

The History of: **DOVER ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

A new church was erected at 4790 Carlisle Rd and later a parsonage was added in 1949.

The church building which was attached to the parsonage was replaced in 1974 under the leadership of Rev. James Murray. The mortgage for this church was burned in 1989 after the debt was satisfied.

In 1995 additional land was purchased adjacent to the church, along Harmony Grove Rd.

PASTORS:

Rev. Charles Crone	1930-1944
Rev. Arthur Hardt	1944-1945
Rev. James Gordan	1945-1949
Rev. Forrest Nelson	1949--1953
Rev. William Berringer	1953-1956
Rev. Henry Shaffer	1956-1958
Rev. Kenneth Clark	Feb-Dec 1958
Rev. John Beamer	1959-1966
Rev. James Murray	1966-1977
Rev. Herbert Wireback	1977-1989
Rev. Timothy Imes	1989-2002
Rev. David Sproul	2002-2006
Rev. Jeffrey Bender	2007-Present

Information for this was obtained from the following:

Pennsylvania-Delaware District Offices

- 1964 Dover Bicentennial Booklet
- 1993 Dover Historical Book
- Warrington Township Office
- Mrs. Mildred Crone
- Mrs. Gloria Latchaw

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“The Church of New Beginnings”

In 1920, two members of the United Brethren Congregation at Rohler's Union Church, having heard about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit traveled to Stone Church in Chicago. It was there that the two, Charles and Elmer Crone received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

In October of that year, (1920) and Evangelist named Eli Depriest came and held a meeting at Rohler's Union Church. Many people came to these meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, witnessing the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. By Saturday, the host church officials had a change of attitude concerning the use of their church for these teachings. On Sunday evening, the regular worshippers were padlocked out of the church.

Prayer meetings were held in homes throughout the area during the fall and winter months.

In 1930-1931, Rev. & Mrs. Charles Crone placed a tent in Rossville for evangelistic meetings for a few months. The church became organized in 1930. People filled the tent and many stood outside. When the weather became colder, they needed a church in which to worship. Clarence Harlacker donated land on Benedicts Rd (now Detter's Mill Rd) in Warrington Township.

In 1932 a church was built on this land. It was known as The Warrington Full Gospel Church as well as The Wellsville Full Gospel Church. The building has since been converted to a residence.

In 1940, the church was established as Dover Assembly of God and Rev. Charles Crone became the first pastor.



ORIGINAL CHURCH ON BENEDICT'S RD
AS IT IS TODAY

In 1943, the pastor and members decided to relocate along the "hard road" (now known as Carlisle Rd or Route 74) in Dover Township. A new church was erected at 4790 Carlisle Rd in 1943 and a parsonage was added in 1949.



ORIGINAL CHURCH & PARSONAGE
ON CARLISLE RD-circa1950