



History of Bethany Baptist Church

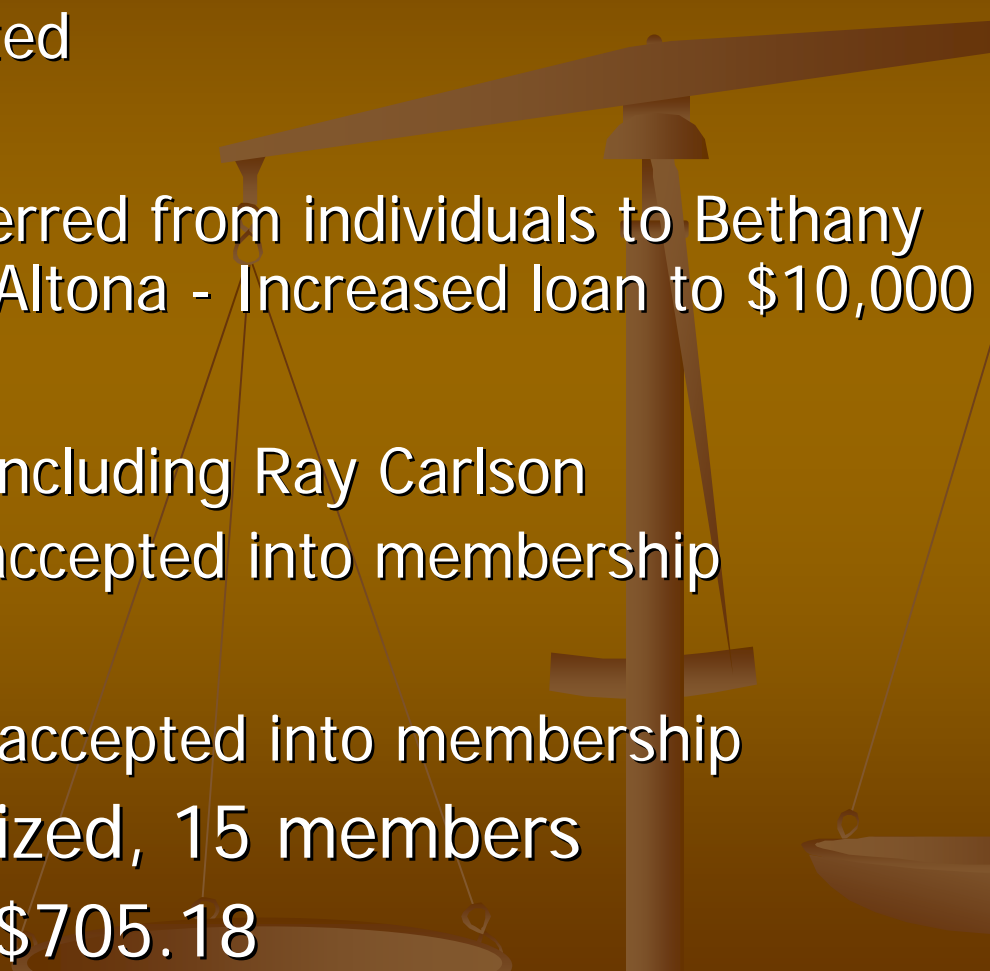
1969-2008

1969



- November 22
 - Meeting at Mrs. Effie Thuline's home to discuss establishing the church
 - John Carlson Called as pastor
 - 19 charter members
- December 2
 - Church board signed contract for deed for property

1970

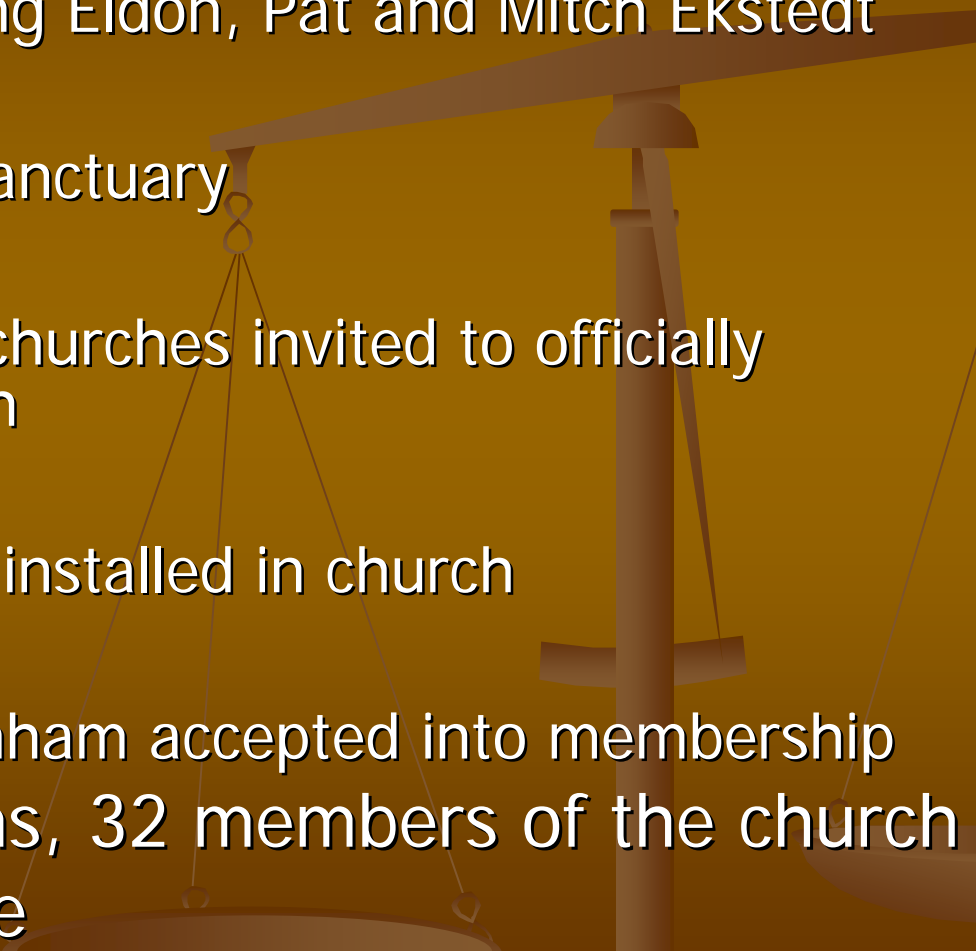
- July 2
 - Constitution adopted
 - September 9
 - \$8000 loan transferred from individuals to Bethany Baptist Church of Altona - Increased loan to \$10,000
 - November 8
 - Three baptized – including Ray Carlson
 - Ray and Barbara accepted into membership
 - November 22
 - Beulah Clevenger accepted into membership
 - 75 saved, 27 baptized, 15 members
 - Ending Balance – \$705.18
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1971


- Summer
 - 102 attended Bible School
- October 22
 - 129 in Sunday School
- 9 removed from membership
- 17 accepted into membership
- 32 total members



