were added and the team with the most was declared the winners. Later, those teams with the high scores would play for the County Championship. Needless to say, the Federated Church team never received that trophy, but fun was had by all. Fellowship was great, but those darts never landed where you wanted them to. One would aim, fire, and then hear a few words, Christian words, when it didn't make its mark.

Below are some names of men who played. If you know someone not listed, please tell Larry or Jason so we can add them to the list. Thank you!

Will Carter, Roy May, Frank Biddle, Arthur and Vance Barlow, Jack Reynolds, Duncan MacNab, Ernie Shumaker, Everett Richardson, Paul Thompson, Casper Shaw, Joe Rowe, Leroy Fisher, Clarence Davies, Roy Wilson, Ed Dykhuizen, Al Hendrickson, Bill Moore and Dale Brown.

**\*\***We would like to know when the shuffleboard court was placed in the floor tiles in the old basement, NE corner. It is still there. Anyone remember playing? Let us know!

## **Fun Facts for May 31:**

### *Previous Collection and Hobby Show:*

We have had three previous Collection and Hobby shows over the last ten years. Our first show was our largest with over thirty entries, each one receiving a Certificate of Participation. The shows were preceded by a carry-in lunch with time afterward to enjoy viewing the various collections and hobbies of our church members.

Eleanor Biddle collected books by Zane Grey.

Ralph Chitty exhibited measuring instruments found on the farm.

Gloria Erickson exhibited her china painting, including beautiful eggs as well as jewelry.

John Fesler had a collection of eagles.

Olive Holwerda showed her embroidery work.

Larry Hartzler has exhibited his beer steins as well as his collection of loons.

Willis Johnson displayed his fire fighters collection.  
And his wife Betty showed her glass baskets and cups and saucers.  
Lana Little collects miniature tea sets.  
Jimmie Mansfield had a large collection of miniature cars.  
Katie Morgan showed her thimbles as well as pig collection.  
Pat Morgan Hurst and Jana Schwartz enjoyed collecting Coca-Cola memorabilia.  
Diann Reynolds exhibited her genealogy books.  
Carol Rowe showed her collection of ducks.  
DeAnn Rowe showed her cow collection.  
Alice Utley collected Gene Stratton Porter books.

There are just samples of the many different hobbies and collections of our congregation. The variety is amazing, and the Collection and Hobby Shows have been a great way to learn more about our church members and to get to know them better.

### **Fun Facts for June 7:**

#### **The Service of Installation for Dr. Lelan D. McReynolds**

March 14, 1993

7:00 P.M.

#### ***Participants in the Service of Installation:***

Lana Little, Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School and Co-President of the Federated Women's Christian Fellowship.

Thelma Johnson, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and Secretary for the Federated Women's Christian Fellowship.

Charles Robbins, Chairperson of the Pastoral Search Committee and Member of the Board of Trustees.

Susan Creamer, Clerk of the Official Board and Vice President of the Federated Women's Christian Fellowship.

Michael E. McKay, Youth Minister.

Tom Harmon, Member of the Youth Fellowship.

Dr. James A. Hardin, Area Minister, American Baptist Churches of Indiana

The Reverend Christi Schmidt, Minister, Badger Grove Community Baptist Church.

Dr. Stuart Robertson, Minister, Faith Presbyterian Church (West Lafayette) and Chairperson of the Theology and Worship Committee, Wabash Valley Presbytery.

The Reverend Loren A. Shuman, Minister, Chalmers Community Church

**Fun Facts for June 14:**

Excerpt from the 1966 Annual Report

THE QUAD L CLASS

1. Love the Lord
2. Learn from the Word
3. Live for Him Daily
4. Look for His coming

Our class organized January 1966. The officers were:

President – Larry Hartzler

Vice Pres. – Wayne Utley

Sec. – Treas. – LeRoy Pickering

We've had several persons help in leadership of the Sunday School hour.

W.O. Harmon John Erickson

Al Johnson Bertie Redding

Helen Barlow Jennie MacNabb

John Hayes

Our average class attendance is low in number compared to our large potential list.

Several from our class are involved in teaching other classes.

A larger number of persons were in attendance at our class parties and socials.

At our Christmas party we held elections for 1967 officers:

President – George Harvey

Vice Pres. – Willis Johnson

Sec. – Treas. – Norine Hartlzer

Our next event planned is a Chili Supper (money raising project) March 3rd.

