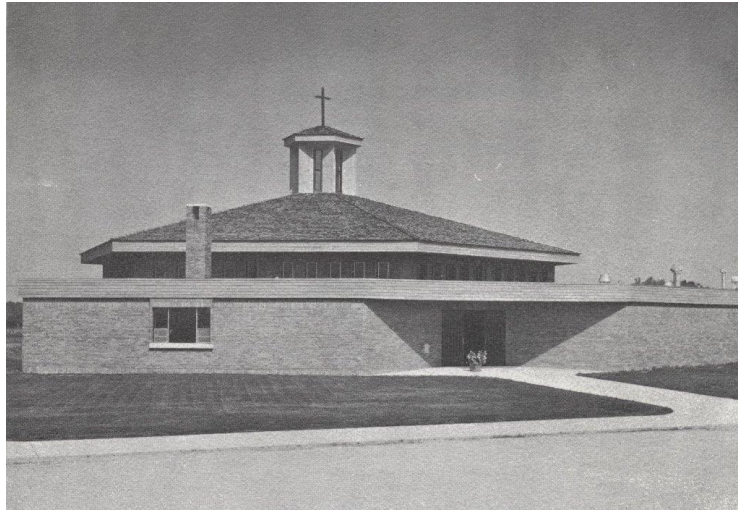


North American Baptist Heritage Commission

Church Histories



Redeemer Baptist, Oakdale Minnesota

Churches, like people, have beginnings and histories. Some are more complicated than others, with twists and turns here and there. Such is the case with Redeemer Baptist Church, which was a “daughter” church of a First Baptist church begun, 1849, in St. Paul, Minnesota by a New York pastor, Rev. Parsons. As the city’s population of ethnic groups grew, more churches were needed, so in 1873 the First German Baptist church was started. The church grew in its ministry to its German congregation, outgrowing the building and needing a new location.

That new location in 1891 required a new name, Daytons Bluff Baptist Church, which was dedicated with a final cost of \$16,500 for land and construction. That building housed valuable ministries until 1968 when a new building was constructed (\$297,000) with a name change to Redeemer Baptist Church of Oakdale, Minnesota in the ever-growing east side of St. Paul. But no matter what location, God’s Word has been faithfully proclaimed through the years.

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1873

Mortgage burning service Sept 22, 1985

Constitution and by-laws January 11114, 1983

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Postcard with picture of church sent in 1912.

Name at this time was Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church.