

# Sunny Slope Church Of Christ

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(Photo by John W. Green)

In the year of 1932 William J. Campbell of Davis City, Iowa became interested in further spreading the Gospel in Wright township. His first efforts were put forth in the Hickory Ridge school district where he held a revival meeting in a tent on the farm now occupied by Bob Smith. Soon after this meeting a nucleus of the Church of Christ began meeting in the Hickory Ridge schoolhouse.

William Campbell still interested in furthering the work and assisted by Waldo Hoar held other meetings in the township and adjoining communities and continued to work with this group until his death in 1953. This group with their purpose to return strictly to the New Testament teachings continued to meet in the school house until the year of 1942. In the summer of

that year they purchased from John Hayhurst a plot of ground where Sunnyslope church now stands. The building was erected during that summer and in October 1942 the Church began meeting in their own building.

The first wedding performed in the building was that of Miss Joann Vanderlinden and Bob Smith, June 1948, and the first funeral held there was for Mrs. Minnie Barker on March 21, 1954.

Note (The church is located in the S.W. corner of the S.W.S.W, Sec. 23, 70,20,. Wright township.) Kenneth Black. 1965, Rev. LeRoy Lunsford came as Pastor 1966. Rev. Chalmer VanRheemen was Pastor the latter part of 66.