

HISTORY OF EMMANUEL SOUTHERN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH Written & Submitted by Sis. Jeanette Couch & Sis. Faye Monday

Due to the concern of a few people about the absence of a Southern Baptist Church in Brookville, In., Rev. Audley Turner, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Harris, Tammy Harris, and Mr. & Mrs. Ed Obermeyer started a mission on April 20, 1975. After renting a store front at 315 Main St. for \$ 125.00 a month, and after purchasing a piano on faith and credit, the first service was held on a Sunday afternoon with Rev. Turner bringing the message. Eaton Ave. Baptist Church of Muncie, In. was the sponsor. Rev. Frank Bradburn and several members of their church came to help in the service. During the following year, many ministers helped in the work, including Rev. Audley Turner, Rev. Harry Turner, and Rev. Vic Edwards.

Needing a full-time pastor, Ed & Jane Obermeyer, along with Harry & Bertie Turner; and Jeanette Couch met with Rev. Kenny Mehannes and the mission committee of First Baptist Church of Dent, in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Dent Church took over as sponsor in March of 1976 and contributed to the work thru December 1980. Due to their most generous financial support, and the Cincinnati Baptist Association, we were able to call Rev. Audley Turner as full-time pastor in April 1976.

In May of 1976, the mission moved to a rented dwelling house at 1034 Main Street. Here, the rent was \$ 225.00 per month. While at this location, a building fund was started. For almost three years, Hilltop Baptist Church of Fairfield, Ohio sent \$ 50.00 a month to help with expenses. Mount Healthy Baptist Church sent \$ 75.00 a month for nearly one year. Anderson Hills sent \$ 25.00 a month for a year and a half. The latter two churches mentioned here are in Cincinnati, Ohio.

GOD blessed the work and added to the mission. On June 4, 1978, the mission was organized into a church with 39 members.

CHARTER MEMBERS WERE:

Ed & Jane Obermeyer	Harry & Bertie Turner	Jeanette Couch
Rev. Audley & Bonnie Turner	Bill & Anna Tillett	Danny, Willie, Sandy, & Vickie Tillet
Ralph & Norma Banks	Scott Obermeyer	Joyce Tucker
Cecil & Shirley McCreary	Shawn McCreary	Linda Canada
Kim & Lynn Simonson	Susie Obermeyer	Tammy Wade
Jim & Minnie Harris	Brad Stacy	Brenda Rains
Elaine Smith	Lucy Shepherd	Christine Rains
Mike Wade	Terry and Wandy Stacy	Tony Stacy
Edna Beckman	Lana Pence	Keith Rains

In August of 1978, it became necessary to move again. This time the church rented the little, old, one-room church in the cemetery on 10th Street. The Franklin County Historical Society owned it. We gave \$ 100.00 per month. The building was very quaint and special. While in this building, an organ was purchased that added to the services.

Rev. Audley Turner resigned to accept a call to a church in Richmond, Indiana, in Oct. 1979. At this time, we had 42 members.

In January, 1980, Rev. Freddie Helton, who had been serving as Pulpit Supply; accepted the Church's call as Interim Pastor. As the Church grew and prospered, the members had a vision of a building of their own. In March 1981, 6.612 acres of land was purchased on Oxford Pike in Brookville, Indiana. \$ 14,546.00 was paid in cash for the land.

We had \$ 19,333.00 in our building fund when work was started in Oct. 1982. Then, on Nov. 15, 1982, the Ohio Baptist Builders came and, along with men from our Church and the surrounding area, went to work on the building. In three days, it was under roof.

The ladies of the church furnished lunch for the workers. After the Ohio Baptist Builders left, members and friends completed the Church. On Easter Sunday, April 3, 1983, the first service was held in our new building with over 200 people present.

In May 1983, a loan was secured from The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board of Atlanta, Georgia for \$ 55,000.00. The property is worth in excess of \$ 160,000.00. Under Rev. Freddie Helton's leadership, our membership has grown to 161. This history of this Church has just begun, but we expect it to continue until JESUS comes again.

