

## CONGREGATIONAL NARRATIVE STATEMENT

First Christian Church was founded in 1833 under the name of Flat Rock Christian Church. A group of believers in New Castle started meeting in homes and the Court House with pioneer preachers. In 1863 the congregation purchased land in downtown New Castle. The church building was dedicated in 1864. From 1865 to 1916 the church grew to the point the congregation built a new building.

From 1949 to 1955 a planning committee was in place to propose a plan to deal with the growing demands of the congregation. On November 11, 1956 the cornerstone for the most recent sanctuary was laid. We continue to worship in this sanctuary and building. As a congregation we believe our mission to be: worship God together, share our faith in Jesus, care for one another and serving the needs of others. With this mission in mind our vision is: "everyone invested in welcoming, learning, and serving."