

# Your House of Happiness

Take what God gives, O heart of mine,  
And build your house of happiness.  
Perchance some have been given more;  
But many have been given less.  
The treasure lying at your feet,  
Whose value you but faintly guess,  
Another builder, looking on,  
Would barter heaven to possess.

Have you found work that you can do?  
Is there a heart that loves you best?  
Is there a spot somewhere called home  
Where, spent and worn, your soul may rest?  
A friendly tree? A book? A song?  
A dog that loves your hand's caress?  
A store of health to meet life's needs?  
Oh, build your house of happiness!

Trust not tomorrow's dawn to bring  
The dreamed-of joy for which you wait;  
You have enough of pleasant things  
To house your soul in goodly state;  
Tomorrow Time's relentless stream  
May bear what now you have away;  
Take what God gives, O heart, and build  
Your house of happiness today!

By B. Y. WILLIAMS

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"...and give thee peace"

ANNIVERSARY  
JULY 13, 1952

*For Mrs. Madory*

BEECH GROVE CHRISTIAN CHURCH BULLETIN  
Enoch C. Smith, Pastor. July 13, 1952.  
Beech Grove, Indiana

OUR 40th ANNIVERSARY !!  
Please register today

9:30 Church Worship. Most Welcome.

Prelude-stand as the choir enters  
Sweeter as the years go by---462  
Invocation and Lords Prayer  
Communion Hymn: "Take my Life  
and Let It Be" (all ver.)--244  
Prayer----An Elder  
Offering--tithes--cash--envelopes  
Prayer----An Elder (go  
Scripture 1 Cor.13-Mrs.Guy Rutled  
Prayer Song:My Jesus,I love--"-245  
The Prayer  
The choral response by the choir  
Announcements:  
Choir special:  
Leora Zarrick,Dir; Ellen West,Ac.  
"Do We Grow Up in 40 Years?"  
---Enoch C.Smith  
Invitation song-----184  
Benediction--Doxology.

10:30 Bible School. Most welcome.  
Foster McMasters, Supt.  
--every person is needed and is  
wanted in one of the classes.

12:00 NOON---Basket Dinner down-  
stairs. You may leave your basket  
dinner on the central table and  
arrange your own table service.  
Drinks furnished by the church.

2:00 P. M. 40th Anniversary

C. M. Hamilton presiding

Devotions led by Thaddeus LaFlower  
Special music by the choir  
Welcome-----the chairman  
Male Quartet number  
Special Recognitions:  
Ministers in attendance  
Pictures and letters  
Former Pastors present  
Those sent out from here  
Accordion number: Mrs. Jack Brink  
Charter members recognized  
Male Quartet number  
Historical: See Supplement today  
Special by the Choir  
A Memorial---Wallace Hartzell  
Accordion number by Bobbie Hamilton  
Congratulations-Mayer E. Allen Hunter  
Address: "A Vision or a Memory?"  
Rev. Orville Williams, Ex. Sec.  
Church Union of Marion Co.

Offering \*  
Benediction  
\*Special Duet by Bob Leaman and  
Roger Newman  
The Missionary Society will meet  
with Mrs. Grace White, 137 N. 18, on  
Thursday July 17 at 1:30. Mrs. Alice  
Hensley is the leader. The topic  
under discussion: "Human Rights".

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Next Sunday's sermon will seek to answer the question: "What is the  
distinctive thing about the Christian Religion?" Or, "What does the  
Pulpit stand for?"

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Judith Ann Daacke arrived at the  
Methodist hospital Tuesday night  
July 8. Mrs. Walter Daacke, the mo-  
ther was doing fine, but little  
Judith was fighting for her life  
in an oxygen tent as those words  
are written. Our prayers are theirs.

"His great heart yearneth in love  
For even me", says Mrs. C. H. Morris  
in her famous song, "Sweeter as the  
years go by" It is just such a  
wonderful thought that keeps many  
a person from slipping and falling  
when the road grows long and rough.

Our Anniversary Committee:

C.M. Hamilton, chairman,  
Mrs. Cora McKinnis, Fred Long,  
H. Lee Clark, Samuel Klinglesmith,  
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gauker,  
Thaddeus LaFlower, Enoch Smith.  
To them we desire to express our  
appreciation for their labors and  
plans for our 40th Anniversary  
Services today.

