

Bird Street Church of Christ History

The original church was located on North Main Street as Colored Church of Christ. This large building was purchased and acquired from J.F. Boyd on August 22, 1914.

The congregation worshipped at that location for many years. That church building was sold April 7, 1952

Because of the flood waters, lack of parking space and the building was old and need so much work, the elders and brethren decided that we need to move to another location.

A lot was purchased from L.L. Edward on East Cedar Street. The brethren employed a contractor (Thomas Cartwright) to construct the building. This became the East Cedar Street Church of Christ. The congregation worshipped there some 30 years or until the existing building was completed.

During these years the following ministers served for the church: Bro. Cheatam, Bro. Johnson, Bro. Fitzgerald and Bro. Swanson.

The elders that served at East Cedar consisted of Bro. Jack Thompson, Bro. Elbert Smith, Bro. J.B. Brame and Bro. Robert Frazier. The Church deacons were Bro. Glen Johnson and Raymond F i s h b a c k .

The membership began to grow therefore, forcing the Church to find another place to worship. Bro. Clifford McClain was the minister at that time. He continued to work with the brethren to get another lot for a larger building.

A lot was purchased. Bro. Ell Biggers drew up the blue print along with many other brethren. They gave their time, labor, and money and constructed the existing building. The congregation moved in the Bird Street Church of Christ September 1987.

These men ministered at the Bird Street congregation: Bro. Clifford McClain, Bro. Fred Dowell, Bro. Kenneth Fleming Sr., Bro. Reginald Calvin, and at present Bro. Anthony Booker.

In 1996 the congregation had 374 restorations, 15 baptisms and 12 members move their membership to the Bird Street Congregation. We know that God has purpose for us; that purpose is to seek and help save the lost souls.

Bro. Anthony Booker is presently the minister of the congregation and we thank him for his service.