

Clio Community Chapel

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Clio Community Chapel (Photo by Mrs. Lois Gragg)

The church was founded on two verses of scripture - 11 Peter 1: 21 and II Timothy 3:16.

It was started by a group of four ladies meeting to study the Bible on January 25, 1954. By May their husbands and several more friends had become interested and we organized Sunday School, July 25, 1954.

In August we called our first pastor, Rev. Don Howard of Greenville, South Carolina. On November 29, 1954 excavation was started on the church basement on a plot of ground we had purchased in Clio.

January 16, 1955 the first service was held in our new basement and four young people accepted Christ as their Savior.

In July of 1957 Rev. William Whitaker of Norfolk, Virginia was called as our pastor.

Our first daily vacation Bible School was held in

August 1966, and we have conducted one each summer since. First service was held in the newly completed first floor of the church, March 16, 1958. The Dedication services were held Sunday July 20, 1958, with Dr. Henry Von Kommer of the Grace Baptist Church, Des Moines, Ia., and Rev. William P. Whitaker, pastor officiating.

In Sept. 1962 Rev. Al Urich of Algona, Iowa was called as our present pastor.

This was all accomplished by taking God at his word as Phillipians 4:19 says. We are not connected with any organization, denomination, or conference. We are completely independent with Christ only as our head and overseer, and His word the Bible as our Discipline. We invite you to attend services any Sunday morning or evening, and Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening.

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The creation of this beautiful new Church began in July 1954. The first service was held in the basement Jan. 1955. Rev. Loren Gerber was the speaker. The 10th anniversary was observed.

On Aug. 1, 1968 the name of the church was changed to Clio Baptist Church. It remains as an Independent, fundamental Bible-believing Church. Changing the name would more effectively reflect the Biblical position of the Church.

May 13, 1969 the church Ordained T. Reynolds Hall into the Gospel Ministry. Rev. Paul Tassell

delivered the ordination message from Acts 20:28. Rev. John Polson gave the candidate charge. Rev. Donald Brong, read the church charge and Rev. Francis A. Crown, the ordination prayer.

Pastors:

Don Howard, 1954-5-6-7 who was the first Pastor, Wm. P. Whitaker, July 1958-9 and 1960. Albert Urch, 1962-3-4-5-6-7- Reynolds Hall, 1968-9. Nick Metrokuder, 1970-1.

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