C.M. Hamilton, our 80 year old  
40th Anniversary chairman, and  
one of our Elders, has been instru-  
mental in assisting many of the  
Marion County churches as well as  
over the State. He raised the first  
dollar and heaved the first spade-  
full of earth for the erection of  
the Englewood Christian church on  
N. Rural St. 40 years ago he was a  
moving spirit in the organization  
of the Beech Grove Christian Church.  
He organized the East 16th St.  
Christian Church and the Mars View  
Christian Church, starting in empty  
garages. They both are full time  
preaching churches today. Brother  
Hamilton was ordained to the min-  
istry by T.A. Hall (now deceased) in  
1920. He was assigned to the West  
Side Christian Church, 1542 W. Ohio,  
by Rev. Virgil Brock, Marion County  
Evangelist, where he served two  
years. He labored two years at Buck  
Creek Chapel. For 17 years he worked  
with boys at the Central Y.M.C.A.  
He has worked faithfully, too, with  
the Happy Times Club of boys in  
Beech Grove. Prompted by the spirit  
of the Master, he has served well.

Susan Gail Stone got the Mumps and  
so mother Norma Jean did not attend  
the DVBS dinner. So sorry.

Did you ever hear Mrs. Grace Gear-  
hart give her poem on "Mother"? It  
is unusually good. Ask her some-  
time when you have a nice group to  
listen to it.

The Missionary Ladies met last Tues  
day to plan their year's programs.

Church June finances: Loose offer-  
ings \$78.49; Envelopes \$552.85, to-  
tal-\$631.34. Allocated as follows:  
Current expenses--\$492.44  
Mission fund----- 31.56  
Building and Loan- 107.34  
Robert Rasner, Financial Sec.

Birthday offerings: Thaddeus LaFlowe  
and Mrs. Cora McKinnis.

It was a lovely fellowship of our  
DVBS workers when they gathered  
about the table at Jones' restaur-  
ant on E. Washington last Monday to  
partake of a good chicken dinner  
and to give personal reactions to  
their experiences in the school  
which closed on July 3 with 140  
boys and girls enrolled. Three  
times the chicken was passed, until  
only one piece remained. Happy days!

Rev. John Knapp, former pastor of the  
E. 49th St. Church and George Hipps,  
a present Trustee of the church, re-  
port satisfaction with the Oil fur-  
nace installed there about three  
years ago.

Mrs. Myrtle Vandyke, 303 N. 13, is now  
employed in an office in the K of P  
building.

Well, we are all looking forward to  
having a new oil furnace and new  
pews, a new lectern, pulpit, commun-  
ion table, and communion chairs. Al-  
so a new sign board on the lawn and  
new street signs to guide people  
to our church. Yes, the work moves  
ever onward. Let us make ourselves  
more appealing as Christians and  
let us make our church more attrac-  
tive to those who come to worship  
and study and have fellowship with  
others.

I guess we forgot to tell you about  
the Junior DVBS trips. Well, the  
first week we went to the Childrens  
Museum and the second week we took  
in the Coco Cola plant. About 25-30  
boys and girls enjoyed the trips.  
Also some active leaders.

A COMPILED HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE BEECH GROVE CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
By Enoch C. Smith

To help members and friends to appreciate the labors of others in the organization and establishment of our church, I have taken the various sketches presented to me by C.M. Hamilton, Mrs. Guy Rutledge and others, together with suggestions secured from some former church bulletins, notices, and oral releases, to compile this brief story of facts and incidents, which however incomplete may serve as a basis for future reference.

In a church Bulletin dated January 16, 1916 when Rev. William P. Shanhart was the pastor, I find these words: "Beech Grove is a little railroad town of about 1500 inhabitants, situated six miles southeast of Indianapolis, Indiana, reached by the Big Four Railroad. It has its own Electric Car Line and a good auto pike, known as Churchman Avenue. It derives its name from the beautiful Beech Forest by which it is almost surrounded, making a very beautiful and healthful place to live. It has several stores, a restaurant, a Post Office, three Protestant churches, two school buildings, a fire station, and is served by water, electric light and telephone. The Big Four Railroad Shops furnish employment for a majority of the men who reside there."

It was on that day, Jan. 16, 1916, that the Beech Grove Christian Church dedicated its new basement for worship with C. W. Cauble giving the sermon. The basement was 43 by 65 feet and cost about \$3000.00. At that time they had preaching on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Mrs. Martha Smith was the president of the Ladies Aid and Mrs. M. E. Beaver was the president of the C. W. B. M. Of our present attending members the following were listed as officers then: H. L. Clark and C. M. Hamilton Elders; Fred Long, a Deacon; William Gilliland, a Trustee.

