

## **Rev. J. N. Vandiver**

1927 – 1936

Under the strong leadership of the Rev. J. N. Vandiver the church made long strides. Under his pastorate, which was one of the longest in the history of the church, the Sunday School attendance grew to 400.

Pressing forward, he inaugurated the budget system and tithing program, even though this was during the years of the depression.

Highlights of his ministry included refinancing the church debt of the building, putting tithing into the church program, support of the cooperative program, installation of fans in the auditorium and a small beginning of the annex. The Sunday School classes, which had been meeting at the motion picture theater building, were moved to the church and the intermediate department moved to a dwelling located on the church property.

Upon retirement, Rev. Vandiver and his wife, Mary, returned to Mt. Pleasant. He died in 1960.