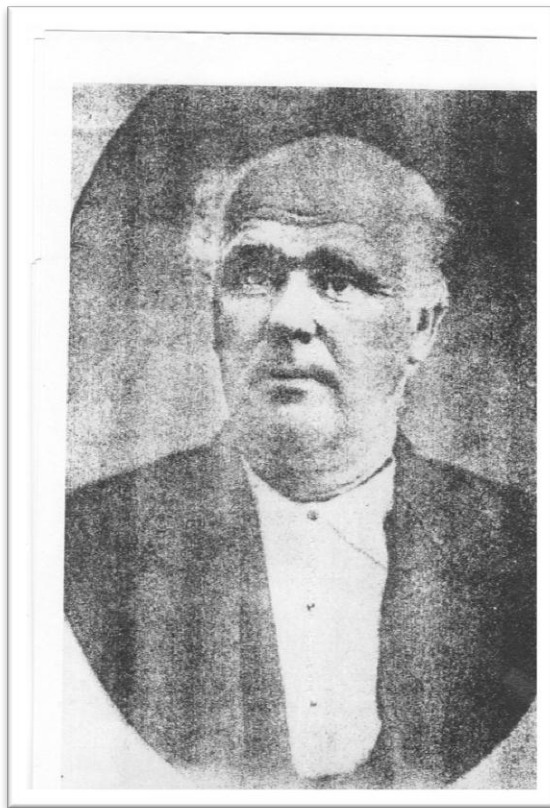


1837-Union Baptist Church was organized.

1858 Union Church (across from the current Pollard Baptist Church) and Friendship Church (a log cabin at the corner of Summitt Street (Belmont Avenue) and Blackburn Avenue, United to make Unity Baptist Church.

1864(according to Rev. Tipton), or

1866(according to Deed filed in Boyd County, Deed Book#3, Page 29)-a log church building was erected on a lot sold by Richard Adams, on what is now Blackburn Avenue and Oakview Road.



Richard Adams

1874-The building on the corner of Blackburn Avenue and Oakview Road burned, and a brick building was erected

on the same lot. This building was enlarged and dedicated in 1908.

1908- The building on the corner of Blackburn Avenue and Oakview Road was dedicated.



1919- The building on the corner of Blackburn Avenue and Oakview Road was torn down and rebuilt on 29th Street, beside where the current church is located.



The following is an article from the local newspaper, *The Ashland Daily Independent*, dated Friday, October 1, 1937. The article was written to announce the 100th anniversary of Unity Baptist Church:

UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

The Unity Baptist Church of Ashland is observing the one hundredth anniversary of the church next Sunday with special services in charge of the pastor, Rev. L. H. Tipton.

Unity Baptist church was organized and constituted in 1837, one hundred years ago. At that time Ashland was called Poage settlement and what is now Winchester Avenue, was only a "cow path trod by the Poages and Allens."

One of the first Baptist preachers in this community was brother John Kelley who swam the Ohio river on his horse in order to preach and hunt in this section of Kentucky. It is said that brother Kelley hunted wild game in these hills and at one time killed two bears between Ashland and where Pollard church now stands.

Unity church got its name by the union of two organizations of Baptists in 1858. One organization was called Union and the other called Friendship. Union church's first house of worship was located about where Pollard school house now is, and the Friendship church had their first house of worship, which was a log cabin, at a place called Rolling Green, now the corner of Summitt Street and Blackburn Avenue. In 1864 a log church building was erected on a lot given by one Richard Adams, on what is now Blackburn Avenue and Oakview road. This building burned ten years later and a brick building was erected on the same lot. This building was enlarged and dedicated in 1908. This building stood until it was torn down and rebuilt on the present site in 1919. This year the church had added a new and modern Sunday School plant to the old building.

For one hundred years Unity church has been witnessing in these parts and her influence has been felt to the end of the world. Besides her local, witnessing she has ordained and sent out many great preachers. Among those sent out are: Brethern John Howell, T. K. Reynolds, Thomas Reynolds, R. N. Reynolds, James T. Reynolds, J. R. Reynolds, J. D. Crum, Louis Mutters, Alfred Clere and many others. It has been said that there is not a Baptist church from the Ohio river to the head of the waters of the Big Sandy that has not in some way been reached by the influence of men going out from this church.

Unity Baptist church is a missionary Baptist church. The present organization consists of 525 members. They contributed over \$15,000 this last year to all causes, which averages about thirty dollars per member.

The members are celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of this church Sunday. The program is as follows:

Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.
 Morning worship 10:30 a. m.
 Devotional message by Sam Branham.

Short talks by brethern C. W. Douglas, Orval Felty and George W. Cossett.

