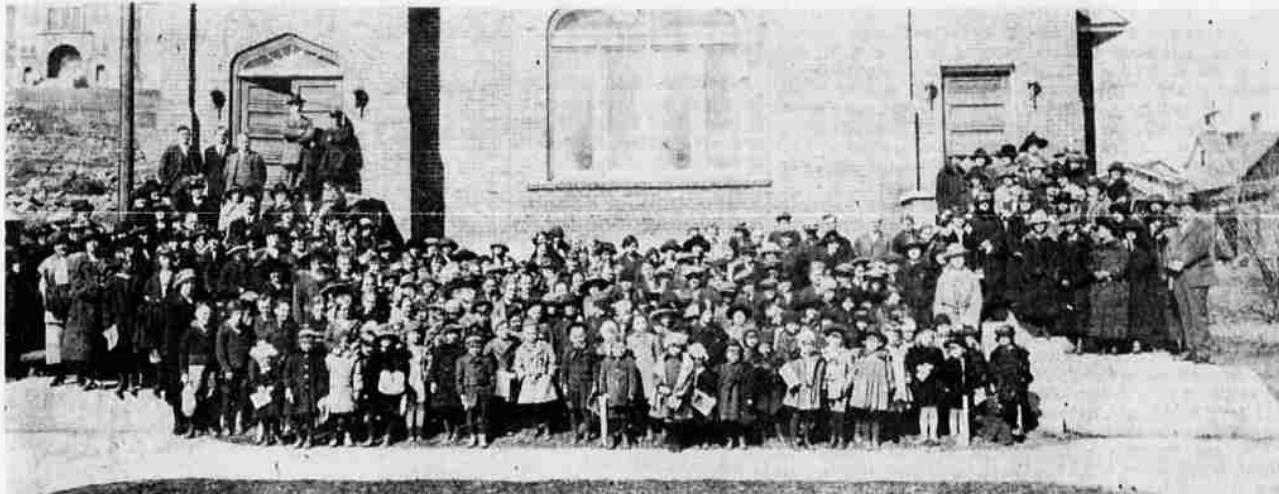


# Presbyterians Pioneer Religious Movement



**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** — In 1921 the First Presbyterian Church, in its 37th year, boasted a large Sunday School as evidenced by this picture of Sunday School members taken in March of that year. The church building in the background, built at a cost of \$19,000, was then two years old. The Sixth and Pine landmark was torn down in 1956 to make room for the present sanctuary which is the third edifice built by the church.

By JUNE A. JOHNSON

The first ladies of the church in Klamath Falls, representing 116 years of active membership, have witnessed the growth of the town and its religious groups since the early 1900s.

The oldest living members of the oldest church in the county, First Presbyterian, are Mrs. Greta McMillian Brewbaker, who joined in 1904, and Mrs. Minnie Slater Grizzle, who became a member in 1906.

Both attended services in the first church building constructed in Linkville, a quaint white frame structure built in 1885. They supported the church in its early lean years and participated in the wave of progress which resulted in a rapidly growing congregation and construction of a larger sanctuary in 1919 and again in 1956.

**Church Organized**  
The pioneer denomination of Klamath Falls, the First Presbyterian Church, was established not too many years after the original pioneers settled the area and began with a Presbyterian Sunday School.

Sunday Schools had been occasionally held in the county, but the first permanent one in what was then Lake, later Jackson, and now Klamath County, was organized in 1880. William A. Wright, a local druggist, served as superintendent, and meetings were conducted in an old one-room schoolhouse standing on what is now Ninth, between Main and Pine streets.

Later the school was moved to the G. W. Smith building at South Payne and Main streets, near the Link River Bridge. The upstairs room was sparsely furnished, but at that time it served adequately, if not luxuriously, as a Sunday School classroom and a community meeting room.

After four years it was evident that a stable religious movement could be supported, so the Sunday School was carried a step further. The official records of the church, Presbytery, and Synod indicate that the organization of a congregation took place on Feb. 27, 1884.

The original charter roll shows seven names: William A. Wright and his wife, Mrs. Jennie Wright; R. T. Baldwin and his daughter, Mrs. Harriet Roberts; Miss Mercedes Campote; Mrs. Lucy McClean; and A. P. Ball. Shortly after, four additional members were received and are usually referred to as charter members. They are A. F. Bouton, Mrs. Rebecca Bouton, C. N. Gordon, and Mrs. Lucy M. Sears.

The following year a Presbyterian layman from Philadelphia, Bayard Henry, passed through Linkville and had an opportunity to become briefly acquainted with the new church organization. He was so impressed with the work being carried on by a dedicated few of the approximate 400 population that he offered to donate one-half the amount needed for the erection of a small church building.