**Fun Facts for June 21:**

*Vacation Bible School (excerpt from 1974 Annual Report):*

The 1974 Vacation Bible School had an average attendance of 89 for five days. This year we decided to have Bible School five days from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Ages 3 through 5th grade participated and a nursery was available for teacher's babies.

Total cost of Bible School was \$127.55. Offering collected during VBS for Monticello Christian Relief Tornado Fund was \$31.92.

A picnic and field trip was enjoyed by all the last day of Bible School with the closing program that evening.

37 teachers, helpers and kitchen staff helped make the 1974 VBS a success.

Our thanks to all of our Youth who took time out from a busy summer schedule to help in God's work.

Lynda Klepinger, Dean

Charles Robbins, Superintendent

**Fun Facts for June 28**

*Men's Sunday School Class:*

From The Church Chatter 1st Ed. September 1966

The Men's Class

Now if you were about to get the idea that this is a women's world—

HOLD ON! We do have a class of very faithful men. We didn't find out when it began, but we would guess it had its start with the Loyalty Class, but has gathered men along the way and so today they can be found in the Library room on Sunday morning. Mr. Moore is the teacher. So if you don't think you would be at home in the Philathea or the Loyalty Classes, Men, there's a place for you. (We wouldn't be surprised if some women came too.)

The teachers of the Men's Class that we were able to find were:

Arthur Brown Ray Moore

Ralph Chitty Ernie Shumaker

Bill Moore

According to the Annual Reports, it appears the Men's Class ended in 1974.

**Fun Facts for July 5:**

**TO OUR BOYS IN SERVICE (July 4, 1966):**

Your Church sends greetings to all our boys in the Service. Our Church representative for our servicemen is Mrs. Cecil Redding. She gives us the following list. If you would like an address, call Bertie and she'll be glad to give it to you.

Vietnam

Garry Oilar  
Bob Smalley  
Ronnie Logan

Germany

Harold Klinkhamer

Okinawa

Raymond Rowe

U.S.A.

Jan Rose  
Michael Oilar  
Gary Johnson  
Charles Rainier  
Darrell MacNab  
Bill Fisher  
Glenn Scruggs  
Rick Shiveley  
Bob Parr

Navy

Bob Leming  
Terry Mansfield

Nat. Guard

John Harner

Recently Released

Richard Mahin  
Maury Fuller  
Vernon Scruggs

Quote in Bob's letter from Vietnam: "We are guarding our convoy's vehicles against Victor Charlie ambushes or attacks. Rough, but interesting. Vietnam is beautiful in its own way, but the people need help from you, me, and everyone in free nations everywhere!"

## **HURRY HOME, BOYS!!**

### **Fun Facts for July 12:**

#### **Annual Roll Call, Brookston, Ind., Feb. 1908**

Dear Fellow Workers of Brookston Free Baptist Church, God hath given us a high and exalted privilege of working together for the salvation of souls and or the suppression of evil, for the past year, although we have not accomplished that we would like to have, yet some additions to the church, cause us to give thanks to God for the privilege of being co-workers together with him.

Our Annual Roll Call will be held Feb. 29th at 2:00 p.m. You are earnestly requested to attend in person if possible, if not you are earnestly requested to send some message, or scriptural selection to be read in response to your name. Let us pray with great faith, to a great God for greater results in the coming year than we have had in the past.

Yours in His Service.

#### **PROGRAM**

1. Song by Congregation, —In That City.¶
  2. Scripture lesson, topic – —Abode of the Blest.¶
  3. Prayer by John Moody.
  4. Quartette.
  5. Roll Call
  6. Brief Statement of Spiritual Condition of Church, A.P. Gosma
  7. Finance, J.E. Carson
  8. Minutes of Last Covenant Meeting.
  9. Business if Any.
- Committee, Rev. Cartwright, J.E. Carson, C.E. Holwerda.

### **Fun Facts for July 19:**

News from THE CHURCH CHATTER

First Edition, September 1966 by Federated Youth Fellowship

#### ***The Boards of the Church***

Official Board – consists of 6 Elders and 6 Deacons elected by each denomination and serve for a three year period.

Elders – Ralph W. Chitty, Clerk E.C. Dykhuizen, Russell Delp, James Hagerty, Al Johnson and William McClean.

Deacons – Vance Barlow, Jack Reynolds, Al Hendrickson, William Carter, Andy Klinkhammer and Walt Shively.

