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BRIEF HISTORY OF COURT STREET CHURCH

The first member of the church in Flint was Mrs. Charles Carpenter. Early in 1915 Brother H. H. Hawley of Ludington, Mich. came here and held a series of meeting in the Carpenter home.

Brother Claude F. Witty of Detroit was contacted and he began making regular trips to Flint, and through his efforts the work was organized and several people were baptized. Brother A. W. Hastings than began to preach for this group.

The church purchased a lot at 1433 Mable and a meetinghouse was erected there, being completed in June, 1920. *It was known as Murray Hill Church.* Several Detroit churches helped build this meetinghouse, and held the title to it for a while.

Brother Leslie G. Thomas came to Flint to work, and began preaching for the Murray Hill church in 1920. His brother, Claude, also did some preaching. By 1930 the membership had grown to 75.

In 1930 Brother Harold E. Hawley began preaching for this church, but was not supported full time, since he was a school teacher. He continued to work in this connection for the next ten years. By 1940 the membership had increased to 200. The meetinghouse was re-modeled in 1936 and the seating capacity was doubled.

In 1940 a lot was purchased on Court Street at S. Avon. In 1941 a preacher's home was erected on one side leaving the corner for a church building. The present building was completed in 1948. It is brick construction with a seating capacity of 400. It cost a little over \$50,000. Additional property has been purchased behind the building, and the meeting house has been air conditioned.

The membership is now about 365 and the building is crowded each Lord's day.

Five lots have been purchased in a new section of town and plans are being made to start a new congregation in the near future. This church is now debt-free, having retired the loan on their property in January of this year.

This church has had an active program of work. They have made use of the radio, newspaper, television, Bible correspondence course, as well as distributing a large number of religious tracts. They now have a weekly thirty minute radio program, have a ten inch article in the local newspaper, and mail out several hundred copies of a Bible correspondence course each month. They have helped the church at Gladwin considerably, in fact they now contribute the majority of the support for the preacher there. It has an interest in all good work that is being carried on all over the world.

Preachers who have worked here since 1940 include: Morton Utley, C. W. Brannan, David Allan, L. S. Maynard, C. C. Burns. L. H. Newell, the present minister, began work here in March, 1955.

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