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THE RUSSELL CREEK ASSOCIATION OF KENTUCKY BAPTISTS

The Russell Creek Association of Kentucky Baptists, which was originally a part of the Green River Association of Kentucky Baptists, was organized in 1804, by the getting together of eleven churches on the waters of Green River and Rolling Fork River.

The churches forming the body came out of Green River Association and were: Meadow Creek, Brush Creek, Mt. Gilead, Good Hope, Zion, Trammel's Creek, South Fork, Liberty, Lynn Camp, Pitman Creek and Otter Creek.

The eleven churches had a total in membership of 457, an average per church of 44 3/11 members. Thus, association number seven of Kentucky Baptists became an independent body and started on the long glorious duty of taking His Gospel to the ends of the earth.

The joint coming together of the eleven churches was held in the upper end of Green County, now Taylor County, on September 8, 1804, with the Pitman Creek Church, about one and one-half miles nearly north of the present site of Campbellsville, the said Pitman Creek Church being the present Campbellsville Baptist Church, where the one hundred and fiftieth birthday of this association was held.

To begin their coming together and organization, the messengers of the eleven churches agreed on Eleven Articles of government and procedure. At this meeting, it was ordered that Quarterly Meetings be held among the churches. Four of the first eleven churches were in Green County, and they were the present Brushy Creek, Mt. Gilead, Trammell's Creek and Meadow Creek. Two of them, Good Hope and Pitman Creek in what is now Taylor County; Zion in Adair County; South Fork and Otter Creek in LaRue County; Liberty in Marion County; and Lynn Camp in Hart County. It is very unfortunate that those eleven articles of union, government and procedure agreed upon on September 8, 1804, by the eleven churches is now lost.

The second meeting of the Russell Creek Association was held with the Church at Brush Creek, Green County, in 1805. This church, with a membership of 230, stands as a beacon light for all that section of the country.

Third session, held in 1806, at the Meadow Creek Church, also in Green County, and located on Little Meadow Creek, at this time and place this very important question was up for discussion and action: "Is it not the duty of the association to adopt some measure to extend the preaching of the Gospel to the places that are destitute, at least to the frontier of our State?" The question was answered in the affirmative, with the taking of steps toward the furthering of District Missions and State Missions.

How much longer this church continued to function and send messengers to the association after about 1830, is not known. The work was being hampered this early by the vexing questions of State Rights and Slavery. But the cause of Missions would not be put down and though very little progress was being made the last few years, there came a very bright spot on the religious calendar by the appearance of Brother Luther Rice at the

1815 session, meeting with the Church at Sand Lick, which is now Friendship. Brother Rice was invited to address the association. He did so, taking for his theme the matter of Missions, especially Foreign Missions. It is said that the people were profoundly impressed by his powerful appeal, and they resolved unselfish things be done by taking a positive start in all missions. A collection was taken after Brother Rice had finished his earnest effort and the sum of one hundred and fourteen dollars and fifty cents was turned over to Brother Rice for missions. This was, perhaps, the greatest boost ever given the cause of Missions in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. It was not the size of the collection taken, but for the first time the people were really and truly awakened to the importance of contributing to missions, whether at home or abroad.

Regardless of the vexation of spirit and differences of opinion, the association joined the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, in 1883 and continued in promoting the preaching of the gospel; and in 1836, many protracted meetings were held throughout the bounds of the association.

A firm stand was taken by this body against the Alexander Campbell Movement. A case of it is recorded in the way John Steele, who was nominated by the 1829 session to preach the introductory sermon for the next session, which was in 1830, when he was flatly refused that honor and privilege, because he had embraced Campbellism between the sessions. This positive and manly action was taken by the Russell Creek Association while the session was being held with the Church at Pitman Creek, which is now the Campbellsville Baptist Church.

When it was announced that the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky was to be organized in 1837, the Russell Creek Association approved the movement and sent seven prominent preachers as messengers to the first meeting. In 1856, some of the churches went to the Lynn Association. Yet, with all this and the more troublesome question of the approaching conflict of war, the churches of the Russell Creek Association had grown to 26 and the membership to 2,187, in 1861. During the next ten years it is said that about three hundred colored members were lost from the membership. This body, nor the churches, did not send messengers to the General Association that was meeting with the Church at Covington, in the northern part of the State, because of unsettled conditions and strife. As the war clouds rifted during the latter part of the eighteen sixties and people began reasoning for righteousness instead of war, the cause again began to prosper and by the end of 1871, there were 2,349 members and thirty-two churches in the Russell Creek Association. It was at this 1871 session when the body was considering alien baptism and when the messengers expressed themselves as follows: "Resolved, that the Association does not consider any person baptized, unless he has been immersed in water, in the name of the Trinity, by the authority of a regularly organized Baptist Church."

The number of churches in 1880 was thirty-three and the membership had grown to 2,668, by 1915 forty-four churches were recorded and reported 4,407 members. In 1947, forty-six churches made report to the Russell Creek Association, accounting for 6,742 members.

The one hundredth session of the Russell Creek Association was held with the East Fork Church, in Metcalf County, on September 14th, 15th,

and 16th, 1904. James Garnett, of Columbia, Kentucky, was the Moderator; and E. F. Tucker, of Greensburg, Kentucky, the Clerk. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Bro. J. P. Scruggs which was reported as a, "Strong and forceful discourse." Bro. J. S. Gatton led the song and prayer service and suggested that the body sing the song, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." The 42 churches reported a membership of 3,682.

As the bad feeling that was left by the scars of the Civil War began to wear off, especially after twenty years had passed since the terrible conflict had ended, there seemed to be a general desire on the part of the people to forget the past and go in for better and more glorious things, resulting in the building of larger and better houses of worship and the organizing of stronger educational institutions, the one closest to us having been the Russell Creek Baptist Academy, which was talked about from session to session till the association met at Salem in 1900 and started the business of making the school a reality.

The effort for a better school culminated in the opening of the Russell Creek Baptist Academy at Campbellsville, Kentucky, in 1906, which became Campbellsville College in 1924.

Among the preachers who served the association during the first fifty years were these: Baldwin Clifton, William Matthews, Elijah Summers, Thomas Skaggs, Thomas Whitman, Jonathan Paddox, John Harding.

There are now 46 ordained ministers serving more or less time in the association. Space forbids the naming of them, but their names may be found on page 44 of the 1953 session of this body's Minutes. And in the same minutes are given the names of the 48 churches, which have a membership, according to the 1953 Minutes, of 9,127.

This association is premised on a constitution of twelve Articles, two of the most important being: "The body disclaims all right of exercising authority over any church, hereby acknowledges that every church is independent, and within it's own sphere, it is accountable to no body of men upon the earth." The other : "The Purpose of this body will be to consider the various interests of the Lord's work committed to His churches in obeying the command to "preach the Gospel to every creature." So, on this the 23rd day of September, 1954, at the sesquicentennial looking back over these hundred and fifty years and finding that a great deal has been done, as well as finding that much has been left undone, the sacrifices of those who have gone before must be used to inspire the present and future generations to greater and better things in the coming days and years. New responsibilities and duties lie ahead that must be met with the same love and determination demonstrated by those who have gone before in laying the foundation on which the work stands.

Inspired by the Spirit of Him who doeth all things well, the work shall certainly go forward, knowing that even greater things can be done under conditions so much more favorable than those under which the men and women labored who blazed the trail in the years gone by.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF CAMPBELLSVILLE COLLEGE



The Baptists of the Russell Creek Association for a number of years prior to the erection of the buildings of the Russell Creek Academy, realized that they needed to give their children something a state school could not give—a Christian education. They wanted a school where the Bible would be taught daily. This sentiment became so great that in 1900 at the Association at Salem, a committee was appointed to raise funds to build a school, but nothing much was accomplished until 1906, when the work was begun on the building. The first school began in September, 1907, with Professor W. G. Welbourn as Principal.

At a meeting of the General Association of Kentucky Baptist in Covington in November, 1923, authority was given the trustees to raise Russell Creek Academy to the rank of junior college. As a result of this action the legal requirements for changing the corporate name were met and Russell Creek Academy became Campbellsville College which opened its doors as such in 1924.

In April, 1927, the college became an accredited institution by the University of Kentucky. In 1933 the college was admitted to membership in the Kentucky Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools which was organized in that year. It was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools December 1, 1949. It has for several years held membership in the American Association of Junior Colleges.

Campbellsville College stands for the building of Christian character and Baptist leadership. A thorough knowledge of the Bible by each student, a personal religious experience on the part of every student, and training in Baptist doctrine are recognized as being essential factors in fulfilling the institution's aim to educate for Christian leadership. The college has failed with any student who does not go back to his home community better prepared for usefulness in his local church. To these ends the Bible is given prominent place in the life of the school.

Campus prayer services are held each morning and noon in the chapel and each evening in the Girl's Dormitory. Students are urged to attend the weekly prayer service in the local churches.

Campbellsville College students go to church, and it is expected that all will attend Sunday School and at least one church service each Sunday in the churches of their denominational choices.

The college has continued to grow until now we have a Music and Chapel building in addition to Boy's Dormitory, Physical Education building, Girl's Dormitory, and a new annex to the Girl's Dormitory. It has a wood-working shop and student inn. There are twelve efficiency apartments for housing married students also five barrack apartments. Six cottages, and the Dean's Home have recently been added. The President's Home is on the corner lot next to the campus. The College Appartments located on the corner of Central and Robinson has four, four-room apartments.

A total of twenty-six workers are on college payroll. There are twenty-four members of trustee board, six members being appointed each year, and they serve for four years.

The college enrolls around 325 students each year and on last year eight states, five foreign countries, and forty-four counties were represented in its enrollment.

The newest department in the College is the Commerce School in which the church secretary, the office secretary, bookkeeper, typist, and business machine operator is trained.

Students may secure two years of training plus Christian influence.

BEECH GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH



The Beech Grove Baptist Church was organized July 21, 1899, by Elder J. E. Scott and Rev. John Berry.

The names of the pastors are as follows:— J. E. Scott, John Berry, J. W. Crawley, John Ferrill, John Dudgeon, W. T. Underwood, W. L. Sprowles, B. J. Skaggs, R. A. Smith, B. J. Hook, T. E. Ennis, W. A. Kirtley, N. L. Cantrell, W. L. Pierce, S. A. Edwards, W. T. Jewell, T. S. Curry, D. L. Druien, R. L. Patterson, Asa W. Jones, C. C. Bryant. Bertie Smith is the present pastor.

The membership is 200. We have a W. M. S. with an enrollment of 15, a Sunday School with an enrollment of 112, and a Training Union with an enrollment of 74.

A former pastor, Asa W. Jones, resigned to become a Chaplain in the Navy. He will soon be going to Japan for duty there.

The new church building was erected in 1938. It consists of an auditorium with two Sunday School rooms and a full size basement divided into five Sunday School rooms.

We voted to go full time a year ago and are nearing completion of a modern six-room brick parsonage.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH



Bethlehem Baptist Church was organized at Temperance School in a grove on the 25th of July, 1892, with 18 members of which two remain, J. T. Leftwich and Mrs. E. B. Shirrell.

Reverend J. W. Campbell was the first pastor and organizer. T. H. Coffey was first clerk of the church. The first church building was built on the old Greensburg and Milltown road, three miles south-east of Greensburg, Green County, Kentucky.

The first church was dedicated on the 25th of July, 1894 by Reverend J. W. Crawley, pastor. Other pastors serving the church are as follows :

E. W. Coakley, Hugh Bell, W. S. Dudgeon, T. E. Ennis, W. J. Levi, W. B. Cave, B. J. Skaggs, L. A. Pendleton, J. J. Ferrell, H. S. Puckett. and our present pastor, Rev. Manley Towles.

On the first Saturday in April, 1952, we agreed to build a new house on the grounds of the old building with a basement for Sunday School rooms. First services were held in the basement on the fourth Saturday in October, 1952, and in the auditorium on the fourth Saturday in December, 1952. We now have 118 members with services on each fourth Saturday and Sunday of the month and Sunday School every Sunday morning.

We have ordained as ministers the following :— Marshall Ferrell, D. B. Gupton, Reuben Sutton, J. J. Ferrell.

BIG CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH



Big Creek Baptist Church was organized by Nathaniel Wilson in his home on the headwaters of Big Creek, with four members on the third Saturday in October, 1835. Young Nathaniel Wilson and William Smith were ordained to the deaconship. Nathaniel Wilson served as pastor for eleven years.

According to the best information available the first building was built about two miles south of the present location in 1837. The building was moved from the first location to the headwater of Big Creek about 1845. It was then moved from that location to the present location about 1894.

An interesting item in the old records shows that at each business meeting in the early days one of the first things each time was to call for the "peace of the church."

John B. Shirley served as church clerk for a period of thirty-two years; also W. L. Fletcher later served for a number of years.

The records show that Jones W. Hill was licensed by this church and Visua Nelson ordained.

Some of the pastors who have served the church are: B. Y. Wilson, H. T. Jessie, W. B. Cave, J. N. Walbert, J. E. Scott, T. M. Pardue, C. A. Thomas, W. E. Slinker, C. W. McCubbins, N. L. Cantrell, S. B. Rowe, W. L. Wroe, Kelly Judd, E. D. Roberts, C. E. Pickett, J. Roach, A. D. Milby, M. C. Wells, Walter Hubbard, Abraham Berry, Joe Stotts, Coy Jeffries, Hubert Brown, Walter Compton and John Jones, the present pastor.

The present membership is 83 and 41 enrolled in Sunday School. The church is doing some repair work on the inside and outside of their church building.

BRUSH CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH



The Brush Creek Baptist Church was organized somewhere on the waters of Pitman Creek in the year 1791. The name of the first pastor is not known. The number of charter members is unknown. One record shows that the church was organized by Benjamin Lynn and William Green and that the families of Elder William Graham, James Gordon, John Duncan, and Edward Lewis were included among the charter members. Benjamin Lynn served the church as the first pastor.

From our church records and from the older members of Brush Creek Church it seems fairly certain that Brush Creek Church has worshipped in four different buildings,

The first building was erected in 1791 somewhere on Pitman Creek. Nothing is now known of this building as to what material was used in construction.

The second building was a log building located on the hill above the church where the present building now stands. The date of its construction is not known.