Board of Directors – Headed by Tom Kern, other members, Al Biddle, Helen Barlow, Bud Eisert, Roy Wilson, Everett Richardson, Ruth Safford, Dale Brown, Alice Shively and Brad Kent.

Board of Trustees – They are elected for a three year term and John Ward is present chairman.

Board of Deaconesses – Mrs. R.H. Biddle is chairman, they prepare the table and the elements for Communion. Alta Rainier makes the grape juice. Others serving Veda Richardson, Marietta Dahling, Elaine Matteson and Mrs. Walter Maxwell.

Board of Ushers – There are 16 names for ushers and Ernest Shumaker is the Head usher.

The Treasury Department \$\$ - Treasurer, Vance Barlow

Assistant, Walter Shively

Financial Secretary, Helen Barlow

### ***Committees on the Job!***

The Social Committee – Every church needs a Social Comm. and we have one. They take care of dinners or teas for the church family and also serve meetings and socials. Also serve a funeral dinner of a Church family when a death occurs.

The Music Committee – They are responsible for planning the music for our worship services each week. Aylo Matteson – Junior Choir, Hilda Anderson – Sr. High Choir and Leroy Pickering for Adult Choir.

Editor Janie Wilson

Reporters, Dawn MacNabb, Steve Erickson, Gretchen Matteson, Teri Kern and Manie Wilson, with the help of Jennie MacNabb.

### **Fun Fact for August 2:**

#### **News from The Church Chatter**

September 1967

#### College-Career Sunday

The annual College and Career Sunday was observed in the Federated Church of Brookston on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, when several of the young people, home on vacation, conducted the morning worship. Those participating included Terry Post of Purdue, presiding, Jerry Rush of Purdue giving the invocation, Doug Davies of Indiana University read the Scripture, Gary Ward of Purdue led in the Morning Prayer, Donald Hague of Purdue gave the Benediction. Those giving brief talks on the subject: “How I See the Campus As a Young Christian,” were Janie Wilson of Ball State University, Dawn MacNab of Franklin College, Franklin Gretchen Matteson of Connecticut College, New London, Connecticut, Steve Erickson of Purdue, Lana Carter of Indiana-Purdue Regional Campus, Fort Wayne, Alan Hendrickson of Murray State University, Murray Kentucky, and Ann Oilar of Ball State University.

A laymen's chorus of some 15 voices, directed by Mrs. Eugene Anderson, provided music for the worship service, and sang two numbers. Miss Linda Hendrickson was at the organ and Mrs. Albert Hendrickson was at the piano.

The minister, Rev. Duncan J. MacNab, made the announcements and thanked the College and Career Youth for this annual service in their home church.

Following the worship a reception in honor of these young people was held in the Fellowship Hall, with refreshments provided by Mrs. Clarence Davies and Mrs. Harold Hague.

The congregation had an opportunity to greet the young people and many expressed their deep appreciation for the brief messages and the various contributions to the worship made by the College and Career young people.

### **Fun Facts for August 9:**

#### **LOYALTY CLASS**

The Loyalty S.S. Class has a membership of 15 ladies, but only a few are able to be active member. Miss Moody is the teacher and has taken the place of Miss Wallace who was taken from us by death in 1964.

This year we were able to have only 8 of our 12 social meetings. In August we had a very lovely "carry in" dinner with Mrs. Brown and in December our Christmas party was with Mrs. Hagerty and Mrs. Blessing. At this party we exchanged gifts as members and guests and pledged \$25 to the 1965 Church Budget. We also gave a gift to our Pastor and Teacher.

Our Mission money this year went to the S.S. Collection with only a small amount to each Missionary Society.

We have in our Treasury for 1965 - \$30.43.

#### **PHILATHEA CLASS**

There are 34 members on the roll of the Philathea Class. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month except August. Dues are \$2.00 a year. We give Birthday money – a penny for each year of our age. We hold blind auctions and White Elephant sales throughout the year!

We gave more silverware for the dining room with our collection of Betty Crocker coupons. Our members help with the dinner for families having funerals in the church. Also, we helped with the dinner given for the man who made the drive to raise money for remodeling the church. We worked at the Farm Progress Show.

We gave \$100 to the Church as our annual gift. Instead of exchanging gifts at Christmas, we had a money tree which brought in \$42.50 to be given to the building fund.

