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Baptist Church at

to the

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Sends Greeting:

Dear Brethren:

5-17-44

Minutes of <sup>adjourned</sup> Annual Church Meeting May 17, 1944

Rev. Woolcock opened the adjourned Annual meeting directly after a bountiful supper served by the Dorcas ladies.

Ed. Krainbrink presided, as Chairman of the board of trustees and welcomed the members and guests present. Miss Waterbury read the minutes of the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and they were approved.

It was recommended that Don Crawford act as trustee to fill unexpired term of Claude Brockway who died in April. Stanley Powell moved that clerk be instructed to cast a ballot for his election. Motion approved. Carried.

Rev. Woolcock moved that on Invasion Day, which is drawing close, our church open its doors to the public so all may have access to our church to come and pray. Supported by Mina Underwood. Carried.

Mr. Crawford brot us a mirror  
Mrs. Leo Van Vleck donated to ladies.

Treasurer's report read by our treasurer, Mrs. E. W. Krainbrink. Moved by Mr. Dell Harris and supported by Mrs. Whitesides that it be accepted. Carried.

Rev. Woolcock gave his yearly report covering 52 sermons, 25 weddings, 31 funerals, 4 baptisms and prayer meetings. He had a full year with a wide variety of duties.

There was no Deacon's report given.

Trustee's report was given by Mina Underwood covering their 11 meetings.

The Dorcas society gave a good report of time and talents well spent. Charlotte Galloway, Secy. The treasurer's report from Fern Johnson showed a balance of \$143.<sup>00</sup>  
Mrs. Leo Woolcock reported that the

Mission Circle won the state Reading Contest and finished the year with a \$15 balance.

Stanley Powell moved the reports be accepted and placed on file. Motion carried.

The Sunday School treasurer's report was given by Richard Burlingame and showed an \$80 balance and a fair average attendance.

No report was given by the Brotherhood but they are nonetheless faithful and are a very real pillar to the church.

Mrs. Rinker reported on the years' doings of the Ella Hutchins Circle. The membership has dwindled to 19 but those few gather in the name of the Lord and carry on. They had a small balance in their treasury too.

Mrs. Berdie Burlingame the retiring secretary of the Crispin Christian Workers class reported on their activities. It was largely thru their efforts that the mortgage on the parsonage could be burned this last year. Mrs. Myrtle Boardman gave the treasurer's report showing a \$160 balance.

Mrs. Fred Beahan has charge of the Junior department and has an active group.

An over-all report given extemporaneously by interested members on the Primary Dept., the Grade Roll and the Senior Youth Group all showed a great need of leaders and teachers. We have the youth on our rolls and they are eager to learn - we must provide Christian instructors.

No report from the Music Committee but all those with musical talent use them for the Lord in the course of the church year.

it adds a good deal to every service and is a good example for us all. Every song delivered represents time and energy given by at least two persons.

Mina Underwood made the motion all reports be accepted and placed on file. Supported and Carried.

Mr. Dye read the recommended budget of the trustees based on receipts anticipated at \$2400.

Moved and Supported that this recommended budget be accepted as basis of coming years' work.

Stanley Powell had no word from state board as to our goal for benevolence but asked that we try to make as big a quota as last year plus 5% or \$458.

Miss Della Waterbury presented with gift of appreciation for her long clerkship.

Mr. Dye read resolutions adopted by the trustees regarding the late Claude Brockway. A copy is to go to each daughter and one placed on file.

It was concluded that we had had a good year but left room for improvement.

Mr. Herbert Powell made the motion to adjourn.

Secretary,

May 1944.

Charabell Edwards

Aug 20 (Sun)

Ed Trainbrink presided at a meeting called at the end of the church service. Word had gone out so there was a good representation.

Rev. Woolcock's sermon was on the theme "We can if we will - we will if we care."

This was the prelude to the discussion on the question of

redecorating our church and making several necessary repairs.

The Baptistry heater must be fixed or replaced. The Primary room needs cleaning and redecorating and the need for a thorough decorating job in the main church has been visible to all for years. After much discussion Mr Dell Harris made the motion that the trustees be authorized to spend the necessary money to begin redecorating this fall. Seconded by Mrs Muriel Hague. Carried.

It was found there was nearly \$800 available and the estimated cost is \$1200 so all present felt that with the Lord's help it can be raised.

Charabell Edwards - Secy. (Clerk)

Oct 8-44

Rev. Woolcock presided from the pulpit and a motion was made, seconded and carried to declare all members who attend the Grand River Association meetings as delegates.

Motion carried that church treasurer be instructed to pay our usual amount towards the expense of the associational gathering at Belding on Oct. 12.

Jan 7

Special Service as a Memorial to Pp. Donald Pearce who died in service of his country on Leyte Island 11/27/44

Feb. 1945

Feb. 4, 1945 Mr. Kraimbink presided at a special meeting and presented the resignation of Mr. Clark Dye as trustee. His work takes him from Iowa. S. Powell made a motion it be accepted - carried

Dell Harris made a motion that the trustees recommendation that Guy Edington be elected to this post be accepted. Seconded - Carried.

Martin Sun. Mar 18.  
Rev. Woolcock presented the names of the nominating committee who will select candidates for election at our annual meeting. Com. - Dell Harris Chairman

Mar. 18, 45

Mina Underwood (Mrs Bert) Chronm.

Irma Martin (Mrs Roy) speaker

Feb. 16 World Day of Prayer - Union service

Mar. 25 - Palm Sunday -

Rev Taylor Andem filled pulpit and delivered dedicatory address on the completion of the decorating of our auditorium. He gave us high praise for good taste shown and handling of the financial angle but warned us not to feel smug and not to forget the good works that should stem from our place of worship.

Rev Woolcock presented a request from Mrs Lena Wilcox for her letter so she may unite with the Burton St. Baptist Church in Grand Rapids. Mrs Wilcox has been a member since 1902 her baptism in 1888 and Mr Kraimbink made an amending motion that it be stated in the letter we request being her. Dell Harris made the motion and Fredricka Lowry seconded it to direct clerk to give her a church letter.

Apr 1, 1945 Easter Sun.

The Knights Templar were our guests.

Seven names were passed on by the deacons and all accepted for baptism. The following were baptized at an evening service: - Wanda Wright, Shirley Keller, Lyle Caskey, Joyce Brockman, Gary Moore, and Lyle George.

Tue. Apr 4, 1945

The annual meeting was called to order and presided over by Mina Underwood representative of the trustees.

Rev. Woolcock led us in prayer.

Sidy report read and approved.

The nominating committee, Mina Underwood chairman, Delbert Harris and Mrs Roy Martin submitted the following report —

For 3 yrs. terms as trustees

Don Crawford

Mrs. Hiram Darling

For 3 yrs. terms as deacons

Mer Ross

Orrison Hilborn

For 2 yrs term as deaconess

Mrs. Guy Edington

One year terms - church clerk

Mrs Leo Edwards

" " — treasurer

Mrs Ed Krainbrink

" " — S. S. Supt.

Stanley Powell

" " — Chairman of ushers

Francis Whitesides

" " — Chairman Music Com.

Miss Ethel Crispin

Mrs. Fredrica Lowry moved that the clerk be instructed to cast a ballot for the entire slate as read. Motion seconded by Rev. Woolcock. Carried. Clerk cast ballot and read names of following years officers.

Mr D. Harris moved that when we adjourn we do so until May 9.

The Dorcas ladies will be requested to sponsor the supper with the ladies of the church assisting. A motion to this effect was carried.

Rev. Woolcock made a motion we invite the Grand River Association to hold its annual meeting in our church this year. Seconded and carried.

Rev. Woolcock moved we invite the Minister's Conference here on Apr. 25, 1945. Seconded and carried.

It was moved and supported that our Pastor be permitted to state we would be represented by himself, our S. S. Supt. Stanley Powell and one layman <sup>D Harris</sup> and one woman <sup>from Edington</sup> from our church at such time as the Iowa Council of Churches is in session. They will act on the board of directors. Motion made by Del Harris and seconded by Mrs Guy Edington.

Mrs. J Lowry moved we adjourn.

Mrs Leo Edwards Clerk —

Sun. Apr 8, 1945

Rev. Woolcock extended the hand of fellowship to the following who were baptized on Apr. 1: Wanda Wright, Lope Cackey, Joyce Brockman, Shirley Keller, Gary Moore, Lyle George.

A letter from the Barren River Baptist Church of Bowling Green, Ky was read and a motion carried that we receive their former member into our church. Mrs. Virginia Bigger then received the hand of fellowship also.

The following four were baptized Sun. evening: — Mrs Berl Keller, Mrs Tom Pickens, Mrs Ruby Blunt and Mrs Wheeler.

~~These four ladies rec'd the hand of fellowship on Mother's Day Sunday & made 85 members~~

Sun. Apr 23

NEXT PAGE  
MAY 9  
MEETING

Rev Woolcock has taken into the church in his  
figure here.

Immediately following the Lord's supper  
Rev Woolcock read his letter of resignation  
as pastor of our church to take effect on  
June 15.

May 9, 1945

About 100 members attended the  
annual supper and business meeting.  
The Dorcas society sponsored it and were  
aided by the ladies of the church. The  
Chairman Mrs Clare Galloway had as her  
Committee Mrs Abe Tanner Mrs Archie Boltz, Mrs  
Guy Edington, Mrs Francis Whitesides and Mrs Mrs Rose.  
Mrs Roy Martin ~~and~~ Chairmanned the dining room  
Committee.

Mr Kainbrink presided over the meeting.  
Reports were given by the Pastor, Mrs Guy  
Edington for the deacons, Mrs Purl Johnson  
for the Dorcas, Mrs Clare Galloway gave the treas.  
report for the Dorcas. Miss Waterbury gave  
a report ~~also in poetry~~ covering the work and  
finances of the Mission Circle. Owing to the  
absence of Richard Burlingame his mother  
read the secretary and treasurer's report of  
the Sunday school. Mrs Rinker gave a  
poetical report from the Ella Hutchins circle.  
Mrs Edwards gave the sec'y report of the C.C.W.  
class and Mrs Boardman read the treasurer's  
report. Mrs Don Crawford told of the Junior Dept  
work and Mrs Woolcock spoke briefly on the  
Primary Dept. Mrs Purl Johnson spoke of  
her Cradle Roll work. All reports accepted  
The church treasurer's report was  
given by Mrs Kainbrink. This covered  
the handling of over \$13000 and was ably  
presented.

Rev Woolcock was asked for remarks on  
the Youth Fellowship groups and Miss Crispin  
was called on to report on the Music dept. She thanked helpers.  
Each dept. of the church and Sun.  
school had balances in their treasuries  
and gave good report of their time and talents.

Motion made & seconded to accept all  
reports and that they be placed on file. Carried.

We have had Stanley Powell for our  
S. School Supt. for the past 17 years and  
he was presented with a gift of appreciation.  
Del Harris made a few remarks and gave him  
a leather bill-fold & a pen & pencil set from  
the church, S. School and C.C.W. class.

The recommended budget of the trustees (\$2400)  
was accepted for the coming year.

Motion made that we increase our mission fund if possible. Carried.

Mrs H. Darling gave an extemporaneous  
report on the decorating of the church. All  
bills are paid on the work done to date. There  
is more to be done and more need for funds.

Work will continue as weather permits  
s. Powell remarked we should do better on World Emergency Fund.

It was moved that our church join  
the Iowa Council of Churches. Rev Woolcock,  
Stanley Powell, Mrs Edington, Del Harris and Richard  
Burlingame to represent us. Ronald Powell is to  
be alternate for Richard.

Rev Woolcock led us in prayer and  
the meeting adjourned.

Charabell Edwards Sec'y

No clerk's report was given at this meeting because it was  
given in full at the April meeting.

No report from trustees - Mr Briggs was absent on account  
of wife's ill health.

ITEMS GO HERE THAT ARE ON SECOND PAGE PRECEDING THIS PAGE.

MAY 12 - MOTHER'S DAY SUN.

We: Mrs Lela Belle, Mrs Tom Pickens, Mrs Ruby  
Blunt and Mrs Lela Wheeler rec'd. the hand of  
fellowship, making 85 members taken in, in the 9 yrs of pastorate  
Rev Woolcock's

ADJOURNED  
ANNUAL  
MEETING

Some suggested  
names for committee  
reports as follows for  
annual meeting.

May 13-15  
MAY 20

Immediately following the Lord's Supper Rev. Woolcock read as his letter of resignation as our pastor, to take effect June 15.  
At a special meeting of the church following the morning service Sun. May 20, it was moved by Mr R. F. Whitesides and seconded by Mrs E. N. Lowrey that we accept Rev. Woolcock's resignation to take effect June 15.

JUNE 5

The Pulpit Committee members:-  
Mr Krainbrink representing Trustees  
Stanley Powell " S. School  
Ronald Powell " Youth  
Charabell Edwards Church clerk  
Mr Whitesides " deacons and  
Chairman.

We met at the home of Mr Krainbrink. A call was extended to Rev. Adams of Durand to preach to us as candidate. He filled our pulpit two Sundays then a call was extended to Rev. Cruthers. A fair representation listened to each of the three sermons. The Pulpit Committee had several meetings and were devout in their attention to their duties and in accord at each step.

JUNE 10

On Rev. Woolcock's last Sun. in the pulpit he presented the names of Don Crawford and Guy Edington for associate membership. Motion carried.

At this service the beautiful electric cross above the organ was called to our attention as the gift of the Van Vleck family in memory of Leo Van Vleck.

Rev. Woolcock told us of his intention to return to his pastorate of 20 yrs. ago at Irapuato City.

Richard Burlingame's resignation as asst. S.S. was read and accepted. He leaves for university at Ann Arbor.

Tues.  
JUNE 12

A splendid crowd of church members friends and well wishers gathered in the Primary room to bid God-speed to Rev and Mrs Woolcock. In a happy setting a program of group singing and solo numbers was given. They were presented with a desk, chair, table, a check for one month's salary and a personal gift from the choir to Mrs. Woolcock. Refreshments were served nearly 100 people.

June 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> the pulpit was filled by Rev Adams  
July 1 by Rev Cruthers  
July 8 " Rev. Klein adventist

Mrs. Lucy Briggs  
died June  
1945

Cards were mailed to the members and a special meeting called for Sun. evening July 8. Mr Krainbrink presided and the matter of salary, parsonage repairs, duties of pastor and people discussed. A vote was taken and it was unanimously decided to extend a call to Rev Cruthers of Port Huron to become our pastor. The clerk was instructed to write him and offer him the position at a yearly salary of 2000 plus the use of the parsonage. It was decided to go ahead with needed basic repairs at the parsonage and to do some redecorating. A fine spirit pervaded the meeting and we felt the Lord's presence in answer to the many prayers on this subject of a pastor.

July 15 Rev. \_\_\_\_\_ preached.  
July 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Rev Priest of Alma occupied our pulpit.

Aug 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> we had no sermon but had Sun. School and Youth Fellowship.

Rev. Cruthers wrote on Aug 12 and accepted our call. He will begin Pastorate Sunday Aug. 19, 1945

Mr Whitesides made notes for pay all Rev Cruthers moving expenses earned.

3 persons supply preachers

SEPT. 1

A request was received from Rev. Woodcock for a letter transferring his and Mrs. Woodcock's membership to the First Baptist Church of Traverse City.

SUN. SEPT. 2  
1945

It was moved by Herbert Powell and seconded by Harry DeHart that letters be granted.

Wed. 9/12/45

A reception was held for our Pastor and his family in the church.

An advisory board was formed of officers of the church and Sun.

School. Meetings will be held on the 3rd Wed. of each month to offer suggestions to the church as needed. It was decided to send 6 members of the church to Lansing for a course of training being given in Christian Living. These 6 leaders will pass on their knowledge to the rest of the church during the winter months.

