## **Sharon Baptist Church**

by Miss Susan Tuttle



Sharon Baptist Church. (Photo by Ortha Green).

Sharon Baptist Church was organized in 1870, at the home of Oliver Hawkins and for awhile services were held in the homes, then in May Flower School House in Union township. Ministers present at the organization were; Rev. York, Rev. Wm. Barnett, and Rev. Winters. An old building was moved on the present ground, and repaired in 1880. Rev. G.W. Smith was pastor for quite a while, and Rev. P.H. Blunt, a resident pastor was there in 1952 to 1960. and Gordon Thomas in 1962.

A new building was erected and dedicated July 4, 1897. It was destroyed by lightning and fire in 1903. The church was rebuilt and dedicated in 1904. It is still

a thriving Church with folk having the same steadfast Faith as their fore-fathers, and God's blessed word goes out three times a week.

Sharon Church is located in the north east quarter of Sec. 13, Washington township.

James E. Nelson, 1961-2 Tom Nieman, 1966

Davis Brown, 1967 Roy Taylor, 1968 Merwin Stillwell, 1963-4-5. Rev. Stillwell was ordained in Sharon Baptist Church 1964.

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