In a church Bulletin dated July 11, 1937 when Rev. Edward E. Russell was the minister, I quote the following words: "Exactly ten years later (that is, after the basement was dedicated) the present structure was completed during the ministry of Rev. E. Lester." Also these words: "The church is grateful to all committees and to all members and friends whose love and labor makes this day a memorable milestone in a glorious history." At that time William Gearhart was the Superintendent of the Sunday School, Mrs. Guy Rutledge read a paper on the history of the church, Rev. Kenneth Thorne gave the Silver Anniversary address and Rev. B. R. Johnson gave the evening message. C. M. Hamilton was the Anniversary chairman.

Today we are observing the 40th Anniversary of our church. It will help us to appreciate the passing of time if we say: In 1912 we organized; in 1916 we dedicated the basement; in 1926 we dedicated the present church building; in 1937 we observed our Silver Anniversary; and in 1952 we are observing our 40th Anniversary. Does it help any? Mrs. Guy Rutledge, in her historical notes, says "Beech Grove was surveyed in 1907---a fence row became Main Street---the Big Four Shops began operation in 1908---the only method of transportation to Indianapolis other than a work train was a Pack Line."

From 1907 to 1937, a period of thirty years, the community grew from a population of fifteen families to 5000 persons. According to a survey made by the Division and Field Services of Indiana University as released in May 1951, we have the latest information about our city of Beech Grove. Among the many interesting revelations in that booklet we give you the following:

1. The Beech Grove Shops employ about 2500 persons
2. 63% of Beech Grove fathers are engaged in skilled labor
3. The Beech Grove per cent of increase in population from 1910 to 1950 was 902%, while that of Marion County was 108%
4. There are 1670 residences in Beech Grove and 55.8% of the houses contain children of pre-school or school age.
5. There are 1,037 pupils enrolled in Beech Grove, 789 of which are in the public schools
6. The population is entirely white with a predominantly mid-western background.
7. More than five sixths of all school and pre-school children were born in the local community. (only.)
8. 28% of all Beech Grove families have lived here for 2 years

Well, we must get back to the church situation here in Beech Grove in the early days. The first church in the community was called a Federated church and the services were conducted in a building moved here from Crawfordsville, Indiana, and it was located at the present site of the Methodist church.

The origin of the Beech Grove Christian Church lay in the hearts of certain men and women who in the year of 1910 met informally to consider the possibility of starting a new congregation. The fire was kindled in the minds of courageous souls like C.M. Hamilton, Fred and Bert Long, Fred Parker and Newton Griggs. The feeble light grew into a stronger flame. Rev. A.L. Orcutt, Rev. W.S. Smith and Mr. Austin added their words of helpfulness. It was decided to raise some funds and hold an evangelistic meeting. Mrs. Fred Long, Mrs. Bert Long, and Mrs. Thomas Bodenhaner started out to get some money. Soon, in small amounts, a total of \$85 was collected. \$5.00 seems to be the largest gift on the list. Guy Rutledge was down for \$2.00 and Thomas Kail for a like sum. Mrs. Rutledge and Mrs. Bodenhaner rented a tent. Tommy Long got some song books. Another loaned a piano. Rev. Aubrey Moore was called to conduct the meeting, but on account of a funeral failed to arrive for the first session, so Fred Wolf preached that night and Bro. Hamilton led the song service.

At the first invitation, the memoirs reveal, seven people accepted the call. The first five persons baptized were: Lula Rutledge, Mrs. Chas. Howell, Ben Dennis, Orin Klein and Beatrice Heightschew. The tent meeting was held on Main Street between sixth and seventh avenues with Rev. Moore preaching and Rev. Wolf leading the singing. Twenty five persons were received, nineteen by statement and six by confession of faith. Although a storm blew the tent down, they re-erected it and kept on, under the direction of God's spirit.

