



The original bell was moved in the fall of 2013 to a new steel bell structure which was built by church member Tom Ward.



The church sign was replaced in 2014.



Pastors of Elkhart Christian Church			
1852	Father Simon Jesup	1935-1936	Collins
1863	Father J.P. Roach & Father Samuel Frazier	1937-1938	E. J. Greene
1867	Brother P.T. Russell	1938-1945	O.E. Barrow
1869	A.C. Corbin, J.D. Guthrie & Allen Hickey	1945-1947	Evan Routh
	Abram Williams, J.M. Dodge & Griffith	1947-1949	Grant O.C. Holman
	D. R. Ellis	1949-1951	Frank Reeder
		1951-1953	Carl Johnson, Jr.
		1953-1956	Paul Frahm
		1956-1957	Roy Smith
1874	T.F. Brown	1957-1960	Richard Osburn
	M.L. Munn	1960-1962	R. Charles Kilborn
1876	I.M.T. Cory	1962-1965	Wayne Ward
1885	B.B. Burton	1965-1966	Glenn A. Cadwell
	W.H. Coleman	1966-1971	Wilden Tuttle
	J.M. William	1971-1972	O.E. Barrow
1891	Brother Hickey	1972	Wilden Tuttle
1896	T.F. Stevens	1972-1974	John Wyss
1904	J.E. Roberts	1974-1978	C. Richard Dawson
1906	D.J. Dungan	1978	Tom Carpe
1907-1909	T.F. Paris	1979-1984	Louis Nowak
1910-1911	J. Arthur Dillinger	1984-1985	Mark Haverland
	J. S. Knowles	1985-1991	Patrick Nixon
1914-1915	B.B. Burton	1991-1992	Bobby Dickerson
1915-1921	A.B. Kern	1992-1997	Tom Burns
1921-1923	Walter Sandy	1997	Linda Lighthall
1923	James Burns	1997-2005	David Cartwright
1924	C.C. McCaw	2005-2006	Nancy Prall
1925-1929	Lowell Oswalt	2006-2014	Anne E. Gregory
1929	E. C. Conley	2014-Present	Kevin Jones
1930-1932	Emmet Cook		
1932-1934	Zesley Cox		
1934-1935	C.V. Pence		

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2015

Dedication of Memorials & Special Gifts



I.M.T. Cory published a history of the first half-century of the Elkhart Christian Church in 1910. It is recorded that as a young man he organized the first Sunday school in Polk County. The church was first known as Cory Grove Church, then as the Ottawa Church.

The church held its first services in a log cabin. In the fall of 1852 the church services were held in a log schoolhouse. In the fall of the same year a temporary organization was established with seven members. In 1853, during meetings held in a log schoolhouse, two elders and two deacons were named.

In 1872, a new building was erected one mile east of the present town of Elkhart. The first building was 30x40 feet and cost \$942. The total expense for year 1875, including janitor work and preaching, came to \$167.

The church building was used from 1904 to 1963. A special 100th Anniversary Celebration was held in 1952. In 1966 the old white church building was removed.



In 1903 the building was moved to Elkhart and augmented.



Photo taken soon after church was built.

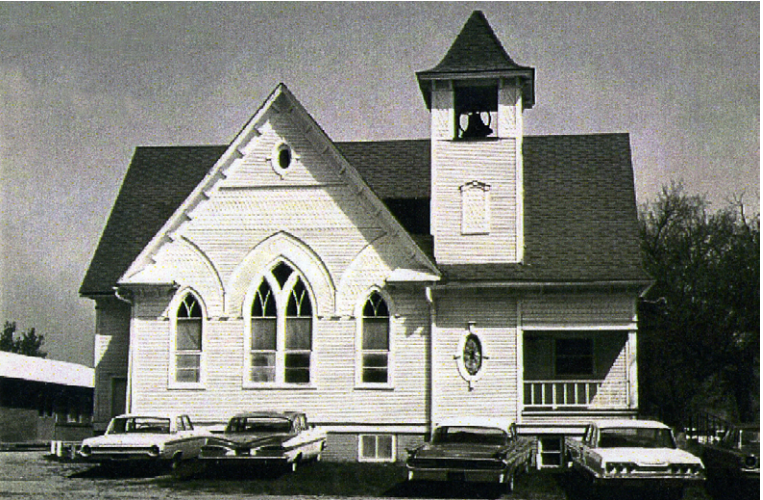


Photo taken during the 1960's.

The fellowship hall and class rooms were constructed in 1963.



A formal groundbreaking service was held on April 17, 1977 to begin construction of our sanctuary. One year later, on April 16, 1978, the sanctuary was dedicated to Christ and his service by the members and friends of the congregation. During the late 1990's the north addition was added.



In 2013, planning was started for our freestanding metal cross. Joe Muench, a Professor of Metals at Iowa State University, designed the cross.

Members of the church helped install the cross in the fall of 2013.