Mrs. Del Harris, Miss Della Waterbury, Mrs. Lena Edington, Mrs. Gertrude Berndt, Stanley Powell and Rev. Cruthers attended the study course.

Sept 26

At the family nite supper the letter to the Grand River Association was approved.

Ten members volunteered to work on the Religious Survey to be done in early Oct.

Evening services were started in Oct.

Oct. 2

Lonia Baptists were hosts to the annual Grand River Baptist Assoc. and it was a profitable session in inspiration. Fine guest speakers, good reports, good attendance all

stimulated interest. Rev. Cruthers preached the doctrinal sermon. He was elected to serve on the Resolutions Com and the Com. on ministers.

Dec. Several members were placed on the inactive list <sup>on advice</sup> by vote of the deacons

Jan. Mr and Mrs C. Van Domelin were rec'd by letter into the Lonis Church from Rockford

Mar 17. The nominating Committee was ratified as follows: Mr Krainbrink, Miss Ella Blossmer, Mrs Fred George.

Mar. Flowers were sent to the Palo Baptist church in honor of their Centennial.

Mar. Mrs Blanche Ferris was accepted by letter.

Mar 24. A motion was made and seconded to grant Grace Brockway Robbins a letter of dismissal to the South Congregational church of G.R.

Mar 31 The Gideon project to place Bibles in the schools was presented to the congregation and a free-will offering was taken.

Apr 3/4. Mr E. Ross tendered his resignation to the board of deacons and it was regretfully accepted.

The deacons recommended that Del Harris and Mrs. Guy Edington represent us at the Ordination services of Rev. Willis at Greenville on Tues. Apr. 16. Our pastor and his wife attended. Motion made by Herbert Powell, seconded & carried that they be recognized as delegates of the First Baptist church.

Apr 14 Mr & Mrs R. Mat McFaden presented their letter of dismission, to our church and motion was made & carried to accept them.

The Annual Business meeting was held on April 3rd. We sang "The Church's One Foundation" and Rev. Cruthers read from the 15 Chap. of John. He led us in prayer then turned the meeting over to the Chairman - E. W. Krainbrink.

Minutes of last annual meeting read & approved. Miss Ella Bloomer read the report of the nominating Committee. Nominations closed. Del Harris made a motion the clerk be instructed to cast an unanimous ballot for all names suggested by the nom. Com. Seconded - Ballot cast. Following are

- Officers for 1946-47 year.
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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Sun. School Supt. | Stanley Powell     |
| Church Clerk      | Charabell Edwards  |
| Treasurer         | Nethie Krainbrink  |
| 3 year deacons    | Herbert E. Powell  |
|                   | Francis Whitesides |
| 2 yr. deaconess   | Fredrika Lowrey    |
| 3 yr. trustees    | Mina Underwood     |
|                   | Guy Edington       |
| Chairman of music | Ethel Crispin      |
| " " ushers        | Francis Whitesides |

Pastor went home to get constitution by-laws to read to us which refreshed our memories on our duties.

Remarks regarding getting young people to work in our church offices were made by Herbert Powell. ~~and were~~ The suggestion that we leave the vacancy on the board of deacons to be filled at our adjourned annual meeting was carried.

Mr Krainbrink brot up the matter of the paving of Main Street. If the city doesn't get the required number of signatures, our trustees must have the approval of the church in order to sign for us as a body. A special assessment to cover 35% of total cost would have to be met by us. About \$10 for each of our 8 1/2 lineal feet of frontage.

E. W. Briggs made a motion we stand neutral on this proposition and do not sign. Seconded by Mr DeHart. Carried

Motion made by Del Harris we ask the Dorcas to put on the supper at the adjourned annual meeting on May 9 - Carried

Mrs Les Edwards, Clerk

May 9, 1946

Adjourned Annual Business Meeting

About 75 persons attended the fine supper and the adjourned business meeting at which E. W. Krainbrink presided. Rev. Cruthers led us in a short devotional service which put everyone in a proper mind to attend the Lord's business.

Before any reports were read Mr. Krainbrink suggested we all be thinking about what we can do to honor Miss Lucy Ceel who has been a member of our church since 1911. She has taught in the Sonia school over that same period and is retiring this year.

The minutes of the annual meeting, including the election of officers, was read and approved.

The yearly report of the clerk was read and approved.

The Pastor gave a report on his year's activities which included 220 calls. As soon as a veteran returns to civilian status a report comes from his Chaplain and his Church preference is stated. Rev. Guthrie has made many contacts with these young men.

The treasurer's report was made by Mrs. Krainbrink. It was carefully itemized and gave a clear picture of our finances. A balance of \$204.<sup>93</sup> was gratifying, considering the number of repairs we had to have at the church and personage.

Motion made by Fredricka Lowrey, seconded by Mrs. Don Crawford that the reports given be accepted and placed on file.

Mrs. Guy Edington read the report on the work of the Deacons. They regret very much that the church did not show more enthusiasm for an evangelistic program this spring but they are continuing their prayers and works toward that end. They accomplished many acts of Christian kindness during the past year.

Mr. Briggs reported on the activities of the Trustees. Their duties are sometimes hard but they are faithful to their trust. Mention was made of the extra tasks carried out successfully because of the help given by Guy Edington - the newest member.

The Secy's report from the Dorcas Society was read by Mrs. Merrill Ketchum and the Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Guy Edington. They helped with every project carried on by the church, both with work and finances and have a balance of \$125.<sup>70</sup>

The Mission Circle is small in number but high in quality and they did fine White Cross work and chucked up 2400 points for reading. They also had a treasury balance of \$8.<sup>14</sup>. These last 5 reports were accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

The work <sup>of Mrs. Merrill Ketchum</sup> with the Junior Choir - both for the fine performance of the youth choir under her direction and because she goes farther and entertains them in her home frequently was sincerely praised.

Miss Crispin also received the gratitude of the church for her work as organist and senior choir director.

Mrs. Purl Johnson was praised for her work with the Cradle Roll and the Nursery Circle.

The Secy. & Treas. report of the Sunday School was read by Mr. Krainbrink. 3921 was the total attendance for the year. Motion made & seconded that the report be approved as read. Carried.

The report of the Ella Hutchins Circle was given by their secy - Mrs. Cora Pinker. It was an amusing and touching report of a most sincere group of quiet forceful Christians.

1946

Mrs Berdie Burlingame read the C. C. W. report on a busy fruitful year. They are using a united prayer period at 9 A.M. each day to work many helpful acts.

The C C W Treasurer - Mrs Myrtle Boardman reported a \$273.00 balance. This group pays a pledge towards the Church expenses and missions and pays the gas bill.

Mrs Dan Crawford reported on her work with the Junior Dept. The new Supt. will be Mrs Van Somelin. Mrs Crawford was thanked for her fine work with these young folk.

There being no Supt. of the Primary Dept. at the time, Mrs Les Edwards gave a report on the children's needs & program.

Mrs. Fern Johnson reported she was in contact with 23 families in connection with her Nursery Circle.

Nancy Edington gave the Youth Fellowship report. Slow progress is noted but it is progress.

Fredricka Lowrey moved these reports be approved and placed on file.

Mr. Briggs presented the recommended budget of the trustees for \$3277 which is somewhat higher than the estimated receipts. Motion made, seconded & carried that it be accepted.

The suggested quota of \$680.00 for Missions was accepted. This is for the Unified Budget.

The World Mission Crusade was presented by Mr Francis Whitesides. \$900 has been pledged from 1/4 of those approached.

1946

The Pastor wishes several would attend the Michigan and the National Convention of Baptist Churches in Grand Rapids. He wants definite action taken towards a visitation campaign.

After the singing of "Bless Be the Tie that Binds" we were dismissed.

Charabell Edwards - Clerk

Business of church from May 1 to May 1-47

Clerk's report for adjourned mt.

June, 1946 Patricia Powell, Donald Orth, Nancy Weller, Dixie Wiles and Ernest Wheeler were baptized. On the following Sunday the hand of fellowship was given to Ernest Wheeler and Patricia Powell.

The J. H. Sherwoode were accepted by letter from a Washington, D. C. Baptist Church. In July a letter of dismissal was granted to Mrs Varley Rabbers in order that she might unite with a church in Galapagos. In August we lost Mrs Flora Freeman by death at the age of 84 years and had been a member of our church for 76 years.

Reverend Cruthers inaugurated a visitation campaign in the Fall. The good of it cannot be measured but many enjoyed the renewal of Christian contacts through the weeks.

Our pastor was elected Moderator for the coming year at the Grand River Baptist Association. Two carloads of delegates attended and Rev. Cruthers returned from the Bethel Church at Stanton to get a load of our youth for the supper and evening meeting.

On January 5, 1947 Red Briggs died. He had been an active member of our church since 1917 and was a trustee at the time of his death.

1947

1947

In March of 1947 three names were dropped from our membership and four were placed on the inactive list, by advice of the deacons.

On Mar. 16 the nominating committee Mrs Edith Seelye, Mr. Herbert Powell and Mrs Merrill Kitchum was ratified.

A letter transferring membership from this church to the First Baptist Church of Jackson, Mich. was granted to Sharon Cruthers.

Mar. 1947

A letter was granted to Barbara Nelson so she might join the Lutheran Church of Lansing.

Our membership is now 154 with 13 inactive. Mrs. Ormison Hilborn received the hand of fellowship after having been accepted on her Christian experience.

During the year we gained 7 members by baptism, two by letter and three on their experience. We lost 4 by letter, two by death and two names were dropped.

Charabell Edwards

2 items over  
2 pages to be  
included with this

Annual church business meeting - minutes

1947

About 30 church members attended the meeting April 2, 1947.

Rev. Cruthers opened the session with a prayer for guidance in conducting the affairs of the church.

Mr. Krainbrink presided and we joined in a song service.

The names of Pauline Jones (Mrs. <sup>Meredith</sup> Richard Jones) and Bette Jones (Mrs. Richard Jones) were voted on favorably to become members by baptism.

Mr and Mrs John Morris were accepted as members on their church experience. Motion made by F. Whitesides, seconded by Mrs. Lowrey. These four names were presented on the recommendation of the board of deacons. Motion carried.

The minutes of the annual adjournal meeting were read and approved.

Mr Krainbrink gave a report of the work of the trustees. All expenses have increased the same as family living costs and the budget must be increased.

The every member canvass will be done by letter this month.

The report of the nominating committee: comprised of Herbert Powell Chairman, Mrs Edith Seelye and Mrs. Merrill Kitchum was presented by the chairman as follows:

- Clerk - Mrs. Harold Jones
- Treasurer: Mrs E W Krainbrink
- Deacons for 3 yrs. Stanley Powell
- 3 yrs Ernest Wheeler
- 1 yr. Meredith Jones

1947  
Annual  
meeting cont'd.

Trustees - for 3 years	John Morris
3 years	E. W. Krainbrink
Deaconess 2 years	Mrs. Merrill Kitchum
Chr. Music Com.	Mrs. Mina Underwood
" Ushers	Mr. Ray Jameson

S. S. Supt. —

Mr. Krainbrink was listed for S. S. Supt. but declined the appointment.

Mrs. Sudge moved that the report be accepted with the exception of the Supt. and that a new committee be appointed to fill that vacancy. Motion seconded by Mr. Whitesides - Carried

Pastor and clerk named as this committee. motion, second - carried.

The Pastor did not feel this was at all proper as these two officers may only appoint a nominating committee & not act on one. Motion was withdrawn -

Mrs. Lowrey moved that rules be suspended and the clerk instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the state as received. Seconded by Mrs. Gladys Kitchum. Carried  
Ballot cast.

The pastor addressed the group and brought up the following questions:  
Vacation Bible school: Whom shall we go in with or shall we have our own?  
If we vote to go in with another church it should mean to go the whole way and have a fair representation of both teachers and pupils & carry our full share of the financial load.

Question of Presbyterians having dance in the church for youth.

How far shall we cooperate in the leadership training course?

Where shall we stand in the Council of Churches? There are places vacant that we should fill. The City Council has a duty towards the State Council and our share of the contribution would be around \$30 whereas we only granted our pastor \$10 to put in as our contribution.

He led a discussion on the length of terms of office of our church officers. It was agreed that they should be not more than two years and then a change of office or lapse of time before taking the same office. It was suggested that there be a revision of the constitution.

The Northern Baptist Convention is asking every church in the association to take part in the evangelistic campaign. This can be thru many methods - visitation, child evangelism training - but must make definite plans.

This year every church in the convention is to set their own quota for the Unified Missionary Budget. Must be higher than last year to meet rising costs.  
No World Mission Crusade.

Do the church members want prayer meetings enough to attend. It is the power-house of the church.

On Apr. 20th the Gideon people are sending a representative to our church. How much time shall we let them use?

After some discussion it was decided to try to get some voice on each subject.  
Re. Vacation Bible School: Motion by Mr. Whitesides and supported by Mr. Hilborn that we cooperate to fullest extent. Carried  
Agreed by S.S. teachers present to

stress the subject and encourage enthusiasm in our children to attend the school.

As to length of terms of office and the matter of more frequent business meetings to acquaint the members with the problems & progress of the church. Ormison Hilborn moved that a committee be appointed to study the by-laws to see what can be done along this line.

Seconded & carried

Committee appointed as follows:

com →

Hilborn Chairman - Myrtle Boardman and Edith Seelye.

City Council of Churches:- Motion by Mr. Whitesides, seconded by O. Hilborn that we continue to cooperate. No mention of an increased fund for our pastor to have access to.

Motion by O. Hilborn and seconded by Mrs. Van Somelin that the pastor and secretary appoint an advisory committee to look into the matter of evangelism.

Stanley Powell led a discussion of more frequent business meetings. It was late in the evening so he felt it should be tabled & no push motion made but rather kept on our minds for later action.

The matter of the Lideons to be left to the Pastor's decision. It was shown we are glad to contribute so would rather hear our own minister's sermon & give them a lesser part of the service as a courtesy.

Mrs. Paul Phelps moved that we adjourn after some discussion as to our need of a prayer meeting. No date

was set for the adjourned meeting.

Church clerk - Charbell Edwards

April 13, 1947. It was moved by Mr. Hilborn seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that a letter of dismissal be granted to Mrs. Blanche Ferris to unite with the First Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif. Carried.

Apr. 20-1947 - The pastor and clerk appointed Stanley Powell and Mr. Krainbrink to secure a nominee for S. S. Supt. Mr. O. Hilborn accepted an appointment to Asst. Supt.

Charbell Edwards

### Adjourned Annual Meeting May 1947

Due to the absence of Mr. Krainbrink, Rev. Cruthers opened the meeting directly after the fine supper. Following his prayer for our guidance, Mina Underwood made a motion that Mrs. Krainbrink take her husband's place as Chairman. Motion carried.

She called for the minutes of the Annual meeting - which were corrected and accepted & ordered placed on file.

Clerk's report of the year's activities read and accepted. no remarks.

The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Krainbrink. It was accepted in its entirety.

The deacon's report as given by Mrs. Guy Edington was accepted.

Mrs. Underwood gave a report from the board of trustees which was accepted. Mrs. Van Somelin moved the three reports be placed on file. Carried.

The Dorcas Society and Mission Circle combined this past year and Mrs. Jones gave their report. They feel the work benefited from this union.

The Sunday School secretary & treasurer's report was read by Stanley Powell due to the absence of Mr. Krainbrink. He also gave a short report of the S.S. work & needs as he sees them and expressed the hope that we can send ten of our youth to Lake Louise again this year.

It was moved that these reports be accepted. Carried.

Mrs. Cora Kinker gave her usual interesting report on the accomplishments of the Ella Hutchins Circle.

The C C W class secretary, <sup>Burdie Burlingame</sup> reported as did the treasurer, <sup>Mrs. Boardman</sup>, and they had a full diversified program all year.