On September 28, 1986 Rev. Charles Caudill was called by the Church to be Associate Pastor. Then, in 1987 a Fellowship Hall and the Sunday School classrooms were added to the building. The Dedication service was set for Oct. 4, 1987.

Rev. Freddie Helton resigned as Pastor on July 13, 1988 after serving for almost 9 years. On Oct. 12, 1988, Rev. Charles Caudill resigned as Associate Pastor.

Rev. Kenneth McHauque served as Pastor beginning in Jan. 1989, and he resigned a year later in 1990. Rev. Jacob Flannery was called to fill in as Pastor on Jan. 10, 1990. In May of that year, he was voted in as Pastor. He resigned in Oct. of 1991 to accept a call to be the Pastor of the Zion Baptist Church in Hamilton, Ohio.

Rev. Larry Shelton served as Pastor from Jan. to Sept. 1992.

In March of 1993, Rev. Tim McFarland was called as Pastor. He resigned in Aug. 1994.

Bro. Troy Bishop was asked to fill in as Moderator and supply Pastor on Feb. 5, 1995. Bro. Troy was voted in as Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church. He was ordained as a Minister by the Church on June 24, 1995. He served as Interim Pastor. While under the leadership of Bro. Troy, GOD has blessed the Church in many ways.

In 1999, we were able to add a new heating system to the Sunday School rooms and Fellowship Hall. Replacement windows were put in and Brick on the outside of the building. In 2001, a new PA system was installed in the church. In 2002, the church was re-roofed and the auditorium was re-modeled not long after that. New seats were added and new carpet was laid throughout the entire building. When it was first built, the pews were given to the Church and we in turn gave them to Bro. Larry Shelton to be used in a Church that his congregation was planning to build in Centerville, Indiana.

In July of this year (2003), we were able to pay off the mortgage that was secured in May of 1983 to build the Emmanuel Baptist Church. As of today, Sept. 21st, 2003, Rev. Troy Bishop is still serving as Pastor. GOD is still blessing the Church and History is still being made.

New Additions to Emmanuel History

As submitted by Sis. Faye Monday to Sis. Janice Cowan for print.
September 18, 2005

In November of 2003, the Church voted to create a position for Associate Pastor.

In December of that same year, a bid of \$ 6, 110.00 was received by Taylor Excavating and accepted by the Church to solve the drainage problem around the church building.

In February of 2004, Bro. Todd Wolfe was voted on by the church and it was decided to set him aside for a six month internship for Associate Pastor. That was the month that Sis. Kim Bishop accepted the position as Director of "Praise and Worship" Choir. Sis Frances Flecke, a member of Emmanuel bought robes for the choir.

In July, 2004, the Church accepted a bid of \$ 26,132. 96 from, Paul H. Rohe to blacktop the parking lot. The Church agreed to borrow \$ 17,000.00 from Main Source Bank to complete the job. This will be paid of in about 5 years at a rate of 6% interest. Every fifth Sunday, the offering will be set aside and applied to the principal of the loan. Trustees signing for this loan included Bro. Doug Wolfer, Bro. Mike Fish, and Bro. Mike Gindling.

On September 24, 2004 at 6:00 p.m., Bro. Todd Wolfe was ordained as a Minister of the Word. This allowed him to serve as Associate Pastor with Bro. Troy Bishop as Senior Pastor. Bro. Jake Flannery preached the charge. Deacons serving included Bro. James Monday, Bro. Randy Grubb, and Bro. Dave Cowan. Featured for special music were soloist Sis. Mary Hinkle, then followed by Sis. Anita Laug, with Adrian, her daughter.

In December 2004, Sis. Missy Orschell became the Children's Church Director as Sis. Kim Bishop had stepped down from the position.

In March 2005, we purchased the ends for the pews. Small windows were installed in all doors throughout the Church building. The Fellowship Hall received a new coat of paint and curtains were purchased and put up on the windows.

Then, on the third day of April, 2005, Bro. Troy Bishop addressed the church and announced his resignation as Pastor - to be effective as of April 27. A fellowship dinner to honor Bro. Troy and his family was held on April 24 at 4:00 p.m.