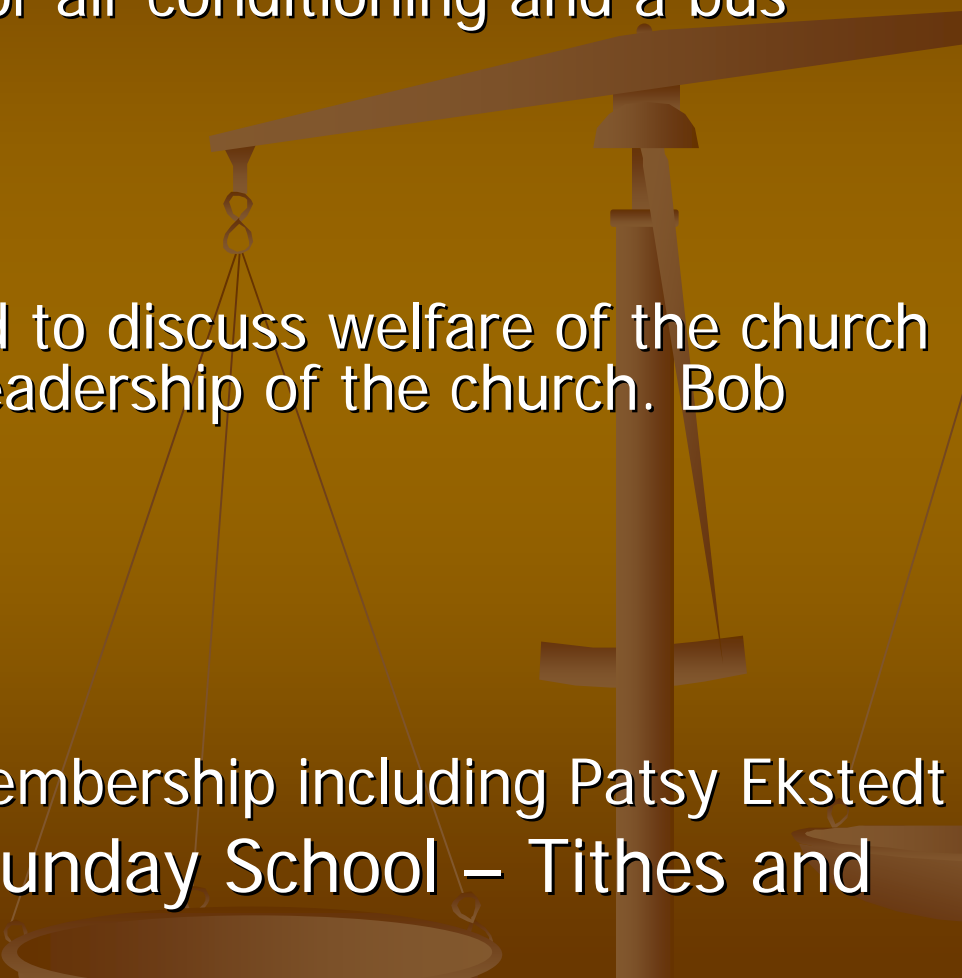
1972

- January 30
 - 5 baptized – including Eldon, Pat and Mitch Ekstedt
 - March 16
 - Carpet installed in sanctuary
 - May 11
 - Other fundamental churches invited to officially recognize our church
 - August 4
 - New pews built and installed in church
 - August 27
 - David and Suzie Benham accepted into membership
 - 35 saved, 9 baptisms, 32 members of the church
 - \$637 ending balance
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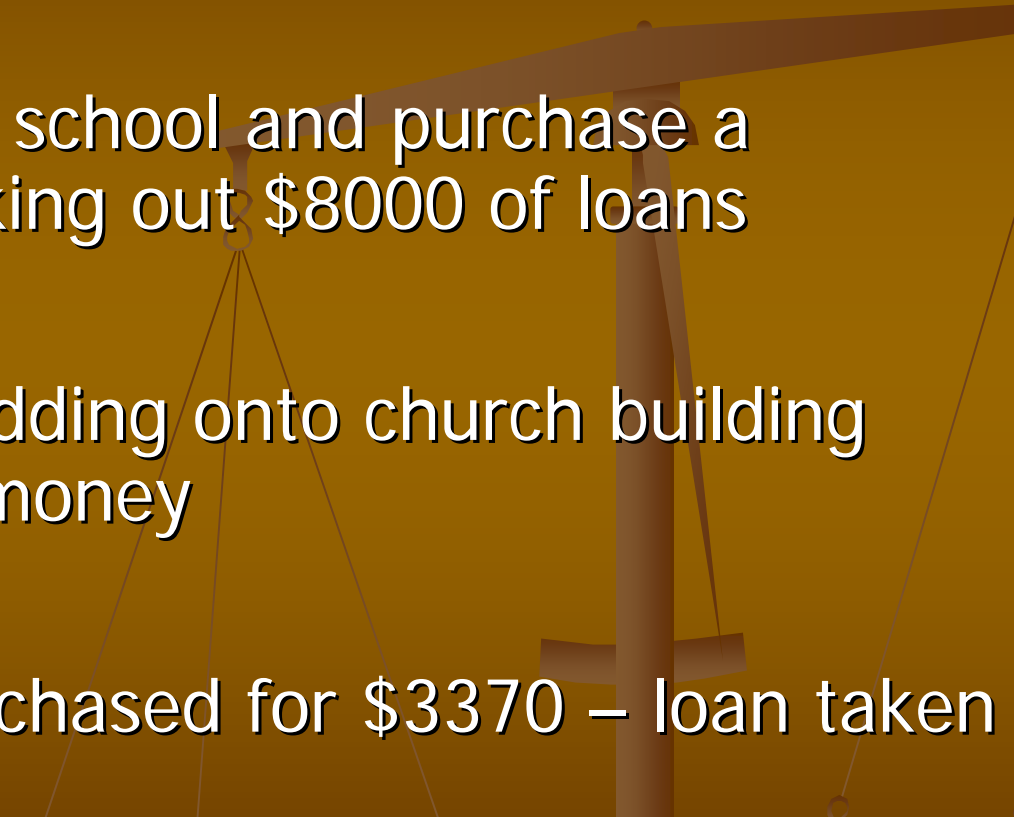
1973

- February 15
 - Meeting was held to discuss purchasing Mable Shaw's home – put bid in for \$7500
 - May 3
 - Pastor John Carlson Resigns
 - August 30
 - Bob Aszbach Called as pastor
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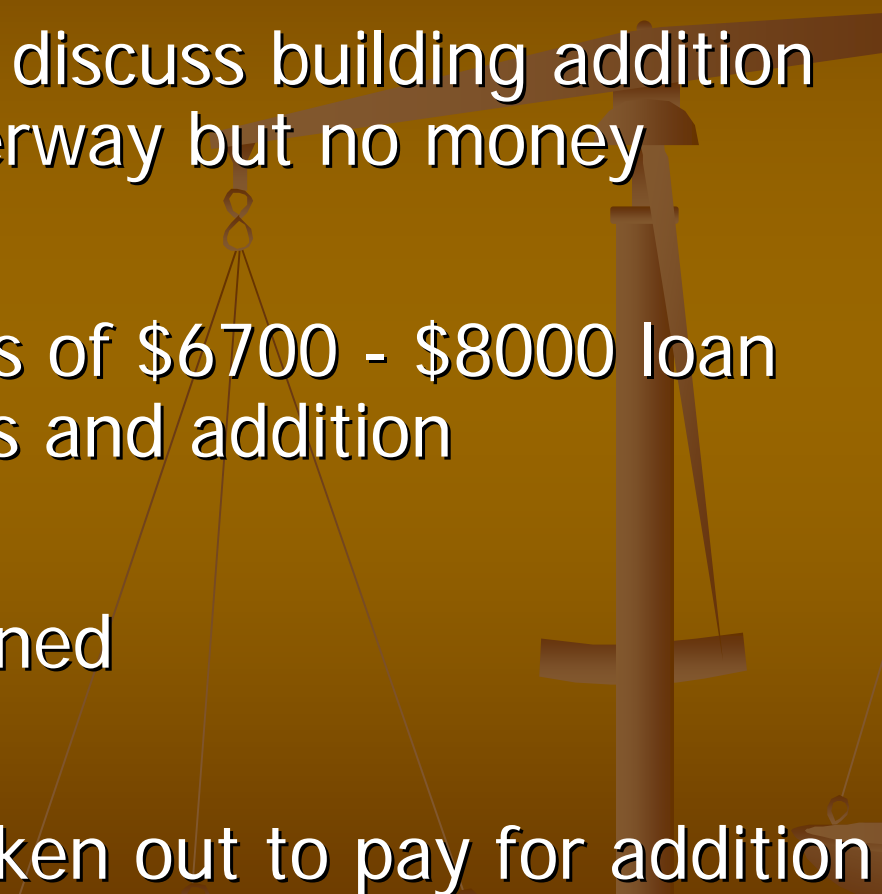
1974

- February 21
 - \$1700 borrowed for air conditioning and a bus
 - March 3
 - Mortgage burned
 - April 16
 - Meeting was called to discuss welfare of the church and the pastoral leadership of the church. Bob Aszbach Resigns
 - October 3
 - Ray Borah Called
 - November 10
 - 7 accepted into membership including Patsy Ekstedt
 - Average of 79 in Sunday School – Tithes and offerings \$18,731
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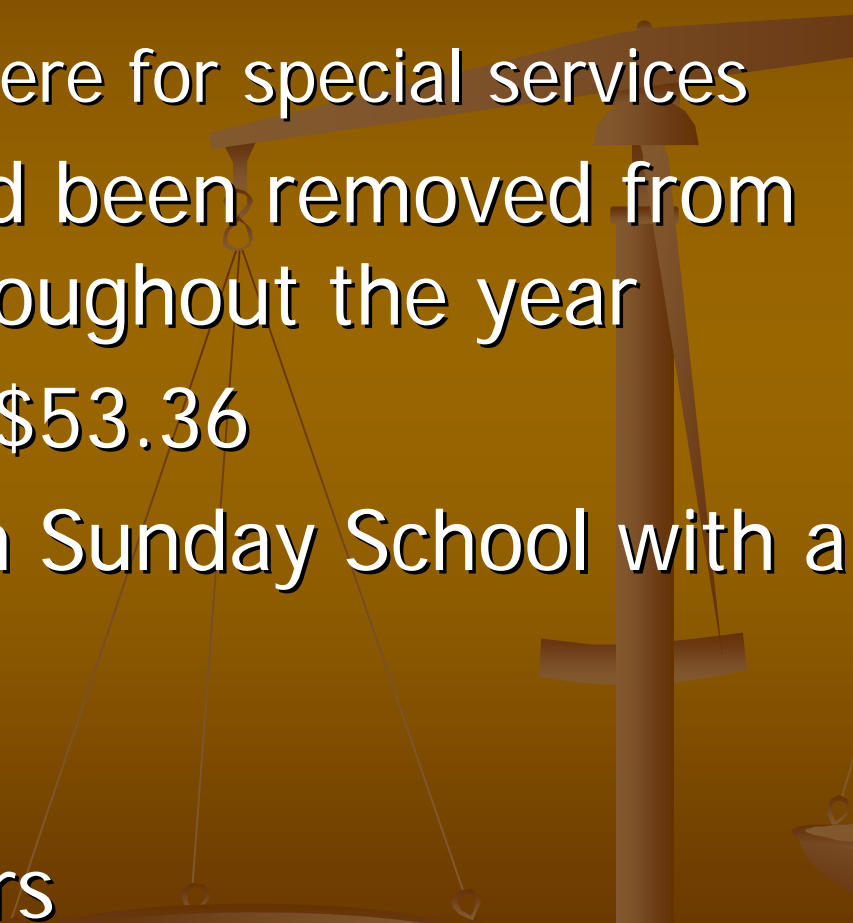
1975

- January 16
 - Voted to start a school and purchase a parsonage – taking out \$8000 of loans
 - February 20
 - Discussion on adding onto church building tabled to raise money
 - April 20
 - Two busses purchased for \$3370 – loan taken out for busses
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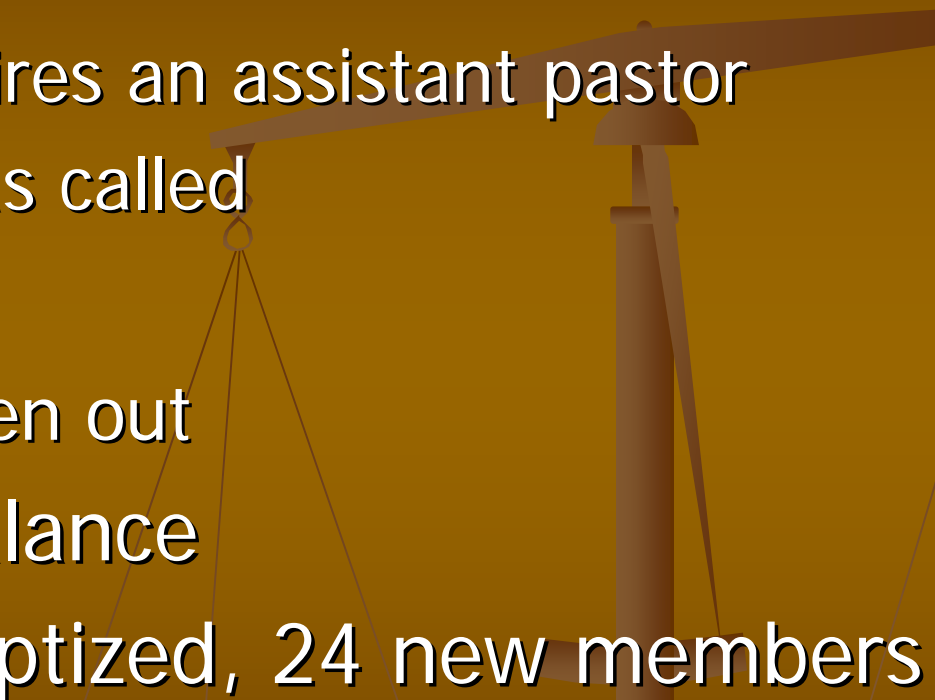
1975