Mrs. Van Domelin reported on the activities of the Junior department in Sunday School. Primary department statistics were given by Mrs. Edwards.

Mrs. Fern Johnson was called on for a report on the Nursery Circle which she has organized & led successfully.

A motion was made by Ormison <sup>Hilborn</sup> that these motions be accepted.

Rev. Cuthers as counsellor for the Youth Fellowship group reported for them.

Mina Underwood gave a resumé of the work of our choir and Mrs. H. Darling moved it be accepted.

Rev. Cuthers made a few remarks and suggested we give Mr. Halvey DeHart a rising vote of thanks for his long service as a deacon.

Mrs. Nettie Krainbrink submitted the recommended budget as set up by our trustees. This included an increase of \$400 per year for the pastor and the budget totaled \$4140. It was moved, seconded and carried after some discussion, that this be accepted as read.

Next the question of our missionary quota came up. Mr. Whitledge was called on to report on last year's World Mission Crusade. He had no formal report but would like to see us do more and not lower our rate of giving.

The State Convention did not make any definite suggestion as to the amount we should raise for Missions this year but the need is great. Moved & seconded that we try to send as much as our quota was last year and to increase it if at all possible.

A hand was given to the supper committee.

A motion was made that the Chairman announce a date for a business meeting some time in June when the committee chosen to check on our constitution submit their report. It must be announced for two consecutive Sundays previous to the date of the meeting. Mrs. Krainbrink agreed to give this information to Mr. Krainbrink to act upon in his capacity as chairman. Motion by O. Hilborn, seconded by Mrs. Jones was carried.

Stanley Powell asked that his status be settled. He is acting as deacon and is also conducting Sun. School as supt. as we have not procured his successor.

It was a fruitful year with all departments closing their books with a balance in their treasuries and a sincere determination to better their work this coming year.

Respectfully submitted  
Charabell Edwards - Clerk

Special Meeting June 18 1947

Mr. Kraibrit opened the meeting and called upon Rev. Custers to lead us in prayer. Mrs. Edwards was appointed secretary pro tem, in the absence of Mrs. Jones.

The chairman of the committee on resolutions and changes suggested in the constitution was not present at the opening so Mr. Kraibrit brought up the question of the election of a Sunday School superintendent. Mr. Powell made a few remarks explaining his position of having been elected a deacon by the church members thereby making it impossible for him to hold the office of Supt. also.

The chairman of the resolutions committee having approved the question of Supt. was tabled for a while. Mr. Hilborn reported on the findings of his committee and read the full set of resolutions which were as follows:

1. This organization shall be known as the First Baptist Church of Donia.
2. Membership:

Active - as defined in present by laws.

Inactive - as defined in present by laws.

Associate - Professed Christians who are or have been members of an Evangel Church of some denomination may become associate members of this church by a majority vote. They shall have a voice in

the business and spiritual affairs of the church but no vote in business affairs. If desired they will be granted a letter to a church of like denomination from which they came should they move from our midst. Adoption of this associate membership shall in no way affect anyone who now has a membership under any other classification such as society.

3. A business meeting of this church shall be held twice each year in addition to the annual and adjourned annual meetings. These two meetings to be as follows: One late in September and one late in January, due announcement being made for at least two weeks preceding, date to be determined by board of trustees.

4. No officer of this church shall be elected for more than two terms consecutively, to any particular office, exception being made in the offices of clerk and treasurer.

After considerable discussion and question it was decided to take the articles one by one and the group of 25 members present vote by ballot as to whether or not they wanted the amendments. ~~the~~ ~~the~~ Article 1 in the present <sup>constitution</sup> by-laws Name: "The name of this church shall be the First Baptist Church and Society of Donia, Donia County, Michigan."

The proposed change in this article to read as stated above. Motion was made, seconded and carried to vote on this change. Mrs. Don Crawford and Mrs. Paul Johnson were appointed ~~the~~ tellers. Results of the voting: 23 votes cast - 18 yes, 5 no. Carried.

June 1st. Rev. Custers conducted an especially interesting communion service, first introducing all new and old members into the church and all members were expected to receive the Holy Communion. The offering was returned to new members and baptism.

com. Hilborn

Article II. This article covers the requirements of the active, inactive and society members. It was decided to leave the status of ~~the~~ active and inactive members as it is written but to vote on the suggested change in regard to society members and associate members.

Article II section (c) now reads: Any person of good moral character may, upon request and by vote of the active membership of the Church become an active member of the society. Active society members shall have all the same rights and privileges as active members of the Church except where otherwise provided in the Articles of Association of the Church and - or in these By-Laws. They shall have a voice but not a vote in regard to disposition of the church property, repairs, etc of the church. They shall not have a voice or vote in relation to changes in church tenets, or in the policy, discipline, usages, etc. of the church. They shall not at any time have a majority of the members of the board of trustees; they shall not be eligible to become members of the board of deacons unless they are members in good standing of some other Baptist Church of like faith and order, and they shall not at any time constitute a majority of the membership of that board. They shall have a voice but not a vote on the question of selection or dismissal of the pastor.

The proposed change is as follows:  
refer to committee report as set in above.  
After a lengthy discussion this was brought to vote. result: 21 votes cast -

17 yes - 4 no. Motion carried to insert this proviso regarding associate members.  
Next topic for discussion and vote was the proposed amendment regarding the length of terms for church officers.  
Article III now reads:

The officers of this church shall consist of a pastor, a church clerk, a church treasurer, a board of six or more deacons, two deaconess, a board of six or more trustees and a Bible School Supt., all of whom shall be active members of this church, except that two trustees may be non-members, but shall be attendants and contributors.

The church may by resolution provide for a financial secretary, a treasurer of the board of trustees and a treasurer of the board of deacons, who may be the same person as the church treas. and a treasurer of the board of missions.

The church may also by resolution provide for temporary or special boards committees, etc.

No individual ~~may~~ <sup>shall</sup> hold ~~office~~ <sup>more</sup> than one office within the church at the same time.

Article IV now reads:  
The pastor ~~shall~~ <sup>shall</sup> be called for an indefinite period by a two-thirds ~~majority~~ <sup>majority</sup> vote of the active members present at a business meeting called for that purpose. A church clerk, church treasurer, and a financial secretary (if there be one) members of the board of deacons, deaconess, members of the board of trustees, and Bible School Superintendent, shall be elected by the church at its regular annual meeting. A treasurer of the board of trustees

and a treasurer of the board of managers may be elected by these two boards respectively, if provided for by resolution.

The board of trustees shall be elected for a term of three years, two to be elected each year. The chairman of this board shall preside at all regular or specially called business meetings of the church.

Deacons shall be elected the same as trustees.

Deacons shall be elected for a term of two years, one elected each year.

Vacancies shall be filled by election at the annual meeting of the church, or some special meeting after notice of not less than two weeks shall have been given that such vacancy is to be filled.

All officers and boards not otherwise provided for in these by-laws and articles of association shall be elected for a period of one year.

The proposed change suggested by the committee reads as follows:

No officer of this church shall be elected for more than two terms, consecutively, to any particular office. Exception being made in the offices of clerk and treasurer.

Motion was made after serious consideration that we vote on this. The result being 22 votes cast - 12 yes - 10 no. As a 7/5 vote is required, this did not carry.

The next question before the house was in regard to Article 21st which now reads:  
(1) The annual business meeting of the church shall be held on the first Wednesday in April of each year, notice of which shall be

given the two preceding Sundays. The proposed change reads as follows, refer to figure 3.

This was discussed freely, then put to vote. The rules were suspended and it was voted by acclamation. The motion to put it to vote was also made by acclamation and carried. The vote on the proposed change was carried unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was set aside in order to more completely discuss the S. S. Supt. question. No decision was reached so it was left for the pastor and the new church clerk to name a new nominating committee to try to find a nominee for the office.

A motion was made, seconded, then withdrawn to have Mrs. Van Dornen leave her post as Supt. of the Junior Dept. and become a candidate for S. S. Supt. She declined on the grounds that she is needed where she is and is not ready with physically ~~or experientially~~ for their greater job. The motion to adjourn was again made by Mrs. Seely, seconded and carried.

Charabell Edwards  
secy pro tem.

Sunday July 27-<sup>1901</sup> It was voted to allow the board of trustees the price of a new oil burner.

Sunday Sept. 31-<sup>1901</sup> Rev. Crutcher tendered his resignation to become effective Oct. 1st.

Sept. 7 - The resignation of Rev. Cruikshank was respectfully accepted.

Sunday Sept. 21 - A service of baptism was held at which ten of our young men received baptism. Gordon Malthus, William Springs, Charles Sechar, Kent M<sup>rs</sup> Fadden, Roland M<sup>rs</sup> Fadden, and Gordon Burns.

Sunday Sept. 28

Church letter to the Grand River Association was read and accepted. It was voted to name the persons attending the association as delegates. Rev. Cruikshank extended the right hand of fellowship to the young men received by baptism also to Lee Westman who was received by experience. These seven being voted in as members.

Letters of dismission to the Cruikshank family were granted.

Sunday Oct. 5, Pulpit was filled by the Rev. Dr. J. Lee Lewis of Omaha Neb. as a candidate for the pastorate.

Sunday Oct. 12

Report of the Pulpit Committee was presented by the chairman Stanley Powell. It was voted to call Dr. Lewis as our pastor, same to take up duties on Oct. 26.

Rev. Cruikshank named Mrs. Ella Bloomer and Herbert Powell as nominating committee.

Sunday Oct. 12 Pulpit filled by Dr. Lee of Lansing. Oct. 19 Rev. Dr. Lewis of Omaha

Mabel Jones  
Church Clerk

Thursday, Nov. 6, 1947

About one hundred members and friends attended the family night gathering and semi-annual business meeting of the church, honoring the new pastor Dr. J. Lee Lewis and family. The newly formed orchestra played several selections preceding the carry in supper. The dining room was cheerful with decorations of fall leaves, flowers and tapers. Dr. Lewis gave the invocation. Group singing was led by Bill Whitesides. Miss Ethel Crispin gave the welcome to the Lewis family. Dr. Lewis responded, outlining some of the plans for the coming months.

Chairman E. W. Krainovich presided over the business meeting. Reports from all departments were given, covering the past six months of the church year. New plans and a newly proposed budget with increased maintenance requirements in the music and other departments were also submitted, and Dr. Lewis is extensive in his work with the young people and has many plans for their <sup>work in the church</sup> ~~immediate future~~.

A new class of young men has been organized led by Bill Whitesides, also a class for young adults, taught by Mrs. Lewis. Other departments are growing rapidly. The choir has increased in numbers and are purchasing new vestments.

Letters of resignation were read and accepted with regret, from Herbert E. Powell, Armon O.

clerk's report was read and corrected.

Wednesday January 21, 1948

Hilborn, board of deacons, and Raymond R. Jameon, chairman of trustees. Brothers Powell and Hilborn were made honorary deacons. The report of the nominating committee for S.S. Sept. was carried over. It was suggested by one of the young people that junior boards of trustees and deacons be appointed.

The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand in the current expense account Nov. 1, 1947 of \$106.53. The report was accepted and placed on file. Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted  
Mabel Jones  
Church Clerk.

On Sunday evening Dec. 15, '47 a service of baptism was held at which time four young adults received their Lord in baptism. Mr. & Mrs. Earl Barup and Mr. & Mrs. Paul Johnson. This surely is an inspiration and promises greater things to come. Dr. Lewis gives the invitation every Sunday morning. There is a class awaiting baptism at this writing.

M. Jones  
Clerk

Sunday morning Jan. 11, a service of consecration for infants was held, at which time the son of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Jones was dedicated to the Lord.

A nice crowd braved the winter evening and attended the family night gathering and quarterly business meeting of the church. A carry-in supper was served after which Mr. Krambrink opened the business meeting. It was voted to pay the additional sum required for the M.M. Board for the minister's retirement fund. Mr. Krambrink at this time submitted his resignation from the board of trustees, <sup>after many years</sup> moved by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mr. Van Donnelen to accept the resignation and grant his request. Motion carried. ~~Mr.~~ It appointed Guy Edington as moderator but Mr. Edington declined. Dr. Lewis was then appointed moderator for the evening.

Dr. Lewis presented an extensive six point program for the church, setting a goal for each. The program includes:

1. Evangelism. with a goal of 26 new members by Apr. 30. He reported a gain of one by letter, four by baptism and six in the pastor's training class awaiting baptism, since the first of November.
2. Christian Education. Greater attendance in S.S. and B.Y. F. <sup>Goal of 150 S.S.</sup> It stressed the desire for 75% of all women active in some group.
3. Youth Activities. Training our young people in the work of the church, for leaders, teachers etc.
4. Larger participation of members. It is his desire to create more interest in more things with every member working member.
5. Stewardship and financial growth. It advocates an open policy in all financial affairs.
6. Foreign Missions. A greater study and education in missions.

Mrs. Paul Johnson reported over 200 in the world reading tone for January. This is indeed inspiring, and should move us all

Dr. Lewis appointed a Secy for the following committee: Christian Education Board of Trustees. Christian Education and a financial secretary.

to greater things.

It was moved by Mr. Whitesides <sup>seconded by Mrs. Jones</sup> to temporarily elect a treasurer of the board of deacons, the board to have charge of the fellowship fund, which is now carried through the church treasurer. ~~Deacons~~ Motion carried.

Mr. Whitesides was elected temporary chairman of ushers to fill out the term left vacant by the resignation some time ago of Ray Jameson. Cards of thanks were read from the family of Mrs. Caroline Crispin and Rev. and Mrs. Cuthbert. Motion made by Mr. Van Donkelen, seconded by Mr. Whitesides to pay the registration fee of 6.50 for the Bible and missionary conference to be held in Lansing on Feb. 11. This to pay for 13 delegates.

Mr. Whitesides read a report adopted by the board of deacons to support the minister in every way they could while here. It expressed pleasure in seeing the young people showing a greater interest in many ways. The young adult class, the young men's class and <sup>other</sup> ~~others~~

A ping pong table has been purchased <sup>by C. C. Jones</sup> for activities in the youth group, and Dr. Lewis expressed a desire for a certain night each week to be set aside for their pleasure and entertainment. The church has shown a steady spiritual growth and promises better things to come.

The church clerk accepted the generous offer of Brother Stanley Powell to mimeograph copies of the by-laws of the church, to be given to each member that they might better acquaint themselves with the work of the church, and become a <sup>more</sup> ~~better~~ informed member.

Let us each pray for our church and its prosperity, let each enlist to win souls for

Christ and His Kingdom in the year ahead.

Mabel Jones  
Church Clerk.

Feb. 8, 1945

The advisory board met at the church on Sunday afternoon, Dr. Lewis presiding. Motion made by Stanley Powell seconded by Francis Whitesides to recommend to members of the church for their approval the appointment of a Board of Missions and a Board of Christian Education, members thereof to serve until the end of the church year. Motion carried.

Motion made by Stanley Powell seconded by Francis Whitesides that, <sup>to</sup> amendment to Article IV of the by-laws there be added this paragraph:

any deacon, deaconess or trustee who has served one full term in an office is ineligible for re-nomination for <sup>the same</sup> ~~that~~ office until one year has elapsed.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Mr. Powell

Mrs. Harold Jones  
Church Clerk

Feb. 25

At the family night supper gathering on Feb. 25 the above recommendations were presented to the people for a vote with the result that the 2 boards were accepted. For the amendment, (it having been ~~from~~ read on two preceding Sundays) some discussion would be involved. It was moved by Mr. Krawinkel that consideration be postponed until the next meeting.

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motion carried. Letters of dismission were granted to Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Harick and son Lydell who have moved to Mansfield Ohio.