Bro. Troy had started his ministry at Emmanuel Baptist Church on August 22, 1993 - when the church licensed him as a Minister. It seemed like just a short time before we were to lose him, but he had been serving in the capacity of Interim for about 2 years and as Pastor for 10 years. In that time, a total of 210 people joined the Church. Some came by Baptism; some by letter; and some by statement. GOD bless Bro. Troy and his family as they endeavor to find GOD'S path for their lives and service to HIM.

May 2005 was when the Church voted to form a Pulpit committee to help search for a Pastor. Those selected to serve include Bro. Todd Wolfe as Chairman; Bro. Randy Grubb; Bro. James Monday; Bro. Dave Cowan; and Bro Brian Pease; along with Bro. Austin Hoskins; Bro. Terry Summey; and Bro. Mike Brown. The Pulpit committee meets each week and keeps the Church informed of their progress.

Bro. James Monday passed away on August 1, 2005 after a lengthy illness. He fought a great fight and has gone to be with His Heavenly Father where he is resting. Bro Jim is sadly missed by his wife, family, and all who knew and loved him.

Today is September 18, 2005 and we are celebrating our 30th year in the LORD as the Emmanuel Southern Missionary Baptist Church of Brookville, Indiana. As stated earlier, "GOD is still blessing the Church and History is still being made".

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As submitted by sister Faye Monday.
Sep. 3, 2010

In October , 2005 , Rev. Michael Null was voted in as Pastor . He served two years . His letter of resignation was accepted by the church on October, 14, 2007.

In 2007 a concrete floor was added to the shelter. It was donated by a church member. The sound system was also installed during 2006 and 2007.

January, 11, 2009, Bro. James C. Monday was asked to serve as an active Deacon for Emmanuel Baptist Church.

January, 11, 2009, Bro. Kevin Waltz was given permission to have his Video Ministry at the church.

January, 11, 2009, Church approved having a fund raiser to payoff the loan for the Parking lot. The amount was \$1100.00. The loan was then paid off. The Church is debt free.

January, 2009, the Church voted in favor of joining the Whitewater Association of Indiana. A letter of dismissal was granted from the Ohio Association. The Church will be voted on by the Whitewater Association at their Annual Meeting in September.

March, 9, 2009, at the Business Meeting Dr. Mark Wurzelbacher was voted in as Pastor. He had been filling in on Sunday Mornings and Wednesday nights for several months. On May, 17, an installation service and dinner was held in his honor. We welcome Pastor Mark and Sister Linda to our congregation.

June, 2009, Parking Lot was sealed and striped by Siebert at a cost of \$3,265.00

June, 14, 2009, Bro. Kevin Waltz was asked by the Church to serve as an Active Deacon.

August, 13, 2009, Amy Tebbe Memorial Fund:
Amy passed away August, 6, 2009. To honor her memory a donation was made to the church. It will be used to buy a fiberglass cross with backlighting, that will be mounted on the exterior of the building facing Oxford Pike. A brass plate will be placed near the cross with her name on it. When completed a dedication will be held with family and friends present.

November, 29, 2010, installation of the cross was complete and a dedication was held.

July, 4, 2010, Bro. Mark resigned as Pastor effective July, 11, 2010, to take a church in Hamilton Ohio, Richmond Road Baptist Church. Bro. Mark filled in at Emmanuel a year before becoming Pastor. The work Pastor Mark and Sister Linda did at Emmanuel was greatly appreciated.

July, 11, 2010, Deacons Hank Hinkle and James c. Monday ask Bro. Kevin Waltz to fill in as Pastor until a permanent Pastor is installed. Bro. Kevin has been leading the Sunday Night services the past year. Bro. Kevin's Ordination Service as a " Minister Of The Gospel " will be October, 10,2010,(2:00) at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

September, 19, 2010, Homecoming!! Emmanuel Baptist Church will be celebrating their " 35th Anniversary ". Bro. Jake Flannery, a former Pastor, will be bringing the Message. Special singing by Donna Mullins and members of the church.