- July 3
 - Meeting held to discuss building addition which was underway but no money
 - August 10
 - Outstanding bills of \$6700 - \$8000 loan acquired for bills and addition
 - August 20
 - Bill Dustin ordained
 - October 26
 - \$18,000 loan taken out to pay for addition
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1975

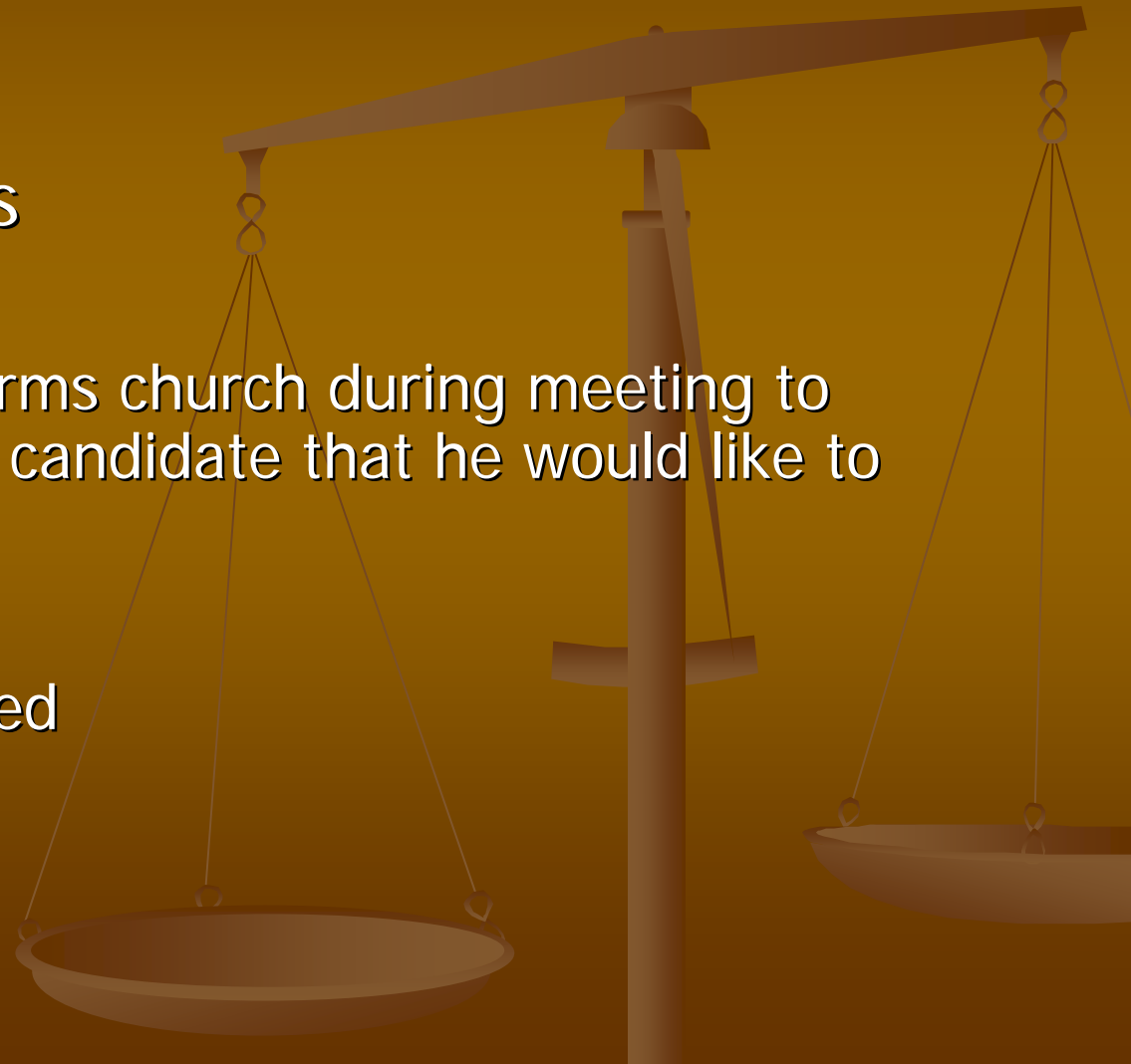
- November 16
 - Dr. Bob Jones here for special services
 - 28 members had been removed from membership throughout the year
 - Ending balance \$53.36
 - Average of 90 in Sunday School with a high of 158
 - Tithes \$19,207
 - 37 total members
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1976

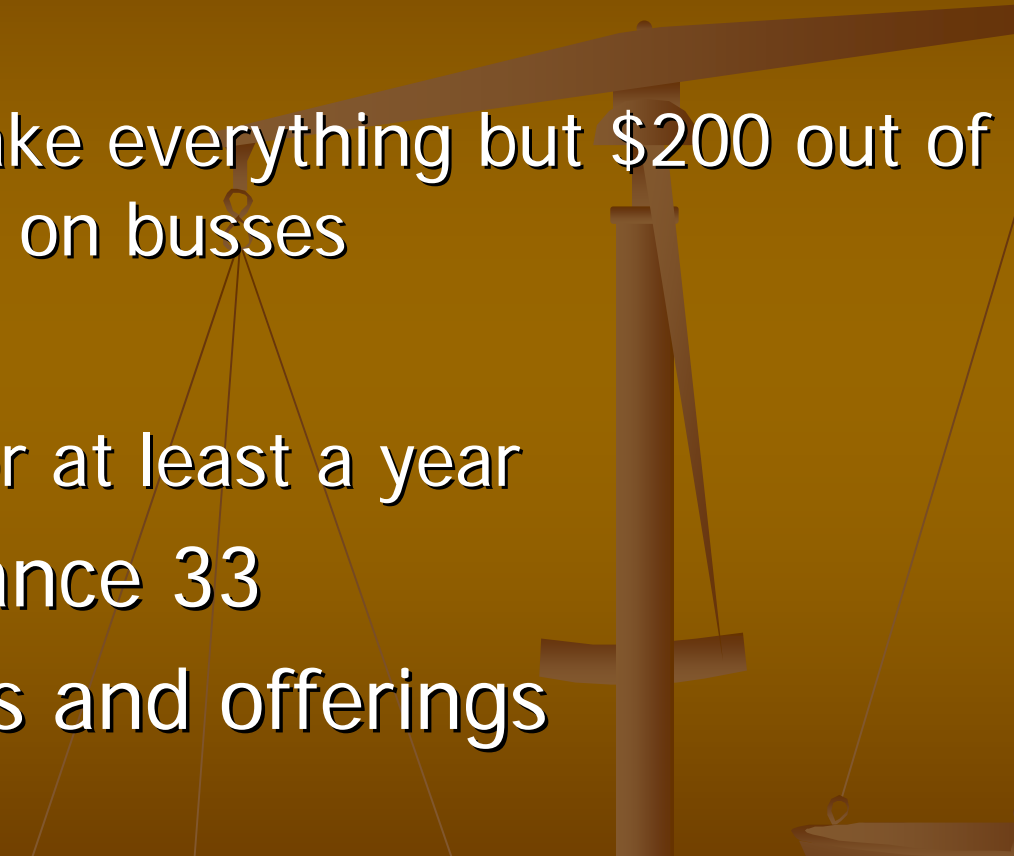
- January 15
 - Pastor Borah desires an assistant pastor
 - Mike Harrigan was called
 - June 26
 - \$60,000 loan taken out
 - \$53.36 ending balance
 - 153 saved, 35 baptized, 24 new members
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1977

- January 20
 - Two busses sold
- Ray Borah Resigns
- September 22
 - Duane Martin informs church during meeting to discuss a possible candidate that he would like to pastor church
- October 6
 - Duane Martin Called
- 26 members



1978

- May 18
 - Vote taken to take everything but \$200 out of accounts to pay on busses
 - June
 - School closes for at least a year
 - Average attendance 33
 - \$21,568 in tithes and offerings
 - 25 members
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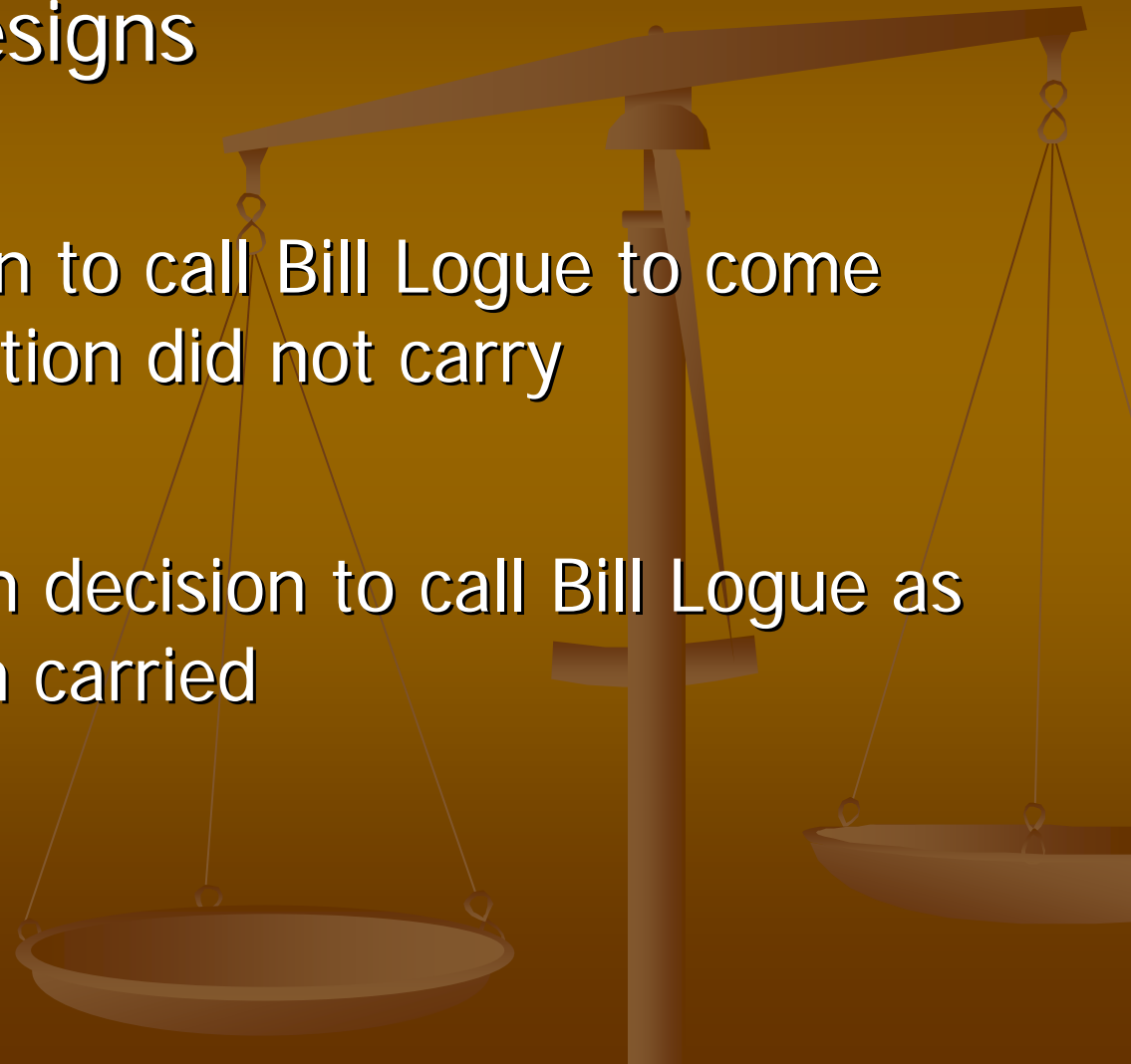
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- August
 - School reopens with 4 students
- \$407 ending balance
- 16 members