The third building was a brick building constructed on the ground near the place where the present building now stands. The date of its construction is not known,

The fourth building Which is now in use is a frame structure and was built in 1876. The building committee was J. Noe, James Money, and E. Perkins. The committee hired W. L. Ramsey to build the church for \$280.00.

We do not have a complete record of our church and can not give the names of all the preachers ordained by our church. Some are as follows : N. L. Cantrell, A. D. Milby, and C. W. McCubbins.

Our present pastor is Rev. Nobel Cottrell, Magnolia, Kentucky. Our church has half-time preaching on the first and third Sundays.' Our present membership is 280.

The organizations in our church are as follows : We have a Sunday School which had an average attendance in 1953 of 63 and enrollment of 106. We have recently organized a Baptist Training Union in our church. Our church is a typical one room rural church without any separate rooms for Sunday School classes and for our Training Union.

Some of the preachers who have served as our pastor during our past are as follows : D. L. Druin, Berlin Cantrell, N. I., Cantrell, Irvin Hudgins, A. D. Milby, and Joe Stotts.

CAMPBELLSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH



The church on Pitman Creek, which is now known as the Campbellsville Baptist Church, built a meeting house on what is known as Little Pitman Creek in 1802, about one and one half miles from where Campbellsville now stands and about twelve miles from Greensburg, as the site was then in Green County.

The senior part of the congregation had been functioning at what was known as the Robinson Creek site about two miles west of where Campbellsville is and where the organization was effected in 1791, and where, in the home of John Harding, the church was organized.

The house was erected on Wyant's Branch and, though there is now no part of the house standing, the church cemetery, which was hard by, can still be seen and some of the head stones noticed as we look straight ahead on highway 70 and just before turning right to cross Wyant as we go by the Wyant School House. The house on Pitman was commenced in 1802 and not finished till about 1806, when the final touches were put on by which time it was boasted that the house stood east and west, having two porches, like Solomon's Temple, and a gallery in one end for the colored members — After erection of the house on Pitman, little is heard of the Robinson Creek part of the organization, except that in the years of 1800 to 1804 messengers from these branches of the church took part in the Green River Association. This church became a member of the Russell Creek Association upon the formation of the said association, which was in 1804 and at the Pitman Creek Church. The church was represented at the 1804 session of the association by Jonathan Cowherd, Philipp Crowder, Abraham Harding, John Chandler, Rev. James Hill, James Colvin, Rev. Baldwin Clifton, and

Richard Shipp. Just a little as to how the meeting house was 'erected, "Let it be known that brethern Stephen Harding, Brother. Isbel, Thomas Harding and Richard Shipp agreed to furnish the logs; that brethren Clifton, Ambrose Shipp, and Brother Baldwin agreed to furnish the weight poles, which said poles were used in holding the roof boards on and in place, and to clear the land where the house was to be built; while Brother Chandler agreed to furnish the boards for the roof." Reverend Baldwin Clifton was pastor from 1802 to 1807, Reverend John Mulkey - one year; Rev. Isaac Hodgen - several years; and John Harding - longest pastorate. The church moved to the town of Campbellsville in 1852 and erected a frame house on the corner of First North Street and Columbia Avenue and in this house worshipped 'till it was decided to move it and place in its stead the brick now owned by the Cumberland Presbyterians. This house was built under the leader-ship of the Rev. W; B: Arvin in 1889 and 1890; and, the first service held in the new building was the funeral of Brother Arvin, While the last service held therein by this congregation was the 'funeral of his beloved wife.

This church at present, has three Missions, two organized since the coming of the present pastor, with one in the east end of Taylor County at Rakes Hill, another on Wilson Creek, near Yuma, and the third at Walnut Hill was organized during the pastorate of Dr. Morrison, in the north section of Campbellsville, which has grown to such proportions that it has full time services under the pastorate of the Rev. John W. Farmer. In 1911, a Sunday School was organized in what is now South Campbellsville, the settlement taking its name from the Sunday School, by Abel Harding and H. S. Robinson, and which organization, under the sponsorship of the Campbellsville Baptist Church grew by leaps and bounds till now it is one of the leading churches in the Russell Creek Association. In 1915 and 1916, while L. C. Kelly was our pastor, the present home was erected on the Robinson lot between Central Avenue and Robinson Avenue, where there is now being constructed a three story educational annex 62x113¹/₂, and where there is ample room for parking. We very much regret being unable to furnish the names of the pastors who served the church between the pastorates of John Harding and W. B. Arvin. Without giving the time and date served during that period, we know of pastors, Rev. George W. Robertson, Rev. Henry McDonald, Rev. G. A. Colston, and Rev. Willis Peck.

Church lore says that George W. Robertson was pastor in 1852, and that G. A. Colston was serving as pastor in 1870.

This church was among the first, if not the very first, to conduct Bible Institutes, commencing with J. S. Gatton, R. F. Jaudon and L. C. Kelly. These meetings were held for many years, being led by our strongest men, among them being Lee R. Scarbrough, M. E. Dodd and T. T. Martin, it falling to the lot of M. E. Dodd and T. T. Martin to hold and conduct some of our most telling revivals and wherein scores were led to Christ, baptized and joined the church,

Beginning with W. B. Arvin, who came to the church as pastor in 1880 and served ten years, we give, and in order, the pastors of this church from Bro. Arvin to date: A. C. Graves, J. M. Thomas, J. M. Vardeman, J. W. Loving, A. C. Cree, D. P. Montgomery, J. B. Bozeman, J. S. Gatton, R. F. Jaudon, L. C. Kelly, W. W. Horner, H. S. Summers, D. P. Montgomery, G. D. Faulkner, James L. Robinson, Harvey S. Morrison, and J. Chester Badgett.

At present our pastor is Dr. J. Chester Badgett with Bro. Lee Edwards as Superintendent of Sunday School. The Superintendent of the three missions are Aubrey Dix - Walnut Hill ; Jerry Cox - Rakes Hill; and Henry Mardis - Yuma.

This touches only the hem of the garment of the happenings of this church. Looking forward with a hope for peace on earth and good will toward men, there is only one source, The Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who has told us to carry on till He shall come again.

CANE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



The Cane Valley Baptist Church was organized November 12, 1886, with 13 charter members, namely: W. S. Dudgeon, R. T. Dudgeon, Zachariah Smith, F. P. Rice, Joseph R. Rice, Miss Sallie Keeney, Miss Sarah L. Dudgeon, Mrs. Nannie M. Dudgeon, Mrs. Eliza A. Dudgeon, Mrs. Martha A. Bumgarner, Miss Mary A. Bumgarner, Mrs. Mattie R. Rice, Mrs. Elizabeth Jenny Smith.

It is not on record, but tradition has it that Rev. J. H. Riffe was organizer of this church, which was organized in the old Union church building in Cane Valley and regular services were held there until they built a building of their own, which was built on land donated to the church for that purpose by W. S. Dudgeon, this being located near a cemetery on Highway 55 on the land where the dwelling house of Nancy M. Paxton now stands. It was dedicated June 5, 1889.

W. S. Dudgeon and Zachariah Smith were deacons. R. T. Dudgeon, clerk, and J. H. Rife, pastor. Four ministers are known to have been ordained by this church. — James L. Curry, September 17, 1887; G. S. Cook, December 15, 1888; W. B. Cave, December 14, 1892; W. S. Dudgeon, July 4, 1895.

In 1911 during the pastorate of Rev. Howerton, this church building was torn down and rebuilt near the central part of Cane Valley on land purchased from Mrs. Lara E. Christie. The following ministers are known to have served as pastors since its organization:

J. H. Riffe, S. H. Vires, W. S. Dudgeon, W. B. Cave, F. W. Breeding, J. W. Crowley, E. W. Barnett, W. T. Short, O. P. Bush, Rev. Green, Rev. Howerton, Harry Sanders, W. B. Kemper, William Kirtly, Simpson Rowe, Henry Parrot, George R. Caddie.

The church had a membership of 31 in 1891, according to record in the first church book and for several years the church was very active until its membership reached one hundred or more, but as time passed on many members died and many moved away and the church became weak and inactive. During these years, Rev. W. S. Dudgeon labored faithfully in behalf of his home church giving many years of service and financial aid to the church. While the church did not make rapid progress, he succeeded in holding it together and after his death in 1929 the church again became inactive until November, 1934. Rev. R. A. Slinker, then missionary in the association, came here and after several weeks of labor, revived the church.

The membership list was revised, removing all members deceased, also those who had moved away and could not be contacted, leaving only fifteen members. Thirty three members have been added since that time making a total of forty eight at present.

During the pastorate of Rev. G. R. Gaddie who was with us a little over three years, the church decided they needed a larger lot and a new house of worship. Land for that purpose was donated by Mrs. Nancy M. Paxton being near where the first church building stood.

Bro. Gaddie having resigned to take up work in Ohio, Rev. J. W. Farmer was called as pastor and will start work here June 13, 1954.

The Church officers are as follows: Deacons: Roy Cundiff, Edgar Turner, Clark Smith, R. E. Underwood. Clerk: Mrs. Hazel Wilson. Treasurer: Edgar Turner. Sunday School Superintendent : Nolan Cundiff. Treasurer: Earline Smith.

Preaching services are held second and fourth Sunday afternoons. Cash in Building Fund. \$3,253.59; Pledges, \$850.00.

CHARITY BAPTIST CHURCH



This church is located in the northern part of Adair County on the road leading from Plum Point to Columbia one and one half miles from the former and five miles from the latter. This church was organized August 29, 1868, with the following members: William J. Bottom, Wm. W. Bernard, T. Bottom, Jacob Brockman, Wm. H. H. Absher, Elias B. Bottom, S. H. Fisher, Nancy F. Brockman, Sarah H. Bottom, Sarah I. Absher, Jane Absher, Florence Bernard, Mary B. Absher, Frances F. Absher, Nancy I. Rexroat, Mary T. Bottom, and Elizabeth Bottom, making a total membership of seventeen. The following ministers assisted in the organizing of this church, John James, Wm. H. H. Absher, and Wm. W. Bernard. S. H. Fisher served as clerk. On the second meeting of the church the fourth Saturday in September 1868, Bro. Johnson Watson and J. Absher were elected deacons of the church, and S. H. Fisher clerk. All have served the church to the present. Bro. Absher was called and entered the first pastorate of the church on the fourth Saturday in November 1868 and served the church as pastor until July 1874. Elder Wm. Fisher served as pastor the next year. during his pastorate there were eight additions to the church in December 1875. Elder Samuel Vire was pastor in 1877, Bro. Absher served the church as pastor again in 1878. Bro. F. C. Neal became pastor. During 1880 Bro. Charles Deener served as pastor of the church. On the first Saturday in June 1881 Bro. Wm. Fisher was again called.

The church was located at what is now known as Absher, Kentucky and used the Egypt School house for a number of years. Later it was moved to the present location 8 miles north of Columbia on the Columbia and Springfield Road. Here the Jerico School house was used until 1914 when the present building was erected under the leadership of the late Rev. W. S. Dudgeon of Cane Valley, Kentucky. The present membership is 61.

COLUMBIA BAPTIST CHURCH



The Columbia Baptist Church was organized July 6, 1827 with nine charter members. Present at the organization were three members of Zion, the oldest Baptist Church in Adair County. They were H. C. Waggener, William Bomar, and L. Craig, serving as sponsors when the Articles of Faith for the Columbia Baptist Church were adopted by four men and five women. On the basis of these eleven Articles of Faith the Columbia Baptist Church was organized. The nine charter members were H. C. Waggener, Jr., and wife, John Brawner and wife, P. T. Conover and wife, Mrs. William Caldwell and Mrs. Daniel Trabue. H. C. Waggener became the first pastor.

At the annual meeting of the Russell Creek Baptist Association, September 15, 1827, the report from the Columbia Baptist Church showed that twelve members were added to the church in two months. Fourteen years after the organization of the church there was recorded a membership of ninety-five. The present membership of the church is 675.

The church conducted its services in the courthouse until 1844 when a large frame building was erected on the lot which is the present site of its place of worship. This building was used as a hospital by the Federal government during the war between the States and in 1906 a long standing claim was collected from the government for the said use of the building. The payment of this claim together with this church's share in the proceeds from the sale of the old parsonage property, owned jointly by the Columbia, Milltown and Zion churches, afforded a nucleus for a fund with which to erect a modern parsonage which was erected in 1907 on the same lot with the church.

In 1878 the first building was razed and another frame building was erected on the same site. Following the erection of the new parsonage the church began planning for a modern church building which was dedicated free of debt in 1915. This building was destroyed by fire in 1928. The present building, which is the fourth, was erected on the same location in 1929, and dedicated free of debt in 1938. It is of still modern construction, having 28 rooms for educational purposes.

Today, sixteen years later, more room is needed for educational purposes. To meet that need adjoining property has been purchased, the use of which will afford room for immediate and necessary replacing of some classes. By adding a second story to the rear of the church, recently, facilities for a department were added to the educational equipment.

The present pastor is Dr. A. H. Phillips whose leadership is characterized by a forward movement in organization, equipment and evangelization. He is particularly interested in the young people of the church. A partial result of his work among them is a record breaking Vacation Bible School and a fine Junior Choir. The pastor is strictly evangelistic. During his two years of service here there have been 141 additions to the church. A large number of these have been received at the regular services of the church.

The organizations in this church are a graded Bible school, a graded Training Union, a Woman's Missionary Society with the following auxiliaries: Young Woman's Auxiliary, Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary, Junior Girls' Auxiliary, Junior Royal Ambassadors and Sunbeam Band. A Vacation Bible School is held annually.

Two missions are conducted by this church. Russell Heights Mission, started during the ministry of Dr. B. B. Hilburn, worship in a neat chapel dedicated during the ministry of Dr. W. H. Moody. In addition to the auditorium are four rooms in a commodious basement. Regular Sunday services include a Bible school and Training Union. A mid-week service is lead by Pastor Clealus Jacobs. Just off Highway 80, two miles east of Columbia, Dunbar Mission is conducted by Deacon Noel Led. These have won souls to Christ and encouraged faithful service to our Lord for which we thank God.

The following have been ordained to the Gospel ministry; Chesterfield Turner, while principal of the city schools of Columbia, was ordained about 1918. Most of his ministerial life has been spent in the State of Oklahoma where he has served with distinction as a pastor and denominational leader. In recent years the church has had the privilege of setting apart to the Gospel ministry Chester R. Young, Bayard Antle, John R. Woods, and Clealus Jacobs.

