Growth And Departures

Christians & Disciples Come Together January, 1832
The Good News Spreads

During The Years 1832 & 1833 John Rogers & Raccoon John Smith Were Selected To Travel Throughout The Region To Make People Aware That Union Had Taken Place
The Printing Press Contributed To Union

B.W. Stone’s *Christian Messenger* & A. Campbell’s *Millennial Harbinger* Distributed The Message Of Union Among Christians, Later Others Like *Firm Foundation* & *Gospel Advocate* Continued The Unity Call
Some Highlights Over The Next Few Years


• 1836 – Bacon College Begins With Walter Scott As First President, Georgetown, Kentucky

• 1841 – Bethany College Begins

• 1844 – Nov. 9, B.W. Stone Dies In Hannibal, Missouri, Later Re-Interred At Caneridge, Kentucky, Christian Messenger Ceases Publication

• 1845 – January 1, Franklin College, Nashville, Tennessee Begins

• 1858 – Bacon College Becomes The University Of Kentucky At Harrodsburg, Kentucky, Moved To Lexington In 1865
Changes Causing Digression

- 1849 – Development Of The American Christian Missionary Society
- 1860 – Introduction Of Instrumental Music At Midway
- The Pastoral System In Congregations
- Alternative Ways Of Raising Money
The Incident At Midway, Kentucky

Adam Hibler Grave

L.L. Pinkerton Grave

Piano
The Church During The Civil War

• Leading Up To The War Discussion Of The Slavery Issue Was Discussed In Journals
• Some Like James Shannon In Missouri Were Strong Activists For Slavery
• Others Like Pardee Butler Of Kansas Was Equally Strong Activist Against Slavery
• Mississippi Preacher, T.W. Caskey Was Involved In Preparation Of The Document Leading To Secession In That State, 1861
• During War Many Lost Their Faith
• Many Enlisted In The Military, Preachers Became Chaplains
  – Fanning Visited Atlanta. Dr. A.G. Thomas, A Preacher, Wore A Feather In His Hat And A Glittering Sword In His Right Hand. Fanning Said He Doubted If Thomas Would Be Able To Hold The Word Of Georgia In One Hand And The Sword Of The Spirit In The Other – GA Vol VII, No. 2, Feb. 1861 p.39
  – W.H. Hopson Resigned His Post At Main Street Church Of Christ Lexington, Kentucky Because Of His Disposition Toward The South. J.W. McGarvey Took His Place, 1862
The Church During The Civil War

- 250 Boys From Hiram College Joined The Union Forces
- James A Garfield Was A Union Acquiring Rank Of Brigadier-General
- T.B. Larimore Served With The Southern Forces
- B.F. Hall Was Chaplain With The Texas Rangers

• Colleges & Publications Sought To Ignore The War Refusing Anti-War Articles To Be Printed
  - W.D. Carnes Sought To Keep It Out Of Franklin College, But When War Was Began The Entire Student Body Left, Joining The South
  - 1860, Fall Arkansas College Began At Fayetteville, William Baxter President, Battles At Pea Ridge And Prairie Grove Was Fought Nearby. School Burned

• Preachers Avoided It In Their Preaching
• Many Journals Ceased Publication For Economic Reasons
• Biggest Wedge Was When The Missionary Society Condemned The South, Southern Brethren Were Appalled, 1862
• Officially The Churches Of Christ Was The Only Church In The US Not To Split During The Civil War
After The Civil War

- Many Issues That Were Before The War Started Up Again
  - ACMS & The Instrument Of Music In Worship – Next 40 Years Takes Its Toll
  - Can Christians Fight In War Or Participate In Governmental Activities – e.g. President Garfield
- Alexander Campbell Dies March 4, 1866
- 1866 Christian Standard Begins With Isaac Errett As Editor – Devoted To A More Progressive Approach To Christianity
- 1866 The Gospel Advocate Restarts With Tolbert Fanning And A Young David Lipscomb As Co-Editors
- 1869 Henderson, Tennessee, Henderson Male & Female Institute Begins, Root School Out Of Which Would Later Come Freed-Hardeman University
Sand Creek Meeting

- August 18, 1889, Shelby County, Illinois
- An annual gathering place of conservative Disciples since 1871
- Above 6000 in attendance
- Daniel Sommer (1850-1940) presented the gospel in two speeches
  - Speech one outlined the differences that took place within the disciples movement
  - Speech two, in the afternoon, was an evangelistic sermon
  - A formal signing of a written declaration to separate from liberal Disciples was signed
Sand Creek Meeting

- Sommer discussed the intention of the “Declaration and Address” of September 7, 1809 by T. Campbell
- He reviewed the distinctive position of Disciples between faith and opinion, and between testimony and inference
- He then discussed the effect it had on the Disciples - Two Different Approaches Since 1832
  - Men who held that the plea for unity at all costs was paramount
  - Men who regarded the restoration principle as paramount
- Lastly, a bold charge that the former had abandoned soundness, and through innovation had “produced evils plaguing the brotherhood”
Sand Creek Meeting

• Sommer Charged — Disciples
  Innovation Included:
  – One-Man Pastorates
  – Missionary Societies
  – Modern Methods of Raising Money
    • Ladies Festival in one Ohio church to raise money for curtains and carpet for the meetinghouse
    • Children with “brown jugs on begging expeditions”
    • Box Suppers and Pound Parties
  – Instrumental Music In Worship

• Claimed That Urban Churches Were The Main Culprits In This Departure
Breakdown Of Movement

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Seven Signs The Brought Separation

- Tears Shed By Loyal Christians
- Angry and unchristian words and actions from liberals
- Strifes and alienations
- Divisions
- Lost opportunities to save souls
- Expenditures of time, money and strength
- Feuds, “heartburning and heartbreaking”
After The Civil War

• 1874 – Tolbert Fanning Dies At Elm Crag, Nashville, Tennessee
• 1884 – Firm Foundation Begins In Austin, Texas, Austin McGary Editor
• 1891 – Nashville Bible School Begins, Later Lipscomb University
• In The 1906 U.S. Census The Church of Christ And The Christian Church Was Recognized As Different Entities
Splintering Continues In The 20th Century

- March, 1917 Major Controversy In The College Of The Bible Exists Over The Subject Of Higher Criticism, Leading To A Major Split Among Christians, Enter: The Disciples Of Christ
- 1920s Controversies With R.H. Boll Over Premillennialism
- 1930s & 40s Relative Quietness Due To Economic Depression & War
- 1950s To 1970s Battles Over Support Of Institutions/Sunday School/Located Preachers/Christian Colleges/etc.