

HISTORY

Alpena Church of Christ

1. In The Beginning

- A. The Alpena Church of Christ had its beginning in the Summer of 1966.
- B. There were two families involved in its birth. They are: The Tom Martin Family (the Minister), and the Jerry Chrzan family.
- C. The Redford congregation fully supported and helped the work at the beginning. They bought the buildings and paid the ministers wages.

2. As time passed,

- A. The church began to grow, with new families moving into the area.
- B. The Brethren began to assume much of the operating expense.
- C. The Church began to have door knocking campaigns, in which the whole of Alpena was covered.
- D. Two radio programs were running were begun over the local station WATZ
  - 1. The Herald of Truth, with B.B. Baxter
  - 2. The Word of Life, with the local minister of the Church.

3. There have been four fulltime Ministers for the church.

- A. Tom Martin left in July of 1971
- B. Lacy Taylor left in Sept. 1972
- C. Harold McCormick left Aug. 1975
- D. Marvin Wellsted (our current Minister)

4. In Summary

The Church of Christ at Alpena has had its ups and downs, both financial and membership-wise. But the thing that has been the most effective for the work here has been the Gospel Meetings and their follow-ups and preparations before hand. Also the fact that the church owned and operated a church Bus had a growing effect on the rapid growth. All in all, the church has experienced good times in the past.

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few: Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest." (Matt. 9:37-38)

PRESENT

Alpena Church of Christ

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General information about the congregation and present activities.

60 members known to live in the area  
46 faithful-members, regular in attendance and in good standing.  
55 Sunday morning average attendance  
\$180.00 Average Weekly Contribution

Outside support Yes  
(Redford Church of Christ -- Building Payments, and insurance for Bldgs.

Present Schedule of Regular Bible Studies and Worship Services:

Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Ev. Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Schedule of other activities for the local congregation

Ladies Class Tuesday 1:30 p.m.  
Youth meetings Sat. 6:00p.m.-

Schedule of area-wide activities for attending and sponsoring:

Gospel Meetings-Alpena, June 1-6, 7:30 p.m. David Rushlow

Additional information:

At present, the Alpena Church of Christ is paying a fulltime Evangelist, at a rate of \$150.00 per week. With our total contributions per week, we are not able to continue this. Unless we can find further support, we will have to resort to a part-time minister. We need financial help of about 100.00 per week, for 1 year. This would make it possible for us to provide insurance for our minister, as well as pay him a reasonable salary. Also, the Redford brethren are wanting us to take over the building payments and insurance for them, by the first of July of this year.

We had been showing the Jewl Miller Filmstrips in the church building each night Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, with some results. (1 Baptism, 3, restorations, and many leads which we are following up).

Also we have a Personal Evangelism Effort, that is going and growing. It is a "Do you own thing, but Do IT, effort." Many contact and visits are being done.

FUTURE

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1. Projection for the next 10 years

- A. A new and larger building with seating capacity of 500
- B. A full scale bus ministry.
- C. Weekly T.V. and Radio Programs
- D. Two or more Gospel Meetings Per year
- E. Annual Workshops
- F. Youth activities with emphasis on Rallys.

2. Projection for the next year 1976-77

- A. Paid fulltime minister, with benefits
- B. Fully self supporting
- C. Weekly Radio Program
- D. An upscale in our Personal Evangelism Effort
- E. A goal of 100 in our Sunday morning Worship Service
- F. A beginning of a "Future Elder Training Class"- Good idea!

3. Presently

- A. We have an urgent need for financial support of up to \$100. per week for the next year. Full support will end 5-1-76 unless aided.
- B. We are having a Gospel Meeting with Bro. David Rushlow, June 1- June 6- at 7:30 P.M.
- C. We are having a Special Collection Sunday, on the 30th of May. H&C. Cans are being filled for this day by each family. - Good idea!