

# CHURCH HISTORY

- 1849** Presbyterian services held in the Cleveland County Courthouse
- 1858** (Sept. 19) Shelby Presbyterian Church organized by Concord Presbytery
- 1875** First building completed for \$1800
- 1878** (April 7) First Sunday School held
- 1884** First mid-week prayer meeting
- 1885** First Manse purchased on South Washington Street for \$325
- 1893** Church building enlarged and remodeled
- 1916** Church building remodeled with stucco exterior
- 1923** Boy Scout Troop 1 (now Troop 100) first troop chartered in Cleveland County
- 1924** Brick Sunday School building completed
- 1926** A.C. Miller Jr. ordained to deaf ministry
- 1942** Sunday Bulletins first used; First meeting of Shelby Group of Alcoholics Anonymous
- 1946** Girl Scouts meet at Shelby Presbyterian for 44 years (until 1990)
- 1952** Sanctuary torn down. Worship services in State Theater until Dec 24, 1953
- 1953** (Dec.) Ellis Hall completed. Worship was held in the Fellowship hall until April 11 beginning with the Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion service
- 1954** (April 11) First service in new sanctuary
- 1954** (Sept 20) First family night supper
- 1954** First Thanksgiving breakfast and worship service. Meal hosted by the Men of the Church to honor the Women of the Church
- 1956** Sanctuary air-conditioned
- 1957** John Knox Presbyterian Church organized
- 1958** 100th Anniversary Celebration
- 1962-63** Chapel and Sunday School wing completed
- 1978-79** Brick Sunday School building torn down and rebuilt
- 1979** First Montreat Congregational Retreat; Rainbow Connection Pre-School began
- 1980** Life Enrichment Center established
- 1983** Handbell Choir begins
- 1984** Soup Kitchen (Food Ministry) established
- 1985** (Dec.) Winter Night Shelter begins
- 1986** 8:45 a.m. Sunday worship services begins; "2 Cents a Meal" offering (later 5 cents) begins
- 1988** First Joint Worship - Shelby, Ryburn Memorial, John Knox - plus Shiloh in 2008
- 1997** Covenant relationship w/ Monte los Olivos Presbyterian Church in Las Animas, Guatemala
- 1998** Annual Officer Retreat Weekend at Montreat Conference Center begins
- 1999** New Year's Eve Service begins amid anxiety about Y2K
- 2001** Presbyterian Samaritan Counseling Center established at Shelby Presbyterian Church
- 2001** Mission and Renovation (campaign included a tithe for missions funds Habitat House, housing for nurses at Embangweni Hospital in Malawi, and a new roof for the men's homeless shelter)
- 2001** Worship at Cleveland Community College during renovations; Church website established
- 2005** Prayer Shawl Ministry begins
- 2007** Columbarium dedicated; Children's Sabbath begins
- 2008** Sunday morning Contemporary Service begins and College of Elders established by Session
- 2008** Shelby Presbyterian Church becomes a Stephen Ministry Congregation; 150th Anniversary Celebration
- 2010** Homebound Communion Teams begin; Oral History DVD; Joint Easter Sunrise Service w/ First Baptist & Central UMC; Stewardship Picnic begins
- 2011** Town-wide Water Purification System installed at Monte los Olivos in Las Animas, Guatemala
- 2012** New Church Logo approved by Session; Time Capsule dedicated - to be opened in 2058; Harrill House renovated