

The Church at **Shepherd, Mich.**

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Fifteen years ago, two Christian families moved from West Virginia to Central Michigan to work in the oil fields. They began worshipping in their homes. Today in Shepherd stands a small but attractive white frame church house in which thirty-six men, women and children worship after the New Testament order. The building has a vestibule, classroom, rest rooms, baptistry and full basement. The water in the baptistry is heated by an unusual plan originated by Brother Bigham, a member of the congregation.

Of the thirty-six members of the church only eight are men. Each of the men takes a public part in the work and worship of the church. Two of the men are members of the faculty of Central Michigan College of Education. The professors are Dr. R. P. Cuff of the department of English and Dr. C. P. Poole of the Psychology department. These and their families attend all the services of the church and otherwise lead in the activities of the congregation, though they live ten miles from Shepherd.

In many ways the congregation is remarkable. For one thing there is perfect peace in the church and all have a mind to work. Two families come from Clare,

Mich., twenty-five miles away. They attend both services on the Lord's days. Hence, they drive one hundred miles each Sunday to worship God. For another thing the church contributes between fifty and sixty dollars per Sunday. Is not that a splendid record for a group of thirty-six with only eight wage earners? The church sends fifteen dollars monthly to an orphan home. In addition they contribute monthly to the African work. Recently they have sent contributions to the Flushing (N. Y.) work and the Alaska work.

Each month the church sets aside a certain amount to be used later to construct a preacher's home. They hope eventually to locate a preacher in Shepherd to devote his full time to the work in Central Michigan.

In the past few years two congregations have been started from the church in Shepherd; one at Mt. Pleasant with a membership of some eight or ten; one at Marion with eight members. The Marion church is the northernmost congregation in the state of Michigan.

The writer recently closed a meeting with the Shepherd church. While there were no additions the interest was high from the first service to the last.

Our Clubs

For several consecutive weeks our list of clubs has shown a steady increase. This growing interest and cooperation are duly appreciated. We owe a debt of gratitude to those who are so faithfully helping us to extend the circulation of the Gospel Advocate. It would be gratifying if someone in each congregation would send us a club. You will be surprised how easy it is to secure a club. Usually an announcement through your church bulletin or at the regular services will do the work. Why not begin now? Write us for a sample bundle free of charge.

Name	State	No. Subs.
Carl Lancaster,	Tennessee	10
Mrs. Charles W. Davis,	Oklahoma	5
Robert A. Bradley,	Tennessee	5
Mrs. L. W. Thompson,	Tennessee	8
Virgil L. Collins,	Indiana	8
J. M. Powell,	Tennessee	6
Henry Pounds,	Mississippi	6
Mrs. J. S. Moores,	Alabama	5
T. A. Thompson,	Alabama	7
A. M. Strickland,	Georgia	7
L. B. Rose,	Kentucky	7

Thomas J. Wagner,	Tennessee	5
Mrs. Moody Yates,	Kentucky	5
H. L. Bradfield,	Tennessee	8
Mrs. Lesley Hill,	Tennessee	5
W. C. Hastings,	Kentucky	10
Mrs. Bryan Murdock,	Kentucky	7
Mrs. Jack Hubble,	Arkansas	5
Glenn L. Shaver,	Arkansas	5
Mrs. Lillian Thomas,	Alabama	5
Ben Panter,	Alabama	5
Mrs. R. E. Daniel,	Kentucky	6
C. H. Leinweber,	Texas	5
Fred E. Dennis,	Ohio	5
Percy L. Manning,	North Carolina	5
A. E. Swanson,	Tennessee	9
Mrs. Price Hardin,	Missouri	10
Charles H. Coleman,	Michigan	12
C. Clyde Hance,	Arkansas	6
Bruce Jackson,	Arkansas	6
Miss Claude L. Moore,	Alabama	6
J. P. White,	Alabama	5
Mrs. Bessie A. Clements,	Alabama	7
Kenneth Edwards,	Alabama	7
Mrs. A. V. Larimore,	Alabama	5
C. Frank Bentley,	Kentucky	5
Mrs. K. C. Dunnavant,	Alabama	5
O. D. Johns,	Tennessee	11
Flavil H. Nichols,	Alabama	9
Mrs. Sarah E. Paden,	Texas	12

Ralph Steury,	Missouri	11
M. Norvel Young,	Texas	6
Mrs. C. E. Coleman,	Tennessee	5
Oliver C. Cunningham,	Oklahoma	6
Evertt Huffard,	New Mexico	5
B. W. McCasin,	Tennessee	6
Fred Evans,	Tennessee	5
James G. Hicks,	Tennessee	5

Preachers Who Called

- H. C. Hale, Nashville, Tenn.
- Marvin R. Martin, Houlton, Maine
- David Mosley, Shelbyville, Tenn.
- C. M. Tuttleton, Woodleaf, N. C.
- Howard R. Allen, Sheffield, Ala.
- Rex C. Turman, Savannah, Tenn.
- H. M. Phillips, Nashville, Tenn.
- Lee Gunter, Ashland City, Tenn.
- J. B. Gaither, Gallatin, Tenn.
- William Gentry, Nashville, Tenn.
- W. L. Totty, Indianapolis, Ind.
- Andrew Brown, White Bluff, Tenn.
- J. E. Acuff, Nashville, Tenn.
- Monroe Scott, Jr., Goodlettsville, Tenn.
- Rex A. Turner, Montgomery, Ala.
- Gus Nichols, Jasper, Ala.
- J. E. Alexander, Nashville, Tenn.
- Avis C. Wiggins, Lewisburg, Tenn.
- N. B. Hardeman, Henderson, Tenn.
- John E. Winkler, Nashville, Tenn.
- Clyde Miller, Ripley, Miss.
- Earle H. West, Nashville, Tenn.
- J. W. Brents, Nashville, Tenn.

Among the Colored Brethren

(All news items and articles for this page should be marked for the colored page.)

J. L. Cothron, 40 East Woodlawn Avenue, Natchez, Miss., October 24: "Since my last report we closed a tent meeting at Port Gibson, Miss. Five adults were baptized, one restored and two placed membership. There were no visible results at Woodville. Two were restored at Wilkerson, I will begin at Kosciusko October 28, the Lord willing."

L. M. Jones, 1310 Court R., Birmingham, Ala., November 1: "I conducted a tent meeting in Paris, Tenn., this year. One was baptized. The attendance was very good. We were encouraged to have J. R. Vaughner with us in this meeting. I also held a tent meeting at Talladega. Seven were baptized there. In a meeting at Center Star and Fort Cooper two were baptized."

J. R. Daniels, De Funiak Springs, Fla., October 30: "We have just closed a meeting with U. R. Greer doing the preaching. We now have our little meetinghouse but we need help to finish it. The white church here gave \$25, Young White from Ponce de Leon gave \$25, Jack Rutelage gave \$25 and a non-member gave a dollar. We would appreciate it if all who read this would please help us."

Ernest Harrell, P. O. Box 701, North Charleston, S. C., October 30: "This is my first report since I moved here. We are few in number but we are moving slowly. The white brethren have helped us much in this work. They pay part of my salary and the rent on the building we worship in. They have sponsored two meetings in which thirteen were added. We hope to build a meetinghouse soon. Our building fund is growing. A number of churches, both white and colored, have made contributions to it. We will appreciate any contribution to this end."