Dr. Lewis presented Dr. and Mrs. Anderson who showed colored slides of their trip to Europe last summer to the Baptist World Alliance.

Mrs. Woodcock, wife of our former pastor was present. Stanley Powell acted as moderator for the evening.

Mabel Jones  
Church Clerk

Sunday March 7. Shirley Elvert was received into membership and given the right hand of fellowship by Dr. Lewis.

Wed. March 17

At the regular family night supper meeting the <sup>resignations</sup> ~~report~~ of Guy Edington and Mena Underwood were presented, but by vote were tabled until the next regular business meeting. We were privileged to <sup>hear</sup> Rev. Carlson <sup>of Chicago</sup> and Dr. Erey of Lansing. Rev. Carlson speaking for the Seminary and Dr. Erey of the mission fields abroad.

Mabel Jones  
Clerk.

Sunday March 23

A very beautiful and impressive candle light service was held the Thursday evening preceding Easter, when Dr. Lewis baptised nine of our young people. It was truly an inspirational as it was impressive. Miss Crispien played the organ and Bill and Sharon Whitesides led the singing. This was immediately followed by the communion service, <sup>with</sup> members of the junior board of

deacons assisting.

M. Jones Clerk.

April 7, 1948

The annual meeting and election of officers of the First Baptist Church of Iowa was held at the church on Wednesday evening, April 7, 1948. Stanley Powell presiding as moderator. Dr. Lewis conducted an impressive devotional period. The clerk's report of Nov. 6 was read and accepted on motion of Mrs. Gladys Ketchum and second by Mrs. E. W. Kronquist.

Clerk's report of January was read and accepted on motion of Francis Whitesides and second by Mrs. H. Darling and Charles MacFaden.

Report of February meeting was read and accepted on motion of Mrs. Darling and second by John Morris. The amendment to article III <sup>regarding protection of heirs</sup> which was tabled at the last meeting was again presented for discussion and tabled on motion of Francis Whitesides and second by Chas. MacFaden.

The resignations of Guy Edington and ~~Mena~~ <sup>Mrs. Burt</sup> Underwood from the board of trustees also carried over from last business meeting were read. The resignation of Stanley Powell from the board of deacons was presented. Moved by John Morris and seconded by Mrs. Fredricka Loveny that be accepted. Motion carried.

The report of the nominating committee, (Francis Whitesides, Mrs. Gladys Ketchum and Miss Shirley Burlingame) was read and accepted. Moved by Francis Whitesides, seconded by Mrs. Don Crawford, <sup>report be accepted</sup> motion carried.

Motion made by Miss Della Waterbury, seconded by Mrs. Darling that church clerk be instructed to cast unanimous <sup>vote</sup> ~~ballot~~ for officers as presented. Motion carried. The clerk cast the vote

July 8  
July 20

for the following officers:

Board of trustees:

Abraham Tanner for one year to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Underwood  
Harold Jones for one year to fill unexpired term of Guy Edington  
Harold Terry 2 years, unexpired term of E. W. Krausnick,  
Stanley E. Powell 3 years  
Charles Max Faden 3 years

Board of Deacons:

C. Van Donnelen 1 year  
Lee Wiseman 2 years  
Meredith L. Jones 3 years  
Due to a misunderstanding the name of Ford Halsted was presented for deacon, but was not entered as a member of the board.

Deaconess

Mrs. E. N. Lowrey 2 years.

Board of Christian Education:

Mrs. J. William Whitesides chairman  
Miss Marion Case 1 year  
Mrs. Emerson Bennett 1 year  
Mrs. Ernest Wheeler 2 years  
Mrs. C. Van Donnelen 2 years  
Mrs. Mrs. Ross 3 years  
Mrs. Lee Lewis 3 years

Board of Missions:

Mrs. Guy Edington 3 years  
Miss Ella Bloomer 2 years  
Mrs. Francis Whitesides 1 year  
Historian, Miss Della Waterbury  
Chairman of Ukers Kenneth Max Faden  
Chairman of music Mrs. <sup>Burr</sup> Underwood  
Sunday School Supt. Paul Johnson  
Church Clerk Mrs. Harold Jones  
Church Treasurer Mrs. Charles Max Faden

The office of financial secretary was left vacant for the present time.

The adjourned annual meeting was set for Wed. May 12, on motion made by Mrs. Underwood and seconded by Mrs. Lowrey. The supper to be in charge of the Deacons-Mission Society.

The every member canvas program was planned by the pastor and the board of trustees.

It was suggested that annual reports be made up into mimeographed copies to be presented at annual supper meeting. After discussion it was moved by William Whitesides seconded by Mrs. Meredith Jones that pastor be authorized to prepare and assemble same. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Stanley Powell.  
Mrs. Harold Jones  
church clerk

Sunday May 9, 1945

Motion made by Stanley Powell, seconded by Mrs. C. Van Donnelen that all who attend the Baptist State convention act as delegates. Motion carried.

M. Jones  
church clerk

May 12, 1945

The adjourned annual meeting was held at the church on Wednesday evening, with about eighty members present for the supper. The business meeting was called to order by the moderator Stanley Powell. Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved. The clerk's annual report was read and accepted on motion made by Francis Whitesides, seconded by Mrs. Lowrey. The treasurer's annual report was read and accepted with a standing vote of thanks with special commendation, motion made by Ormison Kilborn, seconded by John Morris. Auditor's report as presented in the printed

annual and given by Mrs. Underwood was accepted.

The pastor's report was accepted with thanks on motion made by Mrs. C. Van Dornen seconded by Mrs. Merrill Ketchum.

The report of the deacons and the communion report given by secretary Mrs. Lowrey was accepted on motion made by Chas. McFadden seconded by Mrs. N. Darling.

Trustee's report given by Mrs. Underwood was accepted, Mr. Wheeler making the motion and seconded by Mr. De Hart.

The reports of the Deacons Mission Society, Youth Fellowship, Y.A.C.'s, Sunday School, <sup>women's</sup> young men's & young women's classes, CC & H class, Junior Department, Ella Hutchins Circle, Primary Department, Cradle Roll, nursery circle and chairman of music were accepted collectively on motion made by Chas. McFadden seconded by Mrs. Lowrey.

Presentation of the budget was made by Mrs. Underwood of the Board of Trustees.

Armission Hilborn reads the motion for its adoption, seconded by Mr. Wheeler.

Francis Whiteside made the motion to amend the budget to include \$40 as outlined by the pastor to conform to the Michigan Council of churches and the Federal Council of Church of Christ, seconded by Mrs. C. Van Dornen, carried.

The motion to adopt the budget as amended was carried.

A request for a letter of dismission was granted to Mrs. Lowrey on behalf of her daughter Florence K. Oliver, Mourse Michigan.

The missionary budget for the year <sup>as</sup> set up by Baptist State convention was recommended by Francis Whiteside who made the motion and seconded by Mrs. Lowrey.

Dr. Lewis led off his work with the Palo Alto church.

The retiring officers were given a note of thanks by the group present. A gift of money was presented to Mrs. E. W. Grambrink retiring treasurer <sup>3 yrs</sup> and to Mr. Grambrink retiring from the board of trustees, many years.

Every department has shown steady growth with many new things added. A boy scout troop has been organized and sponsored by the Brotherhood class. Plans for a vacation church school to be held in our own church will be announced.

Mabel Jones  
church clerk

A service of consecration was held on Sunday June 13 at which time two children of Raymond Cottle were consecrated.

July 7, 1948

A special business meeting of the church was called but as there was not a quorum present no business was conducted.

Moderator Stanley Powell presented several matters for consideration however, and <sup>brief</sup> reports were given from various groups.

Dr. Lewis conducted the devotional period. He also gave a report of the vacation school, there being 66 registered here.

At Palo Alto vacation school registration was forty children and ten teachers.

The matters of the organ repair, lead window repair, leaves and down spout, and the restriction of the parking space at the rear of the church were discussed. Also the pianos were to be tuned.

M. Jones, Clerk.

Sept. 22 1948

The first fall business meeting and family night gathering was held at the church on Wednesday evening. After the pot luck supper a song service was led by Dr. Lewis, who also presented the devotional period, reading from second chapter of John.

In the absence of Stanley Powell it was voted that Dr. Lewis act as moderator for the business meeting.

Clerk's report was read and accepted. Treasurer's report was accepted and orders placed on file.

A letter of dismissal was granted to Mrs. Lois Dodd on Aug. 15.

The report of deacons was given and they recommended the name of Mrs. Olive Harrington Stanley be restored to membership.

The name of Mrs. Harry S. Johnson of Memphis Tenn. was also presented for <sup>letter</sup> membership but she not having been a member here it was recommended that

further communication be made with her before proceeding with the matter.

The trustee's report was given by Chas. McFadden and was accepted.

Dr. Lewis presented the outline for the leadership training classes to be given at the First Methodist church for a period of six weeks, urging all who could to take part.

A bible drama "The Eternal Light" to be given by members of the church belonging to the council of churches on Oct. 28-29 at our church. The price of church rental to be set by the board of trustees.

The board also recommended that <sup>see</sup> ~~the~~

for rental to set at ten dollars if not leased, twenty if leased.

Reports were received from C. C. W. Class by Myrtle Boardman Treas. and Berdie Beuhlingers Secretary.

The Deacons Mission Society reported their year books were out and each woman of the church was to have one.

Paul Johnson S. S. depts. reported the date of Rally Day and promotion Sunday.

The S. S. treasurer's report was also received.

Mrs. J. Lewis gave the report of the Board of Christian Education.

Motion made by Mrs. Kraumbreit seconded by Mrs. Lowrey that all who go to the associational meeting act as delegates.

a communication was read from the Hilboms and one from the securities commission in regard to the filing of the amendments to the articles of incorporation.

Motion made by Francis Whitehead seconded by Mrs. Boltz that necessary steps be taken to finish the matter of setting up the amendments in correct form, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Dr. Lewis.

Mabel Jones  
church clerk

Oct. 1948

A small gathering was present for the family night supper meeting of the church for their October meeting.

An interesting program was presented by Dr. Lewis. The "Commonaires" barbers shop quartette from Palo gave several selections. Dr. W. Quotson Fern from Belting gave a wonderful message which he called "Leaving Against the Wind."

Announcement was again made of the training classes and the bible drama to be given this month.

A letter of dismission was granted to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whitesides to unite with the church in Muskegon. Motion made by Mrs. Gladys Ketchum seconded by Mrs. Lowrey. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Mabel Jones  
church clerk

Nov. 17, 1948

About forty members of families of the church were present for the family night supper meeting of the church on Wed. evening.

Stanley Powell was moderator of the short business meeting that followed the supper. It was voted to participate in the ten day crusade of evangelism of the Lansing area in February, the board of deacons to choose the crusader.

The name of Ormison Kilbom was recommended by the deacons to fill the vacancy on the board. Motion carried.

The Kent-Muskegon-Grand River mid-year associational meeting was announced and was moved by Francis Whitesides seconded by they be invited to meet here. Motion carried. It was reported that leaded windows had been repaired. ~~not~~ finished.

A letter of dismission was granted to Mrs. Stephen Scott (Anita Richardson) to join a church in Centerline Mich.

Mrs. Hazel Nighe was restored to active membership.

Mr. Powell explained further the amendments

to be voted on at January business meeting. The matter of keeping the secret troop going with committee men available was discussed. Reports were received from the church treasurer and financial secretary, motion made by Francis Whitesides seconded by Mrs. Merrill Ketchum reports be filed. Motion carried.

Dr. Lewis announced the Sunday of Sacrifice and the special Christmas offering to be given the month of December.

Miss Crispen made <sup>de</sup> motion that a vote of confidence to our pastor of our loyalty and support in the things he is trying to do, and expressed the desire that December be designated as "family go to church month." It was seconded by Mrs. Edington motion carried. The C C W class is to sponsor the go to church campaign.

Dr. Lewis conducted an intelligence quiz on the history of our church, which proved interesting as well as enlightening.

A communication was received from the Ted Bloomer family on the death of Miss Ella Bloomer. Our sympathy is extended to their family.

Meeting adjourned with "Bless 'em the Tri that Bands."

Mabel Jones  
church clerk

January 17, 1949

The quarterly annual business meeting of the church was called, but no quorum being present no official business could be conducted. Dr. Lewis gave a devotional period and song service. Stanley Powell acted as moderator. He presented several proposals for consideration, among them a hot water heater for the parsonage. ~~448~~

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the cost to be slightly under \$100. Mr. Powell explained a letter and gift of \$200 from a Cornell family who at one time was connected with this church.

The proposed amendments were brought up for discussion but no action could be taken concerning them.

A discussion followed the "Every member canvas" for sledge for coming year, presented by Mr. Powell.

It was moved by O. O. Helborn, seconded by R. F. Whitesides that this meeting be recessed until 11:10 o'clock A. M. on Sunday following. The motion was carried.

The meeting was closed <sup>with</sup> prayer by Mr. Powell.

Sunday Jan. 22, 1949

The recessed meeting of January 19 was called to order by moderator Stanley Powell. It was moved by Mr. Helborn seconded by Mrs. N. Darling that voting be done by a show of hands. Carried. Article I concerning the amendment to the constitution (instead of the by-laws, as had been done previously)

This was to change the name of the church and to omit the "and Society" from it. Moved by Mr. Helborn seconded by Mrs. Guy Edgington that amendment be adopted. Motion was carried unanimously.

The amendment to article IV Paragraph B regarding the membership of the church was presented. Motion made by Mr. Helborn, second by Mrs. Gladys Ketchum that it be adopted. Motion carried. The meeting was then adjourned.

Mabel Jones  
Clerk

237 members present.

The regular annual business meeting of the church was called to order at 7:45 P.M. Dr. Lewis presented the devotionals and song service. Stanley Powell was moderator. Winifred McFadden acting as clerk.

The matter of increasing the number of deacons to six and amending the by-laws to provide for same was presented for discussion. (Article 3 Paragraph 1)

Motion made by R. F. Whitesides to instruct the pastor to make proper announcement from the pulpit prior to adjourned annual meeting that it would be voted upon at the meeting. Second by Mr. De Hart. Motion was carried.

Due to ill health Mrs. Fredricka Lowrey resigned as deaconess. Motion made by Mr. Whitesides, second by Mrs. Gladys Ketchum that the resignation be respectfully accepted. Motion was carried.

The report of the nominating committee was given by Mr. O. O. Helborn.

- Deacon - R. F. Whitesides to succeed himself
- Deaconess Myrtle Boardman 1 yr. (Mrs. Lowrey)
- Miss Marion Cox 2 yr
- Trustee Fard Halsted 3 years
- Harold Jones 3 years

- Board of Missions
- Mrs. R. F. Whitesides
- Mrs. Milburn Foreman - report accepted.

Mr. Powell asked for nomination from the floor there being none <sup>nominations were closed and</sup> the motion was made by Mrs. Lowrey second by Mrs. G. Ketchum that rules be suspended and secretary be instructed to cast unanimous ballot for officers as presented. Motion was carried and secretary cast the 23 votes. ~~That~~ declared them elected. Moderator asked that

24 members present.

Nominating committee complete the vacancies on the roster, the music committee and board of Christian education.

Chairman of board of deacons recommended the following names for membership after baptism: Earl Myron Bader, Mrs. May Hampshire, Terrance Hampshire, Earlene Hoople, Earl W. Mason, Luvenia Northrup, Fern Priest, Carl Roberts, Carol Sue Roberts, Jerry Roberts, Harold Signa, Bonnie Miller, Carol Sue Miller, Mrs. Lee Weisman. Moved by Mrs. McFadden second by Mrs. Helen Ketchum names be accepted. Motion carried.

The proposed budget for the coming year was presented for discussion. The chairman asked for comments regarding same.

The question of whether or not the pledge and financial status of the church be kept in confidence was discussed.

