

First United Methodist Church

Baldwin City, Kansas



150th Anniversary Commemoration

*Cherishing Our Past
Embracing Our Future*



**Baldwin First United Methodist Church
150 Years in Ministry
(1855 - 2005)**

Foreword

The committee compiling this book was helped in their task by the large collection of historical material assembled by Irene Murphy. We have also called upon the memories of members to help sort through some of the time line of various pieces of information. Much has happened in the life of our church in the last 150 years. We could not tell it all. This has been a great education for all involved. Unfortunately, we recognize that we may have included information that is not as accurate as we believed. We hope this book will be a celebration of the dedicated and talented people who worked to create the church we worship in today. We cannot name every saint who has gone before, but we hope to recall many at pivotal times in our history.

Cherishing our Past

“.....since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also....”
(Hebrews 12:1a)

Embracing our Future

“.....press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.”
(Philippians 3:14)

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BALDWIN CITY, KANSAS

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Baldwin First United Methodist Church proclaims the love of God, the lordship of Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit through worship, education, and service.

CORE VALUES:

As a community of faith, we seek to:

PROCLAIM the forgiveness and grace offered by God through Jesus Christ.

LIVE as people open to the power of the Holy Spirit who brings forth the love of God in us.

STRENGTHEN ourselves through worship, private and public prayer, and in nurturing relationships with fellow Christians.

GROW in knowledge and love of God through biblical study with commitment to Christian education for all.

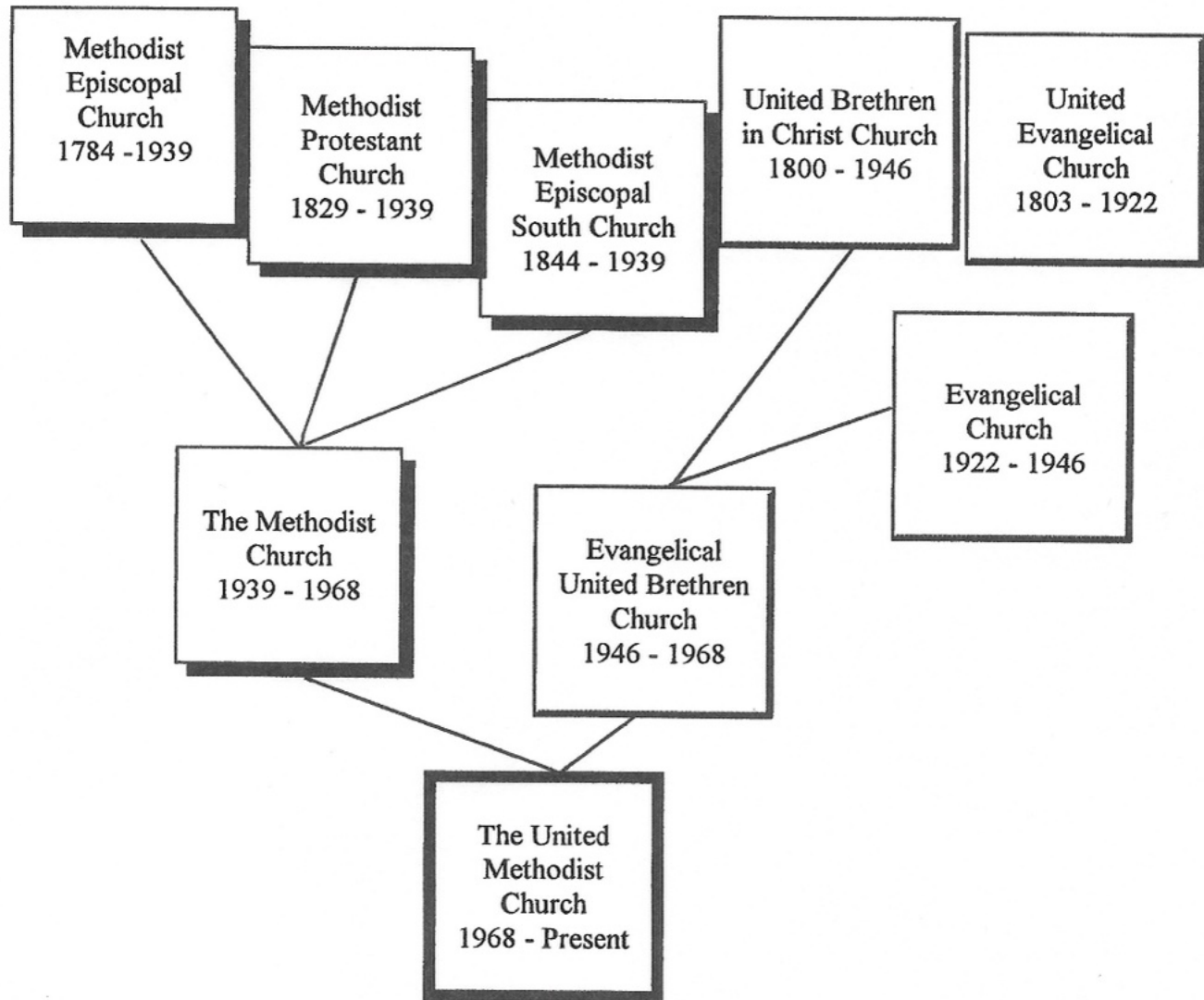
SERVE as part of the compassionate "Body of Christ" responding to all human need.

LOVE one another as Christ has loved us; and, in particular, to reach out to those not connected to the Church.

EMBRACE with passion the global mission of the church to bring healing wherever poverty and suffering exist.

HONOR God through wise stewardship of our time, abilities and material resources; the biblical guideline of the tithe being the standard to which we strive.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?



THE MARKS OF UNITED METHODISTS

1. "The heart strangely warmed." Personal, heart religion.
2. Salvation by inward faith in Christ, not by ceremonies.
3. Free grace, "Whosoever will may come."
4. Christian assurance, or "Witness of the Spirit."
5. Emphasis on holiness, or wholeness, or healthiness.
6. Emphasis on the social gospel. "The Social Creed."
7. Organization - - conferences, bishops, ministers.

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



Hebrews 13:8 declares that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." We know then that the Savior we love and praise is no different from the one praised in that cabin meeting on July 22 in 1855 when 13 settlers gathered to form this, now 150 years old, congregation. They had the good news in their hearts, as we have been blessed to receive it also, that the gospel of Jesus Christ is the "power of God for salvation of everyone who believes". (Romans 1:16) Belief in Jesus Christ transforms lives, marking us for eternal life, and makes us one with God and one with each other. Our faith in Christ gives us a heart to go out into a broken and hurting world to serve in his name.

That being said, "Jesus is the same," it is important for us to realize the fact that culture and technology change. Basic human problems remain the same but the expression of them may take on new forms in new eras. We claim to "**Cherish our past**," and we do and should, but if we are to "**embrace the future**", what new ways of "encasing our unchanging faith" will we need to explore? New songs? New technology? Different ways of reaching out to newcomers? New curriculums? We'll probably need to try all of this and more in order to be fruitful and effective for the next 150 years and more. Our main task is to do whatever it takes to make more disciples of Jesus Christ and to be deeper and better disciples of Jesus Christ. To do that, we must allow the Spirit to work with us as we yield our notions of what has been and how things ought to be— saying, "Lead us, Lord, we'll follow...anywhere you open up the door...." (From "Daystar" by Steven Richardson)

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses— people who have shown us what a faith-filled "walk" looks like. So now, "let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:2)

Rev. Pam Morrison

BALDWIN METHODIST BEGINNINGS

The people called Methodists have been pioneers in America ever since they held that first Christmas Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1784. They were the first church to congratulate George Washington on becoming the President of the new Republic.

So when the Midwest began to take shape into an outline of states, the Methodists were there to help open the new territories to settlement. Methodist preachers, called "circuit riders", were mandated and commissioned by our founding father, John Wesley, and the newly-established Methodist Episcopal Church in America, "to spread scriptural holiness throughout the land."

By the Kansas-Nebraska Bill, May 30, 1854, the Kansas Territory was opened for settlement. Methodism was swift to take advantage of the new opportunity. Promptly, June 3, 1854, Bishop Edward R. Ames appointed William H. Goode of Indiana to explore the possibilities for Methodism in Arkansas and Kansas. The overland journey was hard, but Goode was purposeful. On July 9, he arrived at Hickory Point accompanied on the last leg of his trip by Dr. Abraham Still and Friend Mendenhall. They appeared at Kibbee's cabin, unannounced, but were heartily welcomed.

To a few hastily gathered settlers, Goode preached from the text of Matthew 24:14: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (KJ Version Bible)

Dr. Goode's sermon warmed settlers' hearts. His optimistic prediction that the "Iron Horse" (railway connections) would come soon encouraged them almost equally. Some of the settlers, we are told, were called away to protect their livestock from wolves during this historic meeting.

By October 23, 1856, the newly-formed Kansas-Nebraska Conference designated the Palmyra Class as a charge, with A. L. Downey preacher in charge. By April, 1857, it was part of the four-point circuit of Nathaniel Taylor.

In April, 1857, Palmyra is recorded as the name of the circuit; in 1858, the charge was called Baldwin City and made a station (which meant it stood alone as a church). However, later, for short periods the Baldwin Church was listed as part of a circuit (which means two or more congregations are being served by the same pastor). In March, 1860, our congregation was honored by giving the name to a District—The Baldwin District—which it kept until 1873.

The late Dr. Irene Murphy, English professor at Baker, captured the essence of those early days:

"Our own Baldwin Methodist Church is rooted in the frontier. To understand its origins we need to know frontier life. See it. Feel it in our bones and hearts. Share its excitement, hardship, sacrifice and faith. Salute its Free-State stalwarts. Learn how they survived, and how some of them began the church with which we are entrusted.

We need to understand what it was like to travel down the Santa Fe Trail in the 1850's, and why so many hopeful villages cropped up along the trails, bloomed and faded away—Palmyra, Prairie City and others. How did struggling Methodists succeed in founding a college here, with preparatory school, when eager churches in neighboring villages failed in such hopes?

Why did Baldwin City, founded a few years later than some nearby settlements, outlast, and even absorb, some of them?

CAN YOU IMAGINE ?

Cast your mind back to the early 1850's. You stand on Signal Oak hill. Not a cabin in sight. Over there to the east, just two struggling would-be settlers staking out their claims, and one of them pegging off a place where he may manage to build a little cabin.