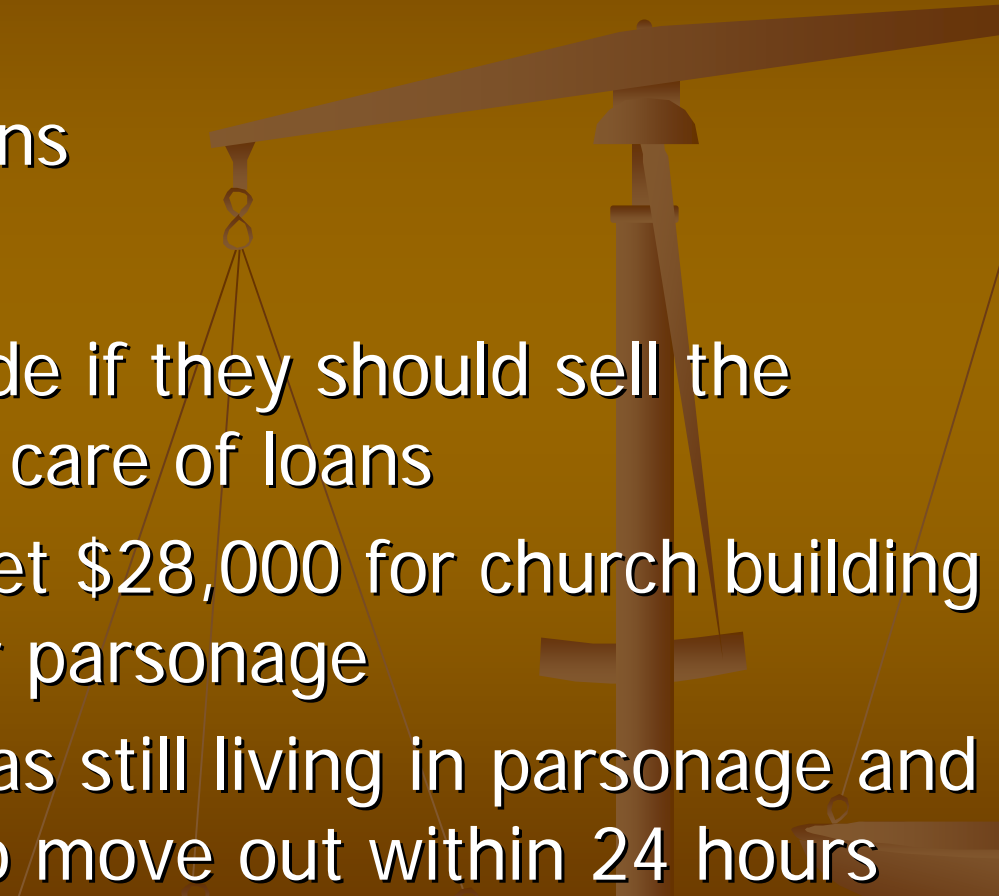


1980-1981

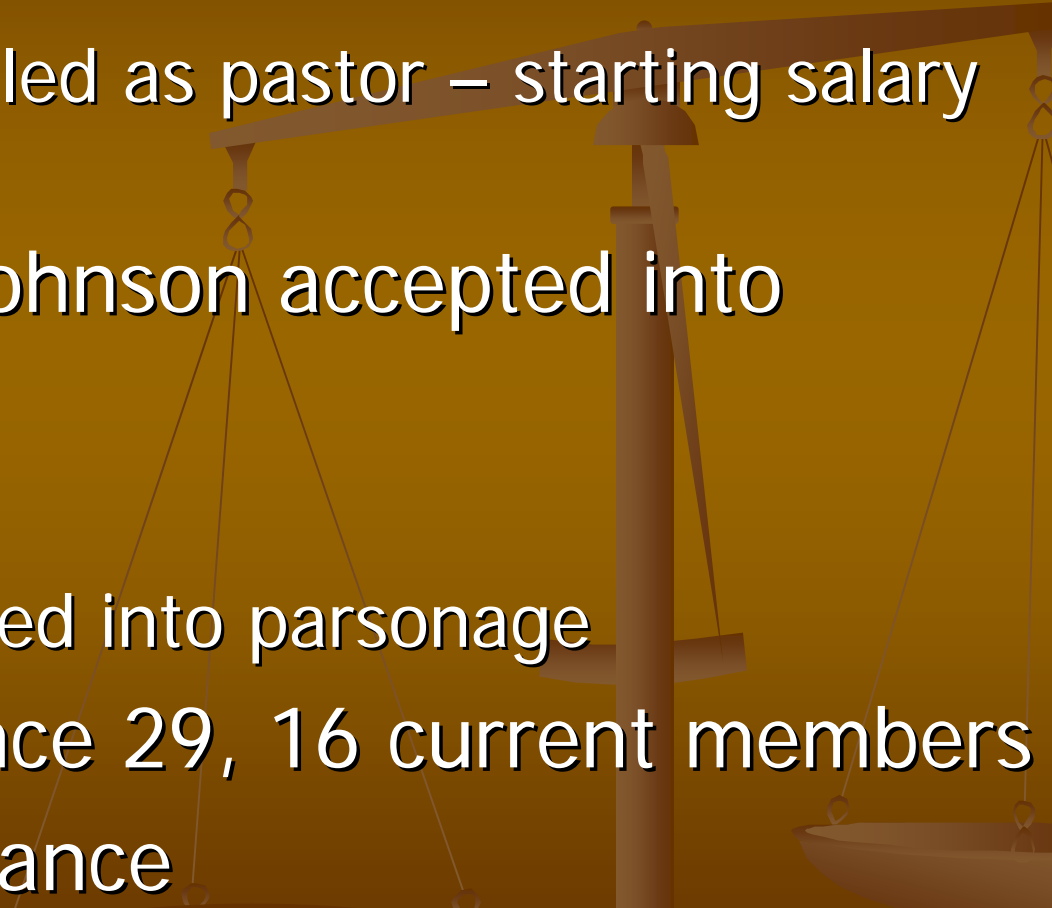
- Pastor Martin resigns
- October 30
 - Vote on decision to call Bill Logue to come candidate – motion did not carry
- November 19
 - Another vote on decision to call Bill Logue as Pastor – motion carried
- 15 members



1982

- August 26
 - Bill Logue Resigns
 - November 18
 - Meeting to decide if they should sell the building to take care of loans
 - Desire was to get \$28,000 for church building and \$24,000 for parsonage
 - Pastor Logue was still living in parsonage and was prepared to move out within 24 hours
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1983

- February 3
 - Steve Carlson Called as pastor – starting salary \$35 a week
 - Larry and Chris Johnson accepted into membership
 - June 16
 - Blue room is turned into parsonage
 - Average attendance 29, 16 current members
 - \$1200 ending balance
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1984

- September 16
 - Two baptized – including Troy Carlson
- Average attendance 34
- \$950 Ending balance



1985

- May 19
 - Ward, Joyce and Dan Reem were accepted into membership
- Average attendance 31
- \$1590 Ending Balance




1986

- October 26
 - Bob and Alice Kennedy accepted into membership
- \$750 ending balance
- 20 members

