



History Pictures & Notes

First Christian Church Baldwin MS

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First Christian Church in Baldwin was organized in 1874, after several families had met for a few years without any preaching. During the same year the first church building was erected. After 51 years the building was replaced with a brick structure, which was destroyed by a tornado in 1942, but quickly rebuilt. In December, 1999, new facilities were built on a 18 acre lot at the south end of town. During the early years of the church it was served by such famous restoration preachers as E.G. Sewell, Jacob Creath and T.B. Larimore. For more than 125 years the Lord has richly blessed the work of the congregation, and all credit and glory go to Him. We look forward to serving Christ until He returns!



- ***Recollections of First Christian Church***
- Christian Church was organized in Baldwyn in 1868. We first used the old Masonic Hall and then arranged to hold services in the Methodist Church. We paid them by buying seats and a bell for their church. Then we held services (SS & preaching) in the school building which was nearly new at that time. Myself and 2 sisters and songs we sang.
- In 1874 built nice new church house on the lot where this church stands. Large - 10 gothic windows and gothic double doors. 32 nice home used seats. A 12 lamp chandelier with stand and wall lights.
- Church and SS grew
- Best preachers:
- John S. Crenshaw
- Knowles Shaw 1877
- 1940 Harmon
- 1942 tornado

- **Some Recollections of a Life Long Church Officer**
- When I was a small boy 5 or six years old, before the Christian Church had a church building, my father carried me and my sisters to the old frame school house where Dr. Caldwell's hospital now stands (the block bounded by Hwy 145, Main St., Third St., and Water St.), where we had church services and Sunday School for a year or two till we could build our first church house. I remember well some of the songs we sang, and we are still singing them, and the pretty picture cards they gave us, and my teacher, Miss Willie Belcher.
- In 1894 we built a nice frame church. It was as nice as any church building in this part of the country.

- **Recollections Recorded by Clara Archer Young**
- Charter Members:
 1. Captain Savory
 2. Captain Belcher
 3. Allen family
 4. Archer Family
 - 5.
- Clarence S. Archer born February 8, 1868. The Christian Church first met in Methodist Church. Christian Church gave the Methodist Church seats and a bell (in payment). Then met in old frame school building where Caldwell Hospital is now. (Block bounded by Hwy 145, Main Street, Third Street, and Water Street.)
- 1874 - When he was 6 years old the frame church building was erected.
- 1876 - When he was 8 years old, Knowles Shaw came and held a meeting there. Knowles Shaw was long legged and had real long side burns that came down to his chest. He would sing and play a while and preach a while. He wrote "Bringing in the Sheaves" (jumped out the back window after preaching and would go to his room at the Archer home next door and start writing.). K. S. (Knowles Shaw) Archer was born and named for Knowles Shaw.

- 1887 - When Clarence was 9 years old, he came into church under _____ Ingram at Henderson.
- Some jobs Clarence did:
- ____ yrs.- Passed word book- no music- just word books which were given out and taken up at each meeting.
- In his young years he lit the lamps. As a youth, he would be anxious to get away at night, so he would start blowing out the lamps while people were still lingering, talking.
- Sexton for \$1.50 a month. Brought in kindling and coal for two stoves, carried out ashes, dusted and swept for the Sunday services as well as the two or three during the week.
- 1880s - G. W. Archer preached here.

North Second Street in Baldwyn in early 1900s
First Christian Church old wooden building in on upper left edge of photo



Original church building- may have been made in 1923 when Bro. Milton Easterling was minister



1926 - Just before being torn down to build new brick church
Parsonage on left side of photo



1926 - church and parsonage



Interior of the wooden building



Building the new brick building (basement)



New brick building



Interior of new brick building
July 26, 1931 - decorated for wedding of Duke Young and Clara Archer



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For A Bigger and Better Baldwin and

Baldwyn, Mississippi, Thursday, July

New Parsonage Recently Completed



The First Christian Church of Baldwin announces the completion of their new parsonage, (pictured above) which stands on the lot south of the Church.

The nice five-room parsonage was built under the supervision of Mr. Lon Duke, and who was assisted by Mr. Clyde C. Underwood. These two men are to be complimented for their fine work in the construction of this building.

Mr. Duke and Mr. Underwood gave each, over 100 hours of their time on the project. Mr. Thibodeaux, the minister of the Christian Church gave all of his time,

which also amounted to over 10 hours. Mr. William McCary and Mr. Claude Coggins, beside the time and labor, furnished the machinery to level off the lot for the building. Mr. Duke Young furnished all the wiring, light fixtures and gave all of his time. Mr. Young is to be complimented also for his interest and fine work.

Among the others who gave their labor were Mr. Wil Robison, Mr. Glover Stiles, Jr., Mr. Earl Adams, Mr. Murray Dalton, Mr. John Houston, Mr. Sam Bedford and Mr. Rex Duncan, Mr. Lude Bruton and Sidney Dunca

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Damaged By Fire



Above is a picture of the Christian Church building, which was damaged by fire Monday morning. The Christian parsonage, which adjoins the church structure was completely destroyed by the fire.

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