

Warsaw Methodist Protestant

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Warsaw (Photo by Ortha Green)

Information by Mrs. Lola Liggett, E.E. Shriver and from the records loaned by Miles Bettis.

The church of Warsaw was the third church organized by Rev. John Jellison in 1884. The Warsaw Circuit was first known as the Wayne Mission and remained so for about one year when the Mission was then united to the North Missouri Conference and has since been known as the Warsaw Circuit. Done so by the committee at the Quarterly Conference held at Medicineville, Ia. on June 12, 1886. Committee, M. Sexsmith, R.F. Kelso, G. Farnsworth, and Wm. Rueter.

The church was organized Feb. 1884 and the church was built the same year on the west side of Main street, which is now a public highway. It was called Chamberlain Chapel at one time and later it became a nondenominational church and was called Warsaw Union.

Abraham Liggett was the leader in organizing the church and Mrs. Lola Liggett who was 94 years old in 1963 is the oldest living member.

Charter members were; F.R. Inman, Sarah Inman, R.F. Kelso, E.J. Kelso, William Liggett, Addie Liggett, Abraham Liggett who passed away April 19, 1886, Rebecca Liggett, William Rueter, M.S. Rueter, R.W. Prince, Charlie Ward, Ida S. Ward, Francis Ludington, B.A. Jellison, George Rueter, Mary Rueter, Green Farnsworth, Ellen Farnsworth, Martin Langloss, Nan-

cy Langloss, George Debolt, S. Debolt, Rose Laughman, M.A. Hayworth, Lettie Hayworth, Rebecca Miller, George Chapman, Fannie Brown, A.A. Brown, Mary J. Todden, J.M. McNeely, Minnie Kelso, Thomas Debolt.

In February 1895 they had a membership of 98.

Pastors were; John Jellison, 1884, T.S. Jeffers latter half of 1884, Matthew Sexsmith, 1886, J.A. Willis 1888-93, Thomas C. Puckett 1893, C.M. Leonard 1895, M.B. Kions 1896, Robert E. Tate 1897-98, J.R. McKaig Nov. 1898. Robert E. Tate 1897, C.A. McCampbell 1898-90, J.A. Willis 1901.

The women of the church were very active. They served lunch at sales, held pie suppers, hoed gardens and held ice cream suppers, using the money to buy a piano for the church. Mrs. Lola Liggett baked the cake for one supper which was to be given to the prettiest girl present. The cake brought \$100.00 and the girl who won was Coy Thomas.

The church building approximately 24x32 ft., has two single front doors with a wide panel between them. The front gable has an arched window and over this window is a curved metal plate bearing the the name of "Union".

The old building was still standing in September 1962 when the picture was taken. Mute testimony of God loving people. Down 1967.