

UNITY TRIVIA

The following facts were gathered from the minutes of Unity Baptist Church through the years. They are meant to be comical or just interesting, with the original spelling, punctuation and phrasing included.

Early years: Motion the church preferred charges against two men for immorality, two more for covenant breaking, two others for drunkenness. Committee was sent to visit each. Some came before the church and repented. Others had the hand of fellowship withdrawn

May 2, 1903: Moved and seconded that we adjourn until our regular business meeting Saturday night before the first Sunday in June.

August 22, 1903: Moved and seconded that we adjourn until Saturday night before the 4th Saboth in September.

January 30, 1904: Peace and fellowship of the church called for and not found. On Motion the church appointed a committee to visit Brother ----- and ----- to bring about peace between them.

January 30, 1904: On motion the church passed a resolution that all who wished to remain members of this church in good standing should report to the church clerk and have their names remain on the old book which shall be here after recognized by the church as the delinquent list

November 12, 1904: S.S. Superintendent-Bro. Benton Thornburg was elected by acclamation

September 23, 1905: Peace of the church called for ALL present in peace. Being no further business to attend to the church adjourned.

November 9, 1905: Trustees report that they have collected \$50.00 from U.S. Naturel Gas Campeny for the prevelege of laying the pipe a cross the church lot

1906: Moved and seconded by the sisters of the church that we prefer charges agenste 4 sisters, for imoral conduct moved and sec. that we withdraw the hand of fellowship from the 4 sisters named

January 27, 1906: Moved that the church lic. Bro. W.S.Reynolds to preach. Exercise his talent in the way of preaching.

March 24, 1906: Bro John Arthur and Bro J.T. Reynolds approved as a committee to visit the members in regard to how much the church expected them to pay during the year

May 28, 1906: investigated the old church house and see how much it would cost to repair. They decided that they could repair the house with a bout eight or nine hundred dollars and when that is done the house will be worth twenty five hundred dollars. Building committee reported that they thought it best not to commence to build until we had five hundred dollars collected in money

August 25, 1906: Moved that we lay over the request of Oakridge Church in regard to W.S. Reynolds ordination till indefinite time

October 14, 1907: Moved that the church request the ladies Aid Society to place their money in the hands of the Trustees of the church (on Jan. 6, 1908, the Ladies Aid Society Record Book shows Ladies A.C. Paid to trustee for church in 1908, \$4.20)

November 5, 1907 (Unity, KY) Mrs. Elizabeth ---andes I hereby give you leave to draw an order on the treasury for the money that belongs to the Ladies-Aid Society. Mrs. Theo. Clark (from the Ladies Aid Society record book)

July 24, 1909: Committee that was appointed last meeting to visit delinquent members and reported members found to be only neglectful report received; fellowship of the church called for same manifested by silence.

August 21, 1909: Moved and sec that the church grant Bro. W.S. Reynolds a letter

April, 1910: Sunday morning service good attendance good service. We repaired to the water and 9 was baptized. Carrie Wells, Isabell Keeton, Della Douglas, Mirtle Colegrove, Annie Colegrove, ___ Blevins, James Artrip, Josephine Artrip and Lizzie Artrip

April 22, 1911: After a sermon by Bro. Wm. Reynolds...

May 27, 1911: Bro James A. Wheeler, missionary for our Assoc

September 1911: A collection of \$2.00 was taken for debt on carpet.

December 1911: The Lord's Supper-It was moved and seconded that we observe the Lord's Supper 3 times a year beginning the 2nd Sunday in January.

December 24, 1911: The Needy-A committee reported \$10.35 raised for the rilife of the pore.

April 27, 1912: The committee for relief of needy reported \$24.00 raised.

June 22, 1912: The moderator appointed Bro. Jerry Reynolds, Almon Darby, and James Clark as a investigative comittie to look after members who has joind other churches.

February 22, 1913: (Electing Deacons) Bro Silvester Wallace was given the authority to name three candidates. The following named Brethern was placed in nomination and elected. Jerry Reynolds, Almon Darby and James Clark

April 26, 1913: A motion to use the Birthday for Missions lost; A motion to turn it in to the building fund carried.

January 24, 1914: Motion we call Bro. Caudill to serve us twice a month. The Second Saturday and Sunday. And the Fourth Saturday and Sunday.

September 26, 1914: (Land for Church) Bro. W.H.Thomas made report that committee had not done anything in seeing about getting more land for church but would attend to it at once. (March 5, 1919: Wm.H. and Martha Thomas for the sum of \$1.00 five the lot on 29th St. AKA Property in Unity, Boyd Co., Ky.—Beginning on Adams Street....)

