

PAST HISTORY

Cheboygan Church of Christ

Cheboygan Church of Christ began in the summer of 1971 when the Irville Wheelock family began meeting in the basement of their daughter's home. Ray Stewart a young man from Dearborn and Tom Martin from Alpena helped us out by doing the preaching. There were five members at that time.

In the Fall of 1971 Harold McCormick and John Dimargio and Howard Byerly travelled 80 miles from Alpena taking turns to do the preaching for us. At this time the members meet in a room of the Citizens Bank. They were now up to about a dozen members. They were unable to advertise their meeting place so in November of 1972 they moved to an old denominational building. After much toil they cleaned and fixed the building, and began meeting there. The winter of 1972 was a long one for the Church in Cheboygan. Many Sundays they had no preacher, so would listen to tapes of the Bible and some taped sermons. Bro. Griesing taught the class and lead singing. All the congregation worked together, each one doing what they were able to do. They worshipped, worked, and even played together; at least once a month they had a fellowship, rotating from house to house. This has continued.

FULL TIME PREACHER COMES TO CHEBOYGAN: Because of the concern of the Taylor Center Congregation, a man was hired for the work in Cheboygan. Others hearing of the work have joined with their support, they are Ecorse congregation, and the Eureka Heights congregation. They have supported not only in money but with prayers, Others have helped on our building and baptistry. Gerald Reynolds and family came to work full time in July 1973, after graduation from the Memphis School of Preaching.

PURCHASE OF CHURCH BUILDING: In August, 1973, the congregation moved into a building they bought with the help of members and others who were interested in the work.

A PREACHERS HOME ADDED: March 1974 the congregation was able to purchase a preachers home, instead of rent, money now goes for the house.

A baptistry was installed in monthh of may.
Men of the congregation have insulated and pannelled building.
Gerald Reynolds left the congregation in September 1975.
Since that time we have been advertising for a man to take his place.
We now have 25 members.