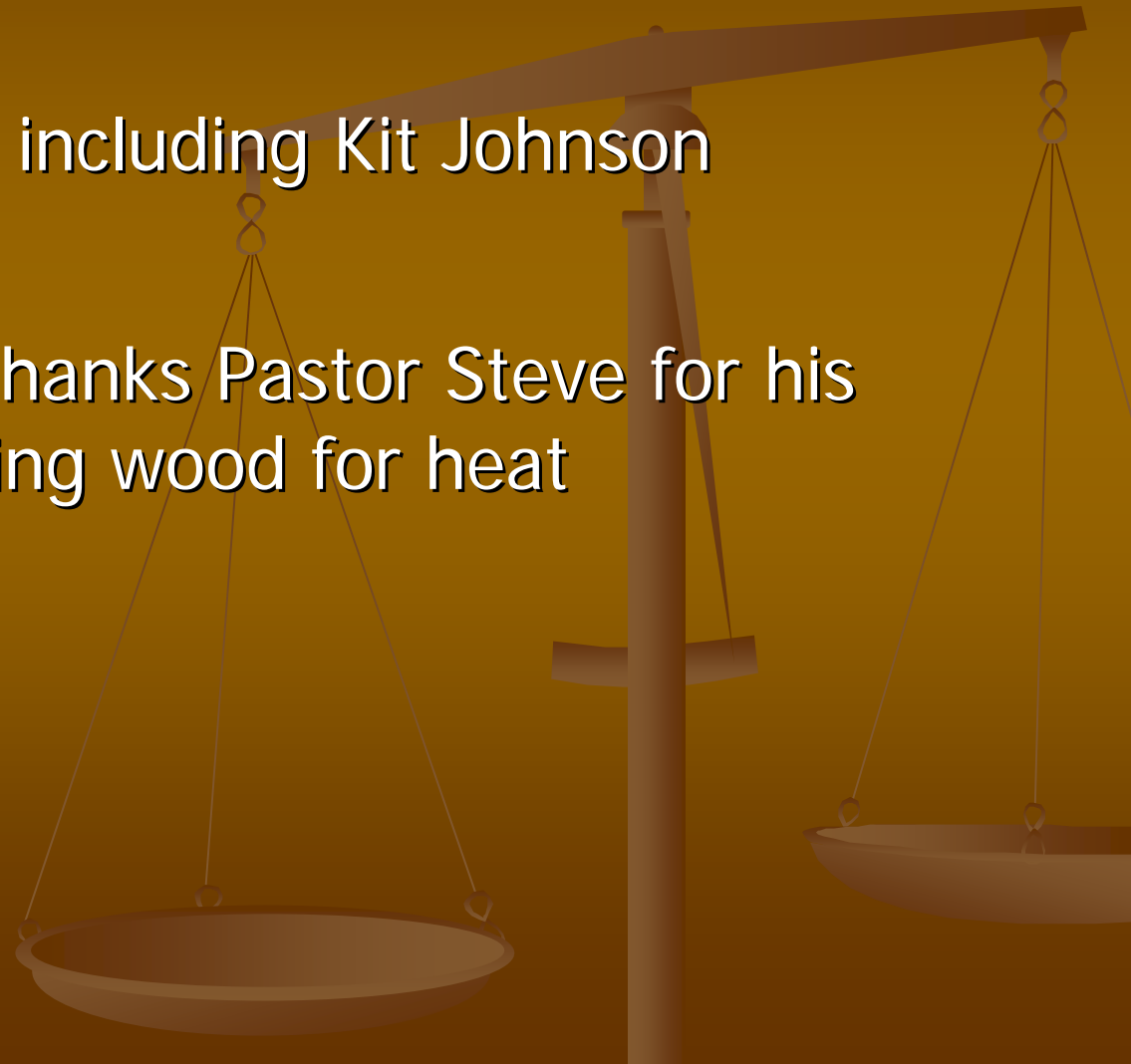


1987

- August 23
 - Troy Carlson accepted into membership
 - September 13
 - Mr. and Mrs. Scott Carlson accepted into membership
 - October 4
 - Beulah Clevenger accepted into membership
 - 26 members of church
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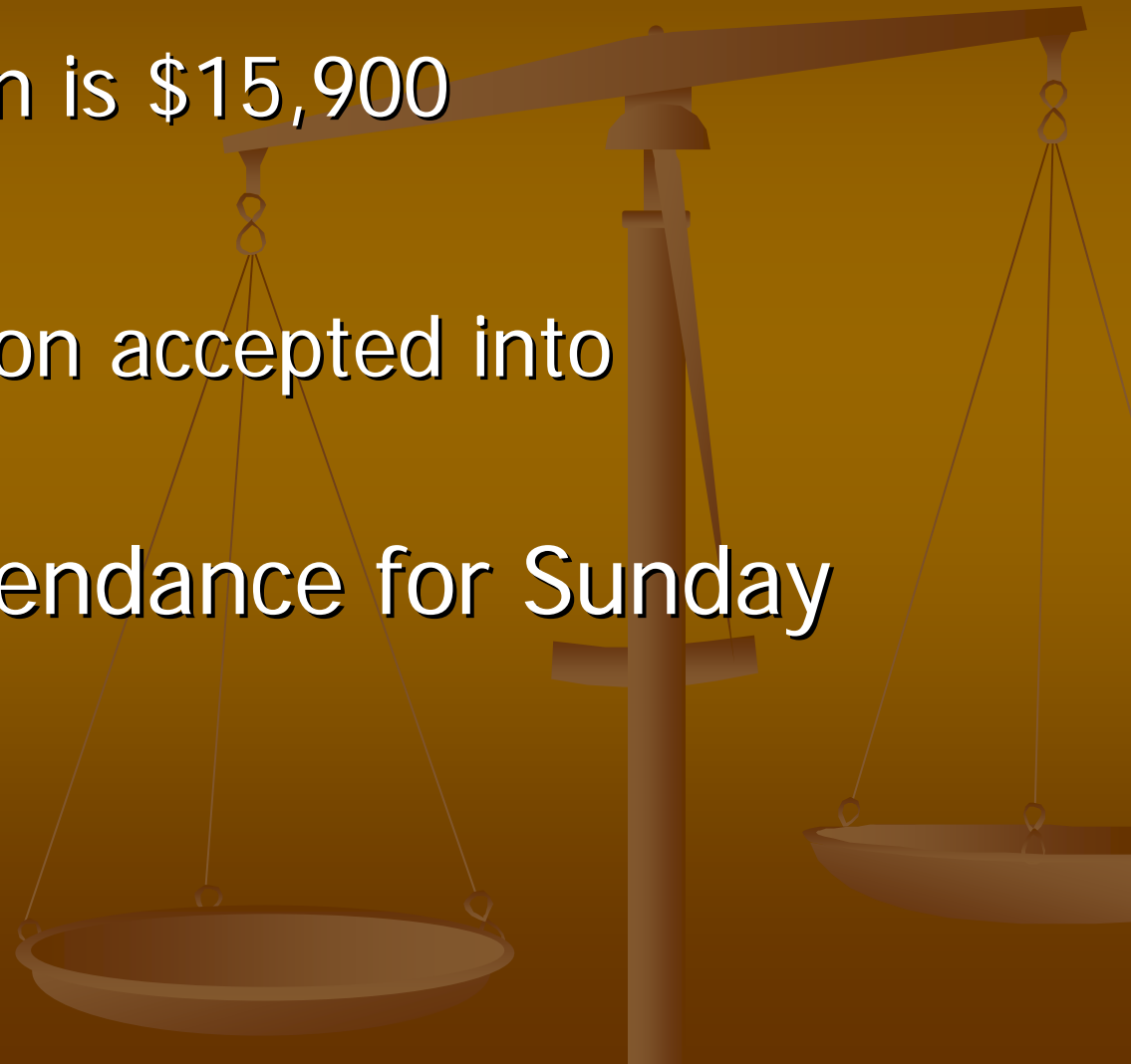
1988-1989

- July 31
 - Two baptized – including Kit Johnson
- January 19
 - Carroll Graves thanks Pastor Steve for his work with burning wood for heat
- 26 members




1990

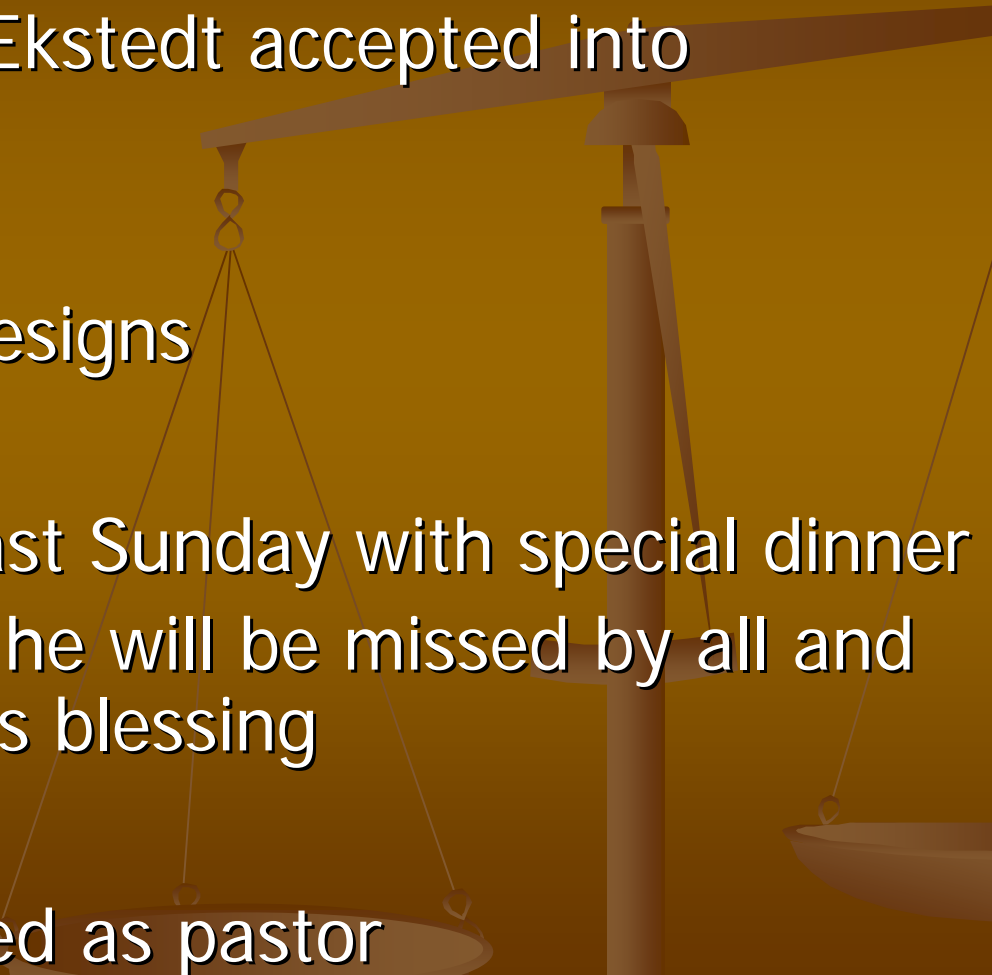
- January 18
 - Balance of loan is \$15,900
- October 7
 - Debbie Collinson accepted into membership
- 36 average attendance for Sunday Morning