We remember sick members with flowers, gifts, or cards.

Vede Richardson, President  
Rose Yerk, Secretary

**Fun Facts for August 16:**

**COME JOIN US CLASS**

The Come Join Us Class has an enrollment of almost 50 members, with Noble Burkhart as teacher. Class officers are as follows:

- President        Albert Biddle
- Vice Pres.     Raymond Post
- Treasurer     Alfred Eisert
- Secretary     Jack Reynolds

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$526.25 on December 31, 1964. Contributions during the year were as follows:

- \$25 to send Junior Choir to Purdue
- \$25 to Baptist Benevolence
- \$25 to Presbyterian Benevolence

Sick or hospitalized members are remembered with cards and flowers. The members of the class enjoy an annual family picnic held every summer.

**THE FRIENDLY CIRCLE CLASS**

Our first social party in April was in honor of our beloved teacher, Miss Moody, who is now retiring from many wonderful years of teaching. We will miss her wise guidance. We have had two other parties this year – a Halloween party and our annual Christmas party.

Our activities this year were:

- Served the Youth Banquet
- Cleaned and painted the Primary Room
- Built shelves and toy carts for the Nursery and bought some new toys.

Our officers for 1965 are:

- President        Mrs. Bill Chitty
- Vice Pres.     Mr. Tom Kern
- Sec.-Treas.    Mr. Charles Gish

**Fun Facts for August 23:**

**Reports Year Ending May 1, 1969**

Elders...

- Jacob Bartley
- Henry F. Hagerty
- Frank Mills
- John C. Vanatta

Trustees...

- John P. Erickson
- John Giles
- Maurice J. Holtzman
- John C. Kennedy
- Dr. John Medaris

**Pastor's Report**

Funerals ..... 3  
 Marriages Performed ..... 1



of us try to serve our Church through the Youth Choir and assisting in the Worship hour ministry.

**Fun Facts for September 6:**

**SAME AS AUGUST 30.**

**Fun Facts for September 13:**

**PHILATHEA CLASS MINUTES BOOK  
August 14, 1952- June 11, 1970**

PHILATHEA Class held its regular meeting August 14, 1952, at the home of Mrs. Geneive Erickson. The devotional service, in Mrs. Bess Thompson's charge, was Faith, Courage and Prayer.

Twenty-one members and two guests, Mrs. Veda Richardson's sister and Rose Yerk, answered the roll call. The response was "My Vacation".

Under new business: The sale of a birthday calendar was discussed. The calendars are to sell for 60 cents with the cost of having one's name and birth date at 10 cents. Mrs. Mae Coudin asked that we get a new teacher in her place. Mrs. Yerk became a new member.

A sale is set for the next meeting, with Mrs. Faye Wynkoop, Mrs. Vercia Sekema, and Mrs. Geneve Nelson assisting.

-Mae Warner, Secretary  
Ellen Hayes, Secretary Pro Tem  
Veda Richardson, President

Added interest: Reported from the supper and bazaar (December 4, 1954) 114 people and 25 children were served. Monies, Supper (\$120. 89), Bazaar (\$90.00), Auctioned articles left (\$8.55) and expenses were \$48.87.

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| Escalloped chicken (16 chickens, too much) | Baked Ham (2 x 8# hams)               |
| Green Beans (14 quarts)                    | Cinnamon Apples (12 pans x 12 halves) |
| Noodles (48 eggs)                          | Slaw (10 large heads, too much)       |
| Pies (24)                                  | Coffee (2 pounds, short)              |
| Cream (8-1/2 pints, short)                 |                                       |

## **Fun Facts for September 26:**

### **FEDERATED FUN BUNCH**

**January 2006 – present:**

The Federated Fun Bunch started in 2006. The first activity this group did, however, was in December of 2005, when they went on carriage rides through downtown Indianapolis. They have gone on many trips and have participated in many other activities since then. Here is a list of all the fun things the Fun Bunch had done throughout the last 3 years.

Trip to Myers Theater

Game Nights at the Church

Ate at the Sportsman

Blue Gate Theater & Dinner – Shipshewana

Picnic at Columbian Park

Bucket List movie

Babysat with P.O.L.O. Group Kids

Fair Oaks Dairy Tour

Sock Factory Tour

Luau at the Erickson's (2)

Frankenmuth Trip

Progressive Dinner

Concert – the Overtones

*Trip to Chicago in December 2009*