It was moved by John Morris second by Mr. Whitesides if nothing was to be gained spiritually the information should be kept by the two officers: treasurer and financial secretary. The motion was lost.

Moved by Dr. Lewis, second by C. Van Doncken information be held by the following officers, chairman of finance, board of trustees financial secretary and treasurer. Motion carried 9 yeas & nays.

Moved by Mr. Whitesides second by Mr. DeHart preparation, style, content etc of annual report be left to the board of trustees. Motion was carried.

In June the church will be observing the 115 anniversary and plans were laid for observing same. Moved by Mrs. Don Crawford second by Mrs. Lourey observance be made on Sunday the 26. Motion carried.

Some plans for remodeling the basement to make more close rooms, more convenient placement of rest rooms, cupboards etc. was discussed.

Mrs. Lewis suggested any persons having high chairs, baby beds etc. <sup>not needed</sup> make use of them in the church for convenience of young children.

The moderator asked for suggestions concerning the coming adjourned meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Charles W. Faden second by Mrs. Lourey.

Meeting closed with prayer by Mr. Powell. Date for adjourned meeting was set for Wed. May 11, 47.

Mabel Jones  
church clerk

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Wed. May 11, 1947

The adjourned annual meeting of the First Baptist church was held on this date with about eighty present to enjoy the carry in supper.

The young people presented a musical program consisting of piano solos by Norma Andlow and Donna Mae Morris, vocal duet by Ardie and Pattie Lockwood accompanied by Norma Andlow.

The Angelus and Songsters Chorus presented in a very pleasing manner the lovely hymn "Beautiful Savior".

Dr. Lewis gave the devotional period reading from 2nd. Chapter of 2nd Corinthians followed by prayer.

Steady M. Powell acting as moderator opened the business meeting.

The clerk's report was read and accepted. Unfinished business of the amendment to Article 3 Paragraph B of the By-laws, was moved by

Mr. Whitesides sec. by Mrs. Van Dornelen second.  
must be adopted. Motion carried.

Nominating comm. chairman presented the name  
of Carl Roberts for deacon, (he was elected.)  
and Murrell Ketchum for chairman of deacons.

Dr. Lewis suggested a committee be appointed to  
make arrangements for the 115 anniversary of the church  
on June 26. Moved by Miss Ethel Crispin sec. by Mr.  
McCullen that committee be named by the pastor.  
Motion carried. Chairman of board of deacons moved

a leave of absence be granted the pastor June 5.  
sec. by Mr. De Hart. motion carried. The financial  
secretary was asked to report on the every member  
census, moved by Miss Crispin, sec. by Mrs. Edington report

be accepted. Pastors report, report of deacons were  
accepted. Deacons asked for committee for visitation. Mrs.  
Lewis asked for help in getting children to attend S.S.

Baptist Herald was presented for discussion.  
moved by Mr. Mason sec. by Mrs. Roberts it be continued.

Mr. Whitesides suggested storm windows for parsonage  
and that special offerings be continued. Moderator  
asked for comment or changes in the proposed budget.

Moved by Mr. Whitesides sec. by Mrs. Edington budget be  
adopted. motion carried.

Mr. Whitesides expressed appreciation to the pastor  
and chairman of trustees for compiling the annual  
printed reports. Mr. Mason made the statement

of the shortage of insurance on the church and  
contents.

Moderator expressed appreciation for <sup>the</sup> attention  
and co-operation of those present.  
Meeting adjourned

Mabel Jones  
church clerk

April 29, 1947

A meeting of the advisory board of the church  
was called to order at eight o'clock P.M. by  
Paul Johnson, dept. of S.S. and opened with prayer.  
Dr. Lewis, as moderator, took charge of the business  
meeting. The by-laws concerning the advisory board  
were read and a discussion as to enlarging and  
revising same followed.

Motion made by Francis Whitesides, second by  
Helen Ketchum, that article 5 paragraph 4 be  
divided into ~~two~~ paragraphs, one concerning

deacons, second one concerning deaconesses.  
Motion carried, Dr. Lewis to read from the  
pulpit the two concurring Sundays before ad-

annual meeting.

A discussion regarding several <sup>prospective</sup> ~~new~~ members,  
also the changing of the S.S. and worship hour,  
was followed by whether or not the Baptist Herald  
should be continued. This matter was presented

at the joint meeting of the 2 boards, trustees  
and deacons, and at that time was planned to  
again present it at the adjourned annual  
meeting for discussion and vote.

It was suggested by Mr. Whitesides, chairman  
of deacons, that visitation be continued, and six cars  
with two persons each be active and make at least

2 calls per month. Discussion followed.

The by-laws state that trustees have charge  
of every member census, this to be attended to by  
them. It was decided that a letter should be  
sent to those not pledging or giving.

Question of a finance committee was presented,  
for approval. The Boy Scout situation was also  
mentioned and suggested that Harold Jones be asked  
for a leader.

Suggestions were made as to how to get our  
people to attend the adjourned annual meeting.

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all reports were  
presented in the  
printed form  
and accepted  
collectively

More people should be concerned about their church and its business. It was suggested that all organizations, S. S. classes etc. meeting before then should remind their members to attend this meeting, the reports of said meeting to be abbreviated and made less tiresome. The dinner to start as early as possible at the time set and every one urged to be there on time, these facts to be advertised to the members.

Treasurer recommended that church books be audited.

The next advisory board meeting to be held the last Friday in May.

Winnifred M. Faden  
Sec. Pro. Tem

May 27, 1949

advisory board meeting was called to order at 8 P.M. with prayer by each one present, a report was given from the anniversary committee.

The banquet to be held on Friday evening June 24, tickets to go on sale June 5 at \$1.00 each.

Sunday June 26 observed with Dr. Anderson as guest speaker. The announcement to be read in church. Stanley Powell named the following committees: Honorary committee, Mrs. & Mrs. Ray

Worthington, Acland: Stanley Powell, Mrs. Merril Kitchum Sr. Miss Crispin, Mrs. D. Hilborn.

Bernard Gruchinsky, or Fred George and R. F. Whitesides, August and tickets: Mrs. Harold Jones, Mrs. Kitchum and Mrs. Clark Hagne.

A tentative program was planned, suggesting old pictures, curios and such to be on display in the foyer, a number of other churches invited within the council of churches. S. Powell to act as toast master. The committee to meet again on June 4, at 7:30 at church. crusade magazine list to be compiled by pastor & clerk. One bulletin to go thru July & August. N. Jones.

June 24-26-1950 anniversary observed.

Sunday Nov. 6/49

The following received the right hand of fellowship and were received into membership:

By Baptism:

Mrs. Carl Malokofsky, Lewis Lee Farguson, James Allen Strickland, Taylor, Donald Edwin Donally, Edward Allen Van Domelen.

By letter: Doris Montgomery

By experience: Mrs. Clifford C. Caulkins (Alice Moorman)

Sunday Nov. 27/49

on motion of R. F. Whitesides, seconded by Mrs. H. H. Darling it was voted to receive the following into active membership after baptism:

Bernard F. Gruchinsky

Mrs. Evelyn Gruchinsky (baptized on this date.)

Beverly Joyce Helderop

January 8, 1950

Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Gruchinsky received the right hand of fellowship, and were received into full membership.

January 31, 1950

At this date Mr. & Mrs. Frank Chambers and Beverly Helderop are waiting to receive the right hand of fellowship.

Wed. Sept. 21, 1949

The quarterly business meeting and family night supper was held at the church. Dr. Lewis gave the devotional period following the supper. Stanley Powell as moderator presided over the business which included reports from the church clerk, financial secretary and church treasurer. Communication from ministerial assoc. Moderator presented the conditions existing in the basement and ways to recondition same. Storm windows for the parsonage was discussed. Motion made by Mr. Wheeler trustee be authorized to go ahead, to purchase same at lowest bid, paint, labor etc, to be included, seconded by Carl Roberts, motion carried. Full fund was discussed. Chairman of deacons, R. F. Whitesides

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

of the

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of

Ionia, Michigan

"The Oldest Church Organization  
in  
Ionia County"

Organized June 24, 1834

Friday, June 24  
and  
Sunday, June 26, 1949.

115th ANNIVERSARY DINNER and PROGRAM

Friday, June 24, 1949

6:30 P.M.

Stanley M. Powell, Toastmaster

M E N U

Baked Ham  
Cabbage Salad  
Iced Tea

Potato Salad  
Rolls  
Ice Cream

Baked Beans  
Coffee  
Cake

PROGRAM

INVOCATION: Dr. J. Lee Lewis, Pastor  
ORCHESTRAL MUSIC: Directed by John A. Morris, Jr.  
MUSIC: Men's Chorus  
LETTERS from Former Pastors, Friends and Members  
HISTORICAL SKETCH: Mrs. E.W. Krainbrink  
SOLO: Marilyn VanVleck  
GREETINGS: For the Honorary Committee:  
Herbert E. Powell  
From the Other Church of Ionia:  
the Rev. Wayne E. Davis  
From the Grand River Baptist Assoc.,  
Rev. Gus Ferre, Belding.  
SOLO: "Thank God for a Garden" Marjorie Edwards  
TALK: "To the First Baptist Church  
of the Future" Paul Johnson  
RECOGNITION OF THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATION  
MEMBERS.  
HYMN: "God be with You"  
BENEDICTION

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BE SURE AND SEE THE EXHIBIT IN THE FOYER.

OUR ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, June 28, 1949

The Reverend Halph Taylor Andem, D.D.  
Executive Secretary, Michigan Baptist  
Convention, Lansing, Guest Speaker.

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115th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEES

HONORARY: Herbert E. Powell; Miss Della  
Waterbury; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Normington;  
Mrs. Clara Yoemans and Mrs. May Brown.

ACTIVE: Stanley M. Powell, Chairman; O.O. Hil-  
born; Mrs. E.W. Krainbrink; Paul Johnson;  
Mrs. M.A. Ketchum, Sr., Miss Ethel Crispin;  
R. F. Whitesides and Mrs. Harold Jones.

RECEPTION: R.F. Whitesides, Chairman; E.W.  
Krainbrink; Mrs. M. A. Ketchum, Sr.; Miss  
Ethel Crispin and Mrs. Mina Underwood.

INVITATION: Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Krainbrink.

MUSIC: Miss Ethel Crispin.

BANQUET and TICKETS: Mrs. Harold A. Jones  
and Mrs. M. A. Ketchum, Sr.

DECORATIONS: The Young Adult Class.  
Norbert Verporter, Chairman.

HISTORICAL RELICS: O.O. Hilborn.

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WE EXTEND OUR THANKS TO THESE COMMITTEES.

ROSTER OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES  
1949 - 1950

MODERATOR: Stanley M. Powell, B.S.  
PASTOR: Rev. James Lee Lewis, M.A., B.D., Th. D.  
DEACONS: Lee Wiseman; Ernest Wheeler; Meredith Jones; O.O. Hilborn; R.F. Whitesides, Ch'm; Carl E. Roberts.  
DEACONESSES: Mrs. B. Burlingame; Mrs. Myrtie Boardman and Miss. Marian Case.  
TRUSTEES: John A. Morris, Sr.; H. J. Terry; Chas. McFaden; Stanley M. Powell; Ford Halstead and Harold A. Jones.  
BOARD OF MISSIONS: Mrs. R.F. Whitesides; Mrs. Lena Edington and Mrs. W. D. Foreman.  
BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Mrs. E. Wheeler; Mrs. C. VanDomelen; Mrs. Vera Ross; Mrs. J. Lee Lewis; Mrs. Gertrude Berndt and Superintendents of Departments.  
AUDITING COMMITTEE: Mrs. M. Boardman; Mrs. F. Peterson and Mr. N. Verporter.  
CLERK: Mrs. Harold A. Jones.  
TREASURER: Mrs. Winifred Mc Faden.  
FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Mrs. Gladys Ketchum.  
CHAIRMAN: Ushers Com. M. A. Ketchum, Jr.  
HISTORIAN: Miss Della Waterbury.  
ADVISORY BOARD: Chairman, the Pastor; Secretary and the Church Clerk.  
CHURCH SCHOOL SUP'T: Paul A. Johnson, Orleans.  
ASS'T SUP'TS: Ronald Powell; O.O. Hilborn.  
SECRETARY-TREAS: R. Francis Whitesides.  
ASS'T SECRETARY-TREAS: Margie Edwards.  
PIANIST: Mrs. Fred George.  
CH. SCHOOL CHOISTER: Mrs. C. VanDomelen.  
JUNIOR HIGH SUP'T: Mrs. Guy Edington.  
JUNIOR DEP'T SUP'T: Mrs. Ota Lee.  
JR. DEPT. SUP'T PIANISTS: Mrs. Mer Ross; Joyce Scheid.  
PRIMARY DEPT. SUP'T: Mrs. J. Lee Lewis.  
Pianist: Mrs. Ronald Powell.  
KINDERGARTEN: Pat. Thwaites.  
NURSERY: Miss Genevieve Foreman  
CRADLE ROLL: Mrs. E. Berndt and Mrs. Purl Johnson.

expressed the desire for a goal of 52 members,  
one each week for this year. Visitation the first  
week in October. Dr. Lewis explained about the  
visitation plans as outlined by the three churches,  
Methodist, Presbyterians and Baptists. visiting  
chairman of board of Christian education expressed  
need for more class rooms and teachers to  
keep with the increasing numbers attending.  
S.S. Carol Sue Roberts gave a report for the  
W.W.S. which has been reorganized with  
a membership of 14. Their first missionary  
quota has been completed and ready for  
shipment. Dr. Lewis reported for the YACS,  
they have made a gift of \$10 to the Falid fund.  
He also asked for delegates to the convention  
and the association. Motion made by R. F.  
Whiteside seconded by Mrs. Merrill Ketchum,  
any members attending consider themselves  
delegates. motion carried. Letter for member-  
ship was presented by Dr. Lewis for Doris  
Montgomery from the church of Christ, Iowa.  
motion by Whiteside, sec. by Carl Roberts, letter  
be accepted. motion carried. Herbert Kent  
was recommended for restoration on motion  
of Whiteside sec. by Roberts. Moderator  
checked the group for their attention and  
attendance. Meeting adjourned, next meeting  
to be in January.

Mable Jones  
Clerk

Feb. 1, 1950

The business meeting of January having been  
postponed met for a carry in supper on  
this date. About forty five were in attendance  
to enjoy the meal and fellowship. Meeting was  
opened with prayer by Dr. Lewis, Stanley Powell  
as moderator presented the following business:  
Clerks report read and accepted on motion of  
Arminson Hilborn sec. by Chas. Mac Faden.

Treasurer's report accepted. motion by Hilborn  
seconded by Mr. Whiteside. Under old business  
reports were given from the ~~school~~ school  
departments, trustees, deacons and the Pastor.  
The report of the nominating committee as given  
by Arminson Hilborn recommended Fred George  
as trustee to finish the unexpired term of  
Harold Ferry (who has moved away). On  
motion of R. F. Whiteside seconded by Ernest Wheeler  
the rules were suspended and unanimous  
ballot cast for clerk for same. The term to expire  
in April this year. The question of lighted candles  
being used in the church building was said  
to be contrary to the existing fire laws, which  
prescribe no candles only in candleabum  
and out of reach of all inflammable objects.  
Moderator to talk with state fire marshel and  
make a report at annual meeting. It was  
announced that S. S. Dept. Paul Johnson had  
taken the same position in a church in Orleans  
and was released. The acting assistant Arminson  
Hilborn suggested that Pastor and church  
clerk draft resolutions and present to Mr. Johnson,  
commending him for his action. Still the request  
for added class rooms was discussed. Pastor  
asked that matter be placed before the Board of  
Christian Education and reported on at next  
business meeting. Miss Crispin presented the  
prospect of the C. C. W. class room be turned  
over temporarily for use of the Intermediate Dept.  
Motion made by Arminson Hilborn seconded by  
R. F. Whiteside trustee be authorized to get  
bids on improved changes of heating system  
as recommended by the same committee and  
report at the annual business meeting. motion  
carried. The Pastor presented several books as  
a gift from Rev. Fitch and suggested they be the  
foundation for a church library. He announced  
a lecture on Abraham Lincoln to be held at our

House com. also had purchased  
#176.85 - met called  
and for installation.

church on Thursday ~~March~~ <sup>February</sup> 23, with Dr. Warren  
as speaker, all Baptist men invited. Pastor  
asked permission to assist the Belding  
Baptist church with their crusade the  
first week in March, permission granted  
on motion by Mr. Hilborn, second by Mrs.  
Don Crawford. Mrs. Ota Lee showed the S.S.  
the little flags used in her department in  
their worship center. Motion made by Mr. Mac  
Fadden, second by Miss Crispin that all  
reports submitted from various departments  
be accepted and placed on file. Motion carried.  
The meeting adjourned and dismissed by  
Dr. Lewis.

