

# Spring Branch

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Early information by Mr. Frank Moore and Mary (Elder) Shipley.



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The Spring Branch Associate Presbyterian Church appeared around 1870 in the Cunningham Schoolhouse which was located one mile west and one mile north of the present location.

Around 1880 they obtained some land in the S.W. corner of the S.E. Sec. 23-69-23, Clay township and built a church.

Some Charter and early members were; David and Rosa Moore, Robert and Rosann Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. McCandlass, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Shipley, John and Ella Elder, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ashkettle, Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace, Isaac and Callie Wallace, Elder and Minerva Moore, William and Nettie Moore, Albert and Mary Moore, Isaac and Jane Wiley, Boyd Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Johnathan Waite, Thomas and Sadie Thompson, Robert and Martha Sinclair, John and Maggie Cunningham, and Will Cunningham.

A few stated Pastors were; Rev. Wm Campbell, 1871, J. Sylvanus, 1875, J.D. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Acheson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Orr. Supply ministers were; Wm Porter, 1944, H.S. Acheson, Gilkey, A.M. Malcolm, Mason, McNeal, and R.R. Acheson.

Many of the older members died and others moved away. The church membership thus declined.

Around 1940 the church was reorganized as a community church, but retained the name "Spring Branch."

A few of the ministers since that time have been, Rev. Ray Blair, Rev. O.L. Atwood 1951-54, Rev. Lou Barton, 1960, Rev. Keith Mothersaid, 1961-2, and Rev. A.C. McVey, 1963. Leo Young, 1969, Garry Mith, 1970-1.