

PLUM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Plum Street Church of Christ was begun as an outgrowth of the first planting of the Restoration Movement in Detroit sometime prior to 1841. For approximately 20 years there was up and down growth as the group moved into several different locations in downtown Detroit. When instrumental music was introduced the congregation divided in 1862, afterward re-united for a while and the final separation occurred in 1868. This was the first congregation of a major city in the United States to suffer division over this issue. The non-instrumental group eventually purchased lots and built a building costing about \$2,000 on the SW corner of 4th and Plum. It became one of the greatest congregations of the Churches of Christ in the United States by the 1880s. It was noted for being for mutual edification by the men of the church and disdained the hiring of a located preacher. The minute books of the congregation cover the period 1882-1906 and was compiled by G. G. Taylor. He also wrote the History of the Plum Street Church of Christ in 1906.

These books were presented to the church history collection of Michigan Christian College by Dan Matson, DeWitt, MI., the last secretary of the Board, Plum Street Foundation.