

“Catch the Vision”



Broad Street Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Martinsville, Virginia

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A BRIEF HISTORY



1880 - 1996

Broad Street Christian Church had its origin some time just prior to the year 1880, when various evangelists from the southwest and north Piedmont areas of Virginia came into Henry County preaching the doctrine of Christian union and the views held by the Disciples and Christian Church. Since there was no church building belonging to the Disciples, the visiting evangelists used private homes, the Court House and the Episcopal Church as meeting places.

On August 10, 1883, the congregation acquired the present church site on Broad Street from Joseph C. and Ruth S. Penn and a small church building was constructed. During these early years ministerial leadership was provided by various supply preachers and visiting evangelists. The first full-time minister was the Reverend H.J. Seaman, who served 1887-1889.

The beginning of the 1900's brought considerable change to the newly formed congregation. In 1901-1902, substantial renovations were made to the existing church building to enlarge its size for worship and Sunday School classes. During the period from 1905-1932, membership doubled from approximately 200 to about 400. In 1917 a lot was purchased next to the church's property and a house was built for the residence of the minister.

Due to increasing membership, a new church edifice was needed. In 1928 the existing structure was demolished and construction was started on a larger facility. On Sunday, May 11, 1930, the new edifice was dedicated. Total cost of the project was \$60,000. In the years that followed the congregation had strong ministerial leadership that resulted in numerical growth, expanding programs and leadership organization. A new Moller Pipe Organ was installed and dedicated on February 4, 1945.

In 1969 renovations were made to the educational part of the existing facility and a new education wing was added to accommodate new classrooms, the music department and staff offices. The existing manse was razed and a newer house purchased. Another renovation project was undertaken in 1978 to improve the facility.

The decade of the 80's began with the congregation celebrating its centennial birthday and establishing its vision for the next century. The late 80's and 90's have been a time for extensive additions to the outside area around the church. Nearly a quarter million dollars has been spent to enlarge the parking lot, redesign and landscape the entire grounds and construct a brick courtyard. Today the church edifice and surrounding property is recognized as one of the most beautiful places in the city.

In addition to the maintenance and expansion of its facilities, the congregation has a strong emphasis on education for children and adults, music programs, evangelism, caring for the spiritual/physical needs of its members, leadership development and outreach ministries. Annually, the church receives recognition as a leading congregation in its giving to outreach ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Dr. James A. Dickerson, who began his ministry in June, 1974, serves as minister of the congregation.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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The courtyard, completed in 1995, is a gift of George and Spotswood Box in memory of Virginia Dudley Walker (1897-1985).



Our landscaping project resulted in the church winning the city's beautification award.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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Making a wreath at the annual Advent workshop.



Picnic at the
Smith Farm



“Dorothy”

Dressed to serve for
the CWF luncheon



CHURCH ACTIVITIES



Carving pumpkins at the Fall Festival

CWF groups meet monthly.



Golden Links gather for travel as well as study.

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Merilyn Bremner teaches
Orff rhythms and music.



The youth choirs
perform for the
congregation.



The younger
children with their
Orff instruments.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES



Our Senior Choir.



The Senior Choir, handbells, and the youth choral and Orff groups vary and enhance our worship.



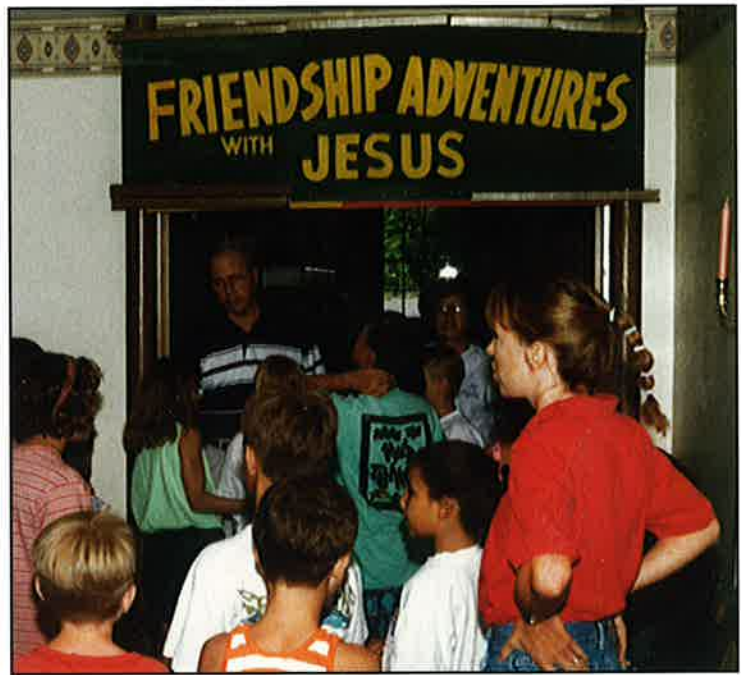
Junior Choral groups are led by Jerry.