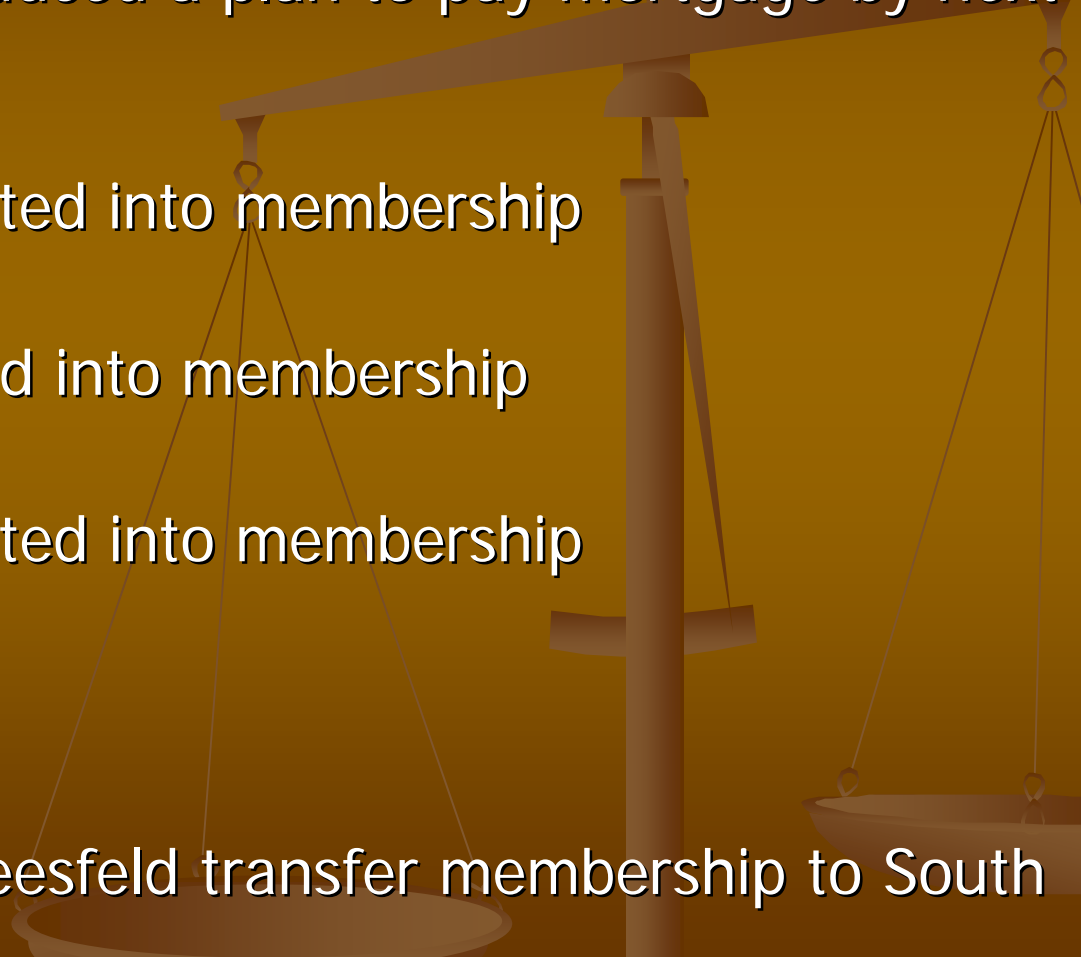
1991

- January 17
 - Constitution amended concerning property
 - Balance of loan was \$12,364.39
 - August 11
 - 6 baptized – Nancy Ekstedt, Melissa Carlson, Daniel Carlson, Olof Collinson, Robin Johnson, and Wes Ekstedt
 - August 22
 - Termite treatment agreed upon
 - Average attendance 34 - 22 members
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1992

- January 12
 - Eric and Nancy Ekstedt accepted into membership
 - July 16
 - Steve Carlson Resigns
 - August 16
 - Pastor Steve's last Sunday with special dinner
 - Note made that he will be missed by all and praying for God's blessing
 - October 11
 - Joel Sherrill called as pastor
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1993

- January 21
 - Pastor Sherrill introduced a plan to pay mortgage by next anniversary Sunday
 - February 14
 - Mitch Ekstedt accepted into membership
 - August 22
 - Kit Johnson accepted into membership
 - September 26
 - Linda Ekstedt accepted into membership
 - November 21
 - Mortgage burned
 - December 9
 - Loren and Betty Theesfeld transfer membership to South Carolina
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1994

- January 20
 - Midweek service moved from Thursday to Wednesday
- March 6
 - Stuart and Rose England accepted into membership
- May 15
 - 5 Baptized including Sonda Collinson, Adam Ekstedt, and Michael Stone
- July 17
 - Joel Sherrill Resigns
- November 27
 - Greg Mansur Called as Pastor
- 27 members

1995-1997

■ 1995

■ June 25

- Roger Mansur accepted into membership

- \$35,000 income, 41 average attendance

■ 1996

- Reed family accepted into membership

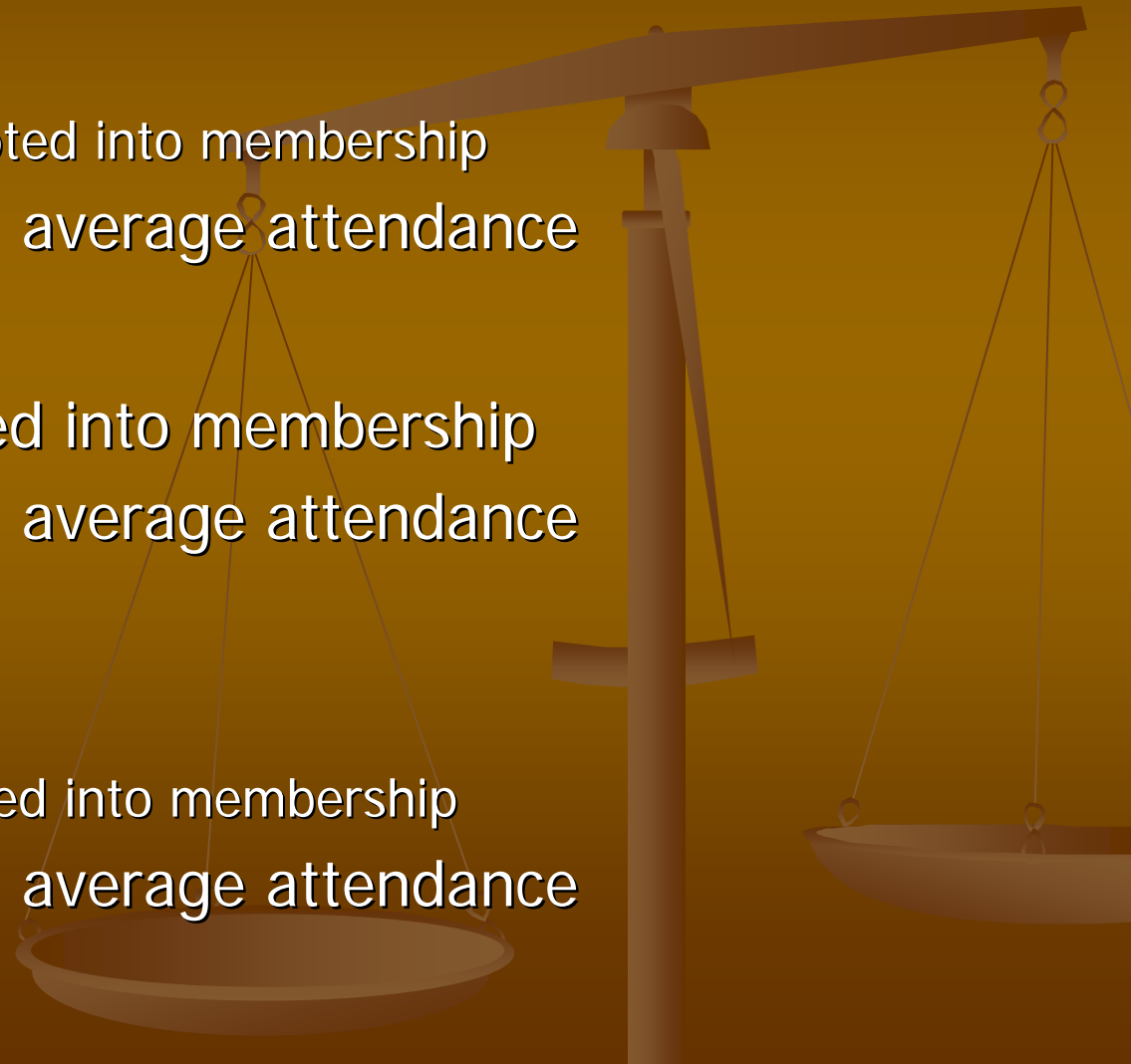
- \$38,000 income, 45 average attendance

■ 1997


■ January 12

- Roy Scherler accepted into membership


- \$44,000 income, 55 average attendance



1998

- May 17
 - Hugeback's accepted into membership
 - September
 - Nutzhorn's accepted into membership
 - November 8
 - Kathy McMeekan accepted into membership
 - \$49,000 income, 67 average attendance
 - 41 members
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1999

- January 20
 - Pastor Bob brought on as part-time youth pastor
 - June
 - Roof replaced
 - July 4
 - Dave and Denyce Robb accepted into membership
 - September
 - First go-kart church activity at the Reed's – 49 people in attendance
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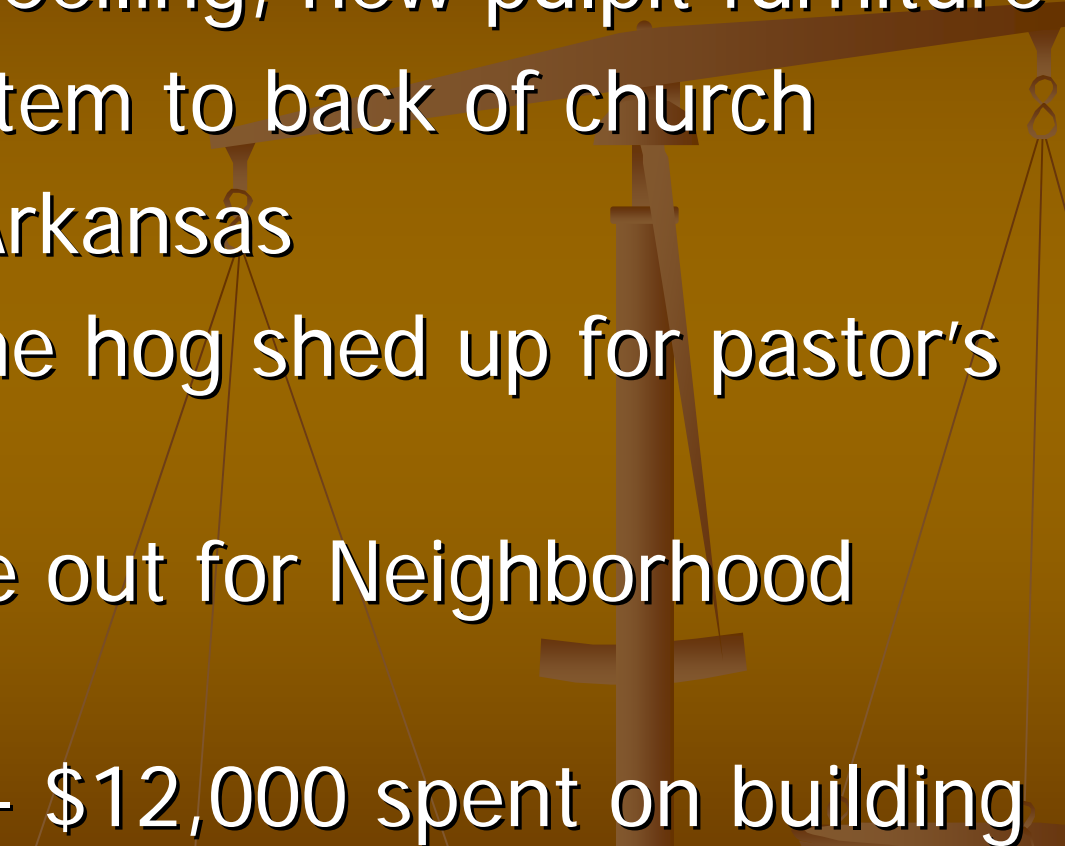
1999

