

*Marvin Whittleledge said he helped start this; later this church helped start the Petoskey church*

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Traverse City Church of Christ

The Church in Traverse City was begun by Dale Lemon in 1958. He was supported by the Hayes Ave. congregation in Detroit. (Now part of the Highland church). A building and preacher's home located at Webster and Prospect streets were purchased during his stay. Gene Pickren was the next preacher coming in the early 60's. Nolan Crawford (now the director of the I.S.E.) was here following Bro. Pickren and helped conduct two city wide campaigns in 1967 and 1968. The piece of property where the present building is, was purchased at this time. The next preacher was Ronald Rhodes of Texas, who served about a year. Everett Tate came in early 1971. A new building was begun in the fall of that year. A new preacher's home was also purchased. For the past four years a summer camp has been conducted. Camp attendance has risen from 30 to last years 112. This is the second year that Traverse City has hosted the Annual Jr. & Sr. Banquet for Northern Michigan. We have a busing program using two Joy Buses and a Van. Our attendance has climbed to 150. In the future two services are planned.

The Traverse City Church has been assisting the smaller sister congregations in the area with preaching help. Traverse is the only congregation in Northern Michigan to have elders and deacons. There is a very active Youth program, Nursing Home visitation, and Women's Bible Class.