

REMEMBER PASTOR

"I remember him well", Miss Elizabeth Tinline, 92 year old resident of King, and possibly the oldest living member of the church, told the Telegram. Speaking of John Tawse, who went from place to place, preaching and visiting his people, on horseback; Miss Tinline said, "He was a big rugged Scotsman and he had a heart as big as a house. I can still recall sitting on my Father's knee as a little girl, looking up into his face as he preached. That was in the old log church. The pulpit was at one side of the church and stood at least six feet off the floor.

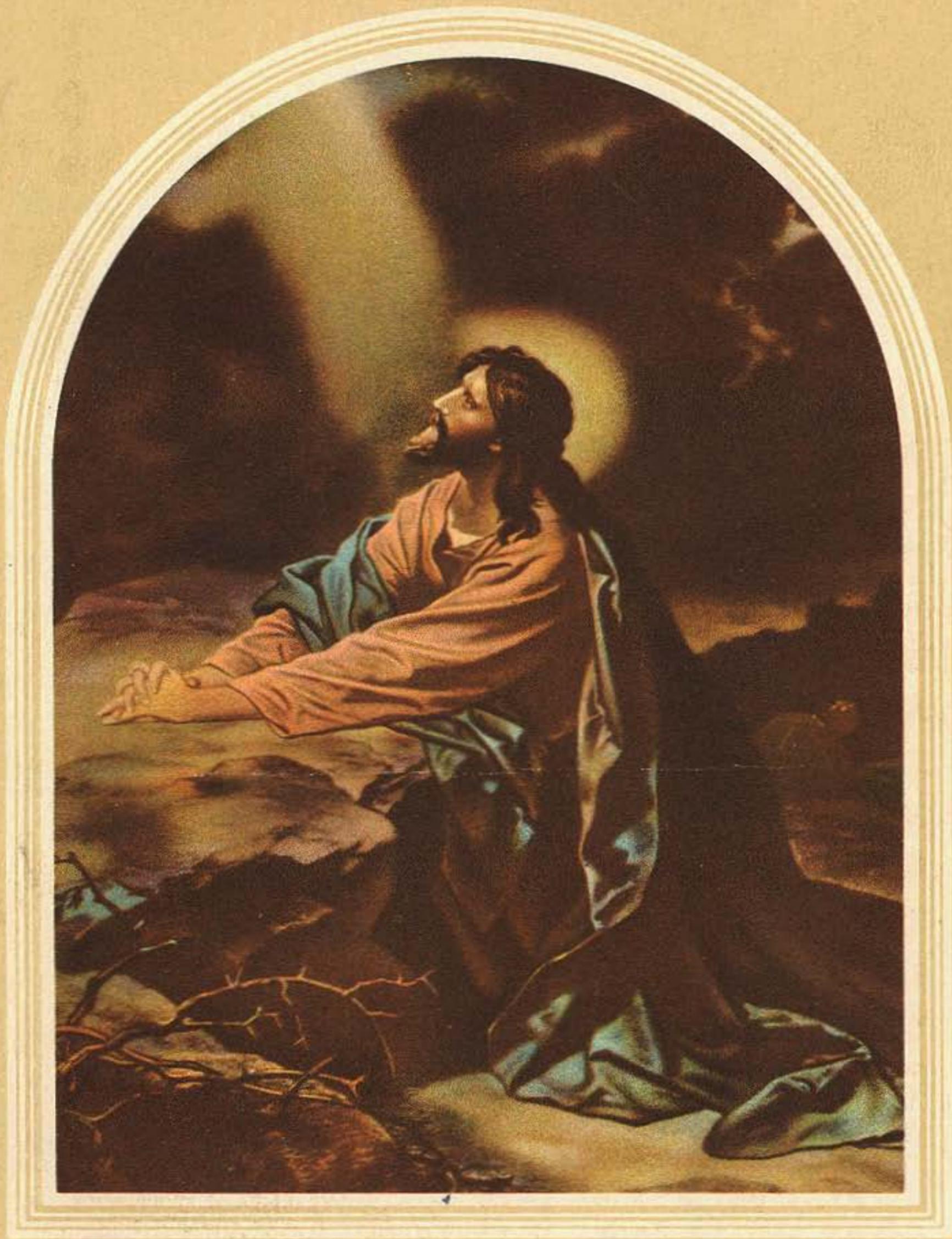
"There were no pews in those days, just long rows of benches. Below the minister stood the precenter, who started all the hymns. Of course there was no organ or choir, but the happy group of people joined lustily in singing those old Presbyterian hymns."