The balance of the money was raised by local residents, who canvassed for subscriptions, plus several contributions by interested persons in other towns. The largest outside donations came from H. W. Corbett and W. S. Lord of Portland.

Land for the building was given by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Nichols, who platted the Nichols addition to Linkville in 1885. Although the lots were gratefully accepted by the small group of members, they were so far out of town that many considered them worthless.

For many years afterward, the church on the hill marked the furthest extent of the city's growth.

The small white church, built on Ewauna Heights at the present location of 219 Pine Street, was the only church building in Linkville until 1897 when the Congregational Church erected a building on Main Street. Dedicated on Nov. 15, 1885, at a cost of \$2,810.79, the first church stood nestled against the hill with the Ankeny Canal winding around the hill in front of it. The picturesque scene was completed by a footbridge spanning the canal and a narrow path leading across the hill to the village.

After the church and its tower were completed, a bell was ordered which was to be the first large bell in Klamath County. A short delay in installation resulted when it was discovered that workmen had boarded up the ceiling and tower room, but the problem was quickly solved by cutting a hole. For several months the ringing of the bell was a novelty to the adults and amazed the young people who had heard only the small hand-ringing school bell.

**First Minister**  
The first minister to the congregation was Rev. Robert McClean, who was also instrumental in organizing the First Presbyterian Church. He is listed in the official records as the stated supply in charge when the charter was drawn up in 1884, and the charter member, Lucy McClean, was his wife.

Reverend McClean was a zealous pioneer missionary who suffered ill health while serving on the foreign mission field in Chili. Returning to the United States, he settled on a homestead near the present site of Algoma and continued his ministry. With his four-horse team, Reverend McClean made the trip from the lake to Linkville every Sunday to preach in private homes, the hotel office, and occasionally in the schoolhouse. He rode horseback during bad weather, rarely missing an opportunity to speak to those interested in his stirring messages. Backed by a handful of people, he finally moved to organize the church, becoming the first pastor in Klamath County, and served the congregation for several years in that capacity.

After leaving Klamath Falls, Reverend McClean went to Grants Pass where he preached for 11 years. Later he went to reside with a son in Los Angeles and died there in the early 1890s.

**Social Center**  
The establishment of the church gave Linkville residents the means for carrying on their constructive endeavors. The building was not only a religious center, but a social center as well.

In the early days, the church had the only organ in the county, so it served as the hall for community parties and all high school programs, debates, and recitations. The first public school commencement ever held in Klamath County was staged in the church building, and it continued to be held there several years afterward.

The Presbyterian Church also offered its building for the services of other denominations without regular meeting places and even assisted in their organization, contributing from its own membership many of the leaders of later sister congregations.

Mrs. Grizzle recalls the community Christmas programs held in the first edifice when people from miles around would come by wagon, sled, horseback, and on foot to observe the season together, regardless of religious affiliation.

"There would be a large tree erected, and the young folks would meet in the evenings to pop corn and everyone would help string it. The tree was very pretty with long strings of white corn and glowing with small candles," she said.

On Christmas Eve, it was the custom for families to put a present on the tree for each of their children and then meet for a program. She said that at the end of the evening "the sleigh bells would start ringing and in would dash old Mr. Santa dressed as he is today. He would tell the children about the hard trip he had coming down from the northland and hand out candy and nuts in red and green mosquito net bags." The departure of Santa Claus always signified the close of the program.

**Early Struggle**  
The First Presbyterian Church suffered the usual hardships of a young organization in an undeveloped area. The population of Linkville remained almost at a standstill for the first 15 to 20 years, and although the pioneer church gained many more members, it, like the town, failed to prosper for some time.

In its early history, many ministers served the home mission church, but none served long enough to establish the work. Few pastors remained over a year, and several stayed less than a year. In 19 years, from 1884 to 1903, the church had been led by 15 ministers and engaged number 16 near the end of 1903.

For more than 20 years the church received money from the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions to support its work and pay the salary of its ministers. The board invested approximately \$10,000 in the church, proving its faith in the town and the Presbyterian movement.

When ministers began to stay for a longer period of time, the church began to show a degree of progress. An upward trend was noticed around 1903, and in 1907 the church, under the leadership of Rev. W. G. Smith who served for four years, decided it no longer needed the assistance of the Home Mission Board. Since that time it has been entirely self-supporting.

In 1909 the Southern Pacific Railroad rerouted the town which had become known as Klamath Falls on Feb. 7, 1893, almost a year after the post office officially changed its name from Linkville. With the addition of the railroad, the town rapidly increased in population and the first church building became inadequate.

The local newspaper, the Morning Express, listed the church's membership as 115 in December of 1909. The small sanctuary was never intended to hold a congregation of that size.