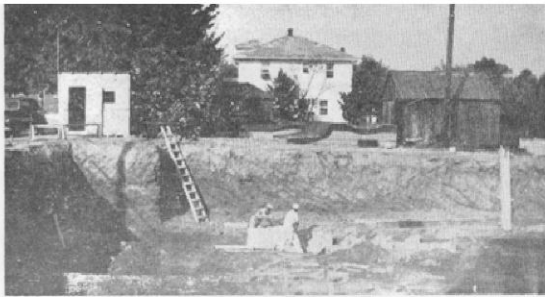
Message by brother L. F. Caudill.
 Afternoon service 2:00 p. m.
 "Progress," by R. N. May.
 Home coming message by J. R. Reynolds.

"Go Forward," by W. K. Wood.
 Evening Service 7:30 p. m.
 Devotional message by Eli Williams.

Message to the church by L. H. Tipton.
 Special Music.

The public is invited to any and all of these services. The new Sunday School building will be open and in use for the first time. Pictures will be taken of the different departments. The largest attendance in the history of this grand old church is expected. The church does not want any one to stay away

1957-The present sanctuary on 29th Street was built on land given by Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Thomas, with a seating capacity of one thousand and with Sunday School facilities underneath. Groundbreaking took place on August 22, 1955, and the structure was completed in 1957.



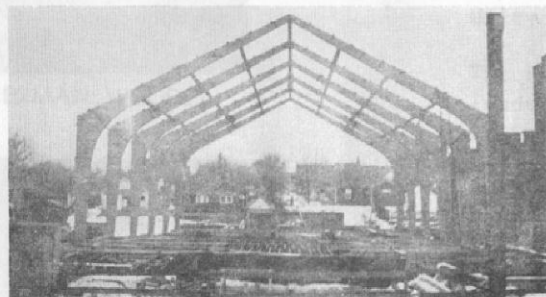
BEGINNING THE FOUNDATION.



Morris (Skinny) Cornett and L. Wade Gates.



THE CORNERSTONE LAYING.

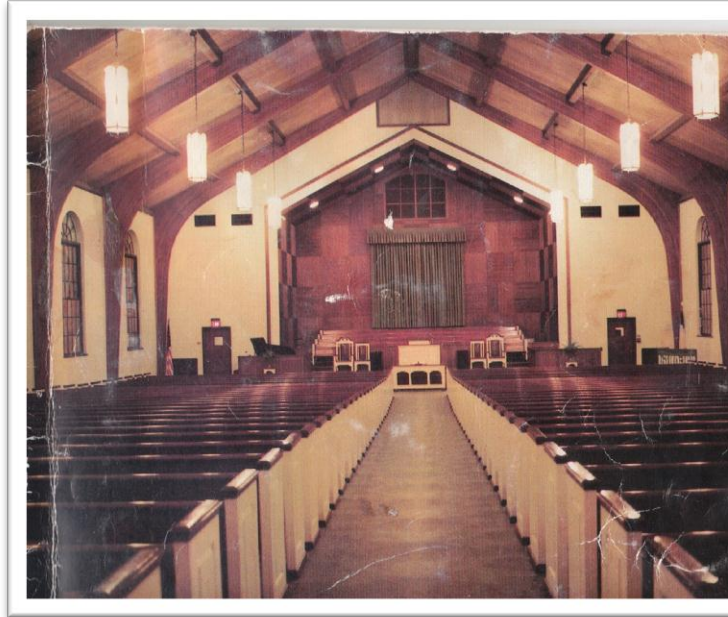
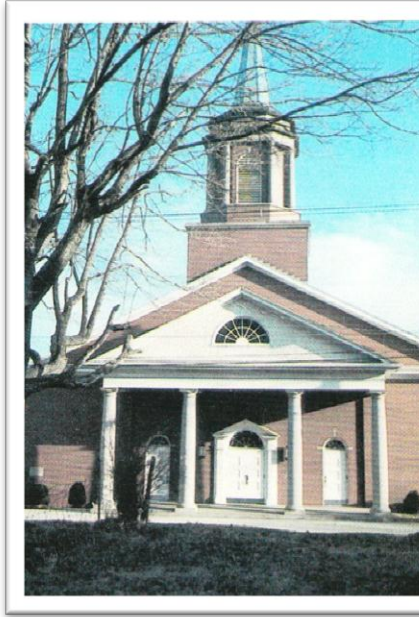


BUILDING GOES UP.



These scenes picture the construction of the new auditorium in its various stages. It was an hour of great rejoicing when they put on the cap.

Those of us enjoying these facilities owe a great debt of gratitude to those who made this building possible. It is our responsibility to use it to the glory of God and build on to it for future generations.



1980-The Family Life Center, complete with kitchen, meeting rooms and basketball gymnasium was completed.

2004-The church purchased a neighboring duplex apartment which has since evolved into a Missions House. It is used for WMU meetings, deacons meetings and small gatherings such as baby showers, birthday celebrations, and Secret Sister reveal parties. A large storage building was constructed, and entire floor to ceiling renovation of the sanctuary was completed.