November 27, 1915: We change the word HOPE in the church covenant to KNOWING, making it read: KNOWING THAT GOD FOR CHRIST SAKE HAS PARDONED OUR SINS

May 14, 1923: (Deed Book 95, Page 177): Trustees of Unity sell to Milton and Nettie Rayburn for \$500.00 Describes as follows: Intersection of Church Street (now Oakview Rd) and Bellefont Road (now Blackburn Ave.)

June 9, 1923: Bro. Douglas reported that new brooms had been bought and paid for

July 12, 1924: Motion-This church call Bro E.L. Edens pastor for fulltime at \$125.00 per month

Sept. 7, 1925: Pastor made very interesting talk regarding hospital. Motion passed that our church adopt the idea of taking over the institution

September 12, 1925: Motion passed that trustees be instructed to put in toilets

January 1926 (Evangelist): Bro. Paul Montgomery held a meeting with us starting Feb 7, 1926 and was with us 3 weeks. A wonderful man of God and a wonderful work while with us. He led about 60 folks to Christ and was a great help to the church. Bro. Casey Jones was also here with us. Bro. Jones is a personal worker and certainly knows his Lord.

September 19, 1926: A tent meeting was started by Evangelist A.E. Batman and singer Joe Bryant. We were very much disappointed in the tent and the evangelist. The weather was very unfavorable for a tent and after one week we moved to the church. All of which had a bad effect on our meeting. Which resulted in that we only had about six or seven additions. And a very expensive campaign. (written by: Rev. Edens)

Sunday, August 15, 1926: The absentee com. Made report on non attending members and recommended the hand of fellowship be withdrawn from 213 members. Motion passed.

July 8, 1927: Motion passed that penant be purchased for standard school and charges be made to maker of

February 11, 1927: Motion passed that a telephone be installed in bldg.

March 11, 1927: Motion passed that a rising vote of thanks be given Bro. Eli Williams for the installation of telephone

April 8, 1927: Motion passed that a comm. Be appointed to make inquiries about a library for church. Comm: Bro. Douglas, Sister Edens, Sister Conley and Sister Roberts

May 13, 1927: Comm. Reported offering by S.S. \$67.79

July 8, 1927: Motion passes that if any member of this church be found guilty of racetrack gambling that a charge be preferred at once

June 10, 1927: Motion passed that Mrs. Edgar Smith be librarian. Lib. Comm.. secure stamp for books.

September 9, 1927: Motion passed that our church go on record as opposing pool playing

Mar. 9, 1928 (Library): Mrs. Edgar Smith resigned Miss Hilda Nolen, nominated and elected

June 24, 1928: Motion passed to make an appointment with Bro Etter to begin instructing the choir Monday night July 2nd

July 1, 1928: Motion past that comm. Be instructed to let Bro Etter know we are not in position to secure is services at this time

July 6, 1928: Bro. Riffe made report on securing Bro. Etter, passed that we not secure Bro. Etter to enstruct choir

December 7, 1928: Motion passed that funds for hospital be held up until investigation is made

November 15, 1929 (LibraryA): Miss Hilda Nolon was elected as librarian with Miss Elma Wells as asst.

January 10, 1930: Motion made that Bro. E.L. Edens, Bro. James Chaney, and Bro Douglas write a letter to Mayor Fralie opposing operation of Sunday movies in Ashland and said letter be presented to this church and the 39th St. Mission to be signed by as many as will. Also sent to the Police Judge, Aldermen and Council. (536 endorsed the letter)

May 9, 1930: Still working on this project (see minutes for Sept. 12, 1925)...Motion passed-Branham, Riffe, and Cossett be appointed to look about toilets immediately

March 6, 1931: Motion made that no one be allowed to teach in our S.S. that go to picture shows—considerable disussion arose and the matter was tabled until our next regular business meeting

April 10, 1931: A motion passed to table endecently question regarding the qualifications of teachers

May 9, 1931 (Library): 126 books 38 Read \$2.59 in Treas.

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August 7, 1931: Motion passed that we ask the boys to stop pitching horseshoes on the church property on the Lords Day

August 12, 1932: Comm. was appointed to investicate reports of card playing and drunkenness among members; Motion-Bro. Smith was instructed to ask the ones who are playing on the church lots to stop

November 11, 1932: The Treasurer to make application to the light company to exempt our church from paying federal tax on light bill (Budget at that list gas and elect \$2.00 per week.)