On July 23, 1912 the Beech Grove Christian Church was officially organized with 25 charter members as hereby listed: Beatrice Heightschew  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Long      Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bodenhaner, Lilly Wheatley\*  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Kail      Mr. and Mrs. William Dinwiddie \*  
Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Kline \*      Mr. and Mrs. Bert Long \*      Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Dennis  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parker      Orin Kline      Mrs. Guy Rutledge, Lula Rutledge,  
Mrs. Chas. Howell, Mrs. D.F. Smith\*      Margaret Smith\*      Mrs. Isabelle Wheatley\*

The first Elders of the church were Fred Parker and Thomas Bodenhamer. The first Deacons were Fred Long, George Klein, Thomas Kail and Bert Long. The Clerk was Thomas Bodenhamer. The Sunday School Superintendent was Fred Parker. The president of the Ladies Aid was Mrs. Thomas Bodenhamer. The president of the Ladies Missionary Society was Mrs. J. W. Beaver.

As the work progressed the pulpit was supplied by many ministers, including Bros. Aubrey Moore, Fred Wolf, Bro. Epperson, Clay, Trusty, E. E. Mooreman, John Scott, I. J. Cain, M. E. Ingle, B. L. Allen, W. S. Smith, Cantor, Lee, O'Haver, McKinnon, William Shanness, T. J. Legg, C. W. Cauble, Stainsby, Cunningham, J. A. Roberts, E. L. Day, W. O. Moore, Gary L. Cook, W. P. Shanhart, Badger, A. W. Crabb, F. P. Franklin, Dr. Kershner, C. M. Hamilton and T. A. Hall, and R. L. Secrist.

The new congregation met in various places until the two lots were secured during a meeting conducted by Rev. A. W. Crabb, and in 1916 the basement was dedicated after many hard days labor by loyal members and friends.

Rev. Lonnie Gray became the first full time pastor in 1922. Others included Kenneth Thorne, Virgil Brock, Morris Schollenberger, Edward Russell, T. A. Timbrook, Harold Abraham and Robert Banks.

During the pastorate of Rev. Harold Abraham the church purchased a parsonage at 153 N. 6th St. They also constructed the class rooms now occupied in the basement by our childrens departments. About five years ago they purchased the parsonage located at 87 S. 10th St, a very nice modern five room, one-floor home for the minister. The payments on this home were completed in July of this year, so the church is now ready for making other advances which now include the recent decision to purchase a new oil furnace for the church and to obtain new pews for the church auditorium and perhaps other equipment.

The church is very happy to know that four ministers have gone forth from the local congregation to serve the Master's cause. These are: C. M. Hamilton, whose record is on another page of this Supplement; A. E. Mills, who is the pastor of the Garfield Christian Church on 1502 Bradbury Ave, Indianapolis, Ind; Ralph Underwood, in northern Indiana; and Orval I. Mendenhall, until recently at Vandalia, Illinois. To them the church extends its most cordial good will and blessing.

To all those who have labored, contributed money, and by their presence have helped to secure the present property and to establish the strength of the growing congregation of worshippers we desire to extend our dutiful and appreciative thanks. Forty years is not a long long time, but it does represent the passing of time. Under the direction of our Heavenly Father, let us pray that the future may hold in store some great victories of faith and advancement in the Beech Grove Christian Church.

Beech Grove has become a thriving city of nearly 3000 souls. About 1800 homes with about 4 persons to a home are looking to the churches for spiritual guidance. We must be ready to assume responsibility.

Rev. Enoch C. Smith was called to the pastorate of the Beech Grove Christian Church in August of 1948, coming from a successful pastorate in the Hilltop Church of Christ in Columbus, Ohio. He is a graduate of Bethany College, Bethany, W. Va, with Seminary Training in the Oberlin Graduate School of Theology at Oberlin, Ohio and in the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Smith is a graduate in Education from Bethany College, Bethany, W. Va.

Since their coming to Beech Grove the church has assumed a full time schedule of services and the annual report booklets released at the annual meetings show considerable advancement in many ways. In the 15-page booklet released in January of 1952 covering the year of 1951, a few of the items as summarized below will tell a portion of the story of one of those years' labor.

1. The pastor made 750 calls in the homes of the community
2. 23 new members were received
3. Sixty six boys and girls from 1-3 years of age are listed on the Cradle Roll. During four years over 50 boys and girls and their parents have participated in special dedicatory services.
4. The basement was re-ceiled, and re-decorated and new lights were installed. The kitchen was renovated, decorated and furnished with considerable equipment, including a new electric refrigerator.
5. The parsonage was re-painted and one third of the interior was re-decorated.
6. A weekly Bulletin and Supplement were provided for the members
7. A weekly church attendance was high enough to give an average place of 17teenth among 48 Marion County Christian Churches.
8. The Easter attendance was listed as 440.
9. The local city library was assisted by a \$100 gift of choice religious books furnished by the church
10. Two Missionary Societies and a Ladies Aid Society functioned regularly
11. A fine D. V. B. School was held with unusual success.
12. Four dozen new chairs were purchased
13. The total envelope and loose offerings of the church--\$6713.48
14. The missionary giving of the church was \$600, about one eleventh of the amount of receipts as in line 13.
15. The congregation carries for itself a high respect and good standing the in the community.
16. The Congregation is fully organized with all departments cooperating nicely in a strong program of worship, teaching, and fellowship.