What else do you see in this tall-grass timbered country? Dream Of? Fear? Pray for?

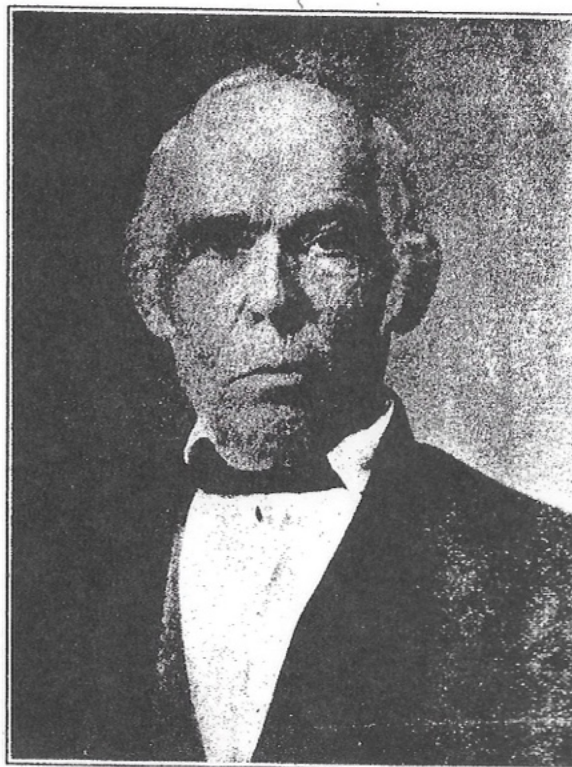
Can you imagine, when that little cabin a few rods to the east is built, how momentous it will be for local Methodists - site of the first sermon, and planning ground for Baker University?"

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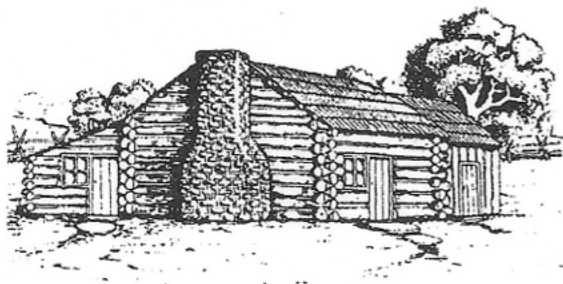
THE FOUNDING MEMBERS

Names of members of the first class, then known as the Palmyra class, Wakarusa Mission, Missouri Conference, organized July 22, 1855.

Henry Barricklow
David Eldridge
Hulda Eldridge
William Graham
Jane Graham
Daniel Johnson
Farrington Barricklow
Lewis F. Green
Nehemiah Green
Archibald Harris
Perces Harris
Rosella Harris
Helen Harris



Henry Barricklow



The Henry Barricklow cabin where the Baldwin Methodist church was first organized in 1855.

Mr. Henry Barricklow, experienced Methodist class leader, held the first class meeting in his "claim home", just east of where Signal Oak Park exists.

Other class members opened their homes for their Sunday services of Bible study, testimony, prayer, and sometimes song.

Barricklow's own influence remained strong. A good farmer, and soon a trustee and supporter of Baker University, his resourcefulness set the course for a strong church.

The tombstone of Henry and Mary Barricklow in the old Pioneer cemetery just south of Baldwin, contain the words, "Two of the Founders of Baker University."

THE BAKER UNIVERSITY CONNECTION

"Let us now join what has so long been divided: Knowledge and Vital Piety", the words of John Wesley.

"Vital Piety": The motivating spiritual energy which drove Methodists to "plant" churches across our nation's westbound frontiers. And soon, in the wake of new churches came a time of interest in **"Knowledge"**: to learn, understand—higher education.

On October 23, 1856, the Kansas-Nebraska Annual Conference was organized at Lawrence, Kansas, with thirteen ministers, Bishop Osman C. Baker presiding. Subsequently, an Educational Convention was held March 17, 1857, at Blue Mound at the home of James Still (eight miles north of Baldwin). They adjourned to meet the next day at Palmyra at the home of Henry Barricklow, where they decided to establish a university at Palmyra and name it after Bishop Baker.

In 1857 a tract of land was secured from the Palmyra Association. The Charter of Baker University was granted by the territorial Governor and Legislature February 12, 1858. (Note: The State of Kansas was admitted to the Union January 29, 1861.)

A three-storied native limestone building, 20 by 40 feet, was quickly erected and classes at Baker began November 22, 1858. The completion of Baker's first building, known for many years as "The Old Castle", provided area settlers their first "church home". The next twelve years Baldwin Methodists worshiped in the Chapel Room of Old Castle.

But this building provided much more than that. For over a decade, Baker's multi-purpose prairie Castle accommodated the preparatory school (for children, as in a public school), college classes, church and church school, community meetings and on the top floor, the Masons meeting hall.

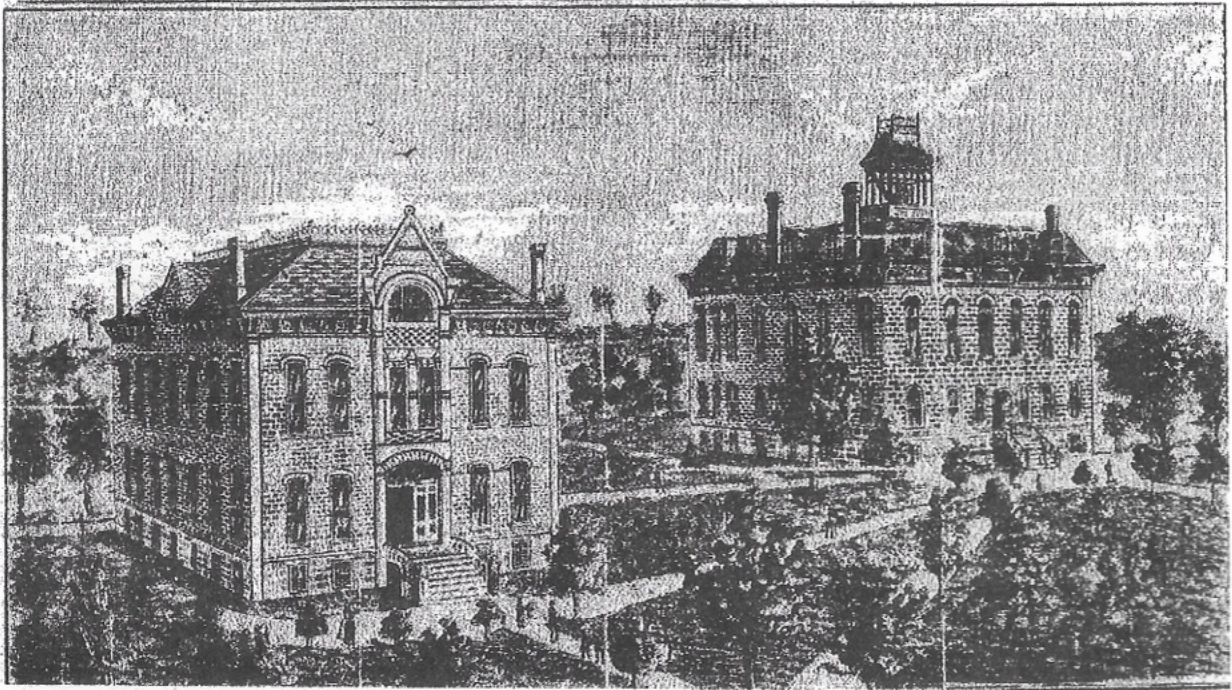
Early on, several pastors appointed to Baldwin church also served on the Board of Trustees and as presidents of Baker University. Sunday School records reveal a number of class leaders were Baker professors, one of whom, Dr. Charles Doudna, at age 98 still attends the class he once taught. Readers of this brief history will also notice Baker University repeatedly shared its facilities for the church's ministries.

Our present Neo-Gothic sanctuary, built in 1931-32, housed Baker's Music Department for over 25 years, moving into the church in September, 1936. From their beginnings Baker music and leadership have enriched the ministry of Baldwin First United Methodist Church.

Likewise, our congregation co-hosts the Kansas East Annual Conference with Baker. In addition, Baker's special musical events are held in the sanctuary, such as the Annual Advent Vespers and the Spring Concert. Annually, Baker's graduating class joins in worship in the sanctuary for the Baccalaureate services.

Thus, from the very beginnings of Methodism in Baldwin, the Church and University heeded Wesley's plea. They united "Vital Piety" and "Knowledge" and developed hand in hand: sharing visions, buildings and often personnel.

A LOOK INTO THE PAST



This picture shows a view of Baker University and Grounds. It was published in the 1895 Annual Conference Journal, South Kansas Conference, M. E. Church. Parmenter Hall (shown right) still fully used; Centenary Hall was also used as the M. E. church from 1885-1904 & 1930-1932, but was razed August, 1964.

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

A. L. Downey	1856
Nathaniel Taylor	1857
William Butt	1859
Mark Robertson	1860

In 1860, there were 164 members, 133 probationers, 17 baptisms, and 85 in Sunday school. Through the early years of the church several pastors served dual roles as pastor of the church and as president of Baker University.

I.F. Collins	1861
W.R. Davis	1862

Also president of Baker University

T. H. Mudge (died July 1862)	
C.H. Lovejoy	1863
T. J. Farrell	1864
William Butt	1865
George. S. Dearborn	1866
A. Wiley Jones	1866-70
Samuel E. McBurney	1867
J. Lawrence	1868
J. B. Orwig	1869
J. A. Simpson	1870

President of Baker Board of Trustees from 1883 - 1894.
Local preacher, Baldwin City/Prairie City

Also president of Baker University.

J. E. Bryan	1870-71
D. A. Perrin	1872-73

In 1873-74 there was no regular preacher. Instead, Rev. J. Boynton and Prof. S. S. Weatherly supplied.

R. A. Caruthers	1875
Joseph Denison	1876

Also president of Baker University.

Henry W. Reed	1877
F. G. McHenry	1878
A. G. Murray	1879-80
A. H. Walter	1882
W. R. Davis	1883-85
E. C. Boaz	1886-88
C. W. Gullett	1889-90
J. A. Motter	1890-93

Later, Supt. of Bethany Hospital

C. R. Rice	1894-95
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Rev. Rice was the father of Dr. Merton S. Rice and Dr. Edwin T. Rice, both of whom later became pastors.