Miss Elizabeth Tinline

member of Presbyterian church and
School teacher at Strange for
sixteen years - 1885 - 1901, and
lived to be over 90 years of age.





1876 PRIMITIVE METHODIST PREACHER'S PLAN - LASKAY CIRCUIT 1877

"Arise O God, plead Thine own Cause"

Stewards	Places	Hour	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	Preachers	Hymn
Love the brotherhood of God	Why is the house of God forsaken	Gen Time					whose power his first in the Lord shall be safe	Who'll be the next to follow Jesus
W. Warren	Laskay	6½					1 H. Harris	
W. Dalton	Nobleton	2½					2 G. J. Reeve	
R. Archibald	Eighth Line	10					3 W. Nixon	
	"	6½					4 T. Reynolds	
J. Reynolds	Salem	2					5 W. Lind	
W. Kirby	Hope	2					6 D. Archibald	
T. Cook	Carrville	6½					7 W. Denton	
W. Penny	Patterson	2½					8 H. Diceman	
M. Martson	Thompson's	10					9 J. Johnson	
	"	6½					10 J. Ireland	
J. Scott	Ebenezer	10					11 W. Reynolds	
	"	6½					12 J. J. Grimshaw	
G. Walker	Aurora	10½					13 J. Coombs	
J. Usherwood	"	6½					14 E. Gardiner	

Circuit Steward
C. Nixon

Circuit Committee

Bros J. Baldwin

W. Nixon

T. Cook

A. Diceman

J. Craddock

W. Warren

G. Coombs &

W. Knight

Notices The Quarterly Business meeting will be held at
Ebenezer on Sat. Jan 27 at 1.30 P.M. the religious
Service on Sun. 28 at the same Place at 10.30 A.M.

Sabbath School tea Meeting Salem Dec 20th 1 P.M.

Laskay " 23rd 4 P.M.

Missionary Meetings Jan 8th Salem 9th Laskay 10th Eighth Line Deputation Revs.

J. W. Robinson & T. Sirms Jan. 15th Thompson's 16th Patterson 17th Carrville 18th Hope Revs

U. Reid & J. F. Oakley Jan 22 Nobleton 23rd Ebenezer 24th Aurora Revs C. Lazenby & J. Dennis

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HISTORY OF CHURCHES

Primitive Methodist -later United.

The Primitive Methodists were the first to hold religious services in Laskay, the meetings being held in the Cooper shop in 1852 and until 1856, when the first church was erected.

Mr. Baldwin donated to the Primitive Methodists, land situated on the 6th con. upon which to build their church and parsonage.

The church was a wooden structure and the entrance was at the east side near the end where the pulpit stood. The seats were built so that each row was a step above the other, rising towards the back.

The church was well attended and old timers say one had to go early in order to get a seat.

Sunday School picnics were held in the woods on the south-east corner of the townline and con. 6. Everyone went and had a wonderful time. The trees were so close together children put up swings between them.

The parsonage stood where Smith's cottage is at present, south of the church.

For twenty-five years the singing was led by a negro, Richard Barnard. He had been a slave in the States and escaped to Canada. Mr. Barnard could not read a word but the preacher would read the verses, two lines at a time, so he could memorize them. His voice was very melodious and his singing was admired by all who listened to him.

The old church was torn down and the cornerstone of the new brick church was laid in 1904.



METH. CHURCH
LASKY



**Best Christmas
Wishes**



*Sweet Christmas! welcome be thy day
Most joyous of the year
When Gladness holds her merry sway
And fills the earth with cheer*

