

200 YEARS OF FAITHFULNESS

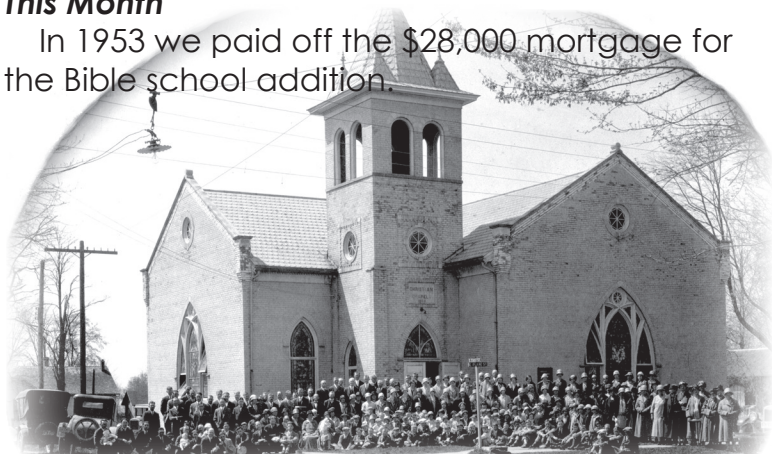
Building God's house, our first hundred years . . .

Our first worship services were held in someone's home. Maybe Mathew Gardner's. Maybe the early families took turns hosting services. We don't know. We do know that in the fall of 1823 they purchased a lot at the corner of Cherry and Charity Streets for \$20 from John Denham. Three years later we were holding services in a small chapel. That building still survives and is currently a home. The congregation met there until after the Civil War.

We purchased land at the corner of Plain and East Streets where we built (in 1866) a new church for \$4,100 that had lovely stained glass windows. We added a bell in 1899 for an additional cost of \$55. In 1911, the congregation added the East wing.

This Month

In 1953 we paid off the \$28,000 mortgage for the Bible school addition.



Chapel Built 1866, Showing 1911 East Wing Addition
(Photo Easter 1927)