R. P. Hammons	1896-97.
Dr. Samuel S. Murphy	1898-1904

Baker Trustee for 38 years.

I. B. Pulliam	1905-07
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J. F. Jenness	1908-09
Dr. Reece B. Kester	1910-14
Dr. S. S. Klyne	1915-18

Pastors' list through 1916 from "*The Social History of Baldwin City*" by Frank Allis 1917.

Dr. Henry W. Hargett 1918-20

Pastor during the "Centenary" anniversary of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, Baldwin lead the conference in giving.

Dr. O.E. Allison	1920-25
Dr. John Maclean	1925-27
Calvin E. Holman	1927-31
Wiley A Keve	1931-34
James Chubb	1934-42
Clyde Brewster	1942-48
Clare Hayes	1948-54
Duff D. Wagoner	1954-57
Mark A Rouch	1957-1965
James J. Nabors	1965-1966
Raymond S. Grant	1966-1971
C. Dale Gardner	1971-1975
Patrick Freeman	1975-1982
Kirby C. Hayes	1982-1994

Longest serving pastor in the church's history.

David C. Watson	1994-1998
Nanette E. Roberts	1998-2003

First woman to serve as pastor.

Pamela W. Morrison 2003-

From the church membership, the following are among those who have been "called by God" into pastoral ministry:

Douglas L. Brown
Robert M Ford
Kirby C. Hayes
Neal Malicky

Baker and Baldwin attracted ministers –

One undated church directory, probably about 1909, lists 11 Resident Ministers, 5 Local Elders, 3 Local Preachers, 4 Exhorters and 5 Class Leaders.

At that time Dr. Homer Ebright was still Epworth League president (youth group), and Mrs. O. G. Markham led the Junior League.

Missionaries to Foreign Fields

In 1880, a local branch of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized in the Baldwin church. Dr. and Mrs. Julius Smith, long missionaries in Burma and later residents in Baldwin, were especially influential along with many pastors and teachers in arousing interest in world evangelism. Baker students who worked in this church during their college years as well as those who were born in Baldwin should be mentioned among the number of those who have gone from this church to the foreign field.

"The Diamond Jubilee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, October 4-6, 1930" booklet lists the following:

Africa: Pliny Keys and Mrs. Clara Evans Keys, Stephen Kiser and Beulah Reitz.

Argentine Republic and Chile: Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown and Dr. and Mrs. Charles Braden.

Burma: Phoebe James, Mary Shannon, Elsie Power, Gladys Moore, and Grace Wasem.

China: Dr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Coole, Ray Torrey, Edith Yautsey, Mary Kesler, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence K. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Steinhimer, Francis R. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Coole, Mrs. and Mrs. Arthur Coole, Irma Highbaugh, Cammie Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jett, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Havighurst, Celia Moyer, Grace McKartey, Lau Ging Bau.

India: Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Manley, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Baker, Dr. Fred M. Perrill, Mary Richmond, Mrs. Aletha Kelly Henoyer, Ethel Calkins, Pheobe Emery, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Rupert, Emma Warner, Grace Honnell, Mr. and Mrs. John Paterson, Helen McMillan, Mary Shannon, and Marie Powers.

Italy: Mrs. Anna Porter Gianborizi.

Japan: Dr. David Obata, Minnie Gardner, Dora Wagner, Mrs. May Muenzenmayer Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Mann.

Korea: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reppert, Mrs. Harriet Evans Van Buskirk, Jeannette Walter, Mary E. Young.

Peru: Netella Loy, Alva Walter, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brewster.

Roumania: Mary McIntyre.

Mexico: Dr. and Mrs. Fred Bailey, Frank Brown, Ida Bohannon, Edith Salmons, Ethel Thomas, Clara Salmons, Mrs. Hazel Mason Crowell, Maude Crowell.

The Philippine Islands: Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Ryan.

The Straits Settlements, Sumatra and Java: Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Oechsli, Clyde Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hibbard, J. C. Shover, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Runyan.

(Years of Service not listed.)

"During the first 100 years of Methodism's missionary program, we have sent out 438 new missionaries, built 490 new foreign churches and gathered in 80,075 new members. In the U.S. we have built or aided in building 2,749 new structures".
-from Church bulletin, Sept. 1923.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS

Methodists are a missionary people. Soon after the Missouri Conference helped "plant" the first churches in the Kansas Territory, the Kansas Conference set mission goals to continue "sowing" seed money to establish more congregations.

The document below from the 1891 Kansas Conference Journal reports those early efforts.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS

Atchison District-Horton.....	\$100
Powhattan.....	100
Junction City District- Bushong.....	40
Enterprise.....	40
Haddam.....	80
Hollenberg.....	50
Hope.....	40
Morganville and Idana.....	50
Skiddy.....	60
Wakefield.....	50
Washington Circuit.....	50
Leavenworth District- Armourdale.....	100
London Heights.....	100
McLouth.....	100
Michigan Avenue.....	75
North Lawrence.....	25
Wood Street.....	100
Manhattan District-Manhattan Circuit.....	50
Randolph.....	50
Oketo.....	50
Leonardville.....	50
Blue Rapids.....	50
Onaga.....	25
Olesburg.....	25
Topeka District-Pomona.....	120
Tecumseh.....	60
Maple Hill.....	40
Carbondale.....	40
Scranton.....	40

I concur in the foregoing missions and appropriations.

S. M. Merrill

Washington, March 9, 1891

In 1891, congregations of 29 churches gave to Mission Funds, a total of \$1,760.

The 2005 Conference World Service (Mission Funds) budget goal is \$778,767. Our congregation's "fair share" budget for World Service Fund is \$17,500.

MEMBERSHIP PROFILE*

The following figures come from several official Methodist Conference Journals. Our Baldwin City church began in 1855 as part of the Wakarusa Mission of the Missouri Conference. Later, the congregation was part of the following Annual Conferences: Kansas-Nebraska, Kansas, South Kansas and presently Kansas East.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NO. OF FULL MEMBERS</u>
1855	13
1870	132
1877	148
1880	180
1890	574
1900	522
1910**	928***
1916	950***
1920 - 1930	(No membership records reported in conf. report.)
1940	692
1950	822
1960	726
1970	624
1980	495
1990	621
2000	442
2005	458

* SOURCE: Conference Journals, Archives of Baker University

** The "Baldwin Circuit" of churches continue to show on the conference records, but Baldwin City church disappeared. We have been unable to determine where the official membership numbers for Baldwin First were recorded.

*** From *The Social History of Baldwin City*, by Frank Allis, 1917

BALDWIN METHODIST CHURCH BUILDINGS

1. The first meeting to organize a church in Baldwin occurred on 22 July 1855 at the **log cabin of Henry Barricklow**. It was located just east of present location of Signal Oak Park. Started 1855

2. From 1855 to about 1858, services were held in **individual cabins of the settlers**. Circuit riders provided the ministerial leadership. 1855-1858
(3 Years)

3. A new building on Baker campus was in use for services by Nov. 1858. It is now known as "**Old Castle**". Church services were held there from 1858 to 1868. The original building was 2-story, 24 by 40 with flat roof and belfry, and cost \$3,250 plus much volunteer labor. Within a year or so, the Masonic Lodge built the third story in exchange for its use as a meeting place. 1858-1868
(10 years)
 It is interesting to note that the building was not built on the Baker campus, as the campus was to be reserved for more permanent buildings.

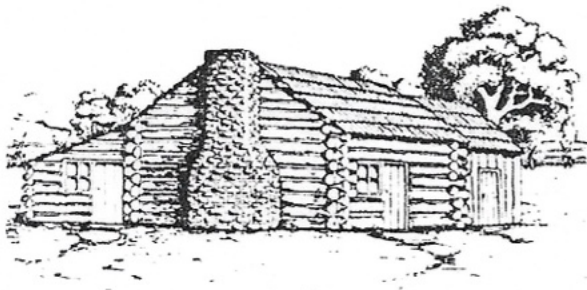
4. The first meeting held to discuss a dedicated church building was April 26, 1862, but not until June 1864 were the lots purchased on which the stone church was later built. A building committee was appointed in April 1865, but nothing was accomplished. On Jan. 4, 1868, S. Weeks and C. B. Beeks were appointed as a building committee and got things moving. After raising \$500 they became discouraged and the responsibility was delegated to the Ladies Sewing Circle. A **new stone church building** was started Aug. 3, 1868, on the north side of Baker campus. The building cost about \$3,000 with total value of about \$10,000 furnished. At the time it was finished, it was one of the largest and most substantial structures in Kansas. This building continued as the church until about 1885 when membership had grown to require more space. 1868-1885
(17 years)
 The building is still in use today as Pulliam Communication Center, just N.W. of the Baker Student Union. During its existence, it has served as dormitory, music center, and other functions.

5. **Centenary Hall** on Baker campus served as the Methodist Episcopal (M. E.) Church from 1885 to 1904. The building name was in honor of the centennial of the original founding of the M. E. church in the U.S. Centenary Hall chapel had "church like" windows and could seat 1,000 persons. During the week the building was used for Baker classrooms. It was located in the vicinity of where the Chapel is presently located. On Oct. 29, 1898, the subject of enlarging the stone church was seriously discussed. On Dec. 6, 1898, it was decided to try to build the new brick church off the campus. 1885-1904
(19 years)
 Due to structural deficiencies, Centenary Hall could not be saved and demolition was started the week of Aug. 20, 1964.