Chester R. Young and Mrs. Young are missionaries in Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands. A most admirable record is already to their credit.

It is worthy of note that one who was a member of this church entered the ministry though not ordained here. He was Rev. Hector Burton, who, after serving in the Confederate army, settled in North Carolina where he was ordained and became one of the leading ministers of the South.

Two .governors of the State of Kentucky made this their church home for many years. One was Preston H. Leslie who later became governor of Montana and a leading Baptist layman in the Northwest. Governor Thomas E. Bramlett was a deacon in this church and greatly beloved by the people of Adair County.

For twenty-five years this church was happy to furnish the moderator of Russell Creek Association. Those serving were Judge James Garnett, Sr., Judge James Garnett, Jr., F. H. Durham, and, Dr. W. H. Moody.

During its entire life the Columbia Baptist Church has sought to follow strictly the teachings of Jesus Christ. It has faithfully supported the program of State, Home and Foreign missions. It has shared in the care of the orphans and in the provision for the peniless sick. It has cooperated in all endeavors to maintain the standards of noble citizenship and good government. It has sought to minister to the distressed, to the poverty stricken and to the Christian heavily burdened with problems, economic, moral and spiritual.

Here, too, the cause of Christian education has long since come to the fore. Georgetown College the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Clear Creek Mountain Preachers' School have warm friends here. Columbia Church participated with the sister churches in activities which bore fruit in the founding of a Baptist Academy at Campbellsville, now Campbellsville Junior College, a thriving institution of which we are all very proud.

With faith in God and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit the Columbia Baptist Church courageously faces the challenging conditions in this clay and time, keeping step with her sister churches in carrying out the commission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

DUNBAR HILL BAPTIST CHURCH



The Dunbar Hill Baptist Church was organized with 12 charter members on July 21, 1921 in a grove not far from where the present building now stands. It is located in Adair County a short distance from Knifley.

It appears that interested citizens in the community, the Board of the Russell Creek Association, and individual Baptists became interested in carrying the Baptist message to the people of this section. Guidance of this endeavor was under the direction of Rev. William Kirtley who was the Evangelist supported by the Russell Creek and State Board at this time,

A successful revival was held in a nearby school by Rev. L. B. Traylor who was a student at the time in Campbellsville College. A decision was reached by the Russell Creek Association to erect a building at this place. A building committee was appointed with Bro. Kirtley serving as a member of said committee. This committee was given valuable assistance by an interested Baptist of Campbellsville, Bro. H. S. Robinson who helped raise funds, contributed, and advanced needed money until reimbursed by the Association. A portion of Rev. Kirtley's report to the Association in 1924 reads as follows:

“Dunbar Hill, your baby church has been neatly dressed and has a beautiful house of worship dedicated and paid for. We are grateful to the District Board for the help they have rendered in the erection of this building and to the churches that made it possible for them to do so. Also to the Baptist State Board of Missions who have assisted in a great way on this building. Individual Baptists throughout the state have been interested in the erection of this building. Our good brother and former moderator of this Association, H. S. Robinson, has taken great interest in this building, for which the church is very thankful for his service. Your servant, as one of the building committee for the District Board, has collected \$887.37 from the State Board, District Board and individuals and on dedication day had paid out on building erection, \$877.89, leaving a balance of \$9.48 in the bank with one bill for hinges unpaid, which will take the balance, if not a little more.” This building was started in 1922 and completed and dedicated June 29, 1924.

The church called Rev. L. B. Traylor as its first pastor. In the intervening years the following men have also served the church as pastors: Frank Harrison, Levi Kemper, B. E. Settles, Abraham Berry, Joe Stotts, S. A. Edwards, R. A. Slinker, and Coy Jeffries.

About this time the church discontinued services. Mr. H. S. Robinson raised money to put a new roof on the building. During this period of inactivity due to the interest and work of M. A. Johnson who was given some financial assistance by the Russell Creek Association, the work was started again around 1950. When Bro. Johnson finished his work at Campbellsville College, he gave up the church to go elsewhere to continue his education. Rev. J. V. Mullins, the present pastor, served the church for a while under the same arrangement as did Bro. Johnson. Bro. Mullins resigned and Bro. Rodgers served for a brief term as pastor. Bro. Mullins was then called back and has the care of the body at the present time.

EAST FORK BAPTIST CHURCH



East Fork Church 'was received into the fellowship of the Russell Creek Association in 1827, W. G. Eaton and J. Shirley messengers. The church reported 27 members and was the 21st to join the association which met at Union church, Adair County, Kentucky.

All of the early records of this church have been destroyed. The record book of Big Creek states that members from East Fork Church were invited to a presbytery for the purpose of organizing Big Creek in 1835.

The first building was a log building on the present site, five miles east of Edmonton on East Fork Creek.

In 1886 the present frame building was erected. The members built the church and Dave Overfelt was the head carpenter. This church has one room which is a good size auditorium. There is no parsonage.

Ministers ordained: Bro. John Roach, Bro. Bryant Wilson, Bro. Guy Scott, Bro. E. T. Caffee and Bro. Carlos Pike.

The present membership is 245. E. T. Caffee is the present pastor.

ELKHORN BAPTIST CHURCH



The Elkhorn Baptist Church was organized and known as the White Oak Baptist Church and was located in the White Oak Valley, of Taylor County. In 1824 the first organization came into existence in 1868 came to be known as the United Baptist Church by adopting Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum and this organization was established at Elkhorn Mills, and was named the Elkhorn Baptist Church. The original Building was replaced in 1913. At this time we find the names of Dr. Otha Kelsay, Sally Harrison, W. F. Carroll, Johnny G. Wilson, John Reid, Frank Harrison, Mont Burton, Mattic Burton, Lee White and Lee Robinson. In the last 41 years Elkhorn Church has had the services of the following pastors: W. E. Underwood, T. E. Ennis, W. B. Arvin, W. E. Burton, Levi Kemper, B. E. Settles, D. L. Druien, O. S. Houk and at present the pastor is R.. Gene Puckett. Clerks who have served the church during this time have been O. S. Harrison, Edward Bright, C. P. Dearen, Howard Lewis, and Raymond Gardner. The Church now has four deacons: W. R. Carroll; Edward Bright, Mont Burton and Ira Wise.

In February 1946 the church launched a building program and six new Sunday School rooms were built, this has cared for the Sunday School to the present. A new portico has been built at the front, a new heating plant installed and other needed improvements have been made since the erection of the building in 1913.

The total membership now is listed at 110 with a Sunday School enrollment of 119 with an average attendance of 75 for 1953.

The church operates on a budget, giving regularly through the Co-operative Program with special offerings to State, Home, Local and Foreign Missions and to Orphanages and Education and is also in the Relief and Annuity Plan of Southern Baptists.

Elkhorn is one of our growing churches strategically located and making much progress. It has 'half time preaching services with full time Sunday School and prayer meeting. The church is located in the heart of the village of Elkhorn.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH



The actual date that Friendship Baptist Church was organized is not known, but we do know that the church was admitted to the association in 1807 under the name of Sand Lick Meeting House.

The land on which the church was organized was given by General Elias Barbee. This land was at that time in Green County, but was later incorporated within Taylor County.

Later on, near 1875, more land was given to the church by the Durrett family.

On this land, which was across the road from where the church is now located, a new church was built and the name changed to Friendship Baptist Church.

There is now a new all-weather road built by the side of the church which is located about eight miles west of Campbellsville, Kentucky.

For a number of years this was one of the leading churches in the association.

General Elias Barbee was one of the Charter Members. The names of the other Charter Members are not known.

In 1815 the first offering for missions was taken by Luther Rice at Friendship at an associational meeting. This was the first mission offering taken in the association and is believed to be the first in the state. The church takes an active part in missions and contributes generously to the worthy cause.

Two of the earlier pastors were Henry McDonald and George Peck. Some others were: W. B. Arvin, A. C. Graves, Burkholder J. W. Loving, J. S. Gatton (who served on the longer terms), Chesterfield Turner, W. W. Homer, Seaton Edwards, B. J. Skaggs (another pastor who served the church for a long time), Garnett Puckett, Burton Calico, James Heifner, George Ray Gaddie (who pastored the church two different periods of time), Roy E. Houston, and Curtis Warf.

The present Pastor is Tabor W. Best.

The only preacher known to be ordained here is George Ray Gaddie, who is now serving as Home Missionary in Ohio.

Some of the deacons were Waller Gaddie, John Gaddie, Ben Bally, Ben Durrett, Jimmie Durrett, Weaver Kendall, W. W. Ingram, Dick Buckner, George Durrett, Torn Richeson, George Gaddie and Lee Kendall.

Our present deacons are Henry Jones, Clarence Bennett, Willard Kendall, Herbert Gaddie and Dennis Kessler.

The janitors who have taken care of the church are James Bell, Henry Newcomb and the acting janitor Jimmie Joe Chaney, who has been janitor for a long period of time.

In 1937 Friendship began to have half time and in 1947 it began to have weekly prayer meeting service.

In 1934 B. Y. P. U. was organized and continued for some time.

Then again in 1950 a training union was organized which has grown into the present union.

There is a Sunday School with good attendance for the present population of the community.

The church membership has grown to 95 with a number of non-resident members.

To accommodate the growth, Sunday School rooms have been built and a modern heating system 'has been installed.

FRY BAPTIST CHURCH



The Baptist Church at Fry, Green County, Kentucky was organized on the 30th day of August, 1903, by James W. Crawley assisted by Samuel Crawley and J. E. Scott, with thirty-two members and officers.

R. J. Howard, A. W. McMahan, and J. A. Whitlock were appointed deacons and H. W. Wright was clerk.

At the first meeting of the church, September 19, 1903, there was preaching by J. E. Scott. J. W. Bagby was elected moderator and J. E. Scott was called as pastor. R. J. Howard, H. W. Wright, and Sam Creamer were appointed as messengers to the association which was to be held at the Macedonia Church.

October 10, 1903, R. J. Howard, H. W. Wright, and E. S. Whitlock were appointed as building committee.

The church is a one room building located near Fry Postoffice in Green County. It was dedicated August 28, 1904. Reverend James W. Crawley preached the dedicatory sermon. Reverend John Berry led the dedicatory prayer. Dr. W. W. Bingham led the closing prayer.

The present pastor is Rev. Owen Logsdon, Horse Cave, Kentucky. The church does not have a parsonage. Preaching services are once a month, on the third Saturday night and Sunday morning. Sunday School is every Sunday morning at ten o'clock with Shively Landis as Superintendent.

The present membership is one hundred and twenty-two.

The charter members Who are still living are: Mrs. Mattie Kemp, Mrs. Nora B. Howard, Mrs. Minnie Howard, Mrs. Liza Jeffries, Clarence Beard, Mrs. Mattie McMahan. Mrs. Mattie Kemp is still a member of this church.

The other charter members were: J. A. Whitlock, Jane Whitlock, Cora Lee Whitlock, Pearl Whitlock, G. W. Whitlock, Mattie Whitlock, Mandy McMahan, A. W. McMahan, S. J. McMahan, J. H. McMahan, Lucy McMahan, R. J. Howard, Frances Howard, J. T. Howard, Mary Morrison, H. T. Morrison, Samuel Creamer, Sarah Creamer, Jake Creamer, Viola Creamer, H. W. Wright, Lov Parsons, Louisa Beard, Louvenia Hancock, Frances J. Montgomery.

The names of all who have been pastors of this church in order are: J. E. Scott, T. E. Ennis, J. F. Roach, W. L. Pierce, S. A. Montgomery, L. A. Pendleton, T. M. Pardue, N L. Cantrell, L. B. Cantrell, R. A. Slinker, John Ferrill, J. L. Bradshaw, Henry Curry, Joe Stotts, Hugh Shelton, Carl Fancher, W. T. Jewell. Owen Logsdon is the present pastor.

The clerks have been H. W. Wright, R. J. Howard, J. H. McMahan, W. B. Kelly, and the present clerk, Truman McMahan. The present moderator is W. A. Wade and the present treasurer is C. H. Landis.

Deacons have been: R. J. Howard, A. W. McMahan, J. A. Whitlock, C. A. Finn, Tom Morrison, J. B. Finn, W. B. Kelly. The present deacons are: J. L. Squires, A. T. Hancock, Johnnie McMahan,

According to the 1953 minutes the Sunday School has an enrollment of 50.

GRADYVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH



Gradyville Baptist Church was organized about 1388. Among the leaders in the organization were three brothers: Cager Creal, George, and Charlie Yates. Other prominent members were the Aspers, Hunters, and others. There were many other faithful and loyal members whose names were not listed among the leaders.

Among the early pastors were Rev. E. W. Barnett and Rev. J. P. Scruggs. The early pastors were scholarly and scriptural and faithful to the charge.

Mrs. Maggie Yates Nell of Columbia is probably the only surviving charter member. She told the writer how her family and others donated the land, lumber, and labor to build the first and present building.

Our oldest in membership are Lucian E. Thomas and Mrs. Irene Nell Gist. Our oldest in age is Mrs. Dacia Dudley, 96.

This church has been a beacon light to the town of Gradyville in leading people to a better life here and to the abundant life hereafter.

Gradyville suffered one of the worst floods the county has known. Over twenty people were drowned, besides the loss of property. Mrs. Lula Yates Nell and four of her children were among the dead; there-fore, the church had a great loss.

Some of the more recent pastors are Rev. S. B. Rowe, Bayard Anti; Walter Compton, Noah Page, and the present pastor, Rev. Landon Hadley.

The church has 85 members, but only 50 resident members. The Sunday School has an average attendance of 40. Preaching services are held the fourth Sunday morning.

The church is making some progress. Many of the children attended the Vacation Bible School at the Columbia church. We also furnished one worker and helped finance the school.

The Russell Creek Association met with us in 1906. This church was one of the leading country churches at this time.

According to the 1953 Minutes, the church membership is 123.

GREASY CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH



The Baptist Church at Greasy Creek was constituted by Elder Stephen Gupton and William M. Kidd on the sixth day of October, 1854.

A sermon appropriate to the occasion was delivered by Elder Stephen Gupton from Psalms 92:12, 13 and 14.

By letter and recommendation twenty-one came forward for membership. They were the following: Jeremiah Hay, Martha Hay, John B. Bagby, Ellen Bagby, Thomas W. Bagby, Mary M. Bagby, John F. Sublet, Margaret D. Sublet, Demarcus Sublet, Ruben Sublet, Nancy Wilcox, Tannie Gupton, Ellen McMahan, Edith Sublet, Elizabeth Whitlock, Elizabeth Curry, Sophrona Lee, Susan Curry, Martha Ann Bagby, Thursia McMahan, and Martha J. Sublet.

