

History of the Presbyterian Church

1830 Rev. Sadd, a missionary, arrived in Farmington, a village of 150 people, and conducted church, Sunday School, and prayer meetings in his home which was a two-room log cabin at the southwest corner of the courthouse square.

1831 During the spring, Rev. Thomas Donnell of the Bellevue Church (the oldest Presbyterian Church west of the Mississippi) helped organize a meeting on May 18th which resulted in the organization of the Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

1836 A brick building was constructed at the corner of Columbia and A Street. During the Civil War, the Presbyterian Church split into North and South. Our church became part of the Southern group.

The church went through many hard times during the Civil War with only one Elder, M.P. Cayce. The Cayce Cemetery is between the Robinson and Cayce houses on Columbia Street.

1847 Mr. M.P. Cayce started the Elmwood School where the Presbyterian Children's Home stood or what are now apartments.

1867 The church on the corner of Columbia and A Street was so deteriorated that it was rebuilt. Everything was replaced except the walls and the floor. Mr. M.P. Cayce paid for the project.

1882 Following the semi-centennial, the church on the corner of Columbia and A Streets was sold to the Christian Church for \$900. At the same time, the property at the corner of Columbia and Cayce Street was acquired and the present sanctuary was constructed.

1885-86 The church bell, which was given by Victor Quesnel, Sr. in appreciation for his having been allowed to worship in the Farmington Presbyterian Church, was forged in France and shipped to the Farmington Church for placement in the belfry.

1903 The church was renovated, and a new organ was installed.

1913 The Elmwood Seminary concluded. At this time, the North and South Churches made a joint work in opening the Presbyterian Orphanage of Missouri on the Elmwood Seminary Campus.

1926 There was a need for an educational building, and it was constructed at a cost of \$25,000.

1941 The room known as the library was added at a cost of \$850.

1947 The present lighting system was installed in the sanctuary. They were called Gothic Lanterns.

1951 The property where the new educational building now stands was purchased for \$10,500 to be used for educational space.

1955 Major church repair was undertaken. The rear of the church was pewed, and the present organ was installed through a contribution from Mr. Carl Klein and his wife.

1961 The new educational building was constructed to accommodate the children who came to Sunday School and children from the Children's Home.

1964 The Morris Chapel was established from a memorial gift.

1968 The church received a large legacy from the estate of Jennie L. Carver. A room was furnished from her estate.

1978 Window Tree Preschool began.

2006 We received a large legacy from Mrs. Alex Hawn, an 81-year member of the church. Her legacy was to be used for building and mission purposes only.

2007 Major renovations were done with Mrs. Hawn's legacy to the interior and exterior of the church.

2021 A new entrance was constructed to the New Educational Building.