

Cross of Christ

Concord

Prosperity Congregation was organized September 27, 1879, in the Rimer Scholl House of District 13, Cabarrus County. The organization began under the direction of Rev. R. W. Petrea and began with 16 charter members. Rev. Petrea was called to be the pastor and served the congregation until 1887. Services were held in the Rimer School building until 1881 when the first church edifice was erected.

A small frame church was erected in 1881. The labor and materials were furnished by the members of the congregation. In 1916, the building was moved to a more favorable location about 50 yards south of the original location. In the year 1923 a wing was added to the building. A steeple and chancel were provided in L-Shaped building. In 1925 Prosperity joined with Grace Lutheran Church, China Grove and composed a parish which remained such with the pastor living at Grace until 1939 when a parsonage was built at Prosperity under the leadership of Pastor G. F. Kyles. The parsonage lot and building cost approximately \$2500 plus the lumber and labor furnished by the members of the congregation.

It was during the pastorate of Rev. Kyles that the plans were laid for a new church building. A building fund was started and interest increased in a new church. During the pastorate of Rev. C. P. Fisher, Jr. many thousands of dollars were added to the building fund and plans were drawn for a new church building at a cost of \$900.00. When Pastor Lineberger came on the field, things were ready to go forward with the building program. A new lot was purchased adjoining the church property which added road frontage to the property and provided a more advantage building site. The new lot cost \$500 and consisted of 2 ¼ acres, making the total lot approximately 6 acres. New plans were drawn at a cost of \$1,750 by the Piedmont Engineering Company of Salisbury. The Contract was let to the Wagner Construction Company of Salisbury in September 19.

The building consists of a spacious Sanctuary and Educational building and is furnished in Northern Maple Pews and Chancel furniture finished in Red Mahogany and White. A Moehler Pipe Organ, lovely carpet, beautiful dosal, and Memorial windows add to the beauty of the new church. The church and furnishings are valued at \$100,000. (To date the total indebttness of the building and furnishings amount to approximately \$12,000).

Pastors

1879-1887	R. W. Petrea
1887-1888	S. T. Keller
1888-1893	J. M. Hedrick
1894-1896	B. S. Brown
1896	S.D. Steffey
1897-1899	R. L. Brown
1900-1919	J. H. C. Fisher
1919-1923	John B. Moose
1924	C. P. Fisher, DD Supply

1925-1932	C. A. Brown
1932	Paul Miller Supply
1932-1943	C. F. Kyles
1943-1949	C. P. Fisher, Jr.
1949-1952	Henry F. Lineberger