

**HISTORY OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST
IN MICHIGAN**



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Co-founder of Ford Motor Company, 1902, and a
member of Vinewood Church of Christ

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The collection of historical church materials began when Dan Matson salvaged materials from the Hamilton Avenue Church of Christ in Highland Park at the time of the sale of the building. Before he could get there, a few documents of the historic Plum Street Church of Christ, Hamilton's parent church, had been thrown into the trash and lost. In its day, the Plum Street church was one of the great churches of Christ in America.

Encouraged by Milton Fletcher, then president of Michigan Christian College, the materials saved were donated to the College, with the understanding that when the new library building is constructed on campus, a room will be set aside for the display and preservation of artifacts of church history in this state. While Jesse Clayton was Director of Development for the College, he, too, was interested in this cause and helped secure more data for the library.

More recently, R. Vernon Boyd became interested in writing on the history of the church in Michigan, and has organized and added to this collection. Selected materials have been on display during the lectureship at Michigan Christian College, for the Michigan Missions Forum in Midland, for the LEADS Workshop at Atlanta, MI, and on two occasions at the Oakland Church of Christ.

Materials Collected

- Three journals from the Plum Street Church of Christ
- G. G. Taylor's History of the Plum Street Church of Christ
- 1905 communion pitcher, Cameron Avenue Church of Christ
- 1907 picture of remodeling of the Vinewood Church of Christ
- Youth bulletin produced for the opening of the Fairview Church of Christ - 1916
- Brochure celebrating the successes of West Side Central Church of Christ - 1947
- Biography of Alex Y. Malcomson, co-founder with Henry Ford, of the Ford Motor Company
- Photo of John Simpson Gray, first President of Ford Motor Company and elder of the Plum Street Church of Christ
- Robert Girdwood's Timeline of the Restoration Movement in Michigan
- 1954 brochure, Michigan Christian College, which began at the Strathmoor Church of Christ
- Legal Brief from Michigan Supreme Court's decision regarding the Joseph Campau Church of Christ in Detroit - 1952
- Advertisement for the Jimmy Allen Cobo Hall Campaign - 1966
- Bus poster for the 1991 Crusade for Christ in Cobo Hall
- Book in honor of T. C. Wilcox
- Books by Harmon Black
- 1904 Church directory of 4 Detroit churches of Christ
- Brochure of North Central Christian College - 1959

- Copies of Christian Visitor telling of the State Work - 1920- 1940s
- 1945 - Our Ministers and Song Leaders, published by Annie Tuggle in Detroit
- 1924 - photo of the Jackson Church of Christ
- 1923 - photo of Hamilton Church of Christ
- 1931 - photo of ladies meeting at West Side Central Church of Christ
- Early photo of the staff of Mill Lake Christian Camp
- Early photo of St. Antoine and Alexandrine Church of Christ
- Photo of the Native American congregation at Murry Hill Church of Christ, Flint
- Brochures from Boblo Excursions; Thanksgiving Celebrations; Michigan Missions Forums; National Dinner Day, Southwestern Christian College; Michigan State Lectureships; Metro Detroit Bible Lectures, Lectureships, Michigan Christian College; Thanksgiving Feasts, Lockett Christian Academy
- Minister's Monthly, Glenn Martin, editor
- Songs of Faith, by Sylvia Rose Cobb
- Church Directories

WHAT IS NEEDED

- Funds to support this effort
- Resources to make the story complete: photos, books, fliers, brochures, and other artifacts as suggested by the topics below:
- Information about individual churches or outstanding church leaders
- Special institutions associated with the Churches of Christ - Michigan Christian College, Church of Christ Care Center (Great Lakes Home, Romeo Home), Michigan Christian Youth Camp, Integrity magazine, Liberty Christian Academy, Lockett Christian Academy, Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus, Oak Hills Home, Operation Hope, Plum Street Foundation, Radio/TV ministries, Spanish ministries, Western Michigan Youth Camp, Detroit Christian Recreation Association, deaf ministries, bus ministries, Michigan Missions Forums, musical concerts and choral groups, special meetings, debates and lectureships, mission work - local or foreign ...and such like.

If you have any information or artifacts for exhibit, or if you wish to contribute money to this project, you may contact:

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