The reason for the postponement of this  
meeting was the carry in supper and  
fellowship meeting at our church with  
the teachers and helpers from the Methodist  
church uniting with us for an evening  
arranged by the Board of Christian Education.  
A splendid attendance and feeling of unity  
was enjoyed. The Rev. Albert Sage, interim  
pastor at Belding was an inspirational  
and enthusiastic speaker on the  
conducting and encouragement of youth  
in church school. It was a truly  
profitable meeting and should be  
encouraged, the fellowship with the  
other churches also is inspirational.

Mabel Jones  
Clerk.

P.S. Mrs. Ota Lee had a number of her  
dolls from her collection as an interesting  
centerpiece on the speaker table.

March 29, 1950  
A business meeting of the church was held  
following the family night supper, Stanley  
Dowell presiding. Every member census was  
business and cards given to callers.  
Motion by Mrs. MacFadden, second by R. F.  
Whiteside that communion service for April  
be held Thursday evening April 6, at time of the  
Baptismal service, instead of April 2nd. Motion  
carried. Motion by A. O. Hilborn, second by R.  
F. Whiteside that beginning the first Sunday  
in May, Sunday School start at 11:15 for an  
experimental period of 3 months. carried  
Motion by Mrs. Ruth Van Donellen, second by  
Mrs. Donald Crawford that motion by Mr. Hilborn  
be tabled until annual meeting, April 5th. Motion lost.  
Church treasurer reported \$69.42 on hand in  
current expense fund.

A. O. Hilborn presented matter of church  
paying pastor's expense to Northern Baptist  
Convention at Boston in May. This was tabled  
until annual business meeting April 5th.

Meeting adjourned

Betty E. Kraimbren  
Clerk Pro Tem

Palm Sunday Apr. 2, 1950

A consecration service was conducted by  
Dr. Lewis at the morning worship, when the  
children of Mr. & Mrs. Norbert Van Porter and  
Mrs. Betty Hogan were dedicated to God and  
His service.

On Thursday evening April 6, a baptis-  
mal service was held at which time the  
following received their Lord Beverly Joyce  
Kelderof Kenneth Lavern Ferguson  
Patricia Ann Ferguson Mrs. Carl Maxwell  
Donna Marie Mc Cusker Judy Kay Newton  
Ora Jeanette Ardley Mrs. Robert Santinore

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Van Duster, Carolyn Jean Wilson. Holy communion followed. On April 23 those receiving baptism were Evelyn Ruth Boun, Donald Ferguson, and William Edward Thornton.

Wed. April 5, 1950

The annual business meeting of the church was held with 29 members present. Dr. Lewis presided the devotional period after which Stanley Powell presided, at the business session.

Minutes of the last annual meeting were reviewed and minutes of last business sessions of <sup>Feb. 1 and</sup> March 29, <sup>and</sup> they were accepted on motion of A. O. Hilborn seconded by Chas. M. Fadden. Mr. Whitesides as Committee for Christian Education reported on matter of class rooms. Nothing definite had been decided upon. Treasurer's report showed \$79.08 envelope collections and \$10.24 in loose collections since last report. Report from John Morris, house committee on the heating system was \$790.<sup>00</sup> estimate from Holland Furnace, one from <sup>a</sup> Grand Rapids firm blower pipe etc at cost \$205.<sup>00</sup>

The matter was to lay over until adjourned annual meeting May 10, Mr. Whitesides, chairman of board of deacons presented the following names for membership after baptism (refer to preceding article) motion by Mr. Whitesides, seconded by Mrs. Lowrey they be accepted. Mr. Whitesides commented on the work done by Dr. and Mrs. Lewis in the Pastor's instruction class for members before baptism. Names presented for membership by letter as recommended by board of deacons were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Rose, William A. Rose Jr., Mrs. George Hogan, Judy and Sharon Alsbaugh

Motion by R. F. Whitesides, seconded by Mrs. Krainbreich they be accepted. Carried. Dr. Lewis suggested new members be organized and sponsored by some one. The report of the nominating committee chairman Carl Roberts was given as follows: For trustees: John Morris to succeed himself and Fred George who just finished the unexpired term of Harold Terry. For deacons: Ernest Wheeler and Carl Bump. Deaconesses: Mrs. E. M. Lowrey and Mrs. Edith Sully each for 2 years. Board of Christian Education: Mrs. Ernest Wheeler, Mrs. C. Van Donellen, Mrs. Emerson Bernick, Mrs. Ray Martin and Mrs. Arthur Fox. Board of missions: Mrs. R. F. Whitesides, Mrs. W. S. Foreman and Mrs. Guy Edington, clerk Mrs. E. W. Krainbreich, treasurer, Mrs. Chas. M. Fadden, financial secretary Mrs. Fred George, historian A. O. Hilborn, S. S. Supt. Herbert VanDuster, chairman music committee Mrs. Wm. Rose, chairman of workers Bernard Bruchinsky. Report was accepted on motion by A. O. Hilborn and seconded by Mrs. Lowrey. Motion by Mrs. Lowrey, seconded by Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. Darling and Mr. Whitesides that rules of order be suspended and clerk cast the unanimous ballot for officers as presented, motion carried. Mrs. M. Fadden stated that she would serve only until another person is secured as treasurer. Report of every member canvass, committee Chas. M. Fadden and Fred George, given by Mr. M. Fadden as unfinished. Mr. Whitesides asked that committee get together again before adjourned meeting. Proposed budget as prepared by Committee Harold Jones and Ford Habets presented by Mr. Powell in the absence of committee members

Mr. Whitesides asked that sum of \$50.<sup>00</sup> be set aside for use by deacons, he added to this budget. The matter was laid over until adjourned annual meeting. A tabled article from last business meeting regarding the pastor pay and expenses for attending Northern Baptist convention in Boston was again presented for discussion. Motion by Mr. Hilborn seconded by Mr. Wheeler the matter be tabled until adjourned meeting, pastor to inquire about the transportation, post out of Lansing and more information, be presented to the church body, they to decide, motion carried. Item of printed annual reports and manner of presentation, be left up to trustees, motion by Mr. Whitesides, sec. by Mr. Wheeler, motion carried. Moderator asked that all co-operate in getting reports in as soon as possible, also on the every member canvass. It was suggested by Dr. Lewis the matter of missions be referred to Board of Missions and report at adjourned meeting. This was made a motion and sec. by Mr. Hilborn, carried. The question of the adoption of the amendments was raised as to whether or not a deacon, deaconess or trustee may hold office after serving a full term in that office. Motion by Mr. Whitesides, sec. by Mrs. K. rainbrink that by-laws be prepared as up to date, motion was later withdrawn, after discussion. Motion by Mr. McFadden sec. by Mrs. Underwood that records be searched and a copy of by-laws be brought up to date and presented to the church body at the adjourned meeting before any printing is done. Motion carried.

The adjourned meeting was set for May 10 at which time the women's society would prepare the supper preceding the business meeting.

Mabel Jones  
Clerk.

*Evening*  
Wednesday, May 10 - 1950

Following a baked ham dinner sponsored by the Dorcas Mission Society, the adjourned Annual Meeting was called to order by Stanley M Powell, Moderator. There were sixty persons in attendance.

After devotions by Dr. J. Lee Lewis the minutes of the Annual Meeting of April 6-1950 were read by the retiring clerk Mabel Jones.

A motion by Fred George and seconded by Mr. Wm. Rose that the minutes be accepted as read. Motion carried.

Condensed yearly reports for the past year were presented in printed form and a copy given to each member. Comments were made by the pastor, Dr. Lewis, church treasurer, Winnifred McFaden, the chairman of church boards, and on printed reports of each group by their presidents.

A motion by Ruth VanDemplen, seconded by Fred George that all reports be approved as presented and ordered placed on file. Motion carried.

Rev. A. H. Gage of the Belding Baptist Church was introduced and spoke on the "House of Friendship".

The tentative budget for the coming year as prepared by Board of Trustees was given by the Chairman Powell. Anticipated receipts were given as \$5,485.55 and anticipated expenditures \$5,385.55.

Trustee Chas. McFaden reported on proposed improvement in heating conditions in church amounting to \$500.00 and new gutters around \$120.00

A motion by Mr. Whitesides seconded by Carl Roberts that the recommendations of trustees relative to improvement in heating and new gutters and repairing of eaves and down spouts be accepted and authorization be given to proceed with the work. Motion carried.

Motion by Gladys Ketchum seconded by Mabel Jones that the tentative budget as presented by Chairman Powell be approved. Motion carried.

The matter of Missions was presented and a motion was made by Dr. Lewis seconded by Mrs. Jessie Foreman that a goal of \$1,500.00 for the coming year be adopted. Motion carried.

The pastor reported that no record was found of any change in by-laws of church officers not succeeding themselves in office.

Chairman Powell presented matter of pastor's expense of N. Baptist Convention at Boston May 22-26. After some discussion a motion by Mr. Francis Whitesides and seconded by Mr. Carl Roberts that the church pay \$100.00 toward this expense for the pastor to go as a delegate from our church. The vote was by ballot 19 yeas 13 nays. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Gage.

Nettie E Krainbrink  
Church Clerk

*Sunday morning - May 27/50*

*The pulpit was filled by Dr. Howard Smith of the M. E. Church, Rev. Lewis being at A. B. C. at Boston, Mass.*

<sup>morning</sup>  
Sunday, July 2 - 1950

At the morning service on the above date the resignation of Mrs. Minnie George as financial secretary was presented.

Motion by Gladys Ketchum and seconded by Mr. Ormisen Hilborn that resignation be accepted. Motion carried.

Mr. Carl Roberts, chairman of nominating committee presented the name of Mrs. Evelyn Gruchinsky to fill vacancy for balance of year. A motion by Mr. Francis Whitesides and supported by Miss Marian Case that the report of the nominating committee be accepted. Motion carried. Mrs. Gruchinsky was then unanimously elected to fill the unexpired term of financial secretary.

Stanley Powell spoke of the responsibility of this position and also of the present financial condition of the church treasury, stating that pledges were falling short of this year's budget making it impossible for the Trustees to meet payrolls and other expenses promptly.

Nettie E Krainbrink  
Church Clerk.

Sunday Morning, July 16 - 1950

Dr. Howard Smith of M. E. Church filled pulpit -  
Rev. Lewis being absent.

July 23-30 - no services - pastor's vacation.

July 23-1950 - Death of Mrs. Ida Guider, age 6.

Sunday morning, Aug. 6 - 1950

At the close of communion service, Rev. J. Lee Lewis presented his resignation as pastor of our church - to take effect Sept. 15 - 1950.

With Moderator Stanley Powell presiding, a motion was made by R. F. Whitesides and seconded by O. O. Hilborn, that this resignation be accepted. Motion carried.

Nettie E. Krainbrink  
Church Clerk

Sunday morning, Sept. 3 - 1950

On motion, letters were granted to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Terry, to unite with the Shandon Baptist Church of Columbia, S. Carolina.

It was also voted that O. O. Hilborn act on pulpit committee, in place of R. F. Whitesides.

A consecration service was held for Mitake Rue Bousp, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Earl Bousp - and Lois Haskins, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Haskins.

Nettie E. Krainbrink  
Clerk

Sunday morning, Sept. 10, 1950

Janis Graham and Judith Bousp were received for membership - after baptism - and they were baptised <sup>by Dr. Lewis</sup> following the morning service.

Nettie E. Krainbrink  
Church Clerk

Sunday, Sept. 17 - 1950

Rev. Wm. W. Pixley of Cadillac preached to us - as a candidate for pastorate.

Sunday, Sept. 24 - 1950

Rev. B. L. Eicher of Plymouth - filled the pulpit as a candidate for pastorate.

Sunday morning, Oct. 1 - 1950

After a brief church service conducted by O. O. Hilborn, a business meeting was held - with moderator Stanley Powell presiding.

Mr. Powell spoke of the duties of a pastor - also of the church members. He also gave a resume of meetings of the pulpit committee with each candidate - and wife - Rev. and Mrs. Wm. W. Pixley of Cadillac, and Rev. & Mrs. B. L. Eicher of Plymouth. Opportunity was given for remarks - and questions.

Mrs. Miss Underwood, Carl Roberts - and John Morris, Sr. - were appointed tellers, and ballots were given to members - presenting names of the two candidates, also a space to indicate if other candidates were desired.

There were 49 votes cast, - 46 for Rev. Pixley, 1 for Rev. Eicher, and 2 in favor of others. A motion followed, by Mrs. Fredrika Lowrey, seconded by Mrs. Ethel Meller that the report of tellers be accepted - and a call be extended to Rev. Pixley. Motion carried.

The church letter to the grand River assn. meeting at Belding Oct. 3/50. was read by the clerk. Motion by O. O. Hilborn, seconded by Mrs. Fredrika Lowrey, that letter be accepted. Motion carried.

Motion made - and carried, that Mrs. Guy Edgington and Mrs. E. W. Krainbrink - also any others who could go - be delegates from our church.

Letters were requested by Rev. and Mrs. J. Lee Lewis, James Lewis, Robert Lewis, and Mrs. Mary Lindskog, to unite with the First Baptist Church of Alsea, Mich. Motion by O. O. Hilborn, seconded by Mrs. Ruth Van Domelen that these letters be granted. Motion carried.

Mr. Powell spoke of moving expenses of new pastor - also increase in M. M. insurance. No action taken.

Nettie E. Krainbrink,

Church clerk.

Oct. 8 and 15 - pulpit was filled by Rev. Adams of Lansing.

Sunday, Oct. 22 - 1950

Rev. Pixley began pastorate here.

The letters of Rev. & Mrs. W. W. Pixley, Mary Pixley, Allen Pixley, John Cartner, and Southern Cartner, from Cadillac Church, to unite with us, were presented. Motion by O. O. Hilborn, seconded by Fredrika Lowrey, that these be received - Motion carried.

Nettie E. Krainbrink,

Church clerk.

Wednesday Evening Nov. 1 - 1950

Ninety members and friends were present at a Church family night and welcome for our new Pastor, Rev. W W Pixley and family. The dinner was sponsored by the C C W Class. Stanley Powell, church moderator, introduced ~~introduced~~ the members of the Pixley family and Rev. Pixley responded. He then read several verses of Scripture and commented saying that difficulties are stepping stones to greater things if rightly used. A prayer followed. Mr. Powell then expressed the thanks for all present to the C C W Class, and then proceeded with a business session.