The children listen to Dr. Dickerson during the Children's Sermon each Sunday.

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Many adults from Broad Street and Calvary Christian create activities around VBS themes for our children. Jerry baby-sits.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES



Boy Scouts celebrate the 25th anniversary of Troop 326, this year. Harold Thompson, Scoutmaster, was honored for his 25 years of service. The Troop continues with Burr Fox as Scoutmaster.





Our Church Family



JoAnne Adams



Lorene Adams



Adelaide Bassett



Frederick Ulrnick Baublitz



Arthur & Jean Beam



Jim & Susie Belcher



Richard & Marilynne Bishop
& Ryan Martin



Elizabeth Blankenship



Gerald Blankenship
& Mark



Michael & Margaret Blevins,
Trent & Kiely



Jack Bouldin



David & Shirley Bowles



Barry & Shirley Bowles, Sr.



G. Walker & Dale Box



Rachul Brabson



Ernest & Marilyn Bremner



Johanna Britt



Page & Julie Brockenbrough,
Joan, Ryan & Carrie



Carroll & Dorothy Bryant



Odessa Carter



Thomas & Nancie Carter



Edward & Anne Cheshire



James Cheshire



Clara Clift



Martha Cooper
& Charles "Rocky"



Kenneth & Norma Covington



P. Lester & Mildred Dalton



Frances Davis



Marguerite Davis



Tim & Tara Davis,
Ashton & Evan Stone



James & Wanda Dickerson



Helen Draper



Kenneth & Jamie Earnest,
Drew & Benjamin



Sutton & Brenda Flythe, Jr.



Burr & Lori Fox
& L. B.



Nelson & Roxanne Fox



Mary French



Howard & Jo Ann Frost



Mary Louise Grogan



Wilbur & Evelyn Grogan



Todd & Marna Gruettner,
Sarah & Janet



Charles & Doris Gunter



Burgess & Virginia Hamlet,
Harrison, Lee & Mitchell



Glenwood & Bernice Hankins



Juanita Hayden



Katherine Hensley



Frank & Barbara Hubbard
& Dan



George & Cheryl Kasey
& Jena & Sara



Robert & Constance Kirk



Gary Lawrence



Richard & Helen Lawrence



James & Erma Lovelace



James & Sharon McGinn
& Mary Catherine & Malone
& James Edward



P. Thomas & Esther Morris



W. Meredith & Cheryl Muscatello
& Kristen



Florence Ore



Mildred Payne



Mabel Peters
& Lewis



Donald & Ellen Pratt



Marian Pratt



Madeline Reynolds



Gae Saville



James & Nancy Sells



Lizzie Shelton



Patsy Slaydon



Darrell & Francine Smith,
Heidi & Wesley



Fred Smith



James & Bernice Smith



John & Lucy "Polly" Smith
& Anne Ziegler



J. Randolph Smith, Jr.



Rayford & Patsy Smith



Richard & Mary Sonner



Christine Sowdon



Mike & Robin Sparrow,
Jill & Jamie



David & Barbara Stowe



Dean & Sharon Toler



L. Woodrow & JoAnn Turner,
Amy & Kari



L. Dudley & Elizabeth Walker



Dorothy Wells



Corrine "Connie" Whitehead



Lou Widener



James Witherow



Scott & Pat Witherow,
Michelle & Jay



Steven & Susan Yellin
& Nicole

NOT AVAILABLE



Alvin & Rachel Amos



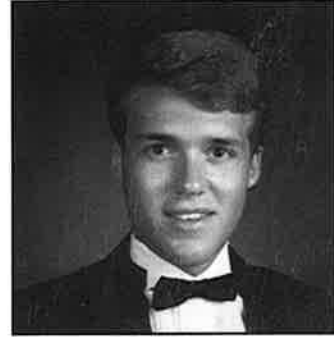
Clarke & Jim Beckner



Eric Bremner



Zachary Bremner



Chad Bryant



Michael Dalton



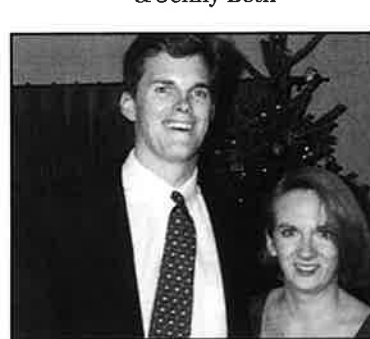
Tracy & Mary Kathryn Fox Freeman,
Nelson, Benjamin, Jesse, Cecelia
& Jenny Beth



Roger & Marilyn Hough,
Eric & Emily



Sam & Sharon Lawrence



Karl & Maria Thompson Loos



Bobby & Margaret Marcum,
Greyson & Rianne



Judy Minter



Philip & Ellen Anne Fox Mnich,
Michael & Christopher



Thomas & Ruth Myers
& James



Diane Peters



Harold & Glenda Thompson



Loys White



Kevin Thompson