The council organized them into a United Baptist Church, to be called Greasy Creek Church of United Baptist.

This institution began in a log building located at the same site of the present church. It was replaced by a frame building, and the present church was erected in 1944 and dedicated in May, 1945.

In July, 1855, the church sent a letter to the association with a request to receive us as a church of the same faith and order,

In February, 1856, Jeremiah Hay and John B. Bagby were appointed trustees of the church.

The first collection of \$9.50 for home missions was taken in October, 1863.

The association was held at Greasy Creek Church the fourth Saturday in August, 1865.

Robert T. Blakeman was ordained in July, 1862. The following ministers composed the council: Henry McDonald of Greensburg, William G. Keen and James H. Keen from Pleasant Run, William M. Kidd from Trammels Creek, and Stephen Gupton from this church.

The ministers who have served as pastors through the years are: Elder Stephen Gupton, J. M. Brown, William Keen, Robert T. Blakeman, Samuel Hardy, W. M. Kendall, E. N. Brooksher, W. L. Pierce, J. W. Campbell, E. W. Coakley, G. T. Lewis, B. Y. Wilson, Ephriam Scott, J. M. England, T. E. Ennis, W. S. Dudgeon, W. J. Levi, T. S. Curry, L. A. Pendleton, Manley Towles.

This year being our hundredth anniversary, we now have 339 members with a Sunday School enrollment of 152 The Training Union started in 1952 with approximately 50 members. it has grown to an enrollment of 92.

With the present pastor, Manley Towels, the church has gone forward in a great way. However we need a larger church and Sunday School rooms that the work of the Lord might go forward in a greater way.

GOOD HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH



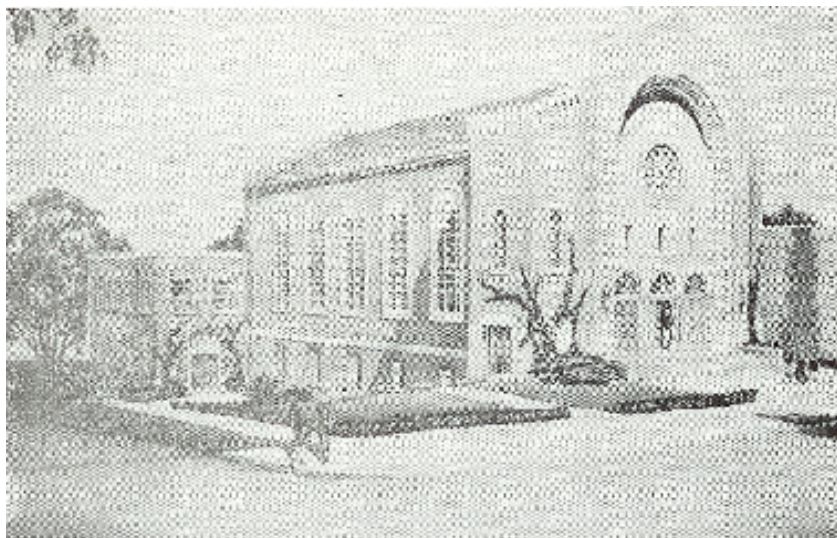
The church was organized July 14, 1838, in Barren County now Metcalfe County, Kentucky, about four miles north of Edmonton, Kentucky near the recent Alone Post Office. The Church was organized by Abraham Woodard, David Elkin and Alexander Gupton with 26 members on the principles of the Separate Baptist Faith and united with Nolin Separate Baptist Association. In June, 1850, the Church was re-organized and adopted twelve articles of faith of the United Baptist with 30 members and petitioned the Barren River Association for membership.

In the sixties thereafter, interest in the Church slacked to an extent until October, 1871, when Willis Galloway and W. G. W. Gilock held a revival meeting in a school house near by which resulted in the reorganization and the location of the building about one mile East of the old location. Willis Galloway was the pastor, William Mitchell was the Clerk. The members that were interested and those baptized at the close of the meeting reported a total membership of 24. In July, 1894, the Church petitioned the Barren River Association for a letter to join the Russell Creek Association. In 1938, due to changes in roads the Church building was re-built near the Knob Lick and Edmonton road

The Church now reports 64 members and quarter time preaching.

Some of the Pastors who have served the Church are: James M. England, B. Y. Wilson, Nim Roach, J. E. Scott, T. M. Pardue, L. A. Pendleton, Clarence Thomas, N. L. Cantrell, Abraham Berry, K. V. Judd, Coy Jeffries and Overton South, the present pastor.

GREENSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH



The earliest data we now have of the Greensburg Baptist Church is that it was first known as the Siloam Church. It was organized in December of the year 1820, with eleven members. S. Marshall, J. Davidson and J. Scott being some of the eleven. This said J. Scott was the grandfather of one of the Associations most faithful servants, Mr. H. S. Robinson of Campbellsville who is now 94 years old. This said Marshall, Davidson and Scott were the appointed messengers to the Russell Creek Association, which was held with the Mt. Gilead Church in Green County; the year 1821. They reported 12 members received by baptism with total number 23. They had Sunday School and a Temperance Society. The year 1840, at the Russell Creek Association, held with Rolling Fork Church in Hardin County, the name was changed from Siloam to the Greensburg Baptist Church. This same year 1840, a deed was secured to the lot on which the church now stands and in 1842 a very spacious brick building was erected. At this time the church was becoming more fully awakened to her duty to send the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the world; therefore being more missionary minded, they began to hold quarterly meetings for the purpose of awakening a deeper interest, and a greater desire and to adopt the most efficient way to carry out the Great Commission Christ gave to his disciples "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; and he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:15-10).

The year 1848, Henry McDonald a native of Ireland, reared in Catholic faith, came to Kentucky settled in Greensburg, and practiced law. He was converted to Christian Faith and baptized into the Greensburg Church in 1852. In 1854, having felt a call from God for special service, he was ordained to the ministry and served this church as pastor for ten years, being the first from this church called for special services. The year 1843 this church granted license to preach to W. M. Crawley, Larkin Sidebottom and Gideon Tennison, and 1847 the church ordained Joshua Brooks, sending him forth to preach the Gospel. Under the leadership of such pastors as E. H. Brookshire, W. B. Arvin, J. W. Campbell and others the church grew in interest and membership, and in the 1890's the town having grown in population the church house was inadequate to comfortably accomodate the Congregation. The church decided to enlarge the building or erect a new one. A new building was erected, which was the second church building on this site and so it moved forward with increasing interest. Some time prior to this, possibly in the 1860's or 70's some of the ladies of the church began thinking of some ways, and planning how they might do a greater work for the cause of missions and Benevolence and under the leadership of Mrs. Mary Lewis and Mrs. Mollie Tucker banded themselves together and called their union "The Ladies Aid Society". This grew in interest as did outstanding work for both Missions and Benevolence. And in later years as the Association began to recognize the work of the "Women's Missionary Union" this organization was changed to the "Woman's Missionary Society" and this Society is yet doing a great work through its different Auxiliaries — which are Sunbeams, Junior G. A.'s Intermediate G. A.'s and R. A.'s, this adding numbers and interest to the church.

Again the church having grown in number and with the different organizations Sunday School, B. T. U., Brotherhood and W. M. U. more room was definitely needed and the old building being in need of repair, it was decided to erect a new and more adequate building instead of repairing and enlarging the old one so the educational building was erected on the same site, this being the third church house on this site. It has been in use 6 years.

During the last year Sunday School has grown from an attendance of 160 or 170 to something above 200 and a recent canvass of the town and community made by the church shows we have many prospects which we hope to enlist in the very near future. Seeing the need of the auditorium so very much, a plan was agreed upon to start the building. The auditorium is now under construction and we are hoping and praying that God will enable us to see it finished before long. When the entire building is completed it will have about 40 class rooms, 4 assembly rooms, Baptistry, Kitchen, and Nursery.

The auditorium will have a seating capacity of 600. Our present membership is 543. J. V. Case is full time pastor and lives in the parsonage. The following are names of some who have served the church as pastors from 1854 to present time: Henry McDonald, L. Sidebottom, S. A. Chambers, J. J. Felts, W. M. Burkholder, W. M. Kuykendall, J. T. Jenkins, W. B. Arvin, Geo. W. Peck, R. H. Griffin, T. M. Green, W. E. Coakley, J. W. Campbell, W. W. Horner, R. B. Hooks, T. E. Ennis, Herbert Haywood, J. B. Jones, J. C. Wells, B. J. Skaggs, F. Patrick Dennison, L. W. Stranger, S. L. Pruitt, B. B. Hilbun and present pastor, J. V. Case.

HARRODS FORK BAPTIST CHURCH



Harrods Fork had her beginning in a brush arbor. The Rev. H. T. Jessie was the preacher. During pretty weather the meetings were held in the groves. With the coming of bad weather, the place of meeting was moved to the Firkin School house. Naturally, the time came when the need of organizing and providing a building was seen. This need led to a meeting held September 7, 1893, in the Firkin School for the purpose of organizing. Rev. J. F. Roach was appointed moderator and X. W. Scott was appointed clerk pro tem. Rev. H. T. Jessie being present, the group proceeded to organize Harrods Fork Baptist Church with a grand total of (10) ten members. The Rev. Jessie being the leader was naturally called as first pastor.

The first building to house Harrods Fork church was located about two hundred yards South-West of the present location, which is about one and one half miles South-West of Sparksville, Kentucky, on Kentucky Highway 61 in Adair County.

The erection of the present building was begun in October, 1933, and was completed the following October. The building is a frame building about 50x50 with four Sunday School rooms included in the auditorium, Harrods Fork has a present membership of 114, Harrods Fork has had a glorious

history and has been truly a light house on a hill. Part of her achievements have been the ordination of five of her sons as preachers of the Gospel. They are Rev. Joe E. Stotts, Millard Stotts, N. R. Roach, S. B. Rowe, and E. D. Roberts.

Recently Harrods Fork has added to the comfort of the building by installing new gas floor furnaces. The landscape has been regraded and reseeded. A new modern bulletin board has been erected on the lawn. Also in recent months, decoration has been started on the interior of the building. The floors and pews have been refinished. New rugs and a beautiful communion table have been purchased. Future plans are to refinish the walls which will also add to the beauty of the building and the spirit of fellowship.

The former pastors of Harrods Fork have been: H. T. Jessie, F. F. Roach, Bryant Wilson, J. E. Scott, W. T. Walbuet, Willie Rowe, T. M. Pardew, Joe E. Stotts, E. D. Roberts, Carl Loy, H. S. Puckett, J. L. Bradshaw, Abraham Berry, M. C. Well, Robert Richardson, H. T. Parrott.

The present pastor is B. E. Settles of Campbellsville, Kentucky. Harrods Fork is now half time with preaching services on the second and fourth Sundays. Harrods Fork has been called upon to weather some very severe storms, but she still stands with a message for her community and a vision of the world which proves she has been built upon The Rock "and the gates of hell shall not prevail against her."

HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH



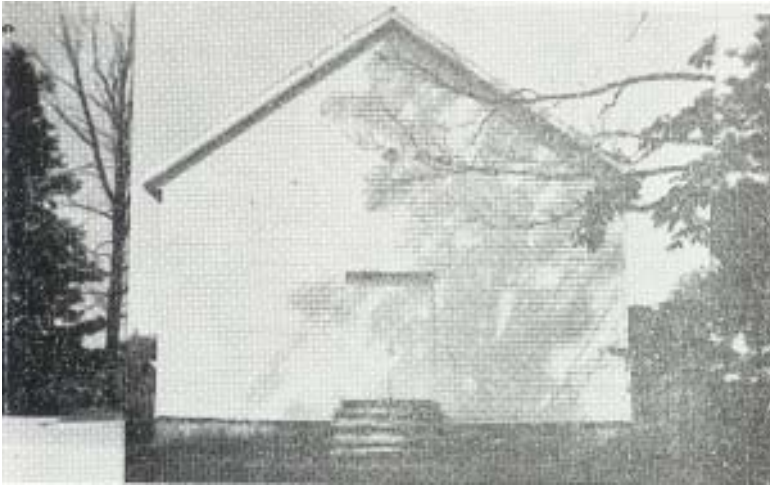
The Hopewell Baptist Church was organized in 1836 in the Northeastern part of Cumberland County on Crocus Creek.

The first building was an old log house. The pews were made from logs and held together with wooden pegs. This building was burned about the close of the war between the states in 1865. Another log building was put up and was used until 1898.

On September 10, 1900 in regular business session the congregation voted to build a new building, which was completed in 1902 and dedicated. This building was used until 1937 when the church was destroyed by a flood. The church was moved from this location about 2 miles to a school house, known as Republican School where they met in regular worship and where revivals were held. In May, 1950 five of the original members met and decided to re-establish the church and build a new building. Bro. Abraham Berry assisted in the re-organization of the body and B. F. Hadley was elected clerk. The new church building was built about 4 miles north of the old church site on the Gadberry and Fairplay road 10 miles south of Columbia in Adair County.

The Association Minutes of 1953 shows Joe Stotts to be Pastor with a membership of 39 and with a Sunday School enrollment of 30, Sunday School Superintendent Bart Hadley.

LEATHERWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH



The Leatherwood Baptist Church was established in 1900. Most of the charter members came from East Fork Baptist Church. It is fairly certain that none of the charter members except Mrs. Patria Kinnaird still lives.

A written history of the church can not be found at present. The Rev. Glaze was the organizer so far as can be determined. Rev. Ephriam Scott was one of the early pastors.

The church is located in Leatherwood Valley on the banks of the creek for which it is named, in Adair County just off highway 80, about ten miles east of Edmonton, Kentucky.

The building and grounds were donated to four churches. Baptists, Methodists, Cumberland Presbyterians, and Christian Disciples by the late Mrs. Sallie Caldwell Walker, a member of the Christian Disciples. Mrs. Walker was known for her benevolences and charities. She was the second wife of Captain William Lee Walker, an outstanding Baptist layman.

In the past few years few services other than Baptists have been held at the church.

The present membership of the church is 29 members. Church services are conducted each second Sunday at 10:00 A. M., and 7:30 P. M., by Rev. Morris Billingsly.

LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH



Liberty Baptist Church, located 3 1/2 miles East of Spurlington, was organized in the year 1888 with 13 charter members.

The following is a list of the ones who have pastored the church since its organization: — Rev. John Campbell, Rev. Smith Tandy, Rev. Ferrell, Rev. W. T. Underwood, Rev. Arvin, Rev. Sanders, Rev. William A. Kirtley, Rev. S. A. Edwards, Rev. Ben Settles, Rev. Crit Harmon, Rev. Pendleton, Rev. Kemper, Rev. D. T. Jones, Rev. Thompson, Rev. D. L. Druin.

In 1906 a new building was erected replacing the old building and this served until 1942 when an addition was added, Then in 1950 the building was remodeled and again in 1952 other additions were made, including three Sunday School rooms and a basement,

Rev. D. L. Druin has been serving as pastor since 1943. One of the most successful revivals that has been held since the organization of the church was in 1950, with Rev. D. L. Druin both pastor and evangelist. There were 32 additions at that time.

We now have a membership of 125 members. We have preaching services twice a month, on the first and second Sunday afternoon.

The Deacons are: Edward Hickerson, Handley Minor, Ruben Burkhead, Walter Wise, Omer White, Paul Witham, Marvin Wise.

Sunday School Superintendent, John Minor.

The Clerk, Marvin Wise.

The Treasurer, Walter Wise.

LONE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



On January 5, 1907, a small band of Christian men and women, who had no easy access to a nearby Baptist Church because they lived in the "Valley", met for the purpose of organizing a church, which later became known as the Lone Valley Baptist Church. The Articles of Faith were read by Rev. J. W. Grimsley and "then the following brethren and sisters united themselves in church fellowship: J. W. Rexroat, Arminda Rexroat, Waymon Stclair, Mary Stclair, William D. Antle, Sarah J. Antle and Ida Brown. Rev. J. W. Grimsley was elected temporary moderator and Rev. Frank Harrison was elected temporary clerk."

At various times in the years 1907 to 1911 the following joined the church : Charlie V. Rexroat. Perry F. Rexroat, Carl Rexroat, Effice Stclair Harrison, Dosha Stclair Skaggs, Tom Ann Russell, Mary Chambers, Jennie Bet Davis, Fannie Antle, Leona Brown Viers, Fannie Dudgeon, Bettie Dudgeon, Hilie Clark, Myrtle Dudgeon Carroll, Theola Burteon, Robert H. Russell, James Davis, George L. Brown, M. D. Prescott, H. G. York, Helen York, Jennie Dudgeon, Willie Stclair, Johnnie Johnson, Thomas Perkins, Parthimia Perkins, Hate Perkins, Flora Perkins, Lillie Perkins, Mildred Edrington, Roda Pike, Hershell Stclair, William B. Dudgeon, Fannie Saunders Faulkner, Mattie Dudgeon and George Chambers. Some of the above names may have been charter members as the records were not clear. The list of charter members and those that joined later is a continuous list. However the names in the first paragraph are believed to be the charter members. Nearly all of these older members were laid to rest in the cemetery beside the church.

In the 47 years of its existence, Lone Valley has had 15 different pastors. Listed chronologically, they are: Frank Harrison, W. S. Dudgeon, M. D. Prescott, W. M. Kirtley, S. A. Edwards, Ben E. Settles, O. R. Mosley,

E. W. McCubbin, T. S. Curry, L. L. Dobbins, McKinley Peace, J. L. Bradshaw, Kit C. Yeaste, E. L. Garrett, Jr., and the present pastor, R. Gene Puckett. Some of the pastors returned after a few years absence to serve again as pastor, but their name is given only as their first service was started and it is not repeated. The first 12 pastors of the church were ordained ministers at the time they were called by the church. The last three were young men who were only licensed preachers at the time of their call as pastor of the church. This denotes a spirit of the Lone Valley Church to help young men get a start in the Lord's work. May God richly bless them for their efforts in this thing.

The church has been served by only three men as clerk during its existence: C. V. Rexroat, J. W. Davis, and Paul Davis. In the year of its organization, J. W. Rexroat and Grcely York were ordained deacons. The church now has six deacons: Paul Davis, J. W. Davis, Bradley Chaudoin, Raymond Bault, Albert Stewart, and Richard Dudgeon. In 1908 J. R. Davis, R. H. Russell and Waymon St. Clair were selected as trustees. In April of 1952 three men were selected as trustees of the church. They were Lee Gaines, J. W. Davis, and Raymond Bault and they are still serving.

The original building which is still used was dedicated in the summer of 1907. This building was renovated in 1951 and is now in excellent condition with bottled gas heating. The value of the church property is estimated to be \$5000.

The church now has a total membership of 97 with a Sunday School enrollment of 80 and an average attendance of 53 for 1953. A Training Union was organized in July of 1951, and in 1953, this union had the highest average attendance in accordance with the resident membership of any church in Russell Creek Association. The financial business of the church is operated upon a budget plan, giving regularly through the Cooperative Program, Ministers Retirement Plan and Associational missions, as well as maintaining the expenses at home. This church feels as every church should feel — that it is our duty to do all we can to fulfill the Great Commission: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations. . . ."

The first preaching services were held on Saturday night and Sunday morning. From the date of organization until March of 1945, the church operated as a quarter-time church. Then in March of 1945 the church moved forward to half-time and continued until June 8, 1949 when it became a full-time church. Then in January of 1951, during the period while the church was pastorless, it was voted to return to half-time with preaching on the first and third Sundays of each month.

The "valley" as the basin of Robinson Creek is affectionately called by those who live here, has the gospel preached from this church that bears the name. This church truly is as "a city set on a hill that cannot be hid" as the church building is situated on a slight elevation overlooking Robinson Creek.

No words could better express the feeling, sentiment, and love of the people of this area for this church than those of the familiar song, "There's a church in the valley by the wildwood . . . no spot so dear to my childhood as the little church in the dale."

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH



Macedonia Baptist Church, first known as Lebanon Church and United Baptist, was constituted August 2, 1839; at the home of Matthew McDonald. A. B. Sandidge was elected clerk and John Bales, moderator.

Rev. Gideon Tennison was the first pastor.

The members met in their homes for some time for service in Hart and Green counties.

The first ordained minister received into the church was Gideon Tennison, June, 1840.

The name of the church was changed from Lebanon to Macedonia October, 1844.

The first deacons ordained were Nathaniel Judd and Nathan Gooch November, 1851.

The first minister ordained by the church was Larkin Sidebottom in 1848.

The first trustees were appointed December, 1852, to look out a location to build a place for worship and superintend the building of the house.

In February, 1853, the location was found for the building in Green County near where the present church now stands.

The committee met in February, 1868, to consult on the property and building a church on the place located. The church, a log building, was finished April 1870 and a committee was appointed to take care of the building.

July, 1869, \$2 was raised for associational minutes.

A committee was chosen August 20, 1884, to superintend a new church building.

The committee reported May, 1885, the new house finished.

The new building was dedicated the third Sunday in May, 1885, which is the present building. Rev. William Kidd was pastor at the time of dedication.

The church was assessed \$30 in November, 1885, for missionary causes. The committee made the report February, 1886, \$1.75 collected for missions.

A motion was made and carried August, 1894, to drop the name United Baptist and hereafter be called Kentucky Baptist.

The first Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted by Pastor Rev. R. A. Slinker in 1939. The last Daily Vacation Bible School was held in this year, 1954.

The church celebrated its centennial August, 1939.

The church was remodeled 1948.

The present membership of the church is 122 members. The church, which is a rural church, has an evergreen Sunday School which it has had for years. The church pays to missions regularly, in 1953 it gave to missions, education, orphanages, etc., \$1351.00.

The present clerk of the church is L. B. Chaudoin, who was elected October, 1943.

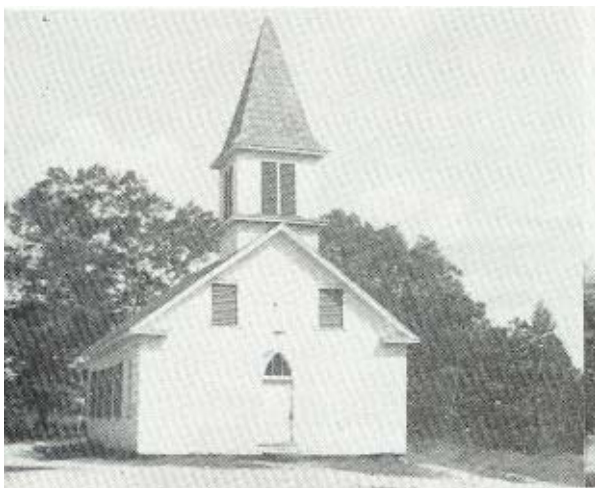
The present Sunday School superintendent is A. E. Wright.

The present pastor is Rev. R. Gene Puckett, a young man which the church called in September 1952 at the age of nineteen years.

We have Quarter time preaching.

Macedonia Baptist Church is located at Donansburg, Green County, Kentucky.

MILLTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH



The first Baptist record book kept by the Union Church, (building owned by the Methodists, Christians, Presbyterians and Baptist), at Milltown shows no record of when the Baptist church was organized, but early records indicate the church was a branch of the Columbia church. Minutes of a March 1833 meeting reads : “A letter laid before the church from Columbia calling for Council, Brethren Daniel Selfe, W. M. Crawley and Simeon Creel were appointed to attend.” Some of the pastors served both churches and the Milltown Baptist Church owned an interest in the Columbia Parsonage which the church sold in 1905 according to records.

The first minutes recorded of Saturday business meetings were in June and July 1829. In the June minutes four (4) members were received by experience and one (1) by letter. In the July minutes, “the church appointed Brother Washington M. Crawley and Elijah Stapp to procure some person to make fires and sweep the meeting house for one year. They authorized them “to give as high as six dollars.” A list of members at this early date shows about 60 whites and 40 slaves.

Some excerpts. from early minutes show that in 1831 reference is made of a charge against one member, “for drinking ardent spirits and swearing,” a committee was appointed to call on him, invite him to the next meeting at which time he acknowledged the charge to the church’s satisfaction and was restored to full fellowship again. If a male member lived within a reasonable distance and failed to attend three church meetings he was called upon for his reason. Complete minutes of meeting the 1st Saturday in February 1833 reads: “After Prayer the church set together for business. They agreed to unite together on the 1st Monday evening in each month to pray for love, spread of gospel throughout the world, and His work of grace more abundantly may be received in our own souls.”

Reference is made of the church letter being prepared and members appointed to bear it to the association. Some former pastors include W. M. Crawley, Granville Dockery, E. W. Barnett, W. S. Dudgeon, P. Bush, Bee Pendleton and S. B. Rowe. The present pastor is Walter C o m p t o n . Present membership is forty-three. One clerk, J.W.Townsend served thirty-five years.

MOUNT GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH



Mt. Gilead Baptist church is located in Green County, near Adair county line on Road No. 633.

We are not able to find the definite date of organization. Mt. Gilead Church was in the Minutes of the Green River Association in 1801. The church seems to have been represented at each Association from 1801, until the present date. In 1801 Elijah Summers was pastor and there were 86 members.

The Green River Association was held at Mt. Gilead in 1803. In 1807 Isaac Hogan moved to this community, joined the church and was ordained to the ministry by this church, and was pastor for many years.

In 1854 Henry McDonald was called pastor of this Church and at the request of Mt. Gilead Church was ordained to the ministry. He had been educated for a Catholic priest, but became an influential Baptist preacher in the Association at that time.

Rev. Stockhouse was raised in Mt. Gilead neighborhood, and to the best of our knowledge was pastor of the church. The number of resident members at the present time is 58,

The church has preaching every third Sunday morning and Sunday - night, and Sunday School every Sunday morning.

List of Pastors: Elijah Summers, Isaac Hogan, Henry McDonald, Rev. Stockhouse, Rev. James Ennis, Defreece, Kentucky; Rev. Green, Greensburg, Kentucky; Will Dudgeon, Canevally, Kentucky; Rev. Levi, Edmonton, Kentucky; C. P. Bush, Columbia, Kentucky; W. W. Horner, Greensburg, Kentucky, 1908-1919; Levi Kemper, Coburg, Kentucky, 1920-1921; L. A. Pendleton, Greensburg, Kentucky, 1922-1923 ; J. B. Jones, Greensburg, Kentucky, 1924; R. A. Stinker, Grab, Kentucky, 1925-1926; L. A. Pendleton, Greensburg, Kentucky, 1927-1931; S. B. Rowe, Chance, Kentucky, 1932-1939; D. V. Keys, Brandenburg, Kentucky, 1940; N. E. Page, Fairplay, Kentucky, 1941-1948; Bro. Robert Richardson, 1949 ; F. M. Blevins, Columbia, Kentucky, 1950-1951; S. B. Rowe, Russell Springs, Kentucky, 1952; E. T. Caffee, Greensburg, Kentucky, 1953-1954.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH



The New Hope Baptist Church was organized as a result of a Sunday School that was held in a nearby school house. Rev. Kelly Judd was a leader in the Sunday School. The church was organized in 1936 under the leadership of E. T. Caffee with 20 charter members. A building was erected about two and one-half miles southeast of Greasy Creek. The State Mission Board of Kentucky Baptists gave financial assistance on the building.

Deacons are Will Workman, Rudolph Houk, and Rube Wright. Mrs. Velma Workman is clerk.

E. T. Caffee is the present pastor and the present membership is 40.

NEW SALEM BAPTIST



This church was established about 1872. The charter members were: B. W. Ingram, J. B. Montgomery, Thomas O'Banion, Leslie M. Goff, Thomas Strader, John W. Carter, E. P. Hawkins, R. M. Embry, Elizabeth L. Ingram, Martha L. Goff, Narcissa Montgomery, Martha G. Strader, Martha F. Carter, and Elizabeth Vaughn. Services were first held at Old Center Point about one fourth of a mile from where the church building now is. Then a building was erected that served the purpose of church and school for some time. This building was used for church worship until the new church was completed in 1949. At the same location of the old building. The basement is unfinished.

Preaching service on the second Sunday, one fourth time. Sunday School every Sunday. Two preachers have been ordained by the church. Bro. J. W. Lobb, and Tommy Wright. The pastors were: James F. Bloyd, 1883; James W. Crawley, Daniel Hunt, P. S. Buckner, W. L. Pierce, J. W. Light, Willie Jeffries, John Berry, S. A. Montgomery, T. S. Curry, A. L. Brown, Bro. Johnston, Manley Towles, Nobel Cottrell, Leon Larimore, and Manley Towles, present pastor. I have been in-formed that a man by the name of Duncan was the first pastor.