- October
 - Nursery painted with colorful murals and gets new carpeting
 - October 3
 - Sonda Collinson accepted into membership
 - October 11
 - Pastor Greg Mansur Resigns
 - Bob Nutzhorn called to be Interim Pastor
 - October 31
 - Dave and Brenda Dillman accepted into membership
 - \$6,682 ending balance, \$52,896 income
 - 67 Average attendance – 42 members
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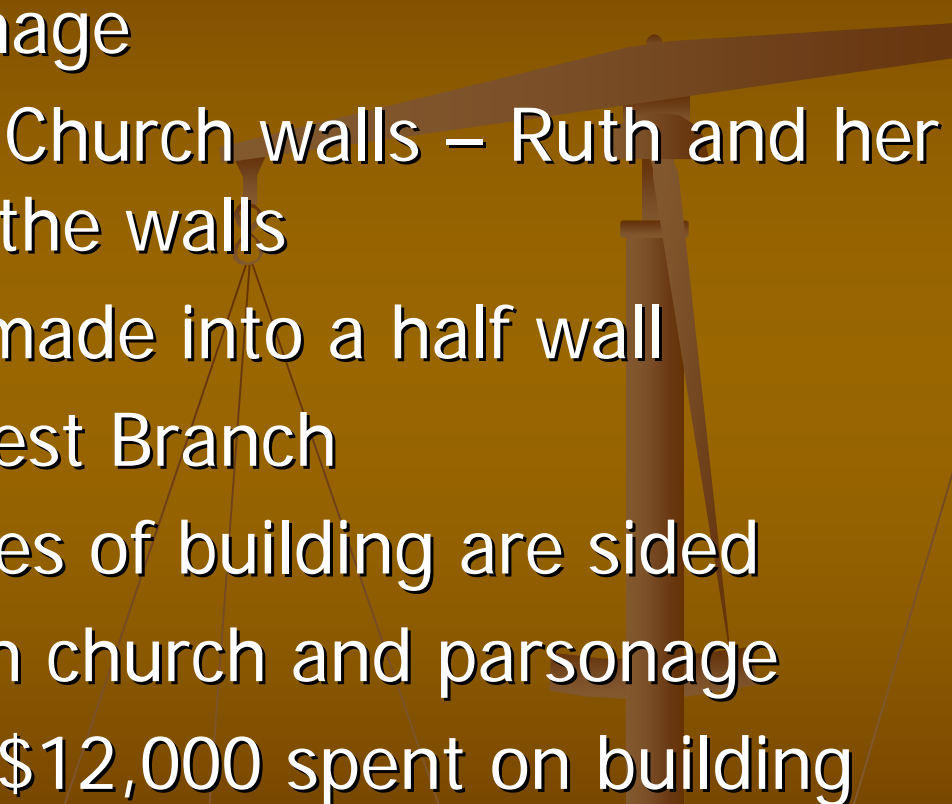
2000

- January
 - Monthly Ladies Meetings begin
 - February
 - Pastor Bob called to be pastor
 - August
 - Outdoor concert with Northern Lights – over 100 in attendance
 - October 1
 - Dale and Sandy Mayfield accepted into membership
 - \$18,938 ending balance, \$64,000 income
 - 60 Average attendance – 38 members
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2001

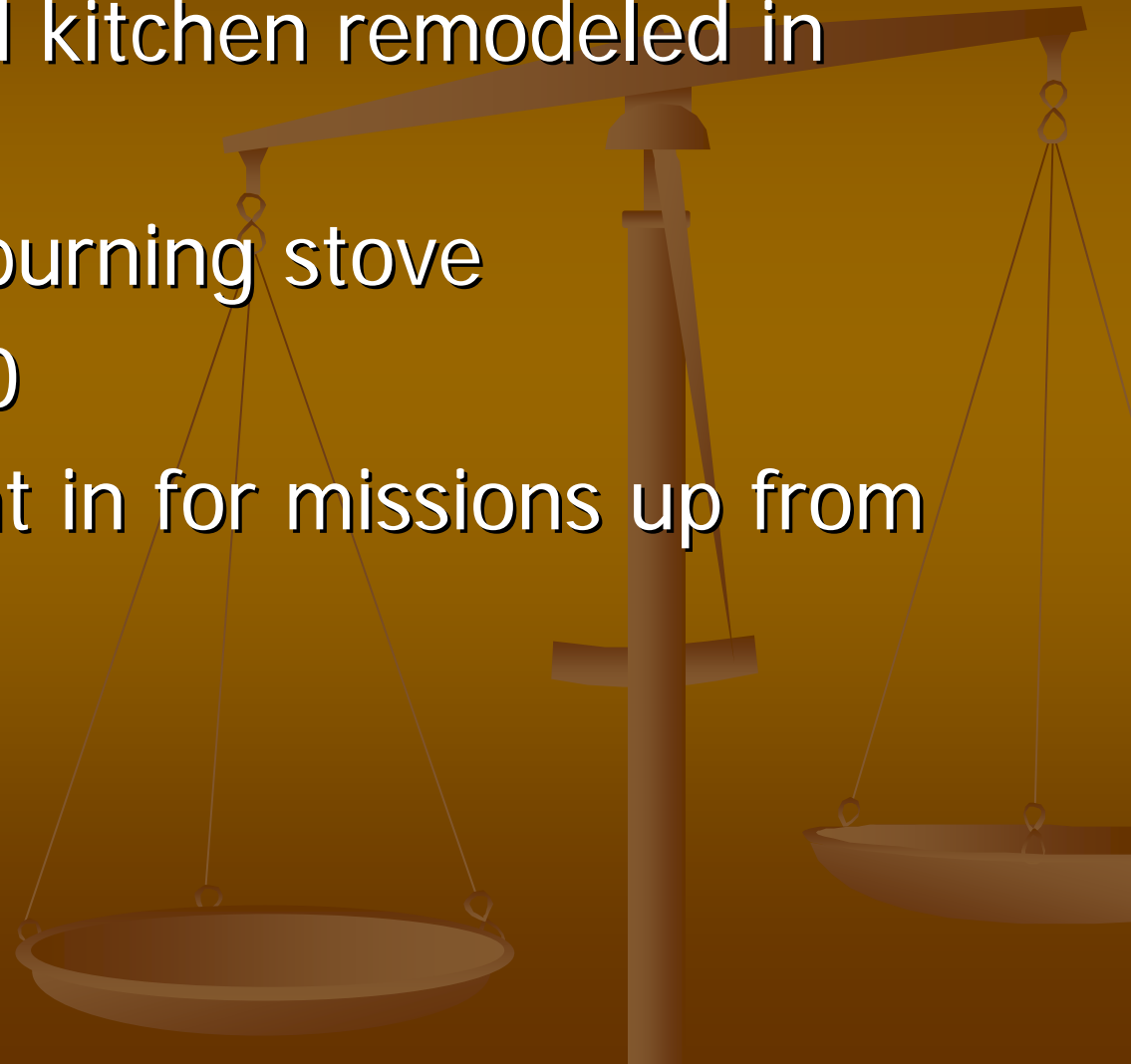
- Carpet, Lighting, Ceiling, new pulpit furniture
 - Moved sound system to back of church
 - Mission's trip to Arkansas
 - Carroll brought the hog shed up for pastor's "garage"
 - 100 young people out for Neighborhood Bible Time
 - Income \$76,000 - \$12,000 spent on building
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2002

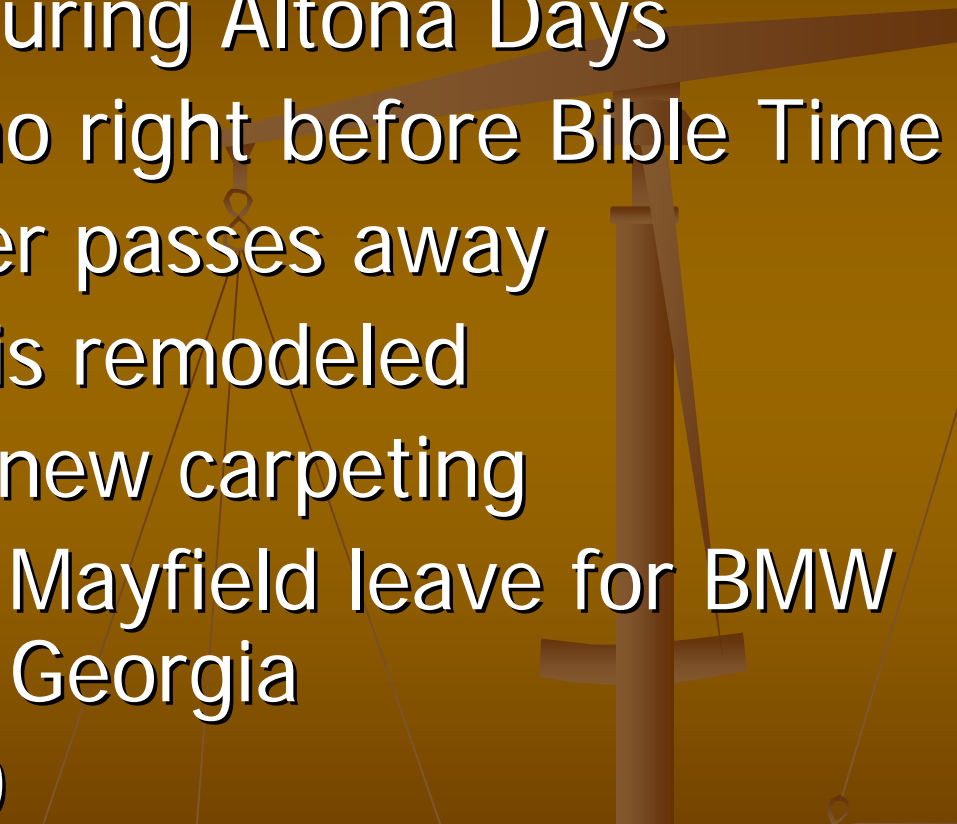
- Termites in parsonage cause a major rebuild in East wall of parsonage
 - Paneling taken off Church walls – Ruth and her family finished off the walls
 - Wall in foyer was made into a half wall
 - Mission's trip to West Branch
 - East and North sides of building are sided
 - New front doors on church and parsonage
 - Income \$69,000 - \$12,000 spent on building
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2003

