

## **Monticello Methodist Church**

Captions of Museum

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The Monticello Methodist Church was first a school for the Shawnee Indian children that was authorized in 1850 by the Indian Mission Conference of the Methodist Church South.

Through the following years Sunday School and church services were held in the Monticello, Virginia, Lone Elm, Round Prairie, and Wilder school buildings. In 1880, the Monticello Methodist church was built for the sum of \$2000. Services and Sunday School were still held in the above mentioned schools for a number of years after the church was built. Fifteen years later the building was destroyed by lightning. The new building which is the one standing on the corner of 75<sup>th</sup> and Gleason was built that year. The church was used for 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation ceremonies for most of the schools in the Monticello Township. Clubs and organizations such as 4-H and Scout groups have also used the building as a meeting place.

Now there are numerous churches within the Monticello Township boundaries and more are being built as the population grows.