

200 YEARS OF FAITHFULNESS

Our first century of preachers . . . Our first preacher was Mathew Gardner. We know he preached for 60 years, but we don't know how long he served at Bethel.

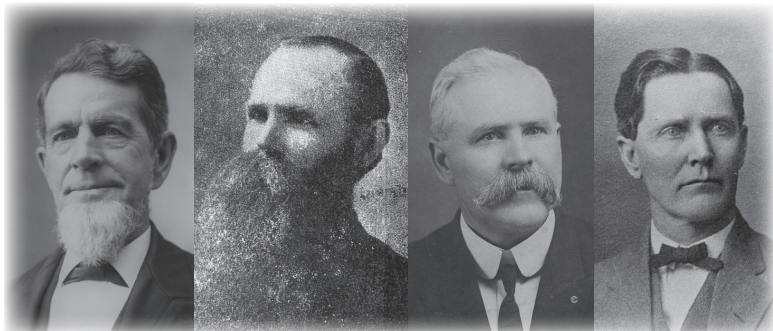
Elder JT Powell also "served for many years" as preacher in the period between Gardner and Elder Lockwood. Again, we have no details, nor much information about anyone else who might have served during these early years.

In 1851, John Henry "Elder" Lockwood began preaching. In 1854 he married, and took his bride to Madison, IN, where he preached for 8 years before returning to Bethel in 1862. Elder Lockwood continued preaching here until 1903.

Following Elder Lockwood, we had JWB Smith in 1903, RH Dodson in 1904, PY Pendleton in 1905, JA Lord in 1906 (who also served as editor of the Christian Standard), AA Sebastian from 1907-10, JG Quinlan from 1911-18 and FA Keeling from 1919-20.

This Month

In 1852 the name "Church of Christ" appeared in printed minutes.



JH Lockwood

JWB Smith

RH Dodson

JG Quinlan