

## Central Ave. Christian began in 1880

The First Christian Church in Humboldt, Tennessee was organized in 1880. J.L. Burns of North Carolina was the minister who led in this movement. Ten members formed the early organization and they elected as their officers: F.L. Miller as Elder, and J.C. Ridings and C.D. Allen as deacons. During Burns residence in the city, services were held occasionally in the Presbyterian Church. During the summer services were held in a vacant building on Fort Hill. At other times during the year the group met in homes of the members.

In 1919, Bro. B. A. Craddock bought and deeded to the church the present Central Avenue and Osborne Street lot on which the church and old parsonage now stand. He promised to give \$1,000 a year for five years if the congregation would erect a new building. The congregation accepted this challenge. This act of generosity largely made it possible for the church to have and own its present building. In the fall of 1919 the house that came with the lot was removed and the basement was dug. An elder of the church, M.E. Williams wrote, "We didn't get very far that year as winter set in and the hole filled with water. Some unkind critic was heard to remark 'that pond is the nearest we will ever get to a building.' Well, we did start again the next spring, and work steadily progressed until the basement was finished. Then a roof was put on what was to be the floor of the new building, and we moved over from Burrow Street. The house was fairly comfortable, but when it rained it nearly drowned out the voice of the preacher for the drain from the roof was near the pulpit stand. The rain on the roof and the water coming down the galvanized drain made a pretty big racket." For about six years the congregation held Sunday school and the worship services in the basement.

In 1921, the cornerstone of the present building was laid. At that time the official board consisted of B.A. Craddock, Dr. R.O. Williams, B.P. Sloan, Dr. John Meeks, M.E. Williams, Gen. G.C. Sherrod, as Elders and O.P. Matthews, Claude Johnson. J.N. Midyett, W.J. Jordan, L.P. Wray, C.T. Craddock, George W. Johnson and Hicks Williams as Deacons.

On May 30, 1926, the dedication of the new building took place. At that time it was one of the most beautiful church structures in West Tennessee and many feel it still is. Come worship at Central Avenue Christian Church and enjoy the rich history that fills its halls.



Central Avenue Christian Church



Life Church of Jesus Christ

## Life Church of Jesus Christ once held church in Idlewild

Life Church of Jesus Christ began in the home of Joe Murray and Ozzie Allen in 1950. In 1974 their son, Carlon Allen, held church in a store front in Idlewild, Tenn. Remembering a dream his mother had about a church on the Allen Orchard, he began construction on the church that is located at 190 John Martin Road in Bradford today.

Using his family and a few outside resources, the church was mainly built by hand. From trialing the foundation to handy work done by his sons, it was ready by November of 1975. Elder Glenn Hinson preached for Elder Carlon Allen at the

dedication of the church. The late Elder Carlon Allen installed his son, Barry Allen, as Pastor of Life Church of Jesus Christ on September 12, 2010.

Service times are:

Sunday morning service - 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday evening service - 7:30 p.m.

Pastor B.W. Allen and the First Lady believe, "your best days are still in front of you." They have a vision for Life Church of Jesus Christ, its members, and its surrounding communities.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish..." (Proverbs 29:18).