The deacons were: J. W. Carter, 1893; J. D. Atwell, A. D. Handy, E. M. Lobb, 1906; L. W. O'Banion, A. B. Mayes, 1929; J. W. Ingram, B. C. Thompson, Tommy Wright, 1945; Ernest Compton, B. C. Judd.

The church clerks were: James B. Montgomery, J. T. Mays resigned after serving 28 years, A. B. Mays 1908-1945, W. S. Reynolds 1945 to the present time.

PALESTINE BAPTIST CHURCH



The Palestine Baptist Church was organized the third Sunday in June, 1843, at Fisher's School house one half mile south east of the present location under the leadership of Horatio Chandler and John Ingram.

In 1849 a building was completed at the present location. Just after the turn of the century this building was replaced by the present building.

Thomas A. Williamson donated the land on which the first church building was built, but not until he was assured that the property would always remain in Baptist hands.

There were thirty-two charter members, thirty of these were white, and two were Negroes. One quotation concerning these charter members is worth our attention, "From what I can learn, the men and women of those days were Baptists, not because they happened to live by a Baptist Church, not for convenience, but because they could be nothing else."

Samuel Shively is the only man ever sent out by this church into full time Christian service. During the first year of the church's history, he was set apart by the church to, "exercise his gifts in exhortation or preaching where ever God in His Providence might please to cast his lot."

His life was wrapped up closely with that of the church from 1843 to 1876. He was pastor many years and on different occasions. He was spoken of as, "one of the strongest men this county ever produced. A man of strong intellect, a close student and with the courage to do what he believed to be right. He wielded a strong influence for good. His work was confined principally to destitute regions where he labored without pay save for the joy of serving his master."

This church from the very beginning seemed to have a strong desire to reach people beyond its own borders. From the minutes of the church we

find proof of this statement. In September, 1859, the church passed an act authorizing Brother Samuel Shively "To take in and Baptize members in any part of the destitute portion of the county that he might preach, and they shall be an arm of the Palestine church and members of her body."

Further proof of the missionary spirit of the church in those days comes from the following statement, "In September, 1867, a number of members were received into the church at Pittman Valley School house during a protracted meeting held at that place by Thomas Underwood and A. J. Whitley. Since that time a great many valuable members have been received into this church at that place." We find in another statement these words, "At a call meeting June 30, 1888, Brother W. E. Chaney was unanimously called as pastor. He agreed to preach at Palestine and Pittman Valley once a month each."

The above statements have added significance in view of the fact that Palestine Church has maintained preaching services at Pittman Valley during the last two years. The church has sponsored services there, by the pastor, once each week, during the summer seasons.

This church has had some regressions, but in the main it has continued to grow through the years. The last twelve years, has been the period of greatest growth and prosperity. Membership, attendance and offerings have all increased greatly during this period. In 1949 eight Sunday School rooms were built.

Brooken Campbell is the present pastor. He came to this church in April, 1952. In the last two years great strides of progress have been made. During this period of two years, there have been 90 additions to the church, over 69 of these by baptism. Sunday School attendance increased by 45 per cent in one year's time — from an average attendance of 109 to an average attendance of 154. A building fund has been started for the purpose of building additional Sunday School rooms.

The pastor has lived on the field for the first time in the history of the church and that has contributed much to the progress of the church. The church does not own a parsonage, but recently has started renting a home for the pastor.

The membership has grown to about 350, and the church has a full time program.

We have a good Sunday School with great prospects for future growth. Our only limitation now is the lack of room to take care of the prospects we have.

We have a Training Union, it is young and not too strong, but it is beginning and we expect it to grow and develop through the years.

We do not have a Woman's Missionary Union nor a Brotherhood, but in spite of this fact our missionary spirit is growing.

The financial condition of the church is much better than it has ever been. We are doing much more financially and yet have more money in the treasury.

Palestine Baptist Church is a growing church, missionary church, and a church with great prospects for the future. We are praying that God will give us Grace to measure up to the responsibility of the task that is ours.

PIKES RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH



Pikes Ridge Baptist Church was organized at Pikes Ridge School house July 19, 1930, with approximately 25 charter members who had previously held membership in Lone Valley Baptist Church. Rev. C. L. Harmon was the first pastor. He, together with the charter members, were responsible for organization. This body held services in the school house until June 20, 1937, when our present building was dedicated. Rev. T. S. Curry preached the dedicatory sermon. Rev. W. F. Sprowles was pastor at the time of the building program.

No one from this church has ever been ordained as a minister nor gone out as a missionary.

Six Sunday School rooms were built and were dedicated September 30, 1951. Rev. George Ray Gaddie delivered the dedicatory address. Rev. J. W. Farmer was pastor at the time of the building program for the Sunday School rooms.

The present membership is 143 with Rev. H. T. Brooks as pastor with half time services.

The Sunday School has an average attendance of 60 and Training Union has an average of 33.

This Church has held Daily Vacation Bible School for a number of years with good attendance.

The Church doesn't own its parsonage, and the pastor doesn't live on the field.

Former Pastors of Pikes Ridge Baptist Church beginning 1952:

Rev. C. L. Harmon, Rev. W. F. Sprowles, Rev. L. B. Cantrell, Rev. Charles Warren, Rev. Abraham Berry, Rev. J. L. Bradshaw, Rev. H. S. Puckett, Rev. Wesley Farmer, Rev. B. B. Settles.

PINK RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH



According to information received from the older people the original Pink Ridge Baptist Church of Sulphur Well, Metcalfe County, Kentucky was organized and the building erected sometime in the 1870's a few hundred yards north of the present Pink Ridge Missionary Baptist Church. Since then the official record of the original church has evidently been lost and nothing is known of the organization and activities of the church except that it continued until 1880, when the building was sold to satisfy the financial obligations incurred on its construction. Wherefore the church became disorganized and its services discontinued until about 1900, when services were held in a grove near the present church which was reorganized and constituted August 16, 1901, by election of Brother J. R. McCalister, Moderator, and Elijah J. Gaddie, Clerk ; whereupon the following persons became the first members and wrote the church constitution August 26, 1901: Bros. James William Boston, Leonadis A. Boston, G. J. Dowell, J. Thomas Dowell, Richard Harrison Dowell, Will A. Dowell, Jim Whit Hubbard, William Marshall Hubbard, George A. Jeffries, William Henry Oakes, and William Henry Sexton.

Land was donated by E. J. Kinser and wife Mary, and Mrs. Jane Boston and children whereon the present church was built in 1903, consisting of one large room 36' x 40'. The first pastor of the church was Rev. J. P. McCalister from 1901 to 1904; during which time approximately eighty four members were added to the church, and Bro. George A. Jeffries and Jim Whit Hubbard were ordained deacons. Bro. Elijah J. Caddie was elected the first clerk and upon his resignation he was succeeded by Bro. Henry Poynter who served until 1903 when he resigned and Bro. Jim Whit Hubbard was elected clerk. In 1904, Rev. J. F. Roach was called as pastor. At this time the church licensed Bro. George A. Durrett to preach the Gospel.

Also the first delegates were appointed to attend the Association, namely: Rev. George A. Durrett, Bros. J. Marion Oakes, Ewel C. Barrett, Jim Whit Hubbard, and Henry Poynter. Bro. Ewel C. Barrett was elected clerk, and 1906, three more deacons were ordained: Bros. J. Thomas Dowell, J. Roger Mitchell, and W. G. Williams.

Subsequently, the Church has called the following pastors: 1908, Rev. B. Y. Wilson; 1909, Rev. J. W. Walbert, whereupon the Church licensed Bro. J. Thomas Dowell to preach the Gospel. 1910, Rev. G. C. Compton, wherewith James William Boston was elected clerk. Also a committee composed of Bros. George A. Durrett, John Nichols, James B. King, Eugene Oakes, J. Marion Oakes, and James William Boston formulated the rules and regulations of the Church which were adopted in 1911. In 1912 Rev. John Berry became pastor and James B. King, was elected clerk. 1913, Rev. G. L. Atnip; 1917, Rev. T. M. Purdue; 1920, Rev. N. L. Cantrell. In April of 1921, the Church ordained Bro. James Walter Hubbard as a Minister of the Gospel, and in the following June four deacons were ordained, namely: Bros. James B. King, William Marshall Hubbard, William David Oakes, and Ulyssess Grant Van Zant. In 1923, Rev. Rufus A. Slinker; 1926, Rev. Joe Stotts; 1927, Rev. Rufus A. Slinker; 1929, Rev. Joe Stotts; 1930, Rev. J. Sherman Ferguson, and in 1933, the Church licensed Bro. Thomas England to preach the Gospel. In 1935, Rev. T. S. Curry; 1936, Rev. S. B. Rowe, under whose ministry Bro. Ellis Cassady was licensed to preach the gospel and later the following were ordained deacons in June 1938: Bros. Ellis Cassady, Eugene Cassady, George Hubbard, Robert L. King and John David Oakes. Also Sister Lera King was elected clerk and continues as same at present. 1939, Rev. E. D. Roberts; 1941, Rev. J. Sherman Ferguson; 1947, Rev. James Walter Hubbard who directed the church to appoint its first and only, trustees in July, 1948. Those appointed were: Bros. J. Roger Mitchel, (now deceased), Eugene Cassady, George Hubbard, Robert Dowell, and Calvin Rogers.

The Church called Rev. Overton South of Crail Hope, Kentucky, in 1950, who continues as pastor at this time with an indefinite call. Since he has become pastor, the Church has proceeded from quarter time to half time services, with prayer services on Wednesday nights conducted by different members. The Church has full time Sunday School Services with an enrollment of fifty one under the leadership of Bro. Garvin Martin, Superintendent, and the following teachers: -The Adults, Bro. Eugene Cassady; The Intermediate, Sister Dorothy Cassady Lambirth; The Primary, Sister Mitcheline Jewell Martin; and the Card Class, Sister Ada Cassady Jeffries, with Sister Lillian Sexton Hubbard serving as Secretary Treasurer. The song services are led by Bros. George Hubbard and Eugene Cassady, Jr., with Sister Mary Edna King Steele the pianist. The Church body is now composed of approximately two hundred members and a deaconship of five, namely: Bros. William Marshall Hubbard, John David Oakes, Ellis Cassady, Eugene Cassady and George Hubbard.

PIERCE'S CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH



Pierce's Chapel Baptist Church was started as a United Baptist Church on Berger's Ridge in Adair County 1879 with 24 members. It was later changed to Pierce's Chapel Church at New Concord August 11, 1885.

The first clerk to serve the church located at New Concord was J. G. Bryant who was elected September 16, 1885. In November 1886 Brethren Austin Loy and J. G. Bryant were elected as the first deacons.

In March, 1889, the church became known as Pierce's Chapel Baptist Church with J. M. Pierce as pastor. On this occasion a dedicatory message was preached by Bro. Bowman.

The following men have served as pastors: J. M. Pierce, W. M. England, J. W. Morgan, J. R. Girder, B. Wright, H. T. Jessie, W. B. Cave, Isaac Story, J. E. Stotts, S. W. Rowe, N. E. Page, Baynard Antle, W. S. Southerland, and J. V. Mullins, Jr., who is still serving as pastor.

This church has been privileged to set apart two men to the work of the Gospel Ministry: Brother Carl Loy in 1931 and Brother N. E. Page in 1934.

The church is now engaged in a building program in which an addition is being made to the educational space. Plans have been made for remodeling the auditorium. The church now has the convenience of electricity which is a great advantage to the worship services. Progress is seen in the fact that the church has gone from quarter to half time in the last year.

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH



October 19, 1839, Henry Sanders of the County of Green (now Taylor) County donated ground to the congregation at Pleasant Hill on which their church buildings are now located. It was stated in the indenture that should the congregation ever be dissolved and there cease to be a church of like faith and order that the grant should return to him or his heirs. This grant was recorded in the office of the county clerk of Green County on September 22, 1840, by John Barrett then county clerk of said county.

Pleasant Hill Church was an active growing congregation as early as 1837 and was worshipping in a building on the property granted by said Henry Sanders. The church operated as a branch of the Good Hope Baptist Church. The early church rolls carried the names of the early settlers of Taylor and adjoining counties; such as Sanders, White, Durhams, Miskels, Crouch, Brockman, Parrott, Wright, Farmer, Mardis, Short, Jarboe, Deener, Richerson, Harding, Miller, Bottoms, Tandy, Shipp, Kert, Collins, Colvin, Wise, Patterson, Sullivan, Shoffner, Dye, Fawcett, Maupin, Maddra, Thurman, Craig, Refferty, Cooke, Scott, Hubbard, Newcomb, Feather, and Warner.

The original building of logs was burned during the war between the states and for a period of time the church was inactive as a result of the war and economics conditions which followed. As early as 1865, the church was meeting in the homes of the members worshipping and planning for a new building. In a business meeting in April 1865, the church voted to build another building of logs size 26 x 36 located on same ground. Building committee was appointed consisting of James E. Tandy, James M. Jarboe and W. L. Miskell. T. B. Farmer was appointed to solicit funds for the new building. Thomas R. Underwood was pastor at this time. This building was finished in 1867 and Bro. Thomas R. Underwood the pastor was appointed to go to Louisville and make an effort to secure glass for the windows. In the final wind up of the work of the building committee, another committee was appointed to raise funds to reimburse the building committee for money they had spent in completing the building. It is interesting to note that the church in business meeting, in February, 1864, voted to tax the members according to their financial worth as set out in the Tax Commissioners Books of Taylor County.

The church joined Lynn Association in 1864 returning to Russell Creek in 1878, later joining the East Lynn in 1896 returning to the Russell Creek Association in 1937. These changes were brought about by geographical boundaries and road changes in growth and development of the community.

In September 1888, the church appointed a committee to investigate the cost of a new church building which was needed to accomodate the growing congregation. This was during the pastorate of W. E. Chaney. This committee made its report and in 1889 another committee composed of R. W. Jarboe, Elijah Hudson and W. S. Tandy was appointed. In August 1890, the church appointed a committee of one to prosecute a claim against the U. S. Government because of the burning of the building by a group of Morg^an's men during the war mentioned before. Nothing is recorded as to the outcome of the claim. W. S. Tandy was the committee named, and J. F. Hunt was the pastor at the time.

