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# The Spotlight is on . . . Our Churches!



## Russell, New York

The first Pilgrim Holiness Church of Russell, NY was organized June 4, 1935. It began as a small Sunday School in the Elm Creek neighborhood and was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pratt in 1933. After a successful revival meeting there were enough members to support a pastor. Rev. Benjamin Rickenbach, Sr. was called. He was followed by Rev. Donald Hardy, Rev. Alan Gilmore, Rev. Colin Grassie, the Revs. Carl and Sadie Shafer (1944 to 1946), Rev. Anna Pratt (1946 to 1951), Rev. Howard Curtis (1951 to 1953), Rev. Fred Hinderliter (1951 to 1966), Rev. Paul Case (1966 to 1972), Rev. Donald C. Myers (1972 to 1983), Rev. Wesley Hunting (1983 to 1985), Rev. Jude Parks (1985 to 1987), Rev. Robert Morehouse (1987 to 1994), Rev. David Howell (1994 to 1996), and Rev. Ronald Robison (1996 to 2004). For the past two years, services have been held without a pastor, but the church is eagerly anticipating the arrival of Bro. and Sr. Jeffrey McCallus, Jr., after Jeffrey graduates from Penn View Bible Institute in May! Praise the Lord for His faithful provision for this congregation!

In 1956 the land at Main and River Streets was purchased, and is now the location of the church and parsonage. The church was built and dedicated in 1956 under the leadership of Rev. Fred



Hinderliter, and the mortgage was burned in 1968. In the late 1980s, a ground breaking service was held and construction of a new parsonage was started on the property next to the church. While it was being built, the old parsonage caught fire around 4:00 a.m. on August 29, 1989, and was destroyed. Thank God no one was hurt!

The bell, which still sounds a beautiful tone to let the town know it's time for service to begin, was purchased from the Baptist church.

Because of its faithfulness over the years, the little Russell church has sent many to minister to others as preachers or missionaries. These include Rev. Billie B. Bidwell, the late Rev. Bobbie L. Bidwell, and Rev. Robert Morehouse, who have all pastored for the Pilgrim Holiness Church of NY; Sr. Betty (Durham) Smith, her husband Ronald Smith and their children labored as missionaries in New Guinea for several years.

God has been good to us in Russell, and souls have been saved because of the little church. May He continue to help us to stand by the Bible that people may continue to find Him. Praise His Holy Name!

—Submitted by Sr. Rachel Miner