BALDWIN METHODIST CHURCH BUILDINGS (continued)

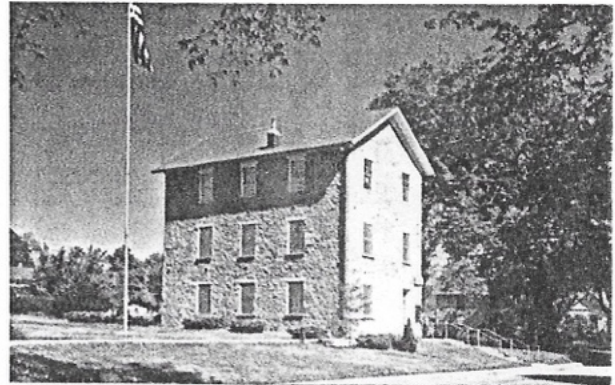
6. A **new brick church** was completed at the corner of 8th and Grove in 1904. It was built by Baldwin contractor and church member, J. W. Spurgeon, who also built many of the fine homes of Baldwin. The contract cost was \$13,150 dated April 19, 1901. The cornerstone was laid June 4, 1901, dedication on Feb. 14, 1904. Estimated value with basement completed and pipe organ installed was about \$30,000 which was the amount of insurance carried. The 75th Diamond Jubilee of the church was held Oct. 4, 5 & 6, 1930. A fire on Nov. 30, 1930 totally destroyed the building. The newspaper account indicated the cause was either an overheated furnace or a faulty ventilator in the flue. 1904-1930
(26 years)
7. The congregation returned to **Centenary Hall** for most S.S. and church services until rebuilding of the church was completed. 1930-1932
(2 years)
8. The **present stone structure** was first occupied in 1932, during the depression. The building committee visited 17 churches for ideas for the new building. They included churches in Lawrence, Independence (KS), Kansas City, Emporia, Hutchinson, and four in Chicago. The cornerstone was laid Aug. 16, 1931. The total contractor costs were about \$85,000. The insurance paid \$30,000, so there was a lot of funds to be raised at a time when money was very tight. Pledges of \$30,000 and a \$10,000 loan from Board of Missions left the balance to be borrowed. The contractor was Maxwell & McBride of Topeka. The sanctuary "Gothic Lantern" light fixtures cost \$100 each. There were 21 stained glass windows, including the large one above the choir, that cost a total of \$2,000 from Jacoby Art Glass Co. These seem like bargains, but during the depression, the factories were happy to have the business. The loans were paid by May 26, 1946 when a dedication of the building was held. 1932-Present
(73 years)
- During the past five years, modifications to the building have included installation of an elevator, air conditioning of the sanctuary and upgrade to the sanctuary lighting. Beeks Chapel has been revised to allow "folding door" access from the Narthex. This permits it to be open during church services, but can still be used as a chapel. With the new chairs, it is also more comfortably used for an adult Sunday School class.

**Buildings in the life of the
First United Methodist Church of Baldwin City, Kansas**



The Henry Barricklow cabin where the Baldwin Methodist Church was first organized in 1855.

The Baker University building that served as the Methodist church structure from 1858 to 1868. Now known as "Old Castle".



"The Old Stone" church building, now known as Pulliam Communications building, served from 1868 to 1885.

Pulliam Communications Building as it exists in 2005.



Buildings in the life of the First United Methodist Church of Baldwin City, Kansas



Centenary Hall on Baker campus served as the church from 1885 to 1904 and again from 1930 to 1932.



"The Brick Church" at 8th & Grove served the congregation from 1904 to 1930 when it was destroyed by fire.



The present stone structure Methodist Church was built in 1932

PARSONAGES

As early as 1872, the Annual Conference Journal lists a parsonage for the pastor of Baldwin M.E. church. There was also a "Baldwin Circuit" of M. E. churches that did not list a parsonage. The location of the first Baldwin parsonage has not been identified; however, the church owned the lots adjacent to the west side of the stone church on Dearborn Street. Those lots (No. 96, 97, 98 & 99) were sold separately on October 12, 1903 to D. E. Hooter for \$650. This may have been the location for the early parsonage as it was common custom to have the parsonage adjacent to the church structure. This is the present day location of Baker University's Denious Hall.

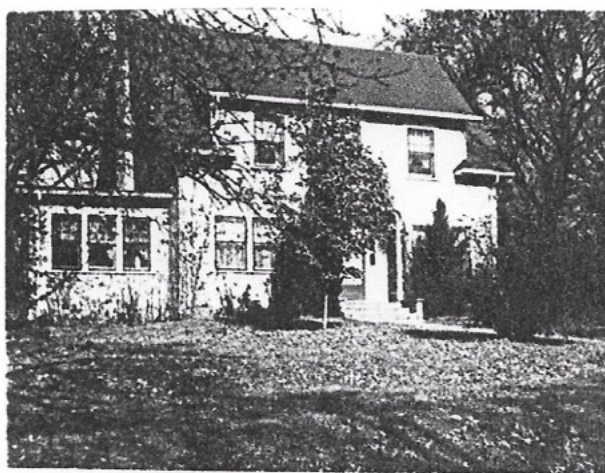
On May 16, 1906, the house on the northwest corner of 10th and Grove (**619 10th Street**) was purchased as a parsonage for \$4,000 from Stephen and Addie Lake. This large Victorian structure appears to have continued as the pastoral residence until it was sold Dec. 24, 1948. However, the financial statement of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Baldwin, Kansas for the conference year ending February 28, 1910, lists a disbursement of \$360 for the rent of a parsonage. The reason is unclear. On December 16, 1948, the home at 918 Jersey was purchased. The Clare Hayes (1948-54) family moved in at conference time making it the boyhood home of Kirby Hayes who became pastor of the church 28 years later (1982-94). This house sold August 15, 1972, and a new one was built at **126 Santa Fe Drive**. The lot for the house was donated by Ralph Polson who also contracted to do the construction for \$32,500. The Dale Gardner (1971-75) family was the first to occupy the new home.

Times change and an increasing number of pastors desire to build equity in their own homes. This also eliminates responsibility for upkeep and maintenance by the local congregation. Consequently, the Santa Fe Drive house sold for \$115,000 on March 8, 2000 during the pastorate of Rev. Nanette Roberts. The church now budgets a yearly housing allowance of \$14,420 for the pastor to rent or purchase a home. Definitely a change from the 1910 rental figure!

Do you have information, or photograph, of an 19th century Baldwin City M. E. parsonage? Please let us hear from you if you have any knowledge about the early parsonage(s).

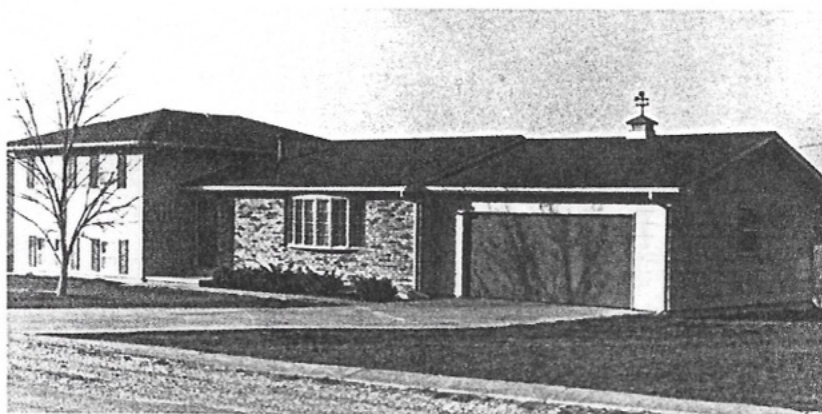
Parsonages through the years.....

Methodist Parsonage
at 619 10th Street.



Parsonage at
918 Jersey

Parsonage at
126 Santa Fe Drive



SOUNDS OF MUSIC--

MUSIC LEADERSHIP

The Baldwin church has enjoyed and benefitted from strong music leadership from both Baker University and the community throughout its 150 years. From Lena Elder Fuller's memories of 1858-1862 to the present, talented musicians have been a part of the congregation.

The following list gleaned from worship bulletins, various historical records and personal memories of present members and friends attempts to name the organists and choir directors. Years of service were difficult to ascertain accurately as there were two choirs, one for morning services and one for the evening, for a great many years. A plaque located on the south wall of the choir loft lists "Frank Nelson Hair, Baker Music professor, 1890-1907 as director." The April 10, 1898 Easter order of worship lists his choir: Jennie Bull, soprano; Mabel Knox, contralto; Roy VanLandingham, tenor; W. C. Markham, bass; Margarette Amos, pianist.

ORGANISTS

Miriam Welty, 1923
Thelma Perry, 1925
Maude Lawson, 1925
Ruth E. Bailey, 1928
Buena Vista Morgan, 1930
Madge Reynolds, 1934
Fred Thompson, 1952
Phyllis Flickinger, Asst., 1952
Georgeann Malicky, 1955
Mrs. Wendell Hicks, asst., 1955
William Clark, ____?
Lester Groom, ____?
Ronald L. Dawson, 1961-1962
Dr. Douglas Brown, 1962-1984
Susan Buehler, 1984-1987
Sara Wentz, 1987-1989
Dr. Susan Buehler, 1989-2003
Hyung-Kyu Yi, 2003-2004
Matthew Thompson, 2004-2005
Sharee Thompson, 2005-

CHOIR DIRECTORS

Prof. R. R. Siple, 1923-1925
Prof. L. U. Rowland, 1923-1925
Dean Frank E. Marsh, 1928-1930
Prof. Luke I. Gaskell, 1928-1930
Prof. K. V. Sutphen, 1930-
Luther Leavengood, 1934
Irving Bartley, 1934-1939
Robert Sedore, 1938-1939
Ed Wood, 1939
Leon Willgus, 1952
Clyde Morris, 1952
Wendell Hicks, 1955
Frank Purvis, 1959-1967
Charles Weedman, 1967-1971
Dr. Douglas Brown, 1971-1984
Dr. John Buehler, 1984-1987
Sara Wentz, 1987-1989
Mark Clark, 1989-1991
Dr. John Buehler, 1991-2003
Jocelyn Leonard, 2003-2005
Stephanie Richardson, 2004-2005
Matthew Thompson, 2005-

Dr. William C. Rice, chair of the Baker University Music Department (1939-1973), also directed the choir when the Baker choir served as the chancel choir. Specific dates were not found. More recently, others who have willingly shared of their talents are: Alice Anne (Callahan) Russell, piano and organ; Charlene (Callahan) Potter, violin; Jan Boyd, flute; Lea Hogsett, violin; Bob Kahle, organ; Carolyn Groves, piano; and a host of devoted choir members. We should also note that Metropolitan Opera star and Kansas University professor, Joyce (Malicky) Castle, grew up in Baldwin and began her musical career in the church and Baker University choirs.

And now the church has come full circle with Sunday evening services begun again in 2002 under the leadership of Rev. Nanette Roberts and continued by Rev. Pam Morrison. Rev. Morrison encouraged the formation of a Praise Choir accompanied by piano, guitar and drums. In all probability this innovation has been perceived by some in a similar way as the gentlemen who left the services in 1858 in order that "his religious fervor not be harrowed" by the organ.

