

Information Sheet

R **Grace Methodist Church (Cape Girardeau, Mo.).**
776 **Centennial booklet, 1955.**
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This is *100 Years to the Glory of God*, a booklet published to celebrate the centennial of Grace Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. The congregation was organized as Ebenezer German Methodist Episcopal Church in 1855, and became Grace Methodist Episcopal Church in 1923.

Antonette Hunze (1809-1892) founded Ebenezer German Methodist Episcopal Church at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, in 1855. By 1858 a Sunday School had been started, and in 1860 the first Quarterly Conference was held. Activities were suspended for much of the Civil War, but services have been unbroken since 1864. Until 1913 the church's services and activities were conducted entirely in German, but by 1922 English had become the only language in official use. In 1923, reflecting the close of the German period and affiliation with mainstream Methodism, the congregation adopted the name of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church. After unification of Methodism's northern and southern wings in 1940 the name became Grace Methodist Church.

This 36-page booklet includes historical material, photographs and drawings of past and proposed church buildings, portraits of leaders, a roster of pastors, and an alphabetical list of the approximately 800 "resident members" in 1955.

Today (2002) the congregation is known as Grace United Methodist Church.

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