It is evident that the raising of funds for the new building was a difficult task, even after the building was well under way. In 1894 the church elected a special agent to give a lien on the building to a lumber company in order to secure materials. Brother David Marshall was the agent named. It was during these crucial days that the church had a very successful Revival which seemed to set matters forward. This Revival was held by Rev. J. F. Hunt, the pastor, with the assistance of Rev. J. T. Hall. Brother Hall was called as pastor soon after the meeting. The business meeting following the Revival voted to buy modern church lamps for the new church. In 1896 the church was completed and paid for, however, the new pews not being purchased, delayed the Dedication until 1901. The first Sunday in June, 1901 was set as the day of Dedication and Rev. Henry McDonald, a very noted preacher of the day, preached the Dedicatory Sermon with dinner on the ground. Good Hope, Palestine and Friendship called off their services and attended. Brethren J. T. Hall and Joe T. Collins presented the church with three nice pulpit chairs on the occasion. This church was used until the late "twenties" when Sunday School rooms were built during the

pastorate of Rev. T. S. Curry. In 1938 a wing was built on the north side of the building consisting of extra auditorium space, Sunday School rooms and heating plant. On April 18, 1945, this building was completely destroyed by fire of undetermined origin. The congregation met for several weeks in the auditorium of the Taylor County High School; later purchasing a large tent where all services were held until the basement of the present church was ready for use. The work on this building was started just two months after the burning of the old building. S. V. Kessler, Obie Raffetty, Lee Reynolds and pastor D. L. Druien were named as committee to carry out plans approved by the church. The church was dedicated on April 18, 1947, with an attendance of over 1000 present. Dr. R. T. Skinner delivered the Dedicatory Sermon. All debts had previously been paid. Since that time a pastor's home has been built on the church ground as well as other needed buildings. The Church, parsonage, and other buildings have been erected at a cost of \$110,000. The membership at present is listed at 594 with a Sunday School enrollment of 395 with average attendance of 290; Training Union enrollment of 168 with average attendance of 144.

The church has a long list of pastors: Horation Chandler, John Harding, Fletcher Harding, Thomas R. Underwood, W. E Chaney, J. H. Rife, J. C. Wray, J. F. Hunt, W. T. Underwood, J. T. Hall, J. W. Crawley, S. A. Edwards, T. S. Curry, and D. L. Druien who has been pastor since 1929.

The following have been ordained as ministers by the church: W. S. Tandy in 1897; J. B. Arvin, 1899; J. T. Hall, Brooken Campbell in 1940; and Jessie A. Parker, 1948.

The present Church Officers are: D. L. Druien, pastor; S. V. Kessler, Chr. Deacons; Lee Gaddie, Sunday School Superintendent; Alfred Blakeman, Church Clerk; Wayne Kessler, Treasurer and Homer R. Kirtley, Training Union Director.

PLEASANT RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH



On the 26th day of November, 1855, Burr Hazel deeded to the trustees of Pleasant Ridge Church, namely: Robt. Bibb and Benjamin Holland, a tract of land for the sum of \$1.00 with the exception of all rail timber which was kept, The ground is near where an old log building stood that was used for a workshop.

Between 1855 and 1860 a frame building was built on the land mentioned above, consisting of one room.

Saturday, 9th day of June 1860, according to previous arrangements, the Presbytery, Henry McDonald and Larken Sidebottom met at Pleasant Ridge Church. The group carried on the following proceedings after a sermon was preached by Elder McDonald.

1st. Meeting opened with singing and prayer. 2nd. Elder L. Sidebottom was chosen Moderator.

3rd. The Presbytery then proceeded to organize church.

4th. The Moderator then called forward those members whose names are listed here: Bro. B. B. Holland, Bro. Burr Hazel, Bro. Robt. Bibb, Bro. A. J. Mays, Bro. Robt. B. Holland, Bro. Wm: M. Holland, Bro. James R. Bibb, Sister Catharin Holland, Sister Sally Bibb, Sister America Bibb, Sister Martha A Bibb, Sister Marthy A. Holland, Sister Sarah A. Holland, Sister Farina Vaughn.

The above named were charter members. Also at this time a list of colored members belonged to the church.

The second Sunday in July, 1892, Bro. P. S. Buckner was ordained to the ministry.

February, 1892, Bro. W .H. Graham was elected Clerk of the Church. August, 1897, Bro. Hugh S. Bell was ordained to the ministry. September, 1927, Bro. Abraham Berry was ordained to the ministry. September, 1930, Bro. Walter Marcum was appointed Church Clerk to take Bro. Graham's place because of Bro. Graham's illness.

December, 1935, Bro. Walter Marcum sent in his resignation as Church Clerk and Paul Gardner was appointed Clerk of the Church.

In 1950 a brick veneer building was built, with the first floor one large room and the basement to have four rooms when completed. It has a coal furnace to furnish heat.

When the corner stone was laid, Bro. Abraham Berry assisted Bro. Manley Towles.

Bro .Towles is our present pastor. Our present membership is 195. We do not have a parsonage. Our regular meeting days are one Saturday and Sunday of each month.

Pastors of Pleasant Ridge Church beginning in 1860 in the month of August to the present time were as follows: Larkin Sidebottom, James Hardy, S. W. Hardy, T. W. Bibb, S. W. Hardy, John James, W. T. Underwood, Larkin Sidebottom, J. W. Crawley, H. S. Bell, T. M. Green, J. W. Crawley, C. M. Johnson, W. B. Cave, T. E. Ennis, W. L. Plerce, W. W. Horner, J. H. Hooks, J. W. Light, R. A. Slinker,, B. J. Skaggs, Lee Pendleton, Abraham Berry, Manley Towles, Noble Cottrell, Manley Towles.

PLEASANT VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



The Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church was organized about 1838 by thirteen people. These people were members of Sand Lick Separate Baptist Church located near by. The reason for this orderly separation was a difference in opinion over two doctrinal questions. The first was the doctrine of foot washing. The Missionary Baptists did not believe that foot washing was a church ordinance. The second was on the matter of foreign missions. The Separates believe only in home and local Missions whereas the Missionary Baptists believe in the full extent of the Great Commission given by Christ which was to all the world.

The charter members were as follows: William Sutton and wife, Robert Shofner and wife, James Skaggs and wife, Babriel Blevins and wife (he was at one time a member of the State Legislature), a Mr. Skaggs.

This is all that can be accounted for in the old Pleasant Valley Schoolhouse for thirteen years. This is no doubt the source for the name of the Church.

This community was then under mail delivery from Summersville. In 1851 members constructed a frame building about 50 x 38 feet and the contractor was Henry D. Skaggs. It was located on the West Side of Little Brush Creek and on the East side of the Old Ironworks Road. This road crossed Green County following generally the stream of Little Brush Creek ending at Powder Mills and Furnaces in Hart County. These Powder Mills and Furnaces were believed to have furnished gun-powder and iron ore for both the War of 1812 and the Civil War in addition to supplying all local farmers and merchants.

In later years this Ironworks Road became known as Lee's Ferry Road now known as Rural Highway No. 110.

The minutes of the Russell Creek Association show that in 1856 at a session of the Association held at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Taylor County, that Pleasant Valley Baptist Church was admitted as a member of that body.

In the years between 1856-1896 we know little of specific events but know that the church grew in membership, unity, and broadened their vision to build a new church near the site of the old church.,

On April 6, 1895, George Coakley sold a tract of land on Northwest side of Lee's Ferry Road to the trustees of Pleasant Valley Church, who were Isham Reeves, W. J. Coakley and A. L. Ford, for a sum of \$50. There was a reservation in the deed stating that if a new church building was not started within eighteen months the land was to revert to its original owner.

The present church building was built in 1896 by contractor B. F. Rakestram of Campbellsville, Kentucky. Members of the church donated the lumber for the building and it was sawed by Jim Beams. The building was completed and on the third Sunday in April, 1897, the new building was dedicated. The pastor at that time was Rev. T. M. Greene. The dedicatory sermon was preached by W. D. Nowlin, then of Lexington, Kentucky. The dedicatory prayer was made by Dr. S. D. Coakley who one month later died and his funeral was held in Pleasant Valley Church.

In 19.... a new piano was given to the church by the Ford brothers formerly of Pleasant Valley community. These were Bob, Edd, Walter and Waller Ford, sons of Ambrose Ford. All are now deceased except Bob, who is an executive of the Kentucky Central Life and Accident Insurance Company of Louisville, Kentucky. There were two stained windows given as memorials by the children of J. H. and Mary E. Skaggs.

The next major improvement was the installation of new modern pews and pulpit stand. Also a choir loft and pulpit were constructed by Stanley Graham, of Buffalo, Kentucky. The floors were sanded, new flues built and other inside improvements were made.

Through the years Pleasant Valley Baptist Church has produced many outstanding ministers of the gospel as well as many outstanding citizens and Christian individuals.

From its foundation until the present time Pleasant Valley has been truly a lighthouse and a powerhouse of the gospel truths.

To God we give the honor, glory, and praise for leading these people in the service of the Master.

The following are some of the early pastors of Pleasant Valley Church given as nearly as possible in chronological order: Rev. Sam Hardy, Rev. Tommy Underwood, Rev. W. L. Underwood, Rev. W. E. Chaney, Rev. Larkin Sidebottom, Rev. Tom Pierce, Rev. Rife, Rev. Jack Smith, Rev. Walter Smith, Rev. Burkholder, Rev. T. M. Greene, Rev. C. M. Johnson, Rev. J. B. Ferrill, Rev. T. B. Ennis, Rev. H. A. Barnett, Rev. John Light, Rev. S. A. Edwards, Rev. Waller Pierce, Rev. B. E. Settles, Rev. W. W. Horner, Rev. Levi, Rev. D. L. Druen (total 18 years), Rev. Manley Towles, Rev. L. A. Pendleton, Rev. Burton Callico, Rev. S. L. Pruitt, Rev. Grant L. Jones, Rev. Asa W. Jones, Rev. Frank Leavell, Jr. (present pastor).

PLUM POINT BAPTIST CHURCH



In late autumn of 1932, Old Freedom Church met in a business session and agreed to a motion to name the church The Plum Point Church. This church building was not deeded to the church and the land on which it stood did not belong to the church.

At this time not only Baptist preachers, but those of other denominations also preached in the church frequently. This prevented the church from membership in the Russell Creek Association. In the year 1934 the church conformed to the ruling of Baptist Churches and was admitted to the Russell Creek Association. The membership of the church at the time it joined the Russell Creek Association was approximately 38 members, most of these moved their membership from other churches, although there were several who joined by baptism in the years before it became a member of the Association.

Since the building the church was using was in bad repair and also did not belong to the church, the members began to think of a new building. This new church was only dreamed of until February 11, 1946, when the church appointed a committee to collect funds for the new proposed building. Through the donations of the church members, friends of the church, and businessmen of Columbia and Campbellsville the church became a reality when construction began in April 1947. The church was built on 1/2 acre of land ideally situated across from the Plum Point graveyard and adjoining the Plum Point School Grounds. Mr. W. C. Arnold donated this land and deeded it to the church. The church was completed and dedicated October 12, 1947.

The church now has a membership of 80. The pastor, Rev. Edward Davis, preaches every second and fourth Sunday. Sunday School is held every Sunday.

PRICE'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH



The beginning of the history of Price's Creek Baptist Church was in 1856. A plot of ground was purchased from Milton Yates and was deeded to the trustees and their successors for the benefit and behalf of a United Baptist Church. On this plot a log meeting house was erected but little records can be found of what happened prior to 1883.

It is known that Bro. John F. Roach, who was ordained by the United Baptist Church of East Fork on the second Saturday in February, 1876 organized or reorganized the church on the eighth day of September in the year of our Lord 1883 on the United Baptist platform with 15 members. This body called Bro. William England as the first pastor.

In the year 1897 the church together with the Free Masons decided to erect a new building with the church occupying the first floor and the Masons the upper story. This house was built on the same plot of the ground on which the log house stood and was dedicated in September 1898.

The following men have been ordained by the Price' Creek Baptist Church: John Bragg on January 1, 1927; Cordon Dickson and Thomas Burris on August 2, 1947; and Hubert Brown and Oakley England on November 4, 1950.

The present trustees are O. T. Sexton, C. L. Dickson, J. F. Sexton, R. B. Dickson, and Carl Dickson. The pastor of the church at the present time is Rev. Walter Lay, White Mills, Kentucky. The church clerk is O. T. Sexton and the church treasurer is Harvey Lee Judd.

The total membership in 1954 is 288. The church maintains quarter time preaching.

RED LICK BAPTIST CHURCH



The Red Lick Baptist Church was organized in a log house on Red Lick Creek in 1855. The church had two additional new buildings before the erection of the present building on a different site.

A number of preachers have been ordained by this church. According to the records now available Bill England and W. J. England were set apart to the gospel ministry early in the history of the church. In later years J. T. England and L. E. Romine were ordained.

While a complete record of early preachers is not available, it is known that Rev. J. E. Roach was pastor in the latter part of the last century. The present pastor is Rev. C. G. Morrison, Glasgow, Kentucky.

In the early part of the present century the building now occupied by this body was erected two miles east of the old site. The building consists of a good frame auditorium with four Sunday School rooms. The following men made up the last building committee: Brethren D. L. Jessie, Arvil Barnes, and Sherman Jessie.

In later years Rev. L. S. Hagan served faithfully for many years as church clerk. At the time of his death he was a member of the Red Lick Church.

At present there are 62 enrolled in Sunday School with a church membership of 81. The worship schedule is quarter time preaching.

ROBINSON CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH



The history of the Robinson Creek Baptist Church, like many Baptist Churches, had its beginning as a small Sunday School, about the year 1924, in an old store building in the Smith Ridge vicinity. According to an unofficial source the first attendance was about twenty-five. At that date there was no white church of any kind or creed in in this community.

The place of meeting was later changed to the Carthage School House about one mile south of the first meeting site. Here Robinson Creek Baptist Church was organized, under the guidance and leadership of Abraham Berry. The church took its name from the near by Robinson Creek. The newly organized church continued to meet in the school building until 1935, when a new building was constructed while Rev. J. L. Bradshaw was pastor.

According to the Associational Minutes the church made very little progress from the time it was organized until 1949. During these years the church did not have a full time program, many of the services being conducted in the afternoon. Many now call it "The preaching and leaving program."