Minutes of the adjourned annual meeting of May 10th. as well as all business transactions since that date were read. Motion by E W Krainbrink and supported by R F Whitesides that the report be accepted. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Powell explained that repairs to furnace had not as yet been made, as had originally been authorized, due to lack of finances. The Church Treasurer, Winnifred McFaden read a financial report May 1st. to Oct. 31st inclusive. This report showed current receipts of 2,572.67 with a carry over balance of 169.17 Disbursements during the same period were 2,260.88 leaving a balance on hand Nov. 1st of 480.96 Receipts from Missions totaled 660.84 On motion by Mrs. Underwood and supported by Mrs Lowrey that the report be accepted as read. Motion prevailed.

Mr. O O Hilborn was asked for a report of The Board of Christian Education and also spoke on the Council of Churches.

Mr. Powell related that the Trustees had purchased a new gas range for the Parsonage at a cost of 152.00 and asked for ratification of the Church for this expenditure. Motion by Mr. R. F. Whitesides and supported by Mrs. Mable Jones that action of the Trustees be approved. Motion carried.

The matter relative to the rental of Church Auditorium for three Community Concerts was presented. After discussion it was moved ~~back~~ by Mrs Darling and supported by John Morris that the use of the Church be granted to the group at a rental charge of 30.00 per evening. Motion prevailed.

The resignation of our financial secretary, Mrs. Gruschinsky, was read and on motion by E W Krainbrink and supported by Mr. McFaden her request was granted.

Mrs. Gladys Ketchum's name was presented to fill the vacancy. On motion by E W Krainbrink and supported by Mrs. Lowrey that nominations be closed and that the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot for Mrs. Ketchum. The motion prevailed and Mrs. Ketchum was duly elected.

Resignations of O O Hilborn, Mrs. Irma Martin and Mrs. Van Domelin were presented, they being members of the Board of Christian Education. On motion by Mr. Whitesides and supported by Mr. VerPorter that these resignations be accepted. Motion carried. The names of Genevieve Foreman, Mrs. Dorothy Kolloff and Mr. Whitesides were presented to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of the three former members. On motion by Mr. McFaden and supported by Mrs. Underwood that these three members fill the vacancies. Motion prevailed.

O O Hilborn offered his resignation as Church Historian. Motion by Mr. Whitesides and supported by Mrs. Lowrey that his request be granted and our Church Clerk to assume that responsibility. Motion carried.

Mr. Powell spoke about Mr. Gruschinsky having been called into War Service, leaving us without a chairman of Ushers. Mr. Roberts, chairman of nominating committee was asked to interview Mr. Wm. Rose relative to accepting this office.

Mrs. Rose asked for a new director for Angelus Choir and Mrs. Nancy Peterson very kindly offered her services.

The matter relative to the Pastor preaching at Palo was presented and on recommendation by Mr. VerPorter that he continue to leave after the intermission between Church and S. School. Moved by Mr. Morris and supported by Mr. VerPorter that the recommendation be accepted. Pastor spoke of activities for the coming months and the working to-together of pastor and members, - of his plans for B Y F, and Royal Ambassadors. Mrs. Mable Jones asked to be relieved as a member of Council of Churches. No Action taken. Motion adjourned with prayer by the Pastor.

Nettie E Krainbrink  
Clerk

MEETING

Sunday Morning, Nov. 5-1950

Preceding the Communion Service, the letters of Mr. & Mrs. B. J. Carter, from the Peoples Church at E. Lansing, to unite with us, were presented.

Motion by O. W. Wilborn, seconded by Mrs. Frederika Lowrey, that they be received. Motion carried.

The pastor called upon Stanley Powell to extend the Hand of Fellowship to Mr. & Mrs. Carter.

Nettie E. Krainbrink

clerk.

Dec. 29-1950. Death of Russell McLean, age 43

Sunday Jan. 14-1951

Rev. O. V. Robinson, Director of Christian Education for Mich. Baptist Convention, also Mrs. Robinson attended our morning service and observed the different departments of P. S. Following P. S. a dinner was held for P. S. workers - with conference, and discussion of P. S. work.

Wednesday Evening  
January 24th 1951

A business meeting of the Church was held on the above date with forty persons in attendance. The dinner was sponsored by the Dorcas Mission Society. Rev. Pixley gave the Devotions.

The minutes of the November 1st meeting were read and also of business transacted since then, and on motion of Wm. Rose and supported by Mrs. H Darling they were adopted.

The Church Treasurer gave a report dated from May-1-1950 to Jan. 1-1951, showing receipts of 3,555.35 plus a carry over of 169.17 Disbursements of 3,251.34 leaving a balance in general fund Jan. 1-1951 of 473.18. Receipts from Missions were 868.12 A motion by Mrs. Don Crawford and supported by Mrs. Lowrey that the report be accepted and placed on file. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Powell spoke of our membership in the Council of Churches namely; The Pastor, S.S. Supt., Pres. Dorcas Mission Society, and Pres. of B.Y.F. Motion by Mrs. McFaden and seconded by Mrs. Mable Jones that the Pastor learn what representation is due us and that he be authorized to fill any vacancy. Motion carried.

Report of the Activities of Board of Trustees was read by Mr. Fred George, (Mr. McFaden the Secty. ~~Mr. Powell~~) Mr. Powell commented on the proposed improvements to personage and church. Motion by Mr. VerPorter and supported by Mr. Wheeler that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

Reporting for Board of Deacons, the Secty. spoke of remembrances sent to sick and shut in members at Xmas etc.

Mrs. Edington told of plans of Board of Missions for Discipleship Day January 28th, also of a school of missions starting this same date and continuing for six Sunday evenings.

Genevieve Foreman, reporting for Mrs Beth Roberts, gave outline of work as planned by Board of Christian Education.

R.F. Whitesides, Secty.-Treas. of S. School reported 8.41 in and 1.28 in general fund.

Mission

Mrs. Hahn spoke of Dorcas/finances. Mr. Powell thanked the Dorcas for the fine supper.

The Pastor explained the special Home and Foreign Mission offerings. He recommended that the March Communion Fellowship offering be given to these Societies. This to be preceded by letters and envelopes sent to members, they to designate on the envelope how their offering is to be divided. Motion by Mrs. Gladys Ketchum and supported by Mrs. Jones that we proceed with the Pastor's recommendation. Motion carried.

Mr. Powell spoke of a visitation program, with Methodist and Church of Christ participating on February 25th to March 1st. Motion by Mrs. George and supported by Mrs. Lowrey that we cooperate in this program of visitation and evangelism. Motion carried.

Mr. Powell then called upon Mrs. Jones to explain an attendance contest for three months, starting the first Sunday in February, planned by Mrs. Whitesides and Mrs. Jones. It was moved by Mr. Whitesides and supported by Mrs. Jones that we enthusiastically participate in this contest as outlined. Motion carried.

The meeting was then closed with prayer by the Pastor.

Nettie E Krainbrink  
Church Clerk.

"Discipleship Day" was observed - Rev. Harold Schlick of Chicago being the main speaker at both morning and evening services as a representative of the Home Mission Dept. of A. B. C. M.

A cooperative luncheon at 5:30 was followed by five minute talks on important social issues. White-cross work and missionary projects - was on display in lobby of church - also pictures of the three oldest members - Mrs. Clara Yeomanus <sup>88 last July</sup> and Miss Della Walisbury <sup>86 last June</sup> - who have belonged to this church 70 years - Feb. 20, and Mr. Herbert Powell <sup>84 last April</sup> who has been a member 68 yrs. - Feb. 18. Also - picture of the two youngest members - Janice Graham - and Judy Borup - who have belonged five months.

N. E. K.

Starting July 4, a five week school of missions was held on Sunday evenings, with special features, and studies.

Sunday, March 11 - 1951

At the morning service, the names of Mrs. Margaret Darling, Ch. man, Miss Ethel Crispin, and E. W. Krainbrink, were presented to the church, as a nominating committee <sup>for church officers for coming year.</sup> Motion by Stanley Powell - seconded by Norbert Ver Porter - that this be ratified. Motion carried.

On motion, a letter was granted to Mrs. Florence Ladd Brooks <sup>on previous list</sup> to unite with the Parsonage Community Church.

N. E. K.

Wednesday evening, March 28/51

An impressive candle light <sup>communion</sup> service was held in the basement of the church. The table arrangement conformed with that of the last supper, and Rev. Pixley explained as he read from the Bible, this memorial service - also Jesus' message and prayer, at that time. N. E. K. club

Wednesday Evening, April 4 1951

The Annual Meeting of the Church was held on the above date and opened with prayer by Rev. Pixley. 34 Members were present. The minutes of the January 24th, meeting were read together with records of all business transacted since that date and on motion were approved.

Moderator Stanley Powell thanked those who helped in the cleaning and painting of the Junior S.S. Room. The report of the nominating committee for church officers for the ensuing year was given by the Chairman, Mrs. Darling and was as follows:

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|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Deacons for 3 years          | O. O. Hilborn & B. F. Carter.    |
| Trustees for 3 years         | Stanley M Powell & Chas. McFaden |
| Deaconesses for 3 yrs.       | Berdie Burlingame                |
| Treasurer                    | Myrtle Boardman                  |
| Financial Secty.             | Winnifred McFaden                |
| Clerk                        | Mrs. Gladys Ketchum              |
| S S Supt.                    | Nettie E Krainbrink              |
| Ch. of Ushers                | Norbert Ver Porter               |
| Ch. Music Committee          | John Morris, Sr,                 |
| Board of Missions 3-Yrs.     | Mrs. Hilda Rose                  |
| Board of Christian Education | Mrs. Lena Eddington              |
|                              | R F Whitesides                   |
|                              | Mrs. Leda Wheeler                |
|                              | Mrs. Gertrude Berndt             |
|                              | Mrs. Dorothy Kohloff             |
|                              | Genevieve Foreman                |

A motion by Mrs. Darling and supported by Mr. Whitesides that the report be adopted, Carried.

Moderator Stanley Powell then asked for any other nominations and none being presented, a motion by E W Krainbrink that nominations be closed and seconded by Mrs. Rose was carried.

Mrs. Mina Underwood then moved that the ~~cast~~ the entire ballot for officers named by nominating committee. This was supported by Mrs. Lowrey and unanimously carried.

The Clerk then announced she had cast 34 ballots for officers for the coming year.

Financial Secty. Mrs. Ketchum spoke of financial income for the past year and Mrs. McFaden read the March financial report which showed a balance of 434.54 on hand.

Mrs. Darling reported on the project of improving the kitchen at the Parsonage and which was being sponsored by the C C W Class but will need from all thru donations and prayer.

Mrs. Edington Chairman of Board of Missions spoke of several communications received from State Office relative to Missionary budget for coming year and other special offerings.

A motion by Chas. McFaden and supported by Mrs. Rose that we delay action on the amount of Missionary pledge until the adjourned meeting on May 9th.

A tentative budget for the current year was presented as prepared by Board of Trustees. This budget showed an increase over last year of 1,230.40. On motion by Mr. Whitesides and supported by McFaden the budget of 6,515.98 ~~was~~ was adopted.

A motion by Mrs. Darling and supported by E W Krainbrink that we discontinue printing the annual printed reports. Carried

On motion by Mr. Whitesides and supported by Mr. Ver Porter that the adjourned Annual Meeting of the Church be held on the evening of May 9th. with the Dorcas Society ~~sponsoring~~ the dinner. Motion prevailed.

Rev. Pixley spoke of Assn. Missionary Rally at Greenville on April 5th. with Dr. Leonard Gettings from the Belgian Congo, as speaker.

No further business meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Pastor.

Nettie E Krainbrink  
Church Clerk

Sunday, April 22 - 1951

At the morning service the following names were presented for church membership, after baptism: -

Mrs. Winnifred Bradley, Mrs. Katherine Bonn,  
Mrs. Hazel Warf, David Warf, Sharon Hay,  
Lodaine Bigger, Charles Van Domelen, Linda Kay Rowley,  
James De Boer.

Motion by Norbert Ver Porter, seconded by Mrs. Fredrika Lourey - that this be accepted. Carried.  
H. E. K. - clerk

Sunday evening - April 22/51

At the close of the evening service, the nine persons voted on, at morning service - were baptized by Rev. Pixley.

Nettie E. Krainbrink,  
clerk.

Sunday morning - May 6 - 1951

At the Communion Service, Rev. Pixley extended the hand of fellowship and welcome into the church to:

Mrs. Katherine Bonn, Mrs. Hazel Warf, David Warf,  
Charles Van Domelen, Linda Kay Rowley, and James De Boer.

Nettie E. Krainbrink,  
Ch. Clerk

May - 8 - 1951

The adjourned Annual Meeting of the church was held on the above date, preceded by a dinner sponsored by the Dorcas-Mission Society. There were 73 present.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Stanley Powell. After group singing, Rev. Pixley read from Ephesians 3 and spoke of the "family of God" and the "family of the 1st Baptist Church." This was followed by prayer, and a solo "My Task" by Margaret Santimore.

The minutes of the April 4th meeting were read, also business transacted since that date. These were approved on motion by Wm. Rose and seconded by E W Krainbrink. The Missionary Budget for 1951-1952 was presented. Motion by Mrs. Lena Edington and supported by Mrs. R F Whitesides that a quote of 1,500.00 be accepted. Motion carried.

Report was given by the Pastor of the work done since beginning his pastorate here Oct. 15th 1950. Besides the regular services and other activities he has had seven funerals, two weddings, and has made at least 175 calls. He also spoke of plans we should be making for the year ahead. The report was accepted on motion by Wm. Rose and seconded by Chas. McFaden.

The Church clerk's report was a resume of the principal events of the church during the year; - the resignation of Dr. Lewis, Sept. 15- and the coming to us of Rev. Pixley, Oct. 22. - Discipleship day, when our three oldest members were honored; Mrs. Clara Yeomans, Miss Della Waterbury and Herbert E Powell - and of the five weeks school of Missions. Present membership is now 225. This report was accepted on motion by Mrs. Margaret Darling, supported by Mina Underwood.

The Church Treasurer, Winnifred McFaden, gave the financial report for the year. This showed total receipts for current expense of 5,368.86 with 169.17 carried over from previous year. Disbursements were 5,252.82 for the year, leaving a balance April 30th. of 285.21 Receipts for missions were 1,426.26, and special offering of 99.49 Motion by R F Whitesides seconded by Mrs. VanDomelen that the report be accepted. Carried.

Financial Secretary, Gladys Ketchum reported 67 pledges to date, with an estimate of 3,094.66 for current expense and 1,029.14 for missions. 37 did not complete their pledge for the last year. Moved by Mina Underwood supported by Mrs. Edington that the report be accepted. Carried.

Chas. McFaden of the Board of Trustees spoke of major repairs and improvements on church and personage during the year, also of anticipated projects for coming year. This report was accepted on motion by Mrs. Jessie Foremen, supported by Mrs. Gladys Ketchum.

Berdie Burlingame reporting for Board of Deacons, spoke of activities during year; - in assisting pastor, visiting, put-ins, prayers for the sick and for the work of the church. 95.61 was received in regular communion offerings, plus a carry over from last year of 57.50. Disbursements were 187.72, leaving a balance April 30th. of 65.39 On motion by Chas. McFaden seconded by Mrs. Hilda Rose this report was accepted.

Chairman of Music Committee, Mrs. Hilda Rose spoke of work with the three choirs, and named her assistants on Music Committee - Mrs. Mildred Crawford and Mrs. Elsie Boltz.

Mrs. Beth Roberts, reporting for Board of Christian Education, told of accomplishments for S. School work, and plans for coming year.

S.S. Supt. Norbert Ver Porter spoke of future plans for a better Sunday School as a whole.

S. School Secty. - Treas. R F Whitesides gave an average attendance at S. School of 86 for the year. Total receipts of 428.64 plus a carry over from previous year of 31.21. Disbursements of 454.94 leaving a balance April 30th of 36.39

Cradle Roll Supt. Genevieve Foreman reported 36 members, -9 new babies added during the year, with an average attendance at S.S. of 8.