THE ORGAN

During the pastorate of Dr. R. B. Kester (1910 - 1915), a new organ was installed. The organ came as a gift of Mrs. Nan Beeks Goodwin, given in memory of her beloved parents, Christopher B. and Hannah J. Beeks. Mr. and Mrs. Beeks moved to Baldwin in 1859 when church services were held in the "Old Castle". Mr. Beeks became a trustee of the fledgling congregation, and Mrs. Beeks was an officer of the Ladies Sewing Circle when that group assumed responsibility of erecting the new church. Mr. Beeks died in 1888 and Mrs. Beeks in 1902. The church accepted with gratitude "this beautiful organ presented in memory of two pioneers of Kansas, who with those other noble souls, made Baldwin more than a promise of what is to be." (Dedication Week Service folder, Dec. 11-18, 1910) A note in the Dec. 23, 1910 Baldwin Ledger after the Dec. 11 cantata and the Dec. 18 dedication service stated: "Baldwin, without doubt, has an organ superior to any in any adjacent city and is far superior to those in all towns three times the size of Baldwin."

The fire of 1930 gutted the church, destroying all the contents including the organ. Although records do not indicate what type, the new building had an organ of some kind. Present member, Ruth Ann Nutt, remembers attending Youth Institute worship services in the present sanctuary in 1934 where an organ was used.

Under the leadership of Rev. James S. Chubb (1934 - 1942), a fund drive to purchase a new organ for \$3,894.80 from the Reuter Organ Company in Lawrence, Kansas began. Donations came in slowly and \$2,144.80 remained as the balance of the bill. After several notifications, Rev. Chubb, received a letter dated December 10, 1936 from the Reuter Company beginning with these words: "Would you rather see me come to Baldwin, or see the sheriff?". In spite of the scant depression offerings, the bill was finally paid and the organ dedicated.

This organ served the congregation well until 1963 when the decision was made to replace it, again from Reuter Organ Company. The Reuter Company proposed an organ with 28 ranks of pipes (the old organ contained 13) and three manuals instead of the original two. The cost of such an instrument was \$35,000. Wanting to display the new organ at a conference of 700 National Methodist Musicians at Baker University in the summer of 1963, Reuter discounted the price by \$2,000. Along with a \$2,500 trade-in, the price of the new organ was \$30,500, but delivery and installation fees brought the final contract to \$32,874.01, with a portion of the funding provided by Baker University.

Reuter exercised great care to assure the console conformed to the architecture and symmetry of the church interior. A single pencil holder from the back of one of the pews served as a guide for a perfect match of the finish to that of the sanctuary furnishings. The organ was consecrated at worship services on October 27, 1963, with Lester Groom as organist.

In December of 2000, various maintenance problems dealing with the wind supply to the organ were corrected by Doug McCord Organ service. Following proposals made by organists, Hyung-Kyu Yi and Susan Buehler, plans were made in 2004 to update the organ. In January 2005, Mid States Pipe Organ Co. began modifying the existing stop list of the organ. Along with these changes, the Swell and Choir divisions were revoiced, and their volumes increased to improve the overall ensemble sound of the organ. The cost of the repairs and updating came to \$15,801 and were paid by the John W. Heaton endowment fund for the organ upkeep.

CARILLONS

On Oct. 27, 1963, the Markham Memorial Carillon was dedicated at a 2:30 p.m. concert also by Lester Groom. The carillon was given in memory of William and Carrie Markham by their children: Maurice, Miriam and Ralph.

The Markham Carillon remained in use until the mid-1990's at which time parts necessary for repair became increasingly difficult to find and the sound quality deteriorated. The family of Margaret Boyd used her memorial gifts to rebuild the drum mechanism in 1995. The Markham-Boyd carillon lasted until 2003. At this point, it could no longer be repaired. Mrs. Kay Parkin gifted the church with a new state-of-the-art carillon in memory of her mother, Margaret Norton, in 2004. It comes from Schulmerich, Inc. and is the Novabell Generation model which operates with digital autobel cards. A tribute to 21st Century technology.

HAND BELLS

Three octaves of Schulmerich hand bells were purchased in the mid 1980's. Mallets and new music were added with the proceeds from a 2003 concert. The goal now is to add chimes to further enhance the scope of the music. Directors have included Sara Wentz, Susan Buehler, Jocelyn Leonard and Emma Carter

ORGAN CHIMES

A plaque in the choir loft states that chimes were given in memory of Mrs. Cecile O. Brown (1885-1932) by her husband W. E. Brown; Mary and Walter, children; and J. E. Claybrook, nephew. These tubular chimes are played from the organ console.

GRAND PIANO

Following the lead of Drs. John and Susan Buehler, Baker music professors, the upright piano in the sanctuary was replaced with a Baldwin Grand in 1996. Memorial and personal gifts made this addition to the church music program possible.

"The service was a disaster. Everything went wrong. The choir was lousy, the minister did a poor job. The ushers dropped the collection. The 'reader' couldn't read. As the last person in the recessional walked through the narthex, there was a short period of complete silence. Then a voice was heard to exclaim loudly, 'Thank God that's over!'"

—from Memories of Dr. William Rice.

THE CHOIR

Methodists have always been a "singing people" following John Wesley's dictum to "sing lustily and with good courage". (From *John Wesley's Select Hymns*, 1761) The new congregation in Baldwin took Mr. Wesley seriously. Baker University, beginning in 1858, soon formed a musical alliance with the church. Lena Elder Fuller writes in *Reminiscences of Baker, 1858-1862*: "They (students) sung and prayed together in the little chapel of the building now designated as the 'Old Castle' ". (page 126)

Ms. Fuller describes always having a choir of four that furnished music at the church with Miss Willey, soprano; J. C. Hall, bass; J. M. Caveness, tenor; and an alto, continually changing; and herself as organist. She writes that their first attempt to sing before the church was "rather tragic". After "setting the pace" for the congregation with a "fine old anthem", one gentlemen "rose majestically and reverently and marched solemnly down the aisle to the front door, got in his buggy and drove six miles to worship where his religious fervor would not be harrowed by the music of the d ___ organ." (Page 126)

The church and the choir continued to grow as did the relationship with the Baker University music department. By 1928 music had become an integral part of the church budget with the following music items included: Baker University - \$360, Summer Music - \$60, Organ Upkeep - \$100; Sheet Music - \$30. The 1928-29 music staff included three directors: Dean Frank E. Marsh, Morning; Prof. Luke I. Gaskell, Evening; and Miss Helen Good, 7th and 8th Grade Girls Chorus. Miss Ruth E. Bailey served as organist.

The Baker University music department moved from Stone Hall to the Methodist Church in September 1936 and encompassed practically the entire building. Dr. William Rice, professor and chair of the music department at Baker University (1939-1973) wrote his memories of the church/school relationship in 1990. The following are excerpts from this paper:

"There were seven tiny and two fairly large rooms in the basement with a piano in each room. They were for student practice Monday through Friday and sometimes on Saturday. Sunday, everything was given over to Sunday School. Keeping materials separate was a constant challenge. Music education and music history were taught in one of the large rooms. The choir room was at various times a voice studio, or a practice and rehearsal room. Fellowship Hall was usually off-limits except in an emergency..... My office was the present church office. Beeks Chapel was a practice, recital and rehearsal hall..... The classrooms on the second floor were used for music theory and various other classes. The tower room was a piano studio as were the two rooms on the third floor. The sanctuary served as a recital hall and for organ teaching and practice.... Until Baker became a "suitcase school" with a weekend exodus, the sanctuary was crowded each Sunday with students and faculty.... The church budget benefitted because Baker furnished the heat and paid part of the electrical bill and the custodian's salary.....The principal church choir was the Baker University Choir. During the years when an evening service was held, an "evening choir" consisting of members of the congregation and college and high school students sang for the service.... During the 50's and 60's Baker students and faculty began to drift away from our church. It became increasingly difficult to maintain the Baker Choir as a church rather than a concert choir. A gradual transition was made by using what became the chancel (congregational) choir for more services."

And the transition became complete when the Baker Choir performed only at Christmas Vespers and other special services. The chancel choir maintains an active role in the worship services.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: SUNDAY SCHOOL

As soon as the church was formed, Sunday School began for all ages. A Sunday School record book covering 1893 to 1903 exists in the church archives and provides insight about the Sunday School during this period. A typical listing of Sunday School classes on January 8, 1893 reveals 24 different classes with a total attendance of 272. The offering came to \$3.44. Many of the teachers were Baker Professors as well as the Superintendent, Prof. E. M. Wood.

"The Diamond Jubilee" booklet, 1930, page 21 includes the following:

In 1856 at the Annual Conference in Lawrence, there were reported 20 Sunday Schools in the Kansas-Nebraska territory, of which Baldwin (or Palmyra) was one.

The following names of superintendents have been found:

1859—Moses L Thompson	1882—Professor W. I. Graham
1868—Professor H. P. Shepherd	1886—G. G. Wharton
1872—Prof. S. S. Weatherby	1887—Professor W. I. Graham
1874—William Plaskett	1891—Prof. E. M. Wood
1875—Professor William Sweet	1895—James E. Hair
1877—Professor Weaver	Capt. C.P. Ives, Asst.
1880—Professor William Sweet	1902—W. M. Clark

Additional Sunday School superintendents listed in other records have been:

1928-39—W. M. Clark	1955—Duane Henre
1952—Merlin Ford	

As the church celebrated its 75th anniversary, the Sunday School listed a Superintendent, a Secretary-Treasurer, Superintendent of Adult Department, and departments for Young People, Seniors, Intermediate, Juniors, Primary and Beginners. It is assumed these classes were divided by age.

The church was destroyed by fire Sunday morning, November 30, 1930. Despite the fire, Sunday School departments and classes met the next Sunday at their regular 9:30 hour in Baker's Centenary and Taylor Halls. All classes then adjourned at 10:25 to assemble in the Chapel for a general closing service, Supt. of Sunday School, W. M. Clark, presiding.

By 1952, Baldwin reported to the annual conference a registration of 100 in Vacation Bible School. The Sunday School had an average attendance of 223 covering all ages with a total membership of 519. In the 1961-62 school year, the church school department was led by Dr. Charles Doudna, Professor of Religion at Baker University.

As with many churches, church school attendance began to wane during the 1980's, but the pioneer spirit and the commitment "to train up a child" never wavered. Professional leadership by Yvonne Sudduth and the Rev. Missy Black helped the program refocus. Strong lay leadership from Eva Durand, youth ministries, and Shelly Todd, children's ministries, and a staff of committed teachers has augmented the programs begun. Current Sunday School offerings include 4 classes for adults: Lamp Lighters, Journeys, FaithLink and Morning Star; for children and youth: nursery, preschool, Kindergarten-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th, Junior High and Senior High.