December 9, 1932: The Treasurer reported that he had arranged for exemption of the tax on lights

February 4, 1934: Motion passed that treasurer buy necessary bulbs for church

April 6, 1934: Motion made that committee be appointed to have commodes put in proper places in basement (Amended: Committee find out cost and report to church before having work done. Passed as amended-Bros. Murdock, Douglas, and Felty named on committee)

May 12, 1934: A motion was passed that the church guarantee Bro. Runkel \$2.50 per week for his services in training the choir

September 7, 1934: Motion passed that two new brooms be bought

November 9, 1934: Motion passed that baptizing be postponed until baptistry is built

January 11, 1935: The improvement committee made very good report. Building painted inside and beautiful baptistry installed, rostrum improved. Improvements cost \$646.85

April 8, 1936: Roof committee made partial report. Total cost of putting on roof will be \$260.00. May 6, 1936: The roof was completed at a cost of \$261.00

January 8, 1937: Motion passed that pastor be on permanent committee and select help as needed to make plans for celebration of the centennial of our church.

May 7, 1937: Bros. Riffe and Fugitt were asked to correct drain sewer from baptistry to main sewer

June 11, 1937: Pastor and Clerk, named on Comm. to write Sec. of St. Brd of Missions and inquire if the \$500.00 which was promised the church in 1918 was still available. (August 6, 1937: The church instructed the clerk

to write Dr. Thompson, St. Brd. Sec again in regard to the \$500.00 the board promised this church in 1918, explaining our attitude and what we expect from the board; September 10, 1937- The church heard letter from Dr. Thompson in regard to the \$500.00 the board promised the church in 1918: After hearing this letter read the church ordered the Clerk to write Dr. Thompson and tell him that this church is not asking for a new appropriation. That we only are asking for them to fulfill their promise;

Oct. 8, 1937—Committee who had been instructed to correspond with Dr. Thompson about the \$500.00 reported that replies had been received from Dr. Thompson and he had promised to put the case before the board at its next meeting stating the case and making clear our position, leaving the decision up to the board; Dec. 10, 1937—a letter from Dr. C.M. Thompson, State Mission Treasurer was read to the church. The letter contained a check for \$500.00 to apply on our building program. Motion passed that a record be placed on clerks minutes and that the clerk write a letter of thanks to Dr. Thompson and the State Missions Board.

Oct. 8, 1937: The Special Treasurer reported that \$764.87 unpaid on building-\$#80 of which has been pledged. Also about \$178.00 for the light fixtures which has been paid by Bro. Cossett

November 12, 1937: (Beer Lic.) Motion passed that the pastor appoint a committee to be present at meeting of City Commission in regard to issuing beer licenses in South Ashland (on January 7, 1938, the committee reported they had made their protest in the name of the church and that the license had not been granted, but the case was only postponed. Advised redouble efforts of the part of each member of the church)

June 11, 1937: The building committee reported that \$10,000.00 had been borrowed from Oak Hill Savings Bank Co. Of Oak Hill, Ohio on 5 year terms, payable in installments of \$500.00 each 3 months with accrued interest 6% on unpaid balance. Cost of securing loan was only \$15.00. The committee also reported that \$2,000.00 more is needed in addition to pledges already received to complete bldg.

January 7, 1938: (a nice letter) Motion passed that when a member of the church is excluded for any reason the clerk notify that person of the action taken and the cause and the pastor write a nice letter

March 20, 1938 (Baptist and Reflector Bulletin, Vol I, #6): It is reported that Sonja Henie (famous ice skater) was offered \$2,500.00 to endorse a certain brand of cigarettes. You don't have to put one in your mouth or hold one. Just let us use your picture in our advertizing. Miss Henie replied, "I don't smoke and I am ashamed of women who do. It is a disgraceful, filthy, degenerate habit. I will not take your \$2,500.00."

Jan. 6, 1939: Mrs. RH Lewis and Mrs. B.F. Johnson were named on committee to buy material and make more baptismal robes; March 10th: committee appointed to make robes reported that material had been bought and robes will be completed soon

January 29, 1939: (Vol II #5) We have just heard of the death in Baltimore, MD of Miss Annie W. Armstrong-First Corresponding Secretary of Women's Missionary Union and great friend of Home Missions for whom the Annie W. Armstrong Offering for Home Missions was named.

