

## To the glory of God!

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Okolona Presbyterian Church began in the late 1940's as a satellite ministry of First Presbyterian Church. In the beginning, it was a very rural church, but over the years as urban sprawl has increased, it has become more urban than suburban.

The building at 8015 Shepherdsville Road was erected in the late 1950s and dedicated to "The Glory of God" in April, 1961. Okolona has a current membership of 46 active members and several faithful friends of the church who attend regularly and are active in the life of the church. We have mostly "seasoned citizens" in worship but children & their member parents attend sporadically. We have an average Sunday worship attendance of 37.

Our worship is leisurely, but we are serious about worshiping God. We use many hymnals, old, new and ecumenical. We celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month and on holidays. The congregation is our choir.

We have an active Sunday school, Tuesday morning Bible Study and we gather during the Lenten and Advent seasons for fellowship, food and devotion. We also gather on special days for polluck after worship.

As a congregation, we are constantly attentive to listening for God's direction for outreach to the surrounding community. Our members are active in outreach ministry to the community through "Meals on Wheels" deliver and helping with soup kitchens at other churches in our area. They volunteer their time and talents at local nursing homes by serving communion and visiting residents to act as their advocates and to meet resident's needs.

We are serious about mission work, both at home and abroad. We contribute a generous amount to the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery, participate in the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox program and the congregation has "adopted" two orphans in Ethiopia through World Vision. We are in our fourth year of support for the orphans and their families.

The congregation ministers to one another and comes together as a congregation beyond Sunday worship through our community garden, work around the church and grounds, as well as regular quarterly cleaning days.