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THE BETHANY CHURCH THROUGH THE YEARS

Bethany began as a Sunday School Class made up of members of First Christian Church that met in a cottage at 1006 Mary Street. The year was 1891. Later that year, they bought two lots at the corner of Maryland and Jacobs (now Edgar Street) for \$625 and built a small frame building. On September 26, 1897, First Christian granted letters to the first members of Bethany Christian Church. The second building was built in 1911 at Columbia and Edgar. It was finished and dedicated on April 20, 1913, at the cost of \$23,144.26.



In 1978, approximately 12 ½ acres of land was purchased east of Weaver Road, between Mill Road and Hesmer Road. Ground was broken on March 14, 1981, and the present building was first used for services on November 29, 1981. This new building was dedicated on March 14, 1982.

A shelter and two play grounds have been added to the property over the years.

In 2006, a second floor and a kitchen were added to the east wing of the building adding approximately 2400 of educational space. The Little Disciples Daycare utilizes the former educational space below the new floor.



In recent years we have seen a rebirth of a very old church congregation. On any given Sunday, many those in attendance are members with a tenure of less than 10 years. Most of the leaders of the congregation are those who have become members during that time.

We continue to be greatly blessed. To God be the glory! What great things He has done!