(Please turn to the next page for a list of officers and organizations)

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH, SUNDAY SCHOOL, ORGANIZATIONS

Pastor-----Enoch C. Smith      Chairman of Board--Thaddeus LaFlower  
Clerk-----Mrs. Betty Helkema      Secretary of Bd.--H. Lee Clark  
Financial Sec.----Robert Rasner      Building F. Tr.---Henry Fox  
Treasurer-----E. E. Mendenhall      Sunday School Superintendents:  
Music Minister--Mrs. Leora Zarrick      Foster McMasters  
Pianist-----Mrs. Ellen West      Henry Fox  
Custodian-----William Boyer

ELDERS: Thaddeus LaFlower-Ch.      C. M. Hamilton      Robert Rasner  
Wallace Hartzell      H. Lee Clark      Howard Clark  
Foster McMasters      William Gearhart

DEACONS: Ross Dumfries-Ch.      E. E. Mendenhall      Henry Fox  
John Bohannon Jr.      Ben Helkema      Ben Cripe  
G. E. Kemper      Woodrow Worrell      Dewey Spence  
Lynton Gearhart      Leslie Smith      Herbert Ford

DEACONESSES:

Mrs. Iona Byrum      Mrs. Velma LaFlower,      Mrs. Ellen Smith  
Mrs. Rhoda Hartzell, Ch.      Mrs. Flo Smith      Mrs. Wilma Fox  
Mrs. Mildred Pace      Mrs. Maryruth Pedigo

TRUSTEES: Clarence Gauker      Ray Warrick      H. Lee Clark

Sunday School: Treasurer--Dewey Spence      Secretary Mary Joan Hurt  
Teachers: E. E. Mendenhall, H. Lee Clark, William Gearhart  
Samuel Klinglesmith, Enoch Smith, Mrs. Enoch  
Smith, Thaddeus LaFlower, Foster McMasters,  
Mrs. Ben Helkema, Mrs. Ellen Smith, Wallace  
Hartzell, C. M. Hamilton,  
Primary Dept: Mrs. Mildred Pace, Supt; Mrs. Dorothy Clark  
Mrs. Mary McMasters, Mrs. Mary Parton, Mrs.  
Pauline Hunley, Mrs. Florence Lockard.  
Beginners; Mrs. Nettie Arens, Miss Julia McMasters  
Mrs. Charlene McIntosh, Mrs. Norma Jean Stone  
Mrs. Maryruth Pedigo and others

Missionary Society: Pre.-Mrs. Mary McMasters; V. Pres. Mrs. Hensley-Smith  
and Helkema; Sec.-Mrs. Wm Gilliland; Tr. Mrs. Marshall

Young Matrons Missionary Society: Pres. Mrs. Sue Toon; V. Pres. Mrs. Iona  
Byrum; Secretary-Mrs. Marthona White; Treas.-Mrs. Norma Jean  
Stone.

Ladies Aid Society: Pres. Mrs. Hilda Gauker; V. Pres. Mrs. Flo Smith;  
Secretary-Mrs. Geraldine McWilliams; Treas.-Mrs.  
Rhoda Hartzell      (Worrell)

Adult Class--Pres. Mrs. Flo Smith; Sec.-Mrs. Alice Boyer; Tr.-Mrs. Lotia

Choir: Pres. Kenneth McWilliams      Sec-Treas- Mrs. Betty Helkema

Kappa Gamma Class--Pres-Clarence Gauker; V. Pres-Robert Rasner; Sec-  
Mrs. Rhoda Hartzell; Treas--Wallace Hartzell      (Kephart)

Friendly Builders Class--Pres--Mrs. Norma Jean Stone; Sec-Mrs. Pauline

Teen Age Youth C. E.-Pres-Patsy Pace; V. Pres-Julia McMasters      Clark.  
Secretary-Mary Etta McMasters      Treasurer Howard Clark