

# Pentecostal Church Of Nazarene

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Pentecostal Nazarene (Photo by Ortha Green)

The Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene was organized at Allerton, Iowa, October 1919, by Rev. Clark, with the following officers elected; Trustees - J.N. Greenlee, R. L. Greenlee, J.F. Crider, T.R. Smith and W. Edmondson, Stewards; - Mrs. J.F. Crider and Mrs. I.N. Greenlee, Treas., R.L. Greenlee, and Secy., Mrs. T.R. Smith.

The Charter members were; Pastor Rev. Will McFarland, Mrs. Will McFarland, Earl Smith and wife Mary, T. Ross Smith and Mrs. T.R. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Crider, Ethel and Carrol Crider, Mr. and Mrs. I.N. Greenlee, Roland L. Greenlee and wife Malinda, Mattie Greenlee, Mr. and Mrs. Will Edmondson, E. Sapp and Ruth Sapp, P.D. Clark and wife Etta (Smith) Clark, Mrs. Cora Goodson, Lysle Goodson.

The trustees bought the old Presbyterian church from Will Knapp, for their church home. There has been fifteen regular pastors. (note, Rev. A.J. Drake 1947, A.W. Irwin, 1949,1950, Rev. Earl H. Eggerton, 1955-1957, Harold R. Borger, 1958, and C.H. Morton 1960-61-62-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-70-1-2.) Charles Mayfield also in 1957.

Malinda (Mrs. Roland) Greenlee has played the piano for services many, many years and also sang

many solos. One of her granddaughters Helen Greenlee is also a fine musician and singer.

One Member, Arro Johnson has been ordained to the ministry.

An unusual but sorrowful accident happened to two of the charter members when Ross Smith and wife Edith were both killed in the same car and railroad wreck. When found the open Bible lay beside them. "Blessed are they who die in the Lord"

Beside those Pastors named, I find the following; Will McFarland, 1924 - 28, Carl C. Green, 1952-5. Ernest Kempf, 1970-71-2- William Crouch, 1953, C.H. Morton, 1960 to 1970, he was never a resident Pastor.

Rev Earl Howard Edgerton and wife Dollie Wilma Wooly Edgerton were both killed in a car wreck in 1966 making the second such accident.

On Sunday afternoon December 20, 1964 the Church burned. Several years before the Church was damaged by fire. This Church had long been a landmark in Allerton. After much deliberation the Nazarene congregation bought the Bible Church in Corydon on N.W. St. and the first service in this their new home was held Sunday Oct. 24, 1965.

This is the only Church of this denomination in Wayne, Co.