Vacation Bible School has flourished with the dedication of Jan Shuck and Donna Curran and their families, over the past few years. The average attendance has grown to 50-75 children. In addition to the Summer Vacation Bible School classes, a Wednesday after school program was begun not just for children of the church, but for all children of Baldwin. This program initiated by Rev. Missy Black in 2003 has been directed by Dana Clem for the 2004-05 school year and has plans to continue. The weekly schedule includes Bible study, crafts and children's choir led by Jocelyn Leonard. Another innovation in children's ministry is "Children's Church" led by Lindsay Johnson with the help of parents. After the children have time with the pastor, they leave the sanctuary for worship activities at their level.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS, about 1892-94



Those pictured, top row: Anna L. Hew, Matt Auras(?), **Dan Brummitt**, Myrtle Alkinson, Sarola Kneff. Second row: Elsie Schnebly, Alisa Akers, Jessie Skinner, Effie Messinger, Cora Showalter, Lulu Leonard. Front row: Marian Stuart, Lou Winget, Mabel Knox, Marie Moorhead, Ona Amos. (NOTE: Names given are from list on back of photo. There is one more person than of names in the second row, so no idea which person is not identified.)

Dan Brummitt, the gentleman in above photograph, was a graduate of Baker University, class of 1894. His biography in the book, *Alumni Record of Baker University, Baldwin City, Kansas*, First Edition, 1917, lists the following: Dan Brummitt, (living 1917) 2523 Park Place, Evanston, Ill. A.B.; A. M. 1903; D.D., Drew Theological Seminary, 1902. Minister M. E. Church, Maple Hill, 1892-93; **Baldwin City Circuit**, 1893-94; Altamont, 1894-95; Fort Smith, Ark., 1895-97; Little Rock, Ark., 1897-99; Graduate Student in Theology, Drew Theological Seminary, 1899-1902; Assistant Editor Epworth Herald, Chicago, 1901-10; Manager Circulation Department, Methodist Book Concern, Chicago, 1910-12; Editor Epworth Herald, 1912-. Member of Board of Control of the Epworth League of the M.E. Church. Author: "Epworth League Methods," "The Efficient Epworthian." Born Batley, Yorkshire, England, Aug. 13, 1867. Married Stella Wyatt, Sept. 12, 1894. Child: Wyatt Brearley, Jan. 19, 1897.

To help in determining the approximate date of the photograph, the above biography indicates Dan Brummitt was in the Baldwin area from about 1892 to 1894. Mabel Knox (front row, third from left) appears in the 1900 census at age 24 as a resident of Baldwin City. This would make her age at the time of the photograph to be 16 to 18, helping verify the date is probably accurate.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORDS, 1893

(Extracted from a Sunday School record book that covers the period, 1893-1903)

JANUARY 8, 1893 (selected as an example week)

<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>COLLECTION</u>
Mrs. Tucker	27	\$.16
Miss Follin	19	.07
Miss Leach	10	.06
Mr. Colwell	4	.02
Miss Mallory	4	.03
Miss Kirkpatrick	8	.04
Mr. Lehew	8	.05
Miss Dudgeon	7	.13
Prof. Simpson	6	.14
Prof Myler	11	.15
Miss Adkins	7	.00
Mr. Roach	6	.08
Mr. Hair	4	.25
Mrs. Cary	9	.10
Mrs. Kern	7	.09
Mr. Dudgeon	14	.11
Prof. Parmenter	20	.14
Mr. Ives	3	.16
Mr. Allin	12	.06
Prof. Robertson	25	.35
Prof. Stewart	15	.12
Prof. Martin	12	.50
Prof. Colegrove	15	.15
Miss Ahlborn	<u>19</u>	<u>.48</u>
TOTAL	272	\$ 3.44

OFFICERS

Supt.	Prof. E. M. Wood
Secy.	H. O. Harpster
Asst. Secy.	Ella Fallin
Enroll.	Sallie Kidden
	Miss Akins

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Baldwin Youth Institute began in 1907 as an Epworth League Institute. By 1911 it had been moved to the Baker campus. Epworth League is an institution worthy of a history of its own. "The Diamond Jubilee of Baldwin Methodist" (page 22) reports:

"For many years in Baldwin, the young people of the town had a Tuesday Evening Meeting before the Epworth League was organized. Dr. William A. Quayle (elected a bishop in 1908) was the speaker at these meetings for several years and the students attended in large numbers. At the time of the fiftieth anniversary of the church, the League began the custom of entertaining the older people at a dinner. In 1911, the Epworth League Institutes began their splendid annual gatherings at Baldwin."

Today, these "splendid annual gatherings" are referred to as United Methodist Youth Institute and are held each summer on the Baker campus with youth from the entire Kansas East Conference attending. Linda Ford Ballinger and her brother, Rev. Bob Ford, remember Institute:

"Institute in the 1950's and 60's continued the traditional and meaningful candlelight service on the closing night of Institute. The youth filed to the campus from the church with their lighted candles to find quiet places under the trees, on benches, and near bridges to pray and think about their week's experiences...or go seek out an adult counselor to talk to about faith decisions in their lives. In the early days of Institute, participants stayed in church members' homes in Baldwin, but took all their meals in the Baker Gym (now Mabee Hall). In the 1950's and 60's, the boys stayed in the Gym and the girls roomed in dorms. Linda relates that her Jr. High MYF and the Job's Daughters made money for their programs by serving as waitresses at Institute breakfast, lunch and dinner."

Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF), held their first National Conference at Baker University August-September 1941. This meeting brought together the youth from the three branches of Methodism that had united in 1939. A plaque on the north entrance stairs to Case Library on the Baker University campus, gives an historical overview of MYF starting nationally. This plaque also covers the later designations and organization of UMC and ECM on the campus. A 50 year reunion of this fellowship occurred in 1991, organized by Rev. Neil Heidrick, retired U. M. Pastor.

Linda and Bob also recall MYF experiences:

"MYF was very structured with youth being elected as President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The youth took this leadership seriously and carried it through effectively. The parents of all the youth did their part to support the group in their ministry and programs, especially in transportation to sub-district meetings and camping trips. Wonderful support also came from Baker's students, professors, ministers and townspeople who graciously gave of their talents and time. MYF was a central part of the teen years in Baldwin. The weekly meetings and special events through the year were central to our social life. MYF was the social life along with school functions. And, as it name says, it was fellowship. We had great fun, made lifelong friends, sang a lot, and can you believe it...even danced a lot. The backroom of Deel's Café was our dance floor during Institute and soda fountains at Reeves Store and Hitchcock's Drug Store were great gathering places."

Two brothers, David and Mark Nutt, served as Kansas East Conference MYF presidents during their senior years at Baldwin High School (1964 & 1968). Both were privileged to attend National Youth Conference during their tenure as president to represent the Kansas East Conference.

For the youth of the church, ministries are now in a time of revival, being led by Eva Durand. Sunday afternoons provide a time for Jr High and High School youth fellowship groups. Sunday noon meals have been provided for Baker students by Nan and Wes Poyner in their home. The youth of the church are involved in Bible study, personal development and Mission Teams to Guatemala, Peru, and Indiana during the summer of 2005.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The seeds of the present organization of United Methodist Women were planted in March 1869 when eight women organized the first Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Boston, Mass. However, pioneer women in Baldwin, Kansas, were already busy building a church. After the church was chartered July 22, 1855, it did not take long for the women to organize as the "Ladies Sewing Circle". When the men became discouraged, the women took the lead, pledged and raised five hundred dollars, and the building began in 1868. An historical note on page 8 of the Diamond Jubilee booklet of 75th anniversary of the church in 1930, states: "Professor I. P. Sheppard moved at a Quarterly Conference {about 1867} that the ladies of Baldwin known as the Ladies Sewing Circle, be the lawful agents to undertake the building of the new church. The ladies raised \$500 and the building began. Everyone helped with money or by hauling stone or other labor. After much effort, the stone church was erected at a cost of \$3000."

The earliest record which can be found of the Ladies Sewing Circle gives the name of Mary E. Van Horn as treasurer in 1868. These energetic women sewed quilts, made carpets for cabins, and served "mush and milk suppers" as money-making events.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (WFMS) Auxiliary organized in 1880 by Mrs. Mary C. Ninde, met monthly to study and support the work for foreign missionaries. By 1930 those pledges and thank offerings exceeded \$1,000. The oversight of missionary education of the children ranked high as a priority, and three "societies" for children flourished. Along with foreign missions, a need to promote the work of the church in America grew, and Mrs. Adams of Mound City organized the Baldwin Auxiliary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society (WHMS) in August of 1889. Sometime later the Ladies Aid Society was organized and sketchy records of the three groups working together on local projects can be found.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service (WSCS) replaced the first three societies in September of 1940. The change came as the three branches of the Methodist Church (Protestant Methodist, Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal-South,) unified. In 1948 the Wesleyan Service Guild organized to meet the needs of employed women and remained active until 1973.

One final organizational change occurred in April, 1968 at the General Conference held in Dallas, Texas. At this historic meeting, the Methodist Church merged with the Evangelical United Brethren Church to become the United Methodist Church. The change of church name meant a change of name for the church women, who became United Methodist Women (UMW). Through the years of change the women have never lost their vision of responding to God's redemptive purpose throughout the world.

On January 1, 2005, the Baldwin First United Methodist Women recorded 92 members with three active circles: Dorcas, Eve and Sarah. A budget of \$8,420 still keeps the women busy in the kitchen. In the tradition of their foremothers, the money goes for mission work, foreign and home, as the women no longer "come to the rescue of the troubled finance committees". [From Diamond Jubilee booklet of 75th anniversary of the church in 1930, page 23.] The words of the organization purpose: "To know God and to experience freedom through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church" serve as our guide into the 21st century.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Obviously men have been the bulwark of the church from its inception. However, records of an organized group proved difficult to find. Several references to "Men's Brotherhood" meetings were found in old bulletins, but there were no listings of members or activities with the exception of the church bulletin board erected by the group in 1960.

In 2001 the United Methodist Men began to re-establish a regular meeting for interested men of the church. They re-chartered in 2002 and identified three areas of mission: 1) Developing deeper individual spirituality, 2) Providing leadership in the church and 3) Providing service to the church and the community. Meetings are held on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Saturdays of each month at 7:30 a.m. The first two meetings involve spiritual growth study, and on the last Saturday, the men examine opportunities to provide leadership and service.

