

Pleasantville was originally an "outstation" of the Bridgewater Baptist Church

Jan 16, 1869	At a meeting held at Pleasantville School: "It was unanimously resolved that <b>a house of worship in this section is absolutely indispensable.</b> " --building committee established: Deacon Alexander Corkum, Elias Corkum, and J.W. Falt
	--at a subsequent meeting (date unknown) -- <b>meetinghouse site was chosen</b> and Trustees named: Deacon Alexander Corkum, Jacob Corkum, and Deacon Benjamin Sarty
Nov 25, 1872	--Building Committee reports "that the <b>meeting house is now ready for opening</b> ; and we wish to hand it over to the Trustees of the House, for the church to sell the pews, and pay the building committee."
Nov 27, 1872	<b>Pews (a family's seating in the church) were sold</b> --48 pews were sold in total, with 2 designated as a "free seat" --pew purchase prices ranged from \$59 to \$20 --total cost of building meeting house: \$1338.59 --total raised from selling of the pews: \$1433.00
Dec 15, 1872	<b>Pleasantville Meeting House opened for services</b> --10 ½ o'clock service: Rev. Stephen March of Bridgewater, on Isaiah 56:7 --2 ½ o'clock service: Rev. William E. Hall, on 1 Chronicles 29:5 --also held a 7 pm service
	" Services were held with almost uninterrupted regularity, every other Sabbath, or twice a month..." --congregation grew, saw many saved and become members --regular monthly conferences also held, usually on the Saturday before second service of the month, which were a combination of bible message/service, followed by a business meeting (if anything urgent needed to be dealt with)
October 1874	--Rev. Stephen March ends his pastorate --Rev. John Williams and Rev. A.J. Cogswell become joint Pastors of Bridgewater Church and its "outstations"
-----, 1875	"By mutual consent of the Bridgewater Church and Pleasantville section, after due deliberation by a competent council called for that purpose, <b>the latter was organized into a separate church to be known and distinguished as "The Pleasantville Baptist Church..."</b>
Spring 1876	The church negotiates with Rev. F.D. Crawley of Acadia College to minister at the church for a few months after the school closes in June. This arrangement worked out so well, that it was decided to ordain him as their minister
Sept 22, 1876	Ordination of Rev. Frederick D. Crowley

October 20, 1876	--"...resolved that we secure the labour of Rev. F.D. Crawley for the next six months."
October 28, 1876	At a meeting of the pewholders, it was agreed to transfer remaining funds left over after roof repairs towards the building of a parsonage
June 1877	Rev. Crawley resigns after accepting "a call to labor with the church at Sydney, C.B."
1877-1886	(( Pastor(s) name unknown at present))
September 1887	S. March was pastor at this time, at least since September 1886 (perhaps longer)
October 21, 1887	First mention in the church record book of Sabbath School: Benjamin Sarty appointed as Superintendent, Nathan Lantz as assistant Superintendent; school to be opened "next Sabbath at 9 am"
October 19, 1889	Trustees appointed for New Cumberland Section Meeting House: Jacob Misner, Stephen Misner, Mickel Corkum
Feb 26, 1893	Bro. J.W. Brown asked to serve as Pastor  --"Terms of Preaching: first Sunday of the month in the afternoon 2 ½ o'clock third Sunday of the month in the morning 10 ½ o'clock conference meeting Saturday before the 3 Sunday afternoon 2 ½ o'clock"
Jan 27, 1895	--"resolve to build a barn 18 feet long 10 feet broad..."
October 26, 1895	Bro. S. March to preach 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Nov. and Dec.: \$4.00 per sermon
Jan 1, 1896	"each male member to pay a rate of \$1.00 for the [building of the] horse shed"
March 30, 1896	Rev. D.W. Crandall to be pastor of both Pleasantville and New Canada Baptist Churches --"every second Sunday of the month in the morning and our usual conference meeting" --"no certain amount of money mentioned for his salary we are to do for him the best we can."
August 8, 1896	--moved to sell a parcel of ground belonging to the church for \$26.00
April 3, 1897	--busy conference meeting – 5 new members "received for baptism and church member."

