

LIBRARY

1941

Mrs. Fred Nooe was given permission for the YWA and GA organizations to place a library in the church. The library books were on a bookcase located in the church secretary's office.

1954

On September 26, at the morning service, the church library was dedicated by the pastor, Rev. Tribble and Miss Flossie Whitley. Miss Whitley served as the church's first known librarian, but there is no record of when she began in this role.

1959

Rev. R.R. Gordon's library was donated to the church.

1968

The church library was located on the second floor of the "new building."

1970

The Broadman Bible Commentary set was given in memory of Jane Faucette Pleasant, sister of Betty Wilson.

A sound movie projector was given by the Myrtle Brewer Class.

1971

Open house held April 25, with 229 books available for checkout. Library was under the direction of Mrs. Noah Wilson. It was open every Sunday from 10:45-11:00am and from noon to 12:30pm.

1972

When Mrs. Noah Wilson was serving as librarian, there were 417 books in circulation.

1973

Started using CAVE plan, which gave access to movies and film strips (rent or buy) at reduced costs.

1974

On Sunday, April 28, the church library was officially named *The Pearle Johnson Memorial Library* in memory of Miss Pearle Johnson, the only foreign missionary to go out from the church. Members of the Johnson family were present with her nephew, George Johnson giving the worship service message. The Royal Service Sunday School Class (previously named the Pearle Johnson Sunday School class) presented a plaque to the church for the newly named library.

1975

Stereo record player was given by Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Sturdivant.

1976

"Move the Library Fund" was established to relocate to a larger space.

Mrs. Carl Yates became the director in 1976 when she retired as a public school librarian. She served as the director until her death in 1991.

1977

Over 750 books were filed in the new card catalogue donated by Alfred Tatum.

A typewriter was secured through the "Move the Library" fund and "Library Specials."

1978

Library changed from "library" to "Media Center."

1985

New library facilities in use, called the Media Center as well as the *Pearle Johnson Memorial Library*. Library was relocated.

GIFTS- library desk in memory of A.L. McNeill from his family

-video equipment in memory of Sam and Ada Griffin by their children.

The chapel and library were dedicated October 13 in an afternoon ceremony during Homecoming services.

1992

Sharon Lloyd served as the Media Center Director until 1995

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Don Smith served as the Media Center Director until 1997.

1996

Media Center Director Don Smith's report for a quarter: 46 books checked out, 86 video tapes, 1 vertical file checked out last quarter. He noted the library not used to full advantage.

Spring quarter- 162 materials circulated: 51 books checked out, 90 video tapes, 21 cassette tapes checked out. Considered adding a book and a video/month;

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1997

Kathy Biancardi served as the Media Center Director until 2000

2001

Lula Bryant appointed Media Center Director and served until 2011.

2007

Library purchased a Panasonic 2000 lumen projector, cost \$1098.99 for use at church ministry related functions.

2008

The library purchased economically priced Media Library Software, an application created for church libraries that digitizes the card catalogue and accession information. It also has an option to print the cards for the catalogue.

2011

Kathy Shaffer became Media Center Director and is serving to present day (2020).

2013

April 28, church members were invited to the library for birthday cake to celebrate the 39th anniversary of the Pearle Johnson Memorial library dedication.

29 children signed up for the library's *Go Wild for Reading* Summer Reading program.

2014

Library sponsored the annual summer reading program for pre-schoolers to sixth graders. *The Race for Reading* program starting June 1 with 16 participants.

Library purchased two DVD players to pair with televisions to be available for church members' use for Bible Studies, Sunday School classes, etc.

2015

A new flat screen television was purchased thanks to a generous donation by Allan and Sheralyn Tyndall.

Journey Off the Map was the third annual children's summer-reading program with 30 children participating. It was the first year the reading program theme reflected the VBS theme for the summer.

A new desk top computer was donated to the library by Barry Maxwell.

2016

The library's 2016 children's summer reading program, *Submerged in Reading*, had 31 participants.

2017

The library's 2017 children's summer reading program, *Discovering the Universe of Books* had 25 participants.

2018

The library's 2018 children's summer reading program, *Game On! Read On!*, had 21 participants.

2019

The Library celebrated 45 years on April 25th with cookies in the library .

The library's 2019 children's summer reading program, *Wild About Reading* had 25 participants.

2020

At this point, the library houses over 2500 books plus over 200 DVD's and CD's, in addition to a large selection of Bible study kits, guides, and workbooks.

Library hours are Sundays: 9:00a.m. – 9:30a.m.; 10:00a.m. – 10:25 a.m.