

Partial History, Progress and Prospects of the
Christian Church in Bowling Green, Warren
County, Kentucky, from its Organization, in
1845 or 1846, to the 4, day of July 1912, by J. M.
Simmons, Chairman of the Official Board of the Church.

The Church was organized in 1845 or 1846 and its membership, at that time, was composed of Stephen Shackney and his sister, Bessie Shackney, William D. Payne and his daughter, Mary Payne, and his brother in law, Mr. Bailey, and Mr. Saunders. These nine members met every Lord's day to worship and read the Scriptures and pray and commemorate the death and sufferings of their Lord and Savior by partaking of the Bread and Wine, in a small room, in a brick house belonging to Jacob Sammeter, located on the Northeast side of Main Street, between Bridge Street, thereafter Summer Street and now College Street, and Green Street, now Center Street, and so continued to meet until they bought a lot and erected a house thereon, in which to meet and worship. On the 3, day of April 1847, the Church purchased from William Winkles and his wife, Mary Frances Winkles, of Warren County, Kentucky, a lot of land containing one acre, situated on the Southeast side of Main North Street, on Bridge Street, thereafter Summer Street and now College Street,

and the lot was conveyed to Stephen Mackney,
Archibald Buckner, William D. Payne, Thomas
Lafford, James E. Browning and Reuben Steindor,
Trustees of the Church of Christ, in Bowling Green,
of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky, in
consideration of three hundred dollars.
A house of worship was erected on this lot and
was free to all Christians when not in company
and use by the Church.

This Church began to occupy and worship and hold
meetings in the house built on the lot in 1847 or
1848 and continued to meet, hold meetings and
worship there till 1879.

On the 28, day of November 1879, William D. Payne,
R. S. Potter, J. M. Worin, M. J. Claypool, B. L.
Coohsey and B. J. Ellis, Trustees of the Church of
Christ in Bowling Green, Kentucky, by consent
and order of the Church, sold and conveyed the
above named house and lot to David Hillard,

James W. Milligan and George W. Johnson, Trustees
of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, colored,
in Bowling Green, Kentucky, in consideration
of the sum of two thousand dollars.

On the 29, day of July 1880, John E. Dubois,
Master Commissioner of the Warren Circuit
Court in the case of S. S. Johnson against M. D.
Barnes et al. conveyed to Austin Claypool, B. J.
Ellis, George E. Coohsey and Lewis Potter, Trustees

of the Christian Church of Bounting Green, Kentucky, in consideration of two thousand four hundred and ten dollars, a house and lot located ^{on} Court Street, near South Street, the lot fronting 65 feet on the east above named street and running back between parallel lines 95 feet, and known as the Court Street Baptist Church property. The Church bought and occupied this property for a year or more before the above conveyance was made, and continued to occupy the property and worship there until July 1911, when on the morning of July 5, 1911, at about 5 o'clock, the house of worship located on this lot was entirely destroyed by fire, and much adjacent property was also destroyed, this was known as the South Street Christian Church.

of Bounting Green, Kentucky. The Church collected two thousand dollars in advance on this property on account of the loss. After the above named fire, the Church, for a short time, worshipped in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, by the kindness of its membership, and thereafter went to the Circuit Court Room, in the Warren County Court house to worship, at which place it now worships.

On the 24th day of November 1908, C. J. Tentermacher and his wife, Florence Tentermacher, in consideration of seven thousand dollars conveyed to J. M. Dimmons, W. H. Harbrough and Joe W. Stand-

Trustees of the South Street Christian Church and their successors in Office of Bowling Green, Kentucky, a house and lot situated on the Southeast corner of State and Eleventh Streets, in Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky, on which to erect a new house of worship to be known and which is now known as the Unit Christian Church of Bowling Green, Kentucky.

On the 27, day of July 1911, in consideration of two thousand five hundred Dollars cash in hand paid J. M. Linnora, for W. Howard G. H. Wendrich, Trustees of the South Street Christian Church of Bowling Green, Kentucky, conveyed to all South Street Church property to the Union Journal Company of Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Soon after the destruction of the South Street Church property by fire, steps were taken to raise funds to build a new house of worship on the new Church lot located on the corner of State and Eleventh Streets.

On the 6, day of August 1911, Dr. R. M. Crossfield, came to Bowling Green and preached a sermon in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and made an appeal to the members of the Christian Church of Bowling Green, Kentucky, to raise funds to build a new house of worship on the new lot and about fifteen thousand Dollars in subscriptions was raised on that same date, and more in subscriptions has been raised since that date.

The subscriptions were to be paid in equal installments, running for a period of fifty months, one installment to be paid each month until all subscriptions should be paid in full.

Several subscriptions for one thousand dollars each and several for three hundred dollars each were made on the above named date.

The first work was done for the erection of a new house of worship on the above named new lot on the 16 day of November 1911 and the work on the new building is still in progress and by the blessing of a kind Providence, we confidently hope to be in our new house of worship very soon.

Many distinguished Ministers of the Gospel have, at different times, preached at the Christian Church at Bowling Green, Kentucky, and among them are the names of Alexander Campbell, Finis Leo Shaw, J. W. McHargy, Samuel Heitz, John B. Lawrence, and C. H. Marshall, all now gone to their reward, except C. H. Marshall, who is still with us.

At the time Alexander Campbell preached at Bowling Green, Kentucky, he also preached at Old Union Church, near the Shays old Mill on Shays Creek, and at the Old Pleasant Hill Church near Smiths Grove, both in this county. Following is a list of the names of Pastors, who have preached for the Christian Church at Bowling Green, Kentucky, from about 1847

On 1848 to and including the 4, day of July 1912, to wit:

Rev. J. W. Mulhys.
 " G. S. Hall.
 " M. J. Lawrence.
 " Miles.
 " R. E. Glover.
 " J. M. Streeter.
 " Bishop.
 " M. J. Thompson.
 " W. S. Lweeney.
 " J. W. Campbell.
 " M. H. Hannan.
 " Joe Standing.
 " J. Turner Willis.
 " Parker.
 " Roger Clark.
 " W. S. Davis.
 " J. H. Leutscher.
 " John Macoun.
 " S. H. Fowler.
 " E. H. Marshall.
 " W. J. Wells.
 " E. J. Stenstromaker.
 " Benjamin Franklin Eaton.

Rev. J. W. Mulhys wants to quit Pastor for the Church and Benjamin Franklin Eaton is the present Pastor for the Church, but I am not

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certain that the other names of the Pastors
of the Church come in the order of their service.
W. J. Stanger and S. H. Fowler each served
the Church at two different ^{times} for two different periods each.
J. M. Simmons, S. H. Brown and A. J. Timmons and
J. H. Walker are the present Elders of the Church.
And J. M. Simmons is the oldest Elder in
length of service and is Chairman in the
of Officers of the Church.
J. M. Simmons, J. H. Walker and E. P. Wendrich
are the Church Trustees.

The names of the Deacons of the Church are
he found on the list of the members of the Church.
Hon. S. Hanes, O. H. Roush and A. J. Timmons
constitute the Building Committee for the mission
Church Building, and J. M. Simmons, George Williams
and O. E. Jones constitute the Advisory Building
Committee.

George E. Cloyd, our Secretary of the Building
Committee and Advisory Building Committee.
Most of the old Church records have been lost
or destroyed and it has required much labor
and effort to get the foregoing information, facts
and statements, but the same are reliable and correct.
Give under my hand on this 4th day of July 1914.

J. M. Simmons.
Chairman of the Official Board of the Church.