October 30, 1897	Rev. Churchill the pastor now?
Nov 20, 1897	First mention of church organ: "Jacob B. Sarty to pay Benjamin L. Sarty of church funds the sum of \$6.00 for rent of organ"
January 1, 1898	First mention of women's groups: "the meeting house to be opened and warmed once a month for Woman's Aid Society"
May 29, 1898	"Rev. Bro. J.E. Bleakney commencing service with Pleasantville Church." --this arrangement included Pleasantville, Dayspring, and services for subscribers in New Cumberland and Conquerall Bank --Home Mission Board to be contacted for a grant to supplement pastor's income
March 7, 1900	successful drive to collect money to pay off money owing on organ
April 13, 1901	resolved to continue with arrangement with Rev. J.E. Bleakney to preach at Pleasantville and Dayspring and their branches
Nov 10, 1901	records make mention of going "by the river side" for baptism
Jan 1, 1902	"resolved to take up a collection every Sunday morning and evening"
Dec 9, 1905	7 members taken off the church book for "forsaking the Baptist Church and uniting with the Plimith (sp) Brethren." (one was a former deacon)
April 7, 1906	Pastor Bleakney resigns (from 1902 to this point, it looks like Pastor Bleakney just serves in Pleasantville, there is no mention of continuing the agreement with Dayspring in church records)
June 9 1906	Rev. W.E. Carpenter begins
February 6, 1907	" moved, second and carried the money made by the Pleasantville Bean Supper shall be deposited by the 3 Deacons of the Church until the church calls for the use of it."
June 4, 1907	Rev. Carpenter renews his service
August 28, 1907	--"...reading of a letter from Bro. Carpenter asking again to return and to renew his engagement with Pleasantville Church we Brethren resolved unanimously he should continue steadfast with the church he is engaged for the present year."
October 12, 1907	Rev. J.T. Irvine (or Ervin) begins
Dec 14, 1908	Benjamin L. Sarty resigns as Clerk after 21 years of service, A.C. Corkum appointed as new clerk
January 9,	First mention of an organist: Miss Florence Richard (motion to give her a gift for her service)

1909	
September 12, 1909	Pastor Irvine resigns
Oct 18, 1909	Rev. Morrison considered for pastor (begins in Nov? Dec?)
June 11, 1910	--resolved to consult with Dayspring to see "if they were willing to hire L.G. (or L.C.) Loomer as Pastor for the field."
August 22, 1910	--voted to hire Rev. G.L. Bishop as pastor of the field
November 12, 1910	\$20.35 was collected in the community to thank Rev. Blakney for his service rendered during the summer
April 9, 1911	Rev. Bishop resigns
May 13, 1911	Rev. G. W. Collins asked to visit the field on trial
June 15, 1911	church wishes to hire G.W. Collins "as Pastor for the field", for a year starting June 25
March 19, 1912	church wishes to hire pastor for another year "if the rest of the field be willing" for a slightly smaller salary for same amount of preaching as before
February 17, 1913	--(Rev. G.W. Collins still pastor) --committee appointed to determine buying of a building for a parsonage
October 25, 1913	-"it was agreed to hire Bro. Spurgen Hirtle if satisfactory to Dayspring Baptist Church"
November 24, 1913	--Pastor S.M. Hirtle agrees to serve --hay from parsonage grounds to be sold \$14 per ton
February 15, 1914	--ladies of the Sewing Circle present \$93.00 to the church; voted to put it towards debt of parsonage --additional notation under this entry in the records indicate \$47.29 was raised by a garden party and put towards parsonage debt
May 9, 1915	Mrs. Leroy Lantz resigns as organist; Miss Myrtle Corkum new organist, Miss Birtha Haughn assistant
July 28, 1915	--moved that Rev. J.H. Copland continues as Pastor for Pleasantville and New Cumberland --\$275 per annum, 3 months notice required from both sides if termination wanted --he gives a report for the past year, hence there since 1914?
1915	Pastor A. Denny