And the men have been busy! They can be seen teaching Sunday School, mowing the church lawn, building a swing set, painting classrooms, helping roof the Horton Indian Mission Church and aiding in the construction of the Lawrence Indian Mission Church fellowship hall.

Bill Clement serves as president and Mike Gammage as secretary-treasurer. The United Methodist men intend to grow, to lead, to serve.

The advertisements below are from the 1909 Baldwin M. E. Church directory.

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Lay Leader: Mark Shuck

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Finance Chair: Bill Neuenswander

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Lay Member to Annual Conference: Mark Shuck

Lay Member to District: Linda Ballinger

Membership Secretary: Barbara Pressgrove

Memorials Committee Chairperson: Ruth Ann Nutt

Foundation Chairperson: Don Nutt

UMW President: Ruth Dickinson

UMM Representative: Bill Clement

Christian Unity and Inter-religious Concerns: Ruth Payne

Ad Council Secretary: Roseann Rohe

Library Chair: Jan Boyd

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Leo Smith

Mrs. H. K. Ebright

Board of Trustees:

2005

Dan Neuenswander

Chris Lawrenz

Mike Gammage

2006

Ginny Honomichi

Fred Toot

Susan Butell

2007

John Beins

Loren Anderson

David Reed

Lay Leadership (Pastor, chair; Lay Leader – part of committee)

2005

Matt Keller

Jan Boyd

Alexis Tommer

2006

David Reed

John Beins

Gary Hogsett

2007

Susan Buehler

Nancy Arnold

Jeff Beecher

Staff-Parish (Lay Leader – part of committee)

2005

Janet Venable

Selena Gillespie

Matt Keller

2006

John Buehler

Annie Hogsett

Roseann Rohe

2007

Anita Neuenswander

Linda Ballinger

Gerry Cullumber

Altar Guild (Ruth Ann Nutt, chair; Communion coordinator: Carolyn Groves)

Marlene Courtney
Georgiana Monninger

Donna Curran
Babs Reed

Shirley Miller
Tony Halpin

Banner Team

Jean Baldwin
Claire Wismer
Linda Ballinger

Becky White
Georgiana Monniger
Susan Gammage

Anita White
Nancy Brown
Anita Neuenswander

Caring Ministers (Bill Clement, leader)

Cal Dickinson	Merle Venable	Kathy Jardon
Janet Venable	Nancy Brown	Susan Butell
Judith Tanner	Anita Neuenswander	Beth O'Neil

Education (Children's Ministries) Donna Curran (Sunday School Superintendent)

Jean Baldwin	Sarah Snedeger	Jean Baldwin
Nancy Crisp	Cindy Cullumber	Lindsay Johnson
Dana Clem	Donna Reed	David Reed
Dan Neuenswander	Connie Neuenswander	Shelly Todd

Endowment/Foundation (Don Nutt, Chair)

Linda Ballinger	Carl Butell	Roy Deel
Bob Morse	Ivy Hey	Don Nutt
Barbara Henre	Richard Wellman	

Fellowship and Activities (formerly Outreach and Nurture)

Mike Curran	Donna Curran	Candy Layton-Inzer
Bill Inzer	Joy Wellman	Richard Wellman
Ruth Ann Nutt	Virginia Wilson	

Finance Committee (Bill Neuenswander, Finance Chair)

(Clergy and lay leader)

Debbie Oakleaf	Selena Gillespie	Kathy Beins
Amy Carlson	Louise Cummings-Simmons	

Health Ministry Team

Judy Anderson	Barbara DeSpain	Chris Lawrenz
Candy Layton-Inzer	Lori Roberts	Nancy Brooks
Peggy Keller	Joan Toot	

Hospitality Team

Ruth Dickinson	Judith Tanner	Jon Hayes
Lindsay Johnson	David Simmons	Cal Dickinson
Carla Gordon	David Morrison	Michelle Swain
Peggy Beecher		

Missions Team

Joan Toot	Connie Neuenswander	Cal Dickinson
Coleen Burgess	Diane Wagner	Joe Simunac
Nancy Brooks	Alex Cullumber	Jared McCall
Brandon Tommer		

Tech Ministries

Mike Gammage	Gary Hogsett	Brian Williams
Robert Robinson	Debbie Oakleaf	Dennis Waymire

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

—OF—

The First Methodist Episcopal Church

BALDWIN, KANSAS

—FOR THE—

CONFERENCE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 28, 1910

THE REVEREND REESE BOWMAN KESTER D. D.,
MINISTER

I. OFFICIAL BOARD

F. M. HARTLEY, Treasurer

1. BUDGET ACCOUNT

Receipts

Balance on hand March 18 1909.....	\$ 14.68	
Subscriptions and plate collections..	3575.79	
Special subscription (Feb. 27, 1910)	180.43	
For Bethany Hospital.....	10.00	
For Charity Fund.....	40.18	
Special offering for Home Missions	32.00	
Special offering for Foreign ..	322.00	
Offering at Dr. Rice's meetings	18.68	
Dr. John's lectures.....	10.00	
Rent on Parsonage.....	360.00	
From Sunday School for Missions \$ 100.00		4659.70

Disbursements

Dr. J. F. Jenness (Salary 11 months)	\$1466.66
Dr. R. B. Kester (" 1 ")	150.00
Rent of Parsonage	360.00
District Superintendent	135.00
Episcopal Fund.....	25.00
Conference Claimants	100.00
Janitor	379.00
Transportation of new Pastor	59.50
Music	223.17
Insurance	176.70
Fuel and Light for the year	289.72
Printing & Stationery, Budget ex- pense	23.45
Loaned to Incidental Fund	30.34

The above financial statement covers the income and expenses for the 1909-10 conference year. You might note some differences from our 2005 budget as shown on the following two pages.

"If all Methodists would give as much per capita as our Pacific Chinese Christians do, we would give \$33,000,000 per year". —from the Area Council, Sept. 30, 1923.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BUDGET - 2003-2005

REVENUES

			Monthly Rev.	YTD Rev.
	2003	2004		2005 est.
1000 Unrestricted Contributions				
1005 Pledges and Faith Promises	\$ 150,270.00	\$ 176,811.00		\$ 155,462.00
Received (04 anticipated)	\$ 226,000.00	\$ 228,000.00		
1010 Sunday School				
1015 Loose Offerings				
1020 Other				

EXPENDITURES

	2003 Exp.	2004 Budget	2004 Ant.	05 Proposed
2000 Conference Apportionments				
2005 Conference Ministerial	\$ 10,084.00	\$ 10,434.00	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 10,000.00
2010 Conference World Service	\$ 17,993.00	\$ 18,320.00	\$ 18,300.00	\$ 17,500.00
2015 Conference Gen Jur Ben	\$ 1,558.00	\$ 1,592.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
2020 Conference Support Serv	\$ 2,945.00	\$ 3,154.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,000.00
Conference Totals	\$ 32,580.00	\$ 33,500.00	\$ 33,300.00	\$ 32,000.00

3000 LOCAL PROGRAMS

3005 Outreach and Nurture	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00
3010 General Committees	\$ 300.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 297.00	\$ 300.00
3015 Education	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 6,000.00
3020 Ministry Development	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 200.00
3025 Youth Programing	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 600.00
3030 Disciple Bible Study	\$ 300.00			\$ 250.00
3035 Worship	\$ 300.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 615.00	\$ 700.00
3040 Trailside Parish	\$ 450.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 400.00
3045 Alter Society	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 302.00	\$ 300.00
3050 Mission Committee Projects				\$ 3,000.00
3050 Baker Scholarship Program	\$ 900.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Local Programs Totals	\$ 10,750.00	\$ 11,800.00	\$ 6,609.00	\$ 12,500.00

4000 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

4010 Church Maintenance		\$ 12,000.00	\$ 15,033.00	\$ 15,000.00
4020 Church Projects (Transfer from Memorial)		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Total Trustee Exp.		\$ 22,000.00	\$ 20,033.00	\$ 25,000.00

5000 Music

5005 Hand Bell Maintenance		\$ 400.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 400.00
5010 Tuning/Maintenance	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 400.00
5015 Music Supplies	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,290.00	\$ 1,500.00
5020 Promote/Misc	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 285.00	\$ 200.00
5025 Robe Cleaning/Maintenance	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
Total Music	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,097.00	\$ 3,000.00

6000 Church Administration

6005 Electricity and Water	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,000.00
6010 Natural Gas	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 8,500.00
6015 Phone	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 3,000.00
6020 Trash Collection	\$ 180.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 300.00
6025 Custodial Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00

6030 Liability/Property Insurance	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 10,894.00	\$ 11,100.00
6035 Workers Compensation	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00		
6040 Boiler	\$ -	\$ -		
6045 Office Supplies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,600.00
6050 Postage	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
6055 Copier/Risograph Expense	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,000.00
6057 Advertising			\$ 267.00	\$ 350.00
Total Church Administration	\$ 37,880.00	\$ 35,750.00	\$ 35,611.00	\$ 36,700.00

7000 Church and Program Staff

7110 Secretary	\$ 16,375.00	\$ 18,300.00	\$ 18,300.00	\$ 18,300.00
7015 Custodian	\$ 10,700.00	\$ 11,021.00	\$ 10,700.00	\$ 11,500.00
7020 Youth Minister	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 1,312.00	\$ -
7025 Music Coordinator/Organist	\$ 5,988.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,280.00
7030 Choir Director	\$ 3,122.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 7,800.00
7035 Youth Accom/Substitute	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,000.00
7040 Bell Choir Director	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00
7045 Nursery Care Workers	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
7050 Social Security @ 6.2%	\$ 2,528.00	\$ 3,725.00	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 4,400.00
7055 Medicare @ 1.45%	\$ 591.00	\$ 871.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,000.00
7060 Coordinantor of Youth/College			\$ 2,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
7065 Coordinator of Children Minist			\$ 2,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
Total Church Program Staff	\$ 43,704.00	\$ 62,217.00	\$ 61,612.00	\$ 76,480.00

8000 Pastoral

8005 Pastoral Salary	\$ 35,572.00	\$ 34,500.00	\$ 34,500.00	\$ 34,500.00
8010 Housing Allowance	14420	\$ 14,420.00	\$ 14,420.00	\$ 14,420.00
8015 Utilities	3800	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
8020 Health Insurance	6933	\$ 11,616.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
8025 Employer Pension	8129	\$ 7,806.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 7,806.00
8030 Continuing Education	900	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ 700.00
8035 Professional Expense	450	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
8040 Milage	1800	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Total Pastoral	\$ 72,004.00	\$ 74,642.00	\$ 76,320.00	\$ 76,026.00

