

# CHURCH HISTORIES

*Although we were not able to receive information on all of the churches that carry on the tradition of Faith in Dixon, these are a few who shared information with us. Connie Erisman, editor*

## FIRST CHRISTIAN

The First Christian Church began its chapter in the history of the Dixon Community in 1901 with 31 members gathered to devote \$41.00 to purchase the site for the building of the church. Four of the first ministers were; R.B. Havener, J.R. Blunt, Leon H. Couch, and F.S. Haltom. The church building was bought and paid for the price of \$650.00 in 1904, remodeling followed in the approaching years to include electric lights and a basement was added.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The First Baptist Church was galvanized by a gathering of members in 1897 and after the formal structuring of the church with H.M. Sutton as the first pastor of the church. A lot was purchased for \$204.65 and a new building was constructed in 1899 to fit the needs of the new congregation. Many pastors tended to the flock of followers however, in 1931 Reverend E.E. Baur took on the reigns of the church until his retirement in 1964. The original building has seen many renovations since its inception including air conditioning and a new parsonage.

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The first records of the church reflect the purchase of property from the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad Co. for \$100.00 in 1869.

In 1875 the land was deeded to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for \$40.00 in 1882 it was once more deeded to the Methodist Church, South, for \$300A. M. Johnson became a licensed minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1844. In 1846 the church was divided into Methodist Church, North and South. The Methodist South Church was located on the corner of 3rd and Walnut and the Methodist North was on the corner of 2nd and Pine. In 1939 both churches reunited and the church became known as Dixon Methodist Church.

## ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

A series of revivals in the Dixon City Park in 1941 caused Rev. Helvey of Dallas TX to resign his ministry in TX and move to Dixon after attending the revivals, he then spearheaded the effort to establish the church. In 1943, Rev Helvey resigned the pastorate thus, allowing Rev Arvel J. Barrett to serve as the church pastor until 1946. From 1946 until 1969 several pastors administered to the needs of the congregation. In 1966 a three acre lot was purchased on Highway C and building began in 1968 allowing the congregation to worship in their new building.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

The effort to begin a new church in Dixon began in 1947 when the Church of Christ was formed by a small group of citizens.



## Dixon United Methodist Church

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

On the corner of 2nd & Pine Streets  
in Dixon, Missouri

*Where everyone is welcome and loved!*

The Methodist Church in Dixon was founded in February of 1882. During this period our denomination, like our country, was divided over the issue of slavery. The Methodist Church South, founded in 1882, met in a building on the corner of 3rd and Walnut Streets. The Methodist Church North was founded in 1846 at our current location of 2nd and Pine Streets. The original building was struck by lightning, burned, and was rebuilt on the same site. In 1939 the two churches united to form Dixon Methodist Church, worshiping together at the North location. In 1968 two denominations, the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren, merged to form The United Methodist Church.

*We welcome everyone with open hearts and will meet you at the door.  
Come just as you are; you are loved just as you are.*