The movement for a new church started early in 1910 under Rev. George T. Pratt, but an almost insurmountable barrier arose. The only site then available was on the banks of the old Ankeny Canal which ran through what is now one of the main residential sections of the city. The canal in front of the church property could not be filled, so the project was abandoned for almost 10 years.

In 1919, during the pastorate of Rev. E. P. Lawrence, the present site at Sixth and Pine was purchased and the historic Third and Pine property was sold. On Aug. 22, 1919, the cornerstone laying ceremony was held in November of the same year, and workmen rushed to complete the sanctuary so the first service in the new edifice could be held on Christmas Sunday, Dec. 23.

The initial plans were for the church to cost around \$60,000, but the final total of expenses reached a figure exceeding \$300,000. After 79 years of operation, the First Presbyterian Church has grown to approximately 750 members, standing as a monument to the small band of pioneers who prayed and labored for a strong church and a religious civilization in the Klamath Basin.



**OLDEST CHURCH MEMBERS** — The distinction of being the oldest living members of the pioneer denomination in Klamath County is shared by Mrs. Greta McMillian Brewbaker, left, and Mrs. Minnie Slater Grizzle, right. Mrs. Grizzle painted the picture of the first church building in Klamath Falls in 1942. Both women joined the First Presbyterian Church when services were held in the picturesque white frame structure.

Methodist To Meet

More than 300 ministers and laymen will be delegates to the annual session of the Oregon Annual Conference meeting on the campus of Willamette University and at the First Methodist Church of Salem, June 4-7. The presiding officer will be the Portland area bishop, Bishop A. Raymond Grant.

Attending from Klamath Falls will be Rev. Ralph Richardson, and Wilbur Womer, lay delegate from the First Methodist Church.

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# In Our Churches

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## WSCS Dates Installation Church Opens Enrollment For Bible School Classes

The new officers of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Chilcoot Methodist Church will be installed during the morning worship service on Sunday.

Rev. Albert E. Place, minister, will conduct the installation. The officers are Mrs. Friedman Kirk, president; Mrs. Elmer Heglund, vice president; Mrs. Paul Herron, secretary; Mrs. Earl Hall, treasurer and supply secretary; Mrs. Harley Zeller, spiritual life secretary; Mrs. Walter Timm, promotion secretary; Mrs. Albert Place, missionary education secretary; and Mrs. Walter Zimmerman, Christian social relations.

In the evening, the Chilcoot High School baccalaureate services will be held in the church.

with Rev. Place as the guest speaker.

The church's summer schedule of services will begin on June 2. Through the month of August, worship services will begin at 8 a.m. instead of 11 a.m.

**Zion Lutheran Confirms Eight**

The Confirmation Day service was held at Zion Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 26.

Junior confirmands, wearing traditional white robes while confirming their baptismal covenant, were Neal Glen Buchanan, Joan Sharon Glawe, Steven Alan Glawe, Kenneth Chris Luft, and Duane Lester Vaubel. Adults confirmed were Carol Lorraine Eberlein, Myrna Maureen Green, and Gwynn James.

The confirmands will receive their first Holy Communion during the Pentecost worship service on Sunday, June 2. The service will begin at 10 a.m. on the summer schedule. Sunday school classes will start at 8:45 a.m. throughout the summer, beginning Sunday.

Rev. Norbert E. Dey has announced that registration for Vacation Bible School at the Zion Lutheran Church is now open and parents are invited to enroll their children early.

"Walking With God" will be the theme of the Vacation Bible School, with classes and lesson materials geared to the age and ability of the children. There will be a special class for high school youths in which they will participate in class work of their own, as well as assisting in the teaching and learning procedures.

The Bible school, which will be held from June 10 through June 21, will have 10 morning sessions, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The classes will consist of stories, singing, handicraft, recreation, and worship for boys and girls from age four to high school age.

Mrs. Almer Wallenburn will be in charge of the nursery-kindergarten department for 4, 5, and 6-year-olds. Mrs. Wayne Blair will be in charge of the primary group for second and third grade students. The junior department,

for fourth, fifth and sixth graders, will be conducted by Mrs. Glen Hoppel, and the junior high department for seventh through twelfth graders will be led by Mrs. Herman Wolf.

The singing sessions will be directed by Mrs. Robert Dunlap, who will also play the organ for the Bible school.

Other teachers and assistants will be Mrs. Don Thomas, Mrs. Allen Reeder, Mrs. Thomas Case, Mrs. John Mathes, Mrs. Carl Sharp, Mrs. Richard Johnson, Mrs. Carol Klepper, Mrs. Charles Compton, Mrs. Philip Marks, Mrs. Harold Eberlein, Mrs. Alexander Luft, Mrs. Jim Hasskamp, Mrs. Harold Weber, Mrs. Jesse Anderson, Mrs. Norbert Dey Sr., Mrs. Violet Mesner, and Mrs. Don Whitner.

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