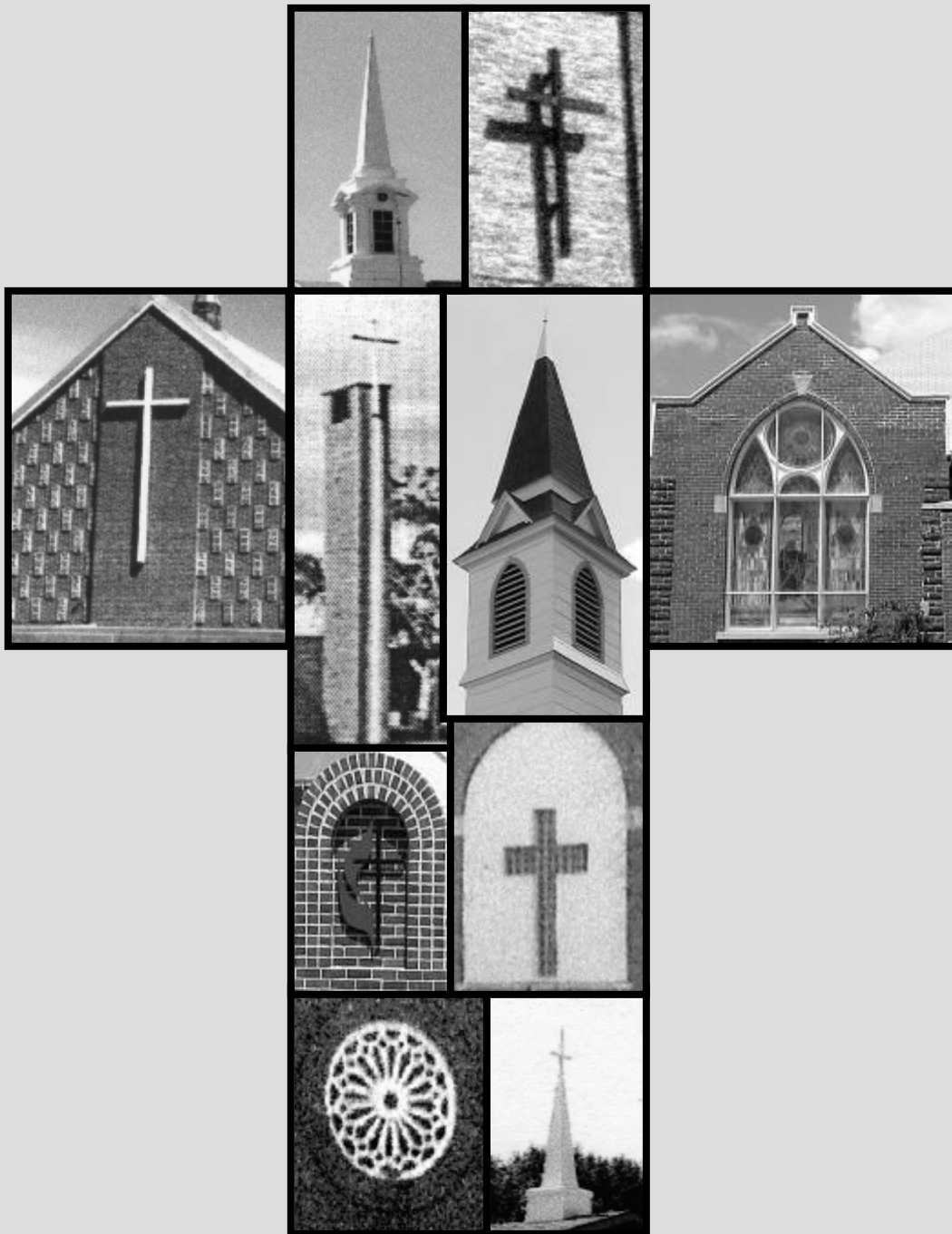


# Churches



**CHURCH OF GOD  
821 E. Barker**

*(The following is taken from the memories of Clara Rowland Farney.)*

*As memories come back to me, I realize how much that church meant to me. Mary Rowland, my mother, and her family moved to Tuscola from Indiana. Someone from the Church of God came to Tuscola to hold a revival. The first time Mother went to a meeting was in a building on north Niles St. It was later a grocery store about a block and a half south of North Line St. A new church was built at 200 E. Pembroke and dedicated in 1925. I remember having children's church in the basement during the Sunday evening services upstairs. We would sing and be told stories from the Bible.*

*On Dec. 7, 1941, I remember pastor Huston Beyers cried when he told the congregation that Pearl Harbor had been bombed. I knew from his crying that it was a pretty bad thing but I had no idea how bad until my four brothers: Archie, Robert, Chester and Leon went into service. I was eight years old. My mom, sister, Bertha, and I were left at home. My dad had died in 1939. My mother, Mary, and Bertha and I would clean the church and even start the furnace during those years when the men were in the service.*

*I received a good basic Christian education background there. It influenced my life and still does. I gave my heart to God when I was eleven years old during a revival one hot August. I hope I have instilled Christian living in my children that they will never forget. God has helped me so many times. When I needed Him, he was always there and has guided me throughout my life. I am thankful for Christian parents and for my sister who was my Sunday School teacher. Bertha always made sure to take me to youth rallies and conventions where I met other young people in the church. God bless the congregation there.*

In 2002, the congregation moved to their new location at 821 E. Barker and is presently under the leadership of Pastor Robert Hartley.



**CHURCH OF GOD DEDICATION  
AUGUST 2, 1925  
200 E. Pembroke**



**Church of God  
821 E. Barker**

**CHURCH of JESUS CHRIST of LATTER-DAY SAINTS**  
**1100 E. North Line Road**

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints of Tuscola was officially organized on December 21, 1997 and met in rented quarters in the west wing of Jarman Center. The church is commonly known by the nickname “Mormon” because of its member’s belief in the Book of Mormon as a volume of inspired scripture used in companionship with the Holy Bible, providing an additional witness to the divinity of Jesus Christ.

Formal dedication of their new building located at 1100 North Line Road was held on May 25, 2003. Named as presiding officer of the new congregation was James R. Hasler, Jr. He was assisted by two counselors: Alexander J. Ruggieri, Jr. of Tuscola and Ronald L. Bryant. The church has no paid clergy at the local level. Lay members are called to serve for periods of several years in leadership positions as directed by presiding officers of the church. The church has an emphasis on wholesome family values, good health practices and its strong organization for women. The church continues to sponsor a vigorous missionary program. Approximately 50,000 single young men and women, along with several thousand older married couples are presently serving as unpaid full-time missionaries for the church all over the world. Each missionary serves in an assigned area for 18-24 months and is supported financially by prior personal savings or family assistance.

The current branch presidency is Alex Ruggieri, president; 1<sup>st</sup> Counselor, Gerry Baumann; 2<sup>nd</sup> Counselor, Paul Baumann.



**Gerry Baumann, Alex Ruggieri,  
Paul Baumann**