1916	Pastor J.H. Copeland
1917	Pastor Read
1918	Pastor J.H. Owen
1919	Pastor Wright
1920	
1921	Rev. F Burnett a loan applied for from the Home Mission Board to pay Pastor's salary
1921	mid week prayer and bible study began
1922	Rev. Burnett resigns
Jan 1923	Rev. Burnett rehired
Jan 1924	Rev A.H. Macleod asked to consider Pleasantville
April 1924	Call extended
Jan 1925	Pastor Denny
Jan 1926	Pastor McGibbon
Aug 1927	Pastor Akerly extended a call
May 1928	Pastor Akerly resigned Lic. B.J. Linton interim for the summer
Jan 1929	Rev. F.E. Haymore
Mar 1931	Rev. G.E. Levy
Nov 1932	Lic. G.H. Merseau offered to serve for half the salary due to the Great Depression
	((from 1933 to 1940, there is uncertainty about whether Pleasantville had a permanent minister – it seems that during this time period, most who came to serve were students from the Divinity school, and usually for one year each. They were also shared with Dayspring and Conquerall Bank. Pleasantville was also affiliated with Bridgewater as well as Dayspring, Lapland, and Conquerall Bank.))
1940	Rev. J.K. Allaby
1943	Lic. J.W. Scott
Jan 1945	Sadie Crouse appointed Clerk
Jan 1948	Harriet Corkum appointed organist
July 25, 1948	6 Baptisms in Lahave River, by Rev L.L. Kennedy
July 1949	Furnace installed: Men of the church dug the hole for the furnace
1952	Seth Crowell
1956	Clem Corkum church clerk
1959	Lic. Weldon Burlock. Evangelist L.R. Atkinson held special meetings, with Baptism service, 9 candidates
1961	Rev. Arthur Shepherd
1962	Rev. George Mullins
1963	consideration given to raising the church to create a cement floor and foundation
June 1963	New furnace purchased
May 1964	Discussion to build entry on the front of the church
July 1964	approval given for raising the church for foundations and floor



Nov 25, 1964	Lic. David Cook
Sept 1965	Lic. Stuart McLaren
October 18, 1965	Purchase of Parsonage. (to this point, parsonage was owned by Conquerall Bank, Dayspring)
Sept 1966	Lic. Lawson Aulenback
December 1967	Electric organ purchased
Jan 1968	Begin to consider hiring a Pastor independent of Bridgewater Baptist Church
Jan 1970	Lic. Glendon Lidstone extended a call
May 1970	Lic. Lidstone accepts and begins
July 1970	Lic. Lidstone dismissed (his beliefs were not in agreement with the stand taken by PBC)
April 1971	Lic. Kaj Binderup
July 1972	Consideration given to hiring a full time Pastor
Sept 1972	Rev. Ernest Nickerson is Pleasantville's first full time Pastor; Pleasantville no longer affiliated with Bridgewater Baptist Church.
Jan 1973	Church constitution development in beginning stages
June 1973	Bus ministry begins
1974	Contract awarded to Temple Bolivar to construct an addition of washrooms, classroom at the back of the church
Jan 1975	Finance Committee formed, preparation of the first budget for 1975
June 1975	Constitution accepted; motion approved to sell old parsonage and buy new one
Jan 1976	Sale withdrawn, repairs made
Jan 1978	Discussion begins re: expansion of church and addition of multipurpose room
Feb 18, 1979	Charles Sawatsky hired as Assistant Pastor
July 1, 1979	Rev. Nickerson resigns, Charles Sawatsky interim pastor
Sept 1979	Charles Sawatsky full time pastor
May-Sept 1980	Calvin Hood serves as summer student
March 1, 1981	Charles Sawatsky resigns
Mar 11, 1981	Barbara Corkum hired as full time janitor
April 1981	Jean Corkum resigns as clerk after many years of service. Barbara Corkum now appointed clerk
August 1981	Call extended to Rev. A.J. Burton; new parsonage purchased and old parsonage sold
September 1982	AWANA youth program begins
Jan 1983	Building Committee formed to discuss feasibility of expansion
Nov 27, 1985	Floor plans were presented
October 1987	Pastor Burton resigns, David Irvine fills in
Feb 1988	Constitution revised
July 1988	Rev. Douglas Porter begins
July 1988	Building Committee contacts architect for plans

October 1988	Mortgage acquired for construction
June 1989	Dedication of extension (sanctuary itself was also reversed)
Jan 1990	feasibility of opening New Cumberland and Dayspring churches
March 1990	New Cumberland opened for inspection with Rev. Harry Gardener, belong to AUBC Dayspring Baptist belongs to Bridgewater Baptist
June 1990	Pleasantville will open New Cumberland church again
Aug 1990	First service at new Cumberland
April 1991	Robert Knowles serves as summer student
June 1991	PBC votes to remain affiliated with AUBC
August 1992	Jonathan Beers serves as student pastor
April 1998	Parsonage sold; monies put in trust
May 5, 1999	Purchase of new Organ (Rogers Model 535)
Jan 31, 2002	Pastor Porter resigns
September 2002	Pastor Quincy Collins begins
August 2003	New parsonage purchased in Conquerall Bank
October 2005	130 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pleasantville Baptist Church!