

STRATHMOOR CHURCH OF CHRIST

HISTORICAL SKETCH
1935-1945

The Strathmoor Church of Christ had its beginning March 31, 1935 in an abandoned bank building at the corner of Grand River and Lesure with Bro. H Leo Boles of Nashville, Tennessee preaching the first sermon. Members came from nearby congregations - Vinewood, Hamilton, Dearborn, Ferndale, West Side and others. The congregation continued to meet for worship at this location until November 1935, at which time the Masonic Temple at 14059 Hubbell was secured providing more suitable quarters for our work.

From the beginning of this work various local preaching brethren assisted assisted in the preaching and holding revival meetings from time to time. In September 1935 the congregation acquired the services of Bro. John Stewart to preach regularly and he continued with Strathmoor until the spring of 1937. In May 1937 Bro. O. K. Alexander and wife of Hutchinson, Kansas came to locate with Strathmoor and worked with this congregation for two years. In April 1939 Bro. A.J. Bachman of Dickson, Tennessee was available and after being invited to come and work with the church, accepted. From 1939 to 1944 the congregation grew from about 65 members to approximately 250. At the time of Bro. Bachman's coming the church had just started the erection of a little frame white building at the present location, 14500 Greenfield at Lyndon. In 1948 the educational wing of the present building was built and in 1956 the white frame building was removed and the present auditorium was built.

The church began with a handfull of members, and now had grown to about 280. The church also had begun with no property at all, but in ten years time had purchased two choice lots, erected a very substantial meetinghouse, and had formulated plans for acquiring a minister's home, and also began to establish a church in the city of Battle Creek, Michigan.