9000 Minister of Christian Ed.

9005 Salary	\$ 28,204.00	\$ 29,030.00	\$ 19,298.00	\$ -
9010 Housing	\$ 12,360.00	\$ 12,731.00	\$ 8,487.00	
9020 Health Insurance	\$ 6,933.00	\$ -		
9025 Employer Pension	\$ 7,711.00	\$ 7,711.00	\$ 3,955.00	
9030 Continuing Education	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00		
9035 Professional Expense	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 110.00	
9040 Milage	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	
Total Associate Pastor	\$ 55,508.00	\$ 51,372.00	\$ 31,850.00	\$ -

Total Expenditures	\$ 255,026.00	\$ 294,281.00	\$ 267,432.00	\$ 261,706.00
Less \$10,000 Transferred		\$ 284,281.00	\$ 257,432.00	\$ 251,706.00
Revenues - Expenditures	\$ (29,000.00)		\$ (29,500.00)	

Pledges	\$ 150,270.00	\$ 176,811.00	\$ 155,462.00
Percent pledges are budget	59%	62%	62%

104 pledges

90 to date
27 new 31%

ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

The Baldwin First United Methodist Church Foundation was incorporated December 8, 1986 with Kirby Hayes, Joseph A. Simunac and Don Nutt as Directors. The purpose was to create an Endowment Fund mechanism to supplement the weekly donations in providing financial support for the church's operation. Only the income from the Endowment Fund can be used, and only for the repair and upkeep of the church building. From its beginning in 1986, total funds grew to \$99,399.14 as of December 31, 2002. In 2003, the Foundation received, \$162,907 in cash and 1760 shares of Bank of America stock (at that time worth \$143,400) from the Irene Murphy estate. As of May 2005, the book value of the Foundation is \$419,766.64, including income of \$25,888.54 available for use. At the May 2005 meeting of the Foundation officers, \$10,000 was authorized for use by the Church Trustees for assistance in replacing windows in the Parlor/Library and church offices. Other recent expenditures from the fund have been used for the computer system for church office and supplemental funds for the Trustees to use for boiler maintenance.

Present Members of the Foundation are:

Carl A. Butell - President	Roy Deel
Richard Wellman - Secretary	Ivy Hey
Don Nutt - Treasurer	Barbara Henre
Rev. Pam Morrison	Bob Morse
Linda Ballinger	

In addition to the assets held by the Foundation, some prior Endowment gifts to the church had been established as follows:

John W. Heaton estate- - - for major repair and upkeep of the organ
Floy Liston estate- - - - - for Mission programs
Ralph M. Polson estate- - - for music program of the church
Richard Allen Scholarship- - - for scholarship of church member attending college

The High School Epworth League will discuss "Worry or Trust". The College Epworth League will discuss "How is the Christian Student Different?" - from church bulletin, March 18, 1928. The Epworth League (Youth Group) was chartered August 11, 1890, with Charter No. 3397. The Junior League has Charter No. 427, under date of May 16, 1891.

Have you ever wondered why all the classrooms in the church have "mail drop" slots and locks on the doors? Answer: In 1936, Baker University moved all its Music Department into the church. These rooms were used as music practice rooms and for professors' office space.

C.R.O.P. (Christian Rural Overseas Program) was carried on by the Methodist Youth Fellowship.
- November 1956

MEMORIAL GIFTS RECORDED, BALDWIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Allen, George R. & Eva W.
 Balch, William Monroe & Beulah Benevieve
 Baldwin Epworth League Institute
 Beach, A. F. & Alice
 Beeks Family
 Beeks, Mr. & Mrs. Christopher B.
 Betts, Amelia
 Boeke, Mr. & Mrs. J. H.
 Brown, Cecile O. (1885-1932)
 Carriker, Elmer I. & Janet
 Chubb, Muriel
 Clark, Mr. & Mrs. James
 Clark, William Melvin
 Clippinger, Mary
 Cochran, Ethel
 College Dept. of Sunday School
 Counts, Wilma
 Cowgill, Benjamin & Elizabeth G.
 Danley, Ilene
 Durboraw, Charles T., Dr.
 Eaton, Edith
 Ebright Family
 Ebright, Homer & Marie
 Ebright, Homer Kingsley
 Firestone, Rosemary
 Guenther, Ruth
 Guenther, William F.
 Guest, Mirian
 Hackett, Hattie Rapp, Mrs.
 Haigh, Alice & Elsie
 Hair, Frank Nelson, Prof. of Music @ Baker
 Hardy, Cindy
 Hartley, Forrest Madison & Mary Ives
 Harvey, Robert
 Harvey, Robert
 Hey, Lester
 Hey, William
 Hitchcock, M. L. "Ty"
 Hunt, Nolya
 Kalb, Charles & Edna
 Keller, Gladys
 Keve, Wiley Ames, Rev.

Public Address system
 Sanctuary window, S. Side
 Chancel window, W. side
 Sanctuary window, N. Side
 Sound System
 Beeks Chapel
 Podium, Fellowship Hall
 Chapel window
 Chimes
 Sanctuary Chandelier repair
 Sanctuary Sound System update
 Sanctuary window, N. Side
 Sanctuary window, N. Side
 undesignated or not yet used
 Sanctuary Sound System update
 Lectern
 Movie Projector & screen
 Sanctuary window, N. Side
 Electrical Rewiring of Church
 Altar Table
 Hymnals
 Paraments for Altar
 Paneling in Pastor's Study
 Sanctuary window, S. Side
 Audio & Visual Aid Equip.
 Lighting, Outside at walkway
 Sanctuary banner
 Electrical Rewiring of Church
 Brass Vases & Candlesticks
 Haigh Memorial room, 2 pianos
 Choir Loft plaque
 Electrical Rewiring of Church
 Sanctuary window, S. Side
 Electric Typewriter
 Hearing Aid Equip. in Sanctuary
 undesignated or not yet used
 undesignated or not yet used
 Paneling in Office
 Sanctuary Sound System update
 Record Player for Nursery
 Electrical Rewiring of Church
 Pulpit

MEMORIAL GIFTS RECORDED, BALDWIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Kreighbaum, Nancy	Hymnals
Lawrence, Lavina Barton	Chapel window
Lewis, W. W.	Office Copier
Malicky, George & Ethel	Pew Bibles, NRS Version
Malicky, George & Ethel	Pew Cushions
Markham, Dr. & Mrs. O. G.	Pulpit Hymnal & Altar Bible
Markham, William C. & Carrie H.	Carillon (old one)
Monniger, Thomas L.	Lavalier Microphone
Morgan, Scott	undesignated or not yet used
Morreale, Thelma	Nursery Renovation
Nelson, Aaron, Mrs.	Altar Candle Holders
Norton, Margaret	Carillon, Electronic version
Nutt, Dorothy	Electrical Rewiring of Church
Payne, N. F. & Eda	Sanctuary window, N. Side
Pearson, William (1798-1882)	Chapel window
Polson, Ralph	Choir Music Trust Fund
Preston, Allan Eugene	Sanctuary window, S. Side
Reeves, C. F.	Sanctuary Flags
Reeves, Virgil	Desk & Chair for Parlor
Rice, Veta	Sanctuary Carpet
Schultze, B. H.	Sanctuary window, S. Side
Selzer, Otto & Ilene	Computer
Selzer, Paul	Mimeograph
Smith, Blanche	Renovation of S.S. room
Smith, J. D., Rev.	Baptismal Font
Smith, Rosalie	undesignated or not yet used
Smith, Rosalie	Sanctuary Air Conditioning (part)
Soulen, Bettie	Electrical Rewiring of Church
Stephens, Richard	Electrical Rewiring of Church
Stewart, Beulah	Electrical Rewiring of Church
Stewart, Clyde, Luna & Ethelyn	Pastor's Study furniture
Stewart, Mr. & Mrs. Clyde	Pulpit Bible & Markers
The Holcomb Hour, 1934	Chancel Flower Stands
Thompson, H. H. 1971	Candle Lighters
VanTries, Ruth	Electrical Rewiring of Church
Vaughn, Charles	undesignated or not yet used
Wakeman, Sandy	Advent Wreath & Paraments
White, Milford	Electrical Rewiring of Church
Wood, Loretta (Mrs. Virgil)	Ladies Parlor, painting
Woods, E. V.	Electrical Rewiring of Church

SERVING THE PRESENT AGE: 2005

"To serve the present age, (our) calling to fulfill;

O may it all (our) powers engage, to do (our) Master's will!"

- Charles Wesley, "A Charge to Keep I Have"

Mission and Ministry

(a partial list)

- ★Habitat for Humanity Partnership
- ★Mission Teams to Peru and Guatemala
- ★Community Emergency Fund (an interdenominational project)
- ★Annual C.R.O.P. Walk (hunger relief)
- ★Youth Mission: Work Camp (Indiana)
- ★Global and National Mission Projects (by United Methodist Women)
- ★Food Pantry
- ★Caregiver Volunteers
- ★Worship Services at Vintage park Assisted Living and Baldwin Care Center
- ★Meeting place for Alcohol Anonymous and Alanon
- ★After-school Program for Children
- ★Tops-to-toes Tree (decorated with children's clothing for inner city children)
- ★Annual Bishop's Round-Up for Hunger
- ★Mission Market Basket - Sharing the bounty of our gardens
- ★United Methodist Men Construction Team (Lawrence & Horton Indian U. M. Churches)
- ★Hospitality Teams - Welcoming Newcomers
- ★Bible Study Classes for all ages

A LAST WORD

**Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The people of the United Methodist Church.**

On the occasion of the 135th year of our church in 1990,
the late Dr. Irene Murphy, professor of English at Baker,
perceptively summed up what may again be our
observations and questions about

**who we are and
what mission God calls us to fulfill:**

**"Now, as we rededicate our loved church,
we live not in Bleeding Kansas but in One World,
combustible but challenging.**

**What kind of church should we transmit or create?
In this day of "peril and promise",
how do we as Christians learn to cut the timber
and quarry the stone for tomorrow's world?"**

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A Parting Blessing

**May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father,
who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement
and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you
in every good deed and word.**

--2 Thessalonians 2:16-17, New International Version