February 10, 1939: Motion was made and passed that the pastors salary be increased to \$2,400.00 per year effective immediately

June 23, 1939: This bulletin contains a certificate and commencement program and records of our 10th Annual Vacation Bible School, June 12-23

October 6, 1939: Pastors salary be raised to \$50.00 per wk

December 8, 1939: Bro. Barbour was authorized to buy a light for the piano to be used during baptisms

January 12, 1940: Motion passed that the church have a telephone installed cost \$3.90 per month and \$3.00 installation cost.

February 4, 1940: Church phone 334

February 9, 1940: The telephone committee reported that the telephone had been installed in the pastor's study

February 11, 1940: Abraham Lincoln his prayer for the nation: "O Thou God that heard Solomon in the night, when he prayed for wisdom, hear me. I cannot lead this people. I cannot guide the affairs of this without Thy help. I am poor, weak and sinful. Hear me."

February 18, 1940: George Washington said, "That nation that loses faith in God and man loses not only its most precious jewel, but its most purifying and conserving forces." Our great need today is men and women who have a living and an abiding faith in God

February 25, 1940: This unique baptistry was designed by one of the deacons of this church, A. O'Neal. It resembles a casket with raised lid. This pool of water is 10' long, 36" deep, and 40" wide. In this watery grave hundreds of believers have been buried with Him by baptism into death that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the Glory of the Father so were they lifted up out of the water

May 10, 1940: The church voted to allow pastor \$2.50 per week for expense of running his car

May 10, 1940: Motion was made that church vote next meeting on whether name of church be changed and that intention be announced so all members may know

June 7, 1940: The matter concerning the changing of church name was dropped for time being

June 7, 1940: Motion passed to give pastor rising vote of thanks for his splendid consecrated leadership in all the work

April 11, 1941: Request was read from 1st Bapt. Church, Ashland, Ky., for the letter of Mrs. Geo. Cossett. This request was challenged since she lived in our territory. But after a brief discussion a motion was made that her letter be granted motion passed that the church make a thorough

investigation of members who live in our territory and want to unite with another church to see if they are in full fellowship before letter is granted

October 26, 1941 (Church Bulletin, L.H. Tipton): In the church auditorium- Instead of talking and whispering, why not pray asking God's blessing for all who assemble

March 31, 1946 (Brother Tipton Question and Answer from Bulletin, Vol. IX, #13): Q: Do you make any charge for funerals? A: No I have never made any charge for anything that I have ever done in Christian service. I have preached hundreds of funerals, married hundreds of couples, held scores of revivals, etc., and not one time have I made any charge. I am God's servant and He takes care of me just as He has promised. Read Psalms 23:1, I Corinthians 9:14, and Philippians 4:19

February 5, 1947: Motion passed that church buy a \$10.00 Gasoline Book for Pastor to use in Dry Cause

March 5, 1947: Motion passed that church buy 250 song books for revival use. Also 50 extra for Rush Church to be paid for by Bro Mitchell \$12.00 a hundred

March 5, 1947: Trustees get tank or whatever necessary to have hot water quicker for bpst. Serv.

February 8, 1948: Church vote to send Mr. Ira See and Harry King Lowman telegrams thanking them for voting against liquor bill

April 11, 1948: Dr. W.A. Gray-His Loss Our Gain-Illinois Member of the Foreign Mission Board and pastor of the First Baptist Church Effingham, Ill. Got lost in Ashland as he was trying to locate another church last Sunday and decided to worship with us. We invited him to preach and he did. Everyone was blessed with the great message that he brought. We were all delighted to have Dr. and Mrs. Gray and their children with us. Blessings on them

June 9, 1948: Letter was read by the clerk from Pollard Baptist Church saying that they were starting a mission on Charles street (Wildwood Baptist) and also a tent meeting and asked cooperation of Unity
December 5, 1948: "The Organ is Here" Did you hear the Hammond organ Sunday? We believe that the sacred tones will add much to our worship. Certainly that is the motive for purchasing it.

March 6, 1949: Benton Thornburg a great lover of music. His children are giving an offering for the Hammond organ fund in his memory.

March 27, 1949 : Picture of the New Hammond Organ purchased and installed. Brief dedication service on Sunday, March 27, 1949

April 24, 1949 (Church Bulletin): Thanks to Mrs. Gallaher for the ice box

August 21, 1957: Orval Felty-Wed. Eve. Special Meeting the purpose-a request that the first parking by the church be marked off for the use of the treasurer. Explained that he was handling large sums of money now and it was risky especially by night to use the back exit from the church and created a temptation for burglary