

# Brief Historical Sketch

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is a denomination born right here in the United States. The year was 1804 when a Presbyterian minister by the name of Barton W. Stone, along with several followers, broke denominational ties and began a congregation simply called "Christians". A few years later, in 1811, another Presbyterian minister, Thomas Campbell and his son, Alexander, also broke denominational ties and took leadership in 1820 of the "Disciples of Christ", a congregation open to all.



Both denominations realized that they had much in common, so with a simple handshake in Lexington, Kentucky in the year 1832, The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) had its "official" beginning.



Central Christian Church, Waterloo was founded in April 1897. It has been in four locations in Waterloo since its conception. It relocated in the early 1960's from the historic building now occupied by Bethel Presbyterian Church on the corner of Locust and 4th Street. It's new location was located in the corn fields far on the outskirts of Waterloo.

Today that location is nearly the center of our community. Our home on nearly 8 acres at 3765 Kimball Avenue will be celebrating it's 50th Anniversary in 2013 as we commemorate the laying of the cornerstone on November 10th 1963. In late May of 2014 we will celebrate the first worship service held in our current facility. Central is now striving to make the first major **renovation** and addition with the building of a new Fellowship Hall just north of the present facilities.