<sup>IN KINDERGARTEN CLASS</sup>  
Primary Supt, Mrs. Gertrude Berndt reported 73 enrolled with an average attendance of 35

Jr. Department Asst. Supt. Mrs. Beth Roberts gave the enrollment as 33 with an average attendance of pupils of 13.5 and teachers 2.5

Emily Beckhorn reported for the C C W Class, -speaking of special activities, 2 members sent to Women's House Party, 3 boys to Lake Louise, the Parsonage Kitchen improvement project. Receipts for the year were 341.61 plus 199.39 carried over from previous year. Disbursements were 437.79 with a balance on hand April 30th 103.21

The Ella Hutchins Circle report by Mrs. Cora Rinker was of the usual interest, -of meetings, remembrances to shut ins, and the meaning of E.H.C. being "Ever Happy Christians." They reported receipts of 80.21 and disbursements of 69.60 leaving a balance April 30th of 10.61

The Dorcas Mission Society report ~~given~~ by Mrs. Muriel Hague <sup>gives</sup> an account of Mission projects; white Cross work; of 1 box surgical supplies to India; 3 boxes to Home Mission Stations; besides help to our local hospital and W W G girls. Two ladies were sent to Women's House Party and one W W G girl to Guild House Party. The Student Counselor has sent cards, gifts and church bulletins to college students and those in <sup>at</sup> service. Love gift receipts were 91.50, 121 books were read with 32, 595 reading points. Stainless steel outlery was purchased for church use. Receipts were 285.68 plus a balance from previous year of 75.16. Disbursements were 284.99 leaving a balance April 30th '51 of 74.85, with 41.94 in repair fund.

B.Y.F. have had an active year, <sup>3-2</sup> three members with the Pastor attended State Convention in Detroit.

The W W G held regular meetings, sent 5 white cross boxes and a quilt to Home Missions Stations, -five girls also attended the Guild House Party.

Mrs. Lena Edington chairman of Board of Missions, reported a five week's school of Missions held, a special speaker, and interest and activity in Missionary Work in the adult groups, also Junior and Primary departments of Sunday School

On motion these reports were accepted collectively.

Rev. Pixley spoke of meeting of City Council of Churches, May 14th. and named 6 as members from our church; The Pastor, Norbert Ver Porter, Paul Johnson, Mrs. Levantia Hahn, Nancy Weller and Mrs. Muriel Hague. Motion by Mrs. Fredrika Lowrey, supported by Mrs. Mable Jones that the these named be our representatives, carried.

Mrs. Whitesides spoke of the three months attendance contest which ended April 30th. with Mrs. Jones' side reporting 4,655 points and Mrs. Whitesides' 4,705.

Moderator Powell asked Mrs. Darling for comments of the Parsonage Kitchen project and she reported the expense to be about 463.00 with receipts to date of 217.00

A motion by Mrs. Underwood and seconded by Mrs. McFaden that our Pastor be authorized a delegate from our church to the American Baptist Convention at Buffalo June 11 to 15th. Carried.

Moderator expressed thanks to Mrs. DeBoer for the flowers which decorated the tables, also to Mrs Hahn and Her Committee who sponsored the dinner.

After two readings by Mr. Powell the meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Pastor.

Nettie E Krainbrink,  
Clerk.

Sunday Morning, May 13/51

A consecration service was held for the following children: - Linda and Christine Reynolds, daughters of Mr. - Mrs. Kenneth Reynolds -

Carmen and Kara Harwood - daughters of Mr. - Mrs. Clayton Harwood. -

Paudy Charles Johnson, son of Mr. - Mrs. Paul Johnson.  
Mary Tucker, daughter of Mr. - Mrs. Harmon Tucker.  
Nancy and Cateen Clark, and Tommy Newberk, children of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Clark.

This was a part of the Mother's Day service.

Nettie E. Krainbrink, - clerk

June 11 - 15 - pastor attended A. Bop. Convention at Buffalo.  
June 17 - 30 - Daily vacation Bible school.

June 20 - 1951

The winning side - on a <sup>3 wks</sup> church attendance contest, led by Mrs. Bertha Whitesides, was treated to a supper - by the losing side, led by Mrs. Mabel Jones. This was also the 117th anniversary of the organization of our church.

N. E. K.

July 29 - Aug. 5 - pastor's vacation. P. S. but no church service.

Sept. 11 - 1951 - Death of Mrs. Earl Mason - aged 71.

Sept. 12 - 1951 - <sup>Funeral</sup> of our former pastor, <sup>Dr.</sup> George Malcolm, <sup>aged 61</sup> who passed away on Sunday, the 9<sup>th</sup> at Gregory, Mich.

Sept. 29, 1951. Death of Mrs. Francis Case - 91

Sept. 30 - 1951

Church letter to Grand River Assn. meeting at Greenville, Oct 2, was read by the clerk, at morning service. Motion by Mrs. Fredrika Lowrey, seconded by Norbert Ver Porter, that this be approved - Carried.

Request was made by Lincoln Ave. Baptist Church for letter of Rev. W. Moulgouney, to unite with that church. Motion by E. W. Krainbrink, seconded by Shanty Dorel - this be granted. Carried. Nettie E. K. - cl. clerk

Wednesday evening, Oct 3-1951

Family night - about 80 present - with supper sponsored by C.C.W. class. S.S. teachers and officers were honored - and installation followed.

Nettie E. Grainsbrink, - clerk.

Wednesday evening, Oct. 17-1951

The business meeting of the church - was preceded with devotions by Rev. Pipley.

Fifteen were present. There was not a quorum, so no legal business could be transacted.

Minutes of May meeting were read - and approved - on motion by Mrs. Fredrika Lourey - seconded by Robert Van Porter.

Minutes of business transacted since May meeting, were read and approved.

Church treasurer, Mrs. Mc Jaden, being absent, a brief report was read by Moderator Powell. This showed a balance in current expenses fund of \$771<sup>69</sup>, to date.

Reports were given from Board of Trustees, Board of Missions, S.S. Pipe Texas, and Board of Christian Education. Robert Van Porter, S.S. Supl. - spoke of 10 requirements - shown as achievement sheet - for the S.S. - which Bd. of Christian Education had voted to adopt.

The pastor spoke of inviting Dr. Chas S. Delveiler here to hold a week's teaching mission Nov. 4-10. The church to underwrite the necessary expense of about \$100<sup>00</sup>. Motion by R. F. Whiteside, seconded by E. Wheeler - that this be presented to the church Sunday morning - when a quorum would be present. Carried.

Rev. Pipley presented the plan of covenant meetings on the Wednesday evening preceding the communion service, which was recommended by the Board of Missions - also of monthly family nights - with supper. Motion by R. Van Porter, seconded by R. F. Whiteside, that pastor proceed with schedule, as given. Carried.

Motion to adjourn - was followed by closing prayer by Moderator Powell.

Nettie E. Grainsbrink, - clerk.

Sunday morning, Oct. 21-1951

Moderator Powell presented the recommendation of Board of Missions, as presented at business meeting of church, Wed. evening - that we ask Dr. Chas. S. Delveiler here - for week of Nov 4-10 - to hold a week's teaching mission - the church to underwrite the expense of about \$100<sup>00</sup>.

Motion by R. F. Whiteside - seconded by Mrs. Fredrika Lourey, that this be done. Carried.

Nettie E. Grainsbrink, - clerk.

Sunday morning, Nov. 4, 1951

A consecration service was held for the following children: -

Linda Joan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Smith  
Elaine Ann, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Longanbach  
Remiss Clayton, son of Mr. & Mrs. Meredith Jones

Rev. Pipley was assisted by Dr. Chas. S. Delveiler - The sermon for morning service - was preached by Dr. Delveiler - this being the first of a week's series of teaching on the Book of Hebrews - which he will conduct.

Nettie E. Grainsbrink, - clerk.

Sunday evening - Dec. 2-1951

Eighty were present, for family night - with a lunch served by Dorcas Mission Society, at 6 o'clock. The B. Y. F. led devotions - and the White-Cross Chairman Mrs. Fern Johnson - presented "The Magic Carpet" a series of scenes of white-cross work, accompanied by a reading.

Nettie E. Grainsbrink, - clerk.

Wednesday evening, Jan. 9/52

Family night was held, with 52 present - the C.C.W. class sponsoring the supper.

N. E. K.

Wednesday evening, Jan. 23 - 1952

Fifteen were present for a business meeting of the church, - which was not a quorum.

After scriptures reading and prayer by Rev. Pexley, moderator Powell called for minutes of last business meeting. These were approved, on motion by J. F. Whitesides, seconded by Chas. Mc. Faden.

Report of church treasurer showed total current expense receipts from May 1/51 to Jan. 31/52 - of \$4269.10, and disbursements \$3722.60 - leaving a balance, Jan. 31/52 of \$831.71. This was accepted on motion by R. F. Whitesides, seconded by Berdie Burlingame.

Chas. Mc. Faden reported for Trustees Board - and Mr. Powell also spoke of improvements under consideration by Board.

Berdie Burlingame, reporting for Board of Deacons, presented a recommendation to the church - that Rev. Elias Ben Aron, a converted Jew, be asked to speak here evenings of April 23 - 24 - 25 and 27 - on "Jewish Life and Work." <sup>a special offering to be taken for Rev. Minister</sup> Motion by Mrs. Van Domelin, seconded by Chas. Mc. Faden that this be accepted. Carried.

R. F. Whitesides reported a balance in S. S. Treas. of \$35.94 and an average attendance of 89 per. Sunday. The Pastor spoke of work of Board of Christian Education also Board of Missions, and to expense of young people attending Lake Louise Camp this coming summer. He also spoke of church visitation trucks - and dinner for visiting groups - to be held at our church Feb. 5.

Meeting adjourned - by all repeating the Mizpah benediction.

Nettie E. Krausebrink, clerk

January 27/52<sup>nd</sup> first week school of missions began - with Sunday evening classes - and special features; - missionary films, etc. Mrs. H. W. Smith was present on Jan. 27. and spoke of her work when a missionary in Burma.

Feb. 8/52<sup>nd</sup> Fannie Goodgame was present - at a supper - and told us of Mathis school. in P. Carolina - where she is a teacher.

Feb. 17/52<sup>nd</sup> after a family luncheon - sponsored by the C.C.W. class - Dr. and Mrs. Anderson showed pictures of their trip last summer, to Indian mission stations in Arizona, - also pictures of our camp at Lake Louise, Mich. 80 were present.

Feb. 3/52 - Death of Mrs. Rose Gordon - aged 89

Feb. 4 - 5/52 Our church united with the M.E. and First Christian churches, in a city visitation.

March 2/52 - Rev. Gilbert Miles filled the pulpit - during absence of Rev. Pexley - who was assisting at Rev. Miles church, in Lansing, on a National Teaching Christian Mission.

Sunday, March 9/52

At the morning service the clerk presented the names of Mrs. Leva Edgington, ch., Mrs. Fern Johnson, and Mr. John Morris, Jr., as nominating committee for church officers, for coming year.

Motion by Mrs. Fredrika Lowrey, seconded by Mrs. Mira Underwood, that these be approved. Motion carried.

Nettie E. Krausebrink, clerk

March. 12/52

The Young Adult class sponsored family night. 60 were present at supper. Mrs. Nancy Peterson was program chairman.

Nettie E. Krausebrink

Sunday - March 30/52

at the morning service the names of Shirley Calkins, Larry Hogan, and David Van Demelen were presented for church membership, after baptism. These were accepted, on motion by Mr. Coster, seconded by Mrs. Underwood.

Sunday evening, March 30/52

The three, received this morning, were baptized at evening service, by Rev. Pixley.

Nettie E. Krainbrink  
Clerk.

Wednesday Evening  
April 2  
1952

The Annual meeting of the church was held on the above date with 29 thirty members in attendance.

Rev. Pixley opened the meeting with devotions, followed by the reading of the Church Covenant in unison and prayer by R F Whitesides.

Minutes of the Oct. 17-1951 and Jan. 23-1952 meetings were read. On motion by John Morris, Sr. and supported by Mrs. Gladys Ketchum that these be approved. Motion carried.

Report of church business activities and special events were read.

Moderator Stanley Powell expressed for the church a sincere thanks to all who so willingly helped to renovate the Primary room.

The report of the nominating committee for officers to serve for ensuing year was given by the Chairman Mrs. Lena Edington, which was as follows:

Trustees for 3 years  
William Rose  
Ford Halsted

Deacons for 3 years  
Carl Roberts  
Lee Wiseman

Deaconesses for 3 years  
Marian Case  
Verona Wiseman

Church Clerk  
Nettie E Krainbrink

Treasurer  
Winnifred McFaden  
S. S. Supt.  
Chairman of Ushers  
Ernest Wheeler

Financial Secty.  
Gladys Ketchum  
- Verba Van Porter  
Chairman of Music Committee  
Lavantia ~~Rinker~~ Hahn

Board of Missions 3 years  
Fern Johnson

Board of Christian Education

R F Whitesides  
Mrs. Clifford Calkins  
Mrs. Emerson Berndt

Mrs. Fred George  
Genevieve Foreman

Mrs. Edington moved the adoption of the report, which was supported by Mrs. VanDemelen and motion carried.

Mr. Powell asked if there were any other nominations and there being none it was moved by Mrs. Lowrey and supported by Mrs. Mable Jones that the clerk be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot for the officers named in the nominating report Motion carried. The clerk then cast the 29 ballots for the officers named for the ensuing year.

Church Treasurer reported a balance of \$612.52 in the current expense account as of March 29th. and had received for missions during March a total of \$128.73

A tentative budget was presented by Moderator Powell as prepared by Board of Trustees, amounting to \$6,700.98 showing an increase of \$185.00 over last year's budget. On motion by R F Whitesides and supported by Ernest Wheeler that the budget be adopted. On a motion by Rev. Pixley and supported by R F Whitesides that the motion be amended and \$90.00 be added for Lake Louise Scholarship. Motion carried. The vote on the Budget as amended was carried unanimously

Moderator Powell asked if a mimeograph yearly report of church and organizations should again be furnished for the adjourned Annual Meeting. A motion by R F Whitesides and supported by Ernest Wheeler that these be prepared. Motion carried.

Wednesday May 7th was date set for for adjourned Annual meeting, the Dorcas Mission Society to supervise the dinner.

Rev. Pixley spoke of religious calendars to be put out by Boynton's with name of our Church on them. Motion by Mr. Ver Porter supported by R F Whitesides that we agree to this Motion carried. Meeting was then adjourned to May 7th with a closing prayer by Rev. Pixley

Nettie E Krainbrink Clerk.

Sunday, April 6-1952

At the morning service Rev. Piskey extended the hand of fellowship to Shirley Colburn, Larry Hogan, and David Van Domelen.

N. E. K.

Wednesday evening, April 9/52

The "Upper Room" Service, was held in basement room of church. Rev. Piskey read from the Bible, the message of Jesus, to his disciples, and the prayer, given at the Last Supper. The memorial Communion Service followed -

N. E. K.

April 16

Sunday, April 20/52

At morning service, on motion, letter was granted to Mrs. Elsie Pykes, to unite with their Presbyterian Church -

N. E. K.

April 23-24-25-27. Dr. Elias den Arend spoke at our church - a field evangelist of the American Board of Missions, to the Jews.

Sept 31 - 1949 - Rev. W. L. - Cruikshanks resigned  
effective Oct. 1/49

Oct 5/49 - Dr. J. L. Lewis - candidate  
Pastorate began Oct. 26/49

Aug 6/50 - Dr. Lewis resigned - effective Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>/50

Oct 22/50 - Rev. Ripley began pastorate - Resigned July 1956

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Oct 1956 - Rev. Miller - Resigned Aug 1960

Feb 1961 - Rev. John Tennyson -

June 1966 - Rev. Lowell Young