

BAPTIST CHURCH BELL

by
Mrs. Sydney Voyce

The old Baptist Bell, "Old Faithful" would be a good name for this bell, which has faithfully performed its work since the year of 1880, calling people to Sunday School, Prayer meetings and to Worship even unto the third and fourth generations. Today it still peals forth its message sending out the same invitation a call to worship.

This bell was bought from the Buckeye Bell Foundry, Cincinnati, Ohio, on Feb. 27, 1880 at a cost of \$96.50. May it still continue to ring "with its life giving message."

From the Seymour Herald, 1962.

Dedication services at the Baptist church of a new organ was held Sept. 16, 1962 on Sunday, in memory of early members of the church.

The new instrument is red mahogany and features the complete range special effects and three speakers. Special services were played by Mrs. Hoffman of the Stoner Piano Co. of Des Moines, Iowa.

Names of all contributors and memorials were read by Rev. Richard Cagle.

GOD OF THE PIONEERS

by
William Lee Burton

This one thing through the years they brought,
Things they remembered, or had been taught.
Fragments of sermons, prayers and song
Food for the faiths they had held so long.
FAITH, a bright flame, had brought them through,
Now they must give faith its due.
First they met in the groves of trees.
Sang to the soft sound of the breeze.
Then in a sod house on the plain,
Murmured prayers through toil and pain.
Temples they built to their God on high,
White spires lifting to meet the sky.
"Our grandsons" they said, "will look this way,
And will not forget how we knelt to pray,
And will not forget all our toil and tears,
To give them the faith of the pioneers.

But what of the faith they had of old,
That nourished them through the pain and cold?
The church at the crossroads stand to-day,
And the wheels go by on their hurried way.
Some to the east and some to the west
You wonder upon what urgent quest.
They all must hurry. O, let us stay
Turn for a moment, kneel and pray,
And try to see, through a mist of tears
The ancient God of the Pioneers.

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