- Living room and kitchen remodeled in parsonage
- Outdoor wood burning stove
- Income \$72,500
- \$13,412 brought in for missions up from \$4000 in 1999
- 35 members

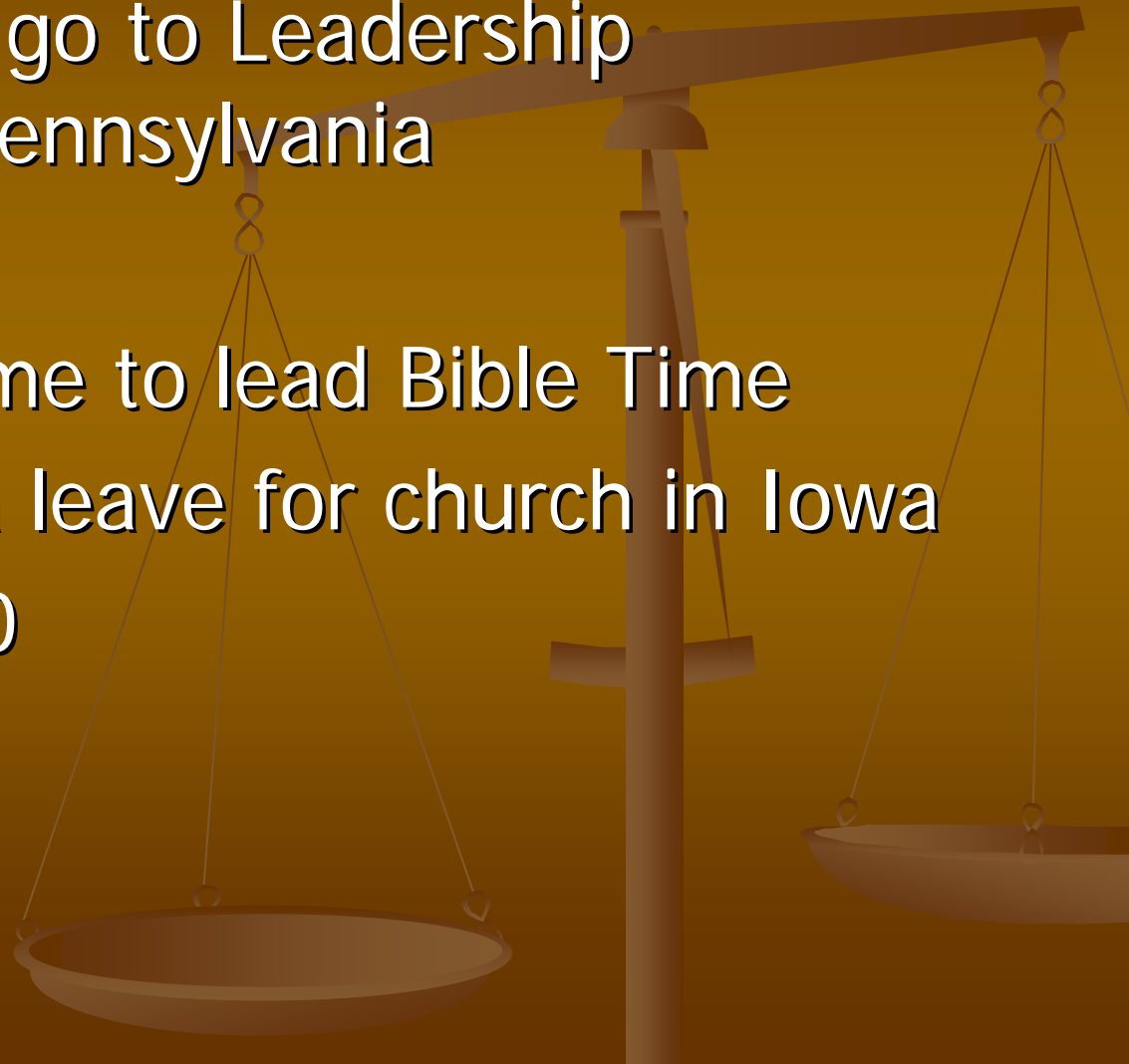


2004

- Kiddy Carnival during Altona Days
 - Pastor gets mono right before Bible Time
 - Beulah Clevenger passes away
 - Church Kitchen is remodeled
 - Parsonage gets new carpeting
 - Dale and Sandy Mayfield leave for BMW headquarters in Georgia
 - Income \$79,500
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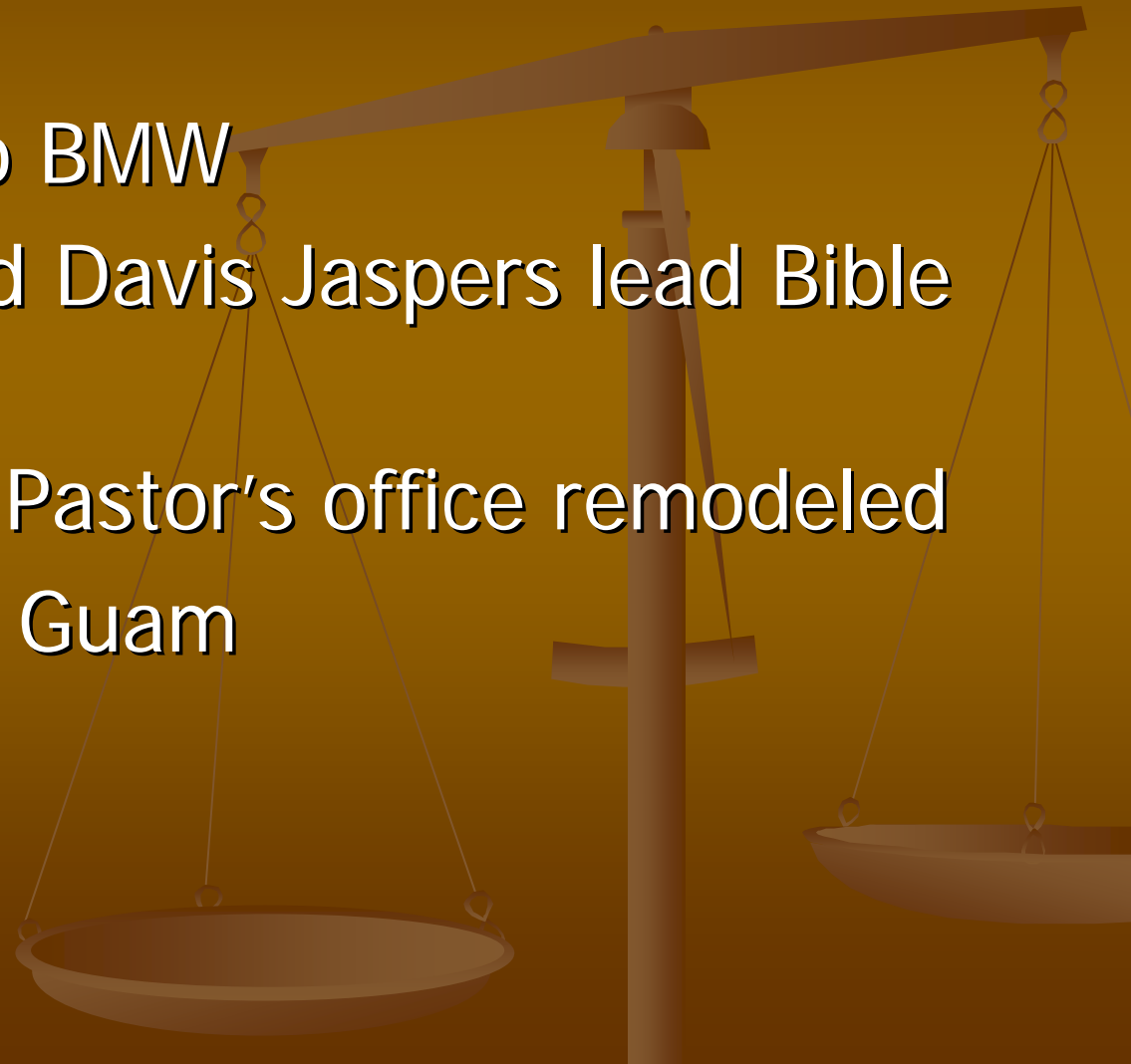
2005

- Pastor and Ron go to Leadership Conference in Pennsylvania
- Garage is built
- Dan Carlson came to lead Bible Time
- John and Tanya leave for church in Iowa
- Income \$83,000



2006

- Pews recovered
- Mission's Trip to BMW
- Dan Carlson and Davis Jaspers lead Bible Time
- Blue Room and Pastor's office remodeled
- Robin moves to Guam



2007

- New Piano donated in memory of John Malcolm
- Nancy Wagner passes away
- Helped with Fireman's softball game
- Property at 213 N. Olin is purchased
- Old house is burned down the very week we gained possession
- Andrew Johnson leads Bible Time
- Feet to prayer campaign
- Ceiling finally installed in Marian's Classroom
- Income \$92,000 - \$8000 brought in for property

2008

- New sound system installed
 - Deacon Sunday Night Fellowships Started
 - Helped with firemen's softball game
 - Basketball court built on old house slab
 - Property paid off a year early
 - Mission's trip to Ecuador
 - First edition of Newsletter printed
 - Hosted Firemen appreciation dinner
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