

Assembly Of God Church at Seymour

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First Church Assembly of God, Seymour, Iowa. (Photo by Rev. Burggraaf)

In 1945 Lot 3 Block 28 Original Town of Seymour was bought by the Church of God from John Madison. A building was erected on this lot. On August 19, 1948 the Assembly of God Incorporated bought said property from the Church of God. Lot 4 Block 28 Original Town of Seymour was purchased on June 9, 1958 from Virgil Bettis.

Because of lack of room in this church it was decided to purchase the property formerly known as the Morrison home on Main street from Margie Thomas — Lot 1 and 2 Block 21 Original Town of Seymour. This was bought August 19, 1958.

Much remodeling was done to the downstairs and a vestibule was built at the front for entrance to the church. The upstairs is used as the parsonage. This building was dedicated May 18, 1959, when the Rev. T.E. Gannan, District Superintendent of Des Moines preached the evening message and had charge of the dedication.

On July 12, 1959 Lot 3 and 4 Block 28 Original Town of Seymour was sold to Eugene Baldwin Seymour Elevator.

The date of Organization of this church was April

24, 1957, when Rev. J.O. Howard, of Knoxville, Iowa came and had charge of the service. It is now called a home mission church.

Nine were taken in as charter members which were as follows; Noah Lunsford, Mrs. Luther Smith, J. Elmer Dunkin, Mrs. James Skipper, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Skipper, Gary Smith, Roger Smith and Ernest Skipper.

Since that time some of these have moved away and other names have been added.

The following names are the pastors in order as they have pastored the church; Rev. Lummer, Bentley, Glen Brewer, Virgil Millard, and Grace Burggraaf. 1956-1963. Rev. Gerald Caughron 1963. Rev. Caughron resigned in July 1964. Rev. Vera H. Riley took over the duties of the church in 1964, continuing 65-6-7-8-9-70-1-2. She has been helped by her co-pastor Miss Jean Lucy.

Upon the merger of the Evangelical United Brethren Church with the Methodist, On Sept. 1, 1971 they purchased the Church and parsonage of the E.U.B. on 4th st. and now have a new church.



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