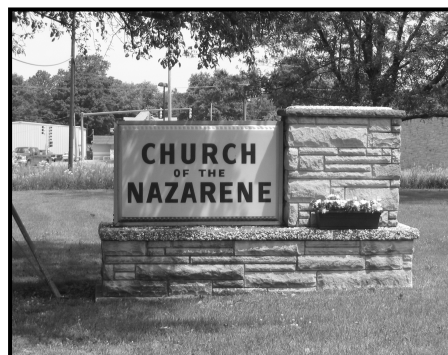


**THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
1001 EGYPTIAN TRAIL**

The Church of the Nazarene was formally organized in services on Sunday, November 19, 1933 at the church edifice located at 211 E. Overton Street. Reverend H. B. Garvin titled his sermon, "A Church with a Vision." The church was founded with a charter membership of 41. Officers elected were: Leigh Hilligoss, Oscar Meek and Remus Bashman, trustees; Mr. Burris, Mrs. Roderick, Mrs. Hilligoss and Mrs. Benskin, stewards.



November 22, 1973. "Mrs. Myrtle Benskin cuts Ribbon on the new home of The Church of the Nazarene as Rev. Glenn Eades (right) and the rest of the congregation look on. Mrs. Benskin, who is 93 years old, is the only remaining Charter member of the church, which was founded 40 years ago last Sunday"

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on November 22, 1973 at the new Nazarene house of worship, 1001 Egyptian Trail. The present pastor is Joe Carter who came in October, 2003.

MISSION STATEMENT

"To offer the love of Jesus Christ to everyone within reach and provide guidance in the lives of believers through the power of the Holy Spirit."

**Sunday Services: 9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
Wednesday: 7:00 P.M. Bible Study**

EAGLE MOUNTAIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD
401 E. Sale Street

On September 19, 1982, Pastor Doug and Rosemary Lowery came to Tuscola from Decatur to hold the first Maranatha church service at the community building at 2:00 P.M. after having held two services at their church in Decatur. The Lowerys held services on Sunday afternoons through December.

In January of 1983, Bob Goolsby, along with his wife, Mary, accepted the pastorate. At that time, Sunday evening services were also held as well as a Bible study on Wednesday evenings. After a couple of years, due to the increase in the size of the congregation more space was needed, so the fellowship once again rented space in the community building for the adults' Sunday morning services while Sunday School and evening services were held at the church building and the community building was no longer rented.

The property at 902 S. Court Street was purchased in 1992, and after complete renovation, the first church service on those premises took place on January 10, 1993.

Pastor Don Kopp, along with his wife, Kim, was voted in as pastor in February 1997.

The Methodist Church building at 401 E. Sale Street was purchased in the spring of 2002 and at that time, the congregation voted to change its name from Maranatha to Eagle Mountain Assembly of God. After extensive work was completed on the building, the congregation's first services were held in this building in March 2003.

Pastor Don Kopp resigned the pastorate in July 2004, and Pastor Darin Elder, along with his wife, Mary Ann, accepted the position on June 5, 2005.



EAGLE MOUNTAIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH
215 E. Pembroke

Faith Bible Church began August, 1981 as a Bible study in the home of Greg and Vicki Bare, led by Pastor Max Thomason of Charleston. In March, 1982 Faith Bible Church was established with Pastor Thomason and charter members: Greg and Vicki Bare, Max and Jenny Thomason, Rick and Judy Vest and Andy Williams. As the church grew, various locations were used: Omana Restaurant, Douglas County Manor Nursing Home, Pettitt Place, South Washington Street, 402 Southland Dr., and Garrett, IL. In 1994, the church decided to purchase the original Lutheran Church from Maranatha Assembly of God. The church name was changed to the **Faith Baptist Church**.

The purpose of the church is to show people, from the Bible, how they can know Christ as their Savior, to help Christians grow spiritually and to show Christ's love to others. Throughout the history of the church it has had many different ministries in the community including, "Phone-a-Story" for children, a weekly cable TV broadcast, evangelistic meetings and mission conferences, numerous Vacation Bible Schools and regular programs and activities for youth and teens, as well as adults.

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History of Pastors

- Max Thomason
- Marlin Chadbourn
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- Peter Ostrander
- Ross Pyle (interim)
- Jayson Garcia

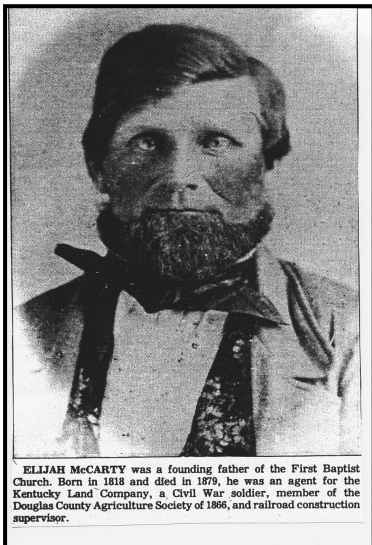
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
300 E.Daggy

The First Baptist Church of Tuscola was organized on May 29, 1858 by Rev G. W. Riley. The first services were held in the homes of members. The church was formally ordained in 1859. Its first and present building, which was for 30 years the largest church edifice in the community, was erected in 1865 at the cost of \$10,000 and sits at the northeast corner of Daggy and Court Streets. Mr. Elijah McCarty and Dr. I. N. Rynerson directed the building program. The building is of brick and measures 40 by 50 feet. Originally, it had a brick tower 90 feet high, which was a striking landmark, but also a source of worry as to its safety. While engineers assured as to its strength, the fears of the congregation eventually got the upper hand and the tower was removed down to the roof. The original tower never had a bell. Apparently, the members were not happy with a church without a steeple. This was remedied in 1892, when a steeple and bell were added to the edifice.

The church, like many other institutions, has seen its years of prosperity and its years of adversity. Remodeling has been done over the years. The steeple was removed in 1994. Lean years brought "supply ministers." The late 1990's brought solvency to the church and a full-time pastor was called. Dr. Elizabeth Killeen answered this call.

Interim pastors served after Dr. Killeen's departure until 2004 when Pastor Gerald Silver of Hume assumed part time duties.

Sunday Services are Sunday School at 9:30 A.M., Worship at 10:30 A.M.
Wednesday Bible study at 7 P.M. and Choir practice at 8 P.M.



ELIJAH McCARTY was a founding father of the First Baptist Church. Born in 1818 and died in 1879, he was an agent for the Kentucky Land Company, a Civil War soldier, member of the Douglas County Agriculture Society of 1866, and railroad construction supervisor.

Elijah McCarty
1818--1879



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 2006