Robinson Creek began to move forward in 1949 when it called Bro. William Slagle as pastor, and went full time. Through the work of Bro. Slagle the attendance increased along with the gifts to all causes. The Sunday School minutes of early '49 show that 26 was an average Sunday School attendance. The Associational Minutes reveal a skimpy mission offering each year.

The need for additional room for growth was seen and in 1950 an addition was built to the old auditorium which also provided additional Sunday School space (four small rooms). This venture of faith allowed the church to grow some more. Upon the resignation of Bro. Slagle in late May 1951, the church called her eleventh and present pastor, Paul Payne, who began his work in June 1951. Under the leadership of God and the vision of the people along with their willingness to work, the church has continued to grow, from a meager 26 in 1949 to a record attendance of 191 in 1953 and an average attendance for the year of 124. The church has the Co-operative Program included in its budget, with a percentage of each dollar that comes in going to this cause; this has brought the church from an almost anti-missionary position to number six in the Association in gifts to the Co-operative Program and number two among the rural churches. In recent years the church has been blessed with a splendid Bible School each year. In 1953 seven made profession of faith in Christ, were baptized into the church and are now being trained for the Master's service. Another step in the advancement of Robinson Creek was the organization in August of 1952 of a Training Union. The first year the average attendance was 70 and it is continuing to grow. This helps to account for the increased giving, in the Associational year 1952-53, in spite of the decline in farm prices. Robinson Creek gave more last year for all causes than in any other year in her history.

The Church has now outgrown her walls until an average Sunday will find 32 young people in a room 11 x 13 and some times as many as 19 beginners in a room 6 x 11.

The biggest history of the church was made Sunday February 28, 1954 when the church voted to build a new modern building about one-half mile north of the present one. The plans call for a concrete-block-brick structure 64x40 with rest rooms, a balcony with seating space for seventy with an over all auditorium capacity of 400. The plans call for ten modern Sunday School rooms, and a modern nursery. The work has begun on the new building and the basement is nearing completion, and soon the work on the auditorium will begin. The building is so planned that additional room, when needed can be added without disruptions or damage to the building now being built.

The history of the church from the time it had its beginning in an old store building until now is water under the bridge and we cannot change it, but we can dedicate ourselves to making more history in the future for His glory. We are aware that our training program needs continued improvement and our visitation program begun recently must be worked at until the Lord comes again

We know not what the future history will be but we know the fields will be "White unto harvest," the call will be "Come over and help us" and the command will always be "Go ye into all the world."

Pastors: Abraham Berry, Ike Wise, J. L. Bradshaw, Walter Sprowles, Hugh Shelton, Criss McCubins, W. R. Simmone, O. C. Houk, Roy Houston, William Slagle, Paul Payne.

RUSSELL CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH



Russell Creek Baptist Church of Green County, Kentucky was organized the first Saturday in December, 1868. The body was composed of twenty-three charter members. Bro. William Kidd was called as the first pastor. So far as can be learned Bros. William Kidd and W. B. Shirrell were responsible for the organization, they having been sent by a body of Baptists at what was then known as the Camp Branch Baptist Church.

The first building was erected about 1855, a log building, about one-half mile east of the present site, on what is now the Hobart Keltner farm. The present building was erected in 1889 on land given by J. M. Curry on the Grab Donansburg road two and one-half miles east of Donansburg. It was dedicated the fifth Sunday in November 1890, by Bros. J. A. and W. L. Pierce. Bro. J. A. Pierce was pastor at the time.

There have been six ordained ministers sent out by the church: John Berry, W. B. Shirrell, J. S. Buckner, J. E. Scott, Coy Jeffries, and J. S. Bonta.

The present pastor is J. S. Bonta .who is a member of the church and lives on the field. We have one-fourth time Saturday night before the third Sunday and eleven o'clock on Sunday each month. Our total membership is seventy-five.

SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH



The Salem Baptist Church was organized by a group of men on March 16, 1861. There were ten charter members and their names are as follows: — Davis Walker, Archibald Madera, Thomas E. Cowherd, E. I. Blakey, Rick A. Mainny, John R. Sanders, Eastin Sanders, E. E. Sanders, William Fawcett, John I. Richerson.

The first pastor to be called to Salem was Reverend J. T. Willis on the day after the church was organized, March 17, 1861.

As best as can be ascertained by the records, no one person or church was responsible for the organization of Salem Church but it was a united effort by the aforementioned members.

Salem has had only two church buildings in her 93 years of history. The first building was raised shortly after the church was organized and was used until it burned. In the absence of a church building, there was nearby a log school house that was used as a meeting place. The second structure was a frame building that was built on the present site which is located a little farther from the road than our first building. This latter building was completed in 1867, only six years from the time the church was organized. This second building was given a thorough repair with the addition of new front steps in the year 1912. All of this structure is still in use.

The present pastor of our church is Brother William Arnold from Louisville, Kentucky and he has been with us since May of this year. The church is endeavoring to carry out a full time worship and educational program with our Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, Worship and Mid-Week Prayer Service.

The present size of our body is 212, which includes the non-resident members. Our Sunday School enrollment is 135. We feel as though we have a brighter future than ever because we have a good number of prospects and a sufficient program to keep each member active.

Our present physical plant consists of eleven Sunday School rooms, plus a furnace room and the main auditorium. The church is also proud of their new pastorium which is located at 502 Bell Avenue in Campbellsville. The pastor and wife live in the parsonage and are on the field full time. We consider ourselves fortunate to have so many physical blessings at our church plus a fine spirit among the members and a desire to be active in the work of the Master.

We join whole-heartedly in saying we are proud to be a part of Russell Creek Association even richer by contributing our part in the effort to glorify the name and the message of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

SALOMA BAPTIST CHURCH



A council of Baptist pastors, deacons and laymen came together on December 14, 1951 at Saloma, Kentucky on request of a group of Christian men and women for the purpose of organizing the Saloma Baptist Church. Council members consisted of Henry Coakley, D. L. Druin, J. Chester Badgett, Abraham Berry, Brother Davis, Harlen Whitlow, Aubry Dix and Brother Cox.

After reading of Church Covenant and Articles of Faith which the group accepted, the church was organized and named Saloma Baptist Church. Charter members who made up the church were Truman Stearman, Naomi Peters, Edward Gault, Mrs. Edward Guth, James Bland, David Jones, Frank Anderson, Mrs. Frank Anderson and Mrs. Kenneth Durham.

The first pastor of the church was Brother Frank Anderson of Louisiana who served from December 14, 1951 until May 4, 1952. The second pastor was Brother Harlan Whitlow who was called on May 14, and served until April 5, 1953. The third and present pastor is Brother Richard Phipps who was called on June 3, 1953 and is still serving.

The church has increased in membership from 9 to 43 at the present time. Since its organization, services have been held in the basement of the building, awaiting the finishing of the auditorium which is now under construction and is to be completed by late fall. The finished building will consist of an auditorium and six Sunday School rooms.

The church program consists of full time Sunday School and preaching services with pastor residing in nearby Campbellsville, Kentucky. The church field at Saloma is small and rather limited as it is bordered on all four sides by much older and stronger Baptist Churches, but it will have great possibilities when the building is finished and adequate room provided for private Sunday School classes

SOCIETY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH



Society Hill Baptist Church was organized the first Saturday in August, 1854. At this time the church was in Adair County, Kentucky.

Reverend Merideth Roach was the first pastor beginning with six members.

The first building was made of hewn logs. In the year 1905, it was removed and a new building was erected on the same grounds. On September 5, 1905, the new building was dedicated.

Brother L. C. Romine and E. A. Fields were ordained by the church to preach the Gospel.

The present pastor is John Jones. The number of members at this time is 223.

We have a one room building. Our church has quarter time preaching. The Sunday School enrollment is 70. Prayer meeting is held once a week.

SULPHUR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH



This church was organized about 1870 or 1875. Hiram Oakes, Henry Shoffner and Henry Boston were instrumental in its organization. The first building was built near where Pink Ridge Church now stands. Hiram Oakes furnished money to build the building and at his death, the church was sold for the debt. Sandy Dowell bought the building. In 1879 Daniel Oakes and Sandy Dowell made a deed to the public for one acre of ground and in 1880 the building was moved to its present location. It was remodeled and dedicated in 1923.

The first pastor on record was Rev. W. H. Payton in 1885. The clerk at that time was J. A. Coleman.

The present membership is 108. The Sunday School enrollment is 45, and the present pastor is Coy Kidd.

Some of the former pastors : John Berry, Abraham Berry, H. S. Puckett, Coy Jeffries, E. T. Caffee.

SOUTH CAMPBELLSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH



Watching the rapid growth of the Hubbard Addition to the city of Campbellsville, Kentucky, which addition was opened to the public on the seventh day of July, 1910; and realizing the need of a church in that section of Taylor County, H. S. Robinson and Abel Harding, members of the Campbellsville Baptist Church, about the middle of the summer of 1911, sought to establish a Sunday School in that addition. A house of three rooms, situated on the South side of the street that runs through the addition, was rented and a Sunday School organized. Abel Harding, who was Superintendent of the Sunday School at the Campbellsville Baptist Church, served as first Superintendent with Mr. H. S. Robinson as first secretary-treasurer. On January 7, 1913, Charles E. Russell was elected as Sunday School Superintendent by the Mother church. He was succeeded by N. W. Miller, who was chosen by the church December 9, 1914. Bro. B. J. Skaggs was assigned to the task January 14, 1914. Several others served in this capacity.

Interest grew from the start and the school continued to grow. On the fourteenth day of May, 1913, the Campbellsville Baptist Church "Authorized Bro. H. A. Barnett to hold a tent meeting in the Hubbard addition to the city of Campbellsville; and on further motion, the following committee was appointed to locate ground and put up tent: Brethren, W. T. Newcomb, B. F. Romine, T. C. Faucett, and Mrs. William Gill; Committee on Music: Mrs. G. W. Hord, Miss Aubrey caries H. Graves, and H. S. Robinson."

Among the first members of the Sunday School were Mrs. Hord, Miss Aubrey Hord, Mr. and Mrs. John Vaughn and their children, and Mrs. Minnie Gill.

From the meeting held by Bro. Barnett, which closed the fifteenth day of September, 1913, the following were received into the membership of the Campbellsville Baptist Church: Elmer Vaughn, Eliza Dix, Renia Wheat, Henry G. Franklin, Rosa Bryant, Ethel Smith, Howard Bell, John D. Frankling, Fred Marples, Frank Morris, Herbert Gill, John Grammer, Hattie Grammer, and Minnie Parrott. These, along with many others, kept at work with the Sunday School. On June 18, 1913, Abel Harding made a motion that "Brethren H. S. Robinson, R. G. Graves, W. T. Newcomb, and B. F. Romine be appointed a committee to look after the purchasing of suitable lots for a church house in South Campbellsville, and purchase same and have them conveyed to the trustees of the Campbellsville Baptist Church.

The rapid growth of the Sunday School was evidence to all that the house was an absolute necessity and the committee purchased the four lots the church now occupies, the money to pay for one of the lots being furnished by the late S. E. Kerr, who was the clerk of the church.

A committee was named to raise funds for the building. H. S. Robinson and Abel Harding assisted in this work. The money was raised by the time the building was completed. This was accomplished under the pastoral guidance of R. F. Jaudon and L. C. Kelly. In less than one year from the time the committee began the work of securing the lots, the church house was ready for occupancy.

The work progressed in the new house till the last Thursday night in October of 1934, when a storm swept South Campbellsville and blew the building off its foundation. The building was replaced by J. A. McFarland for near the amount of \$1,000.00, received from insurance policies. This work was under the direction of J. A. McFarland, Edwin Stapp, M. K. Miller, and J. A. McKenty who were appointed by the church as a building committee.

In 1937, Bro. B. J. Skaggs came to South Campbellsville. At this time, February 1937, the Mission work was duly organized into a Baptist Church, and Bro. Skaggs was called as the first pastor. He led the organization into the Russell Creek Association the same year. Bro. Skaggs remained with the church until 1946. A healthy growth was experienced under his leadership with a goodly number being added both by baptism and letter.

In October, 1946, Rev. W. R. Simone accepted the call to pastor South Campbellsville Baptist Church. He preached his first sermon as pastor on October (fourth Sunday) 1946. The church made substantial progress under Rev. W. R. Simone's leadership. In a few short weeks the church began to feel the need for more room.

In December of 1946, plans were made for a building program. Plans were adopted for an educational building. This was a big undertaking for a young church with a small membership, but men of the church, neighbors, and friends of the church gave of their finances in generous amounts. The first building fund day netted over \$1,000.00. The achievement was astounding for a church, who only a few months had scarcely any financial backing. Labor was donated by the men of the church and by neighboring men who were not members of the church. The women served food and refreshments, to urge on the men who were already tired from their own daily labors.

Growth was as follows: In the year of 1947 there were 57 additions to the church by baptism and by letter. In the year of 1949 there were 59 additions to the church also by baptism and by letter. The monthly average attendance of the Sunday School in the year 1946 was 66, and the average Sunday School offering for the year 1946 was \$8.21. The monthly average attendance for Sunday School in the year 1950 was 226 and the average offering was \$38.12.

In 1952 South Campbellsville Church saw fit to build a new brick auditorium, which was fitly joined to the twenty four room educational plant.

In December, 1953, Bro. Simmone resigned the pastorate and in March, 1954, Rev. J. W. Brown was called as pastor of the church. Under his leadership the church has continued to grow. Recently the church held a revival in a big tent, located on a lot just behind the church building, and many decisions were made for Christ. South Campbellsville has been tremendously blessed and thanks is given to God for it. Today the church stands by the busy highway, giving all a welcome to enter to worship and to depart to serve.

SUMMERSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH



In the Spring of 1898 the Summerville Baptist Church was organized with nineteen charter members. They met in an old store building, moved to a school house, and finally the first Church was completed in 1899 on a lot donated by Dr. W. J. Risen. Rev. J. W. Crawley was the preacher who led in the organization, and he was called as the first pastor. Mrs. Ella Gumm, wife of the first deacon, is the only charter member that has been a member of the Church for its entire history.

The old original building of the Church stood on the present site. It was of frame construction and served the Church well for its first forty-seven years. In 1946 the old building was sold and plans for a new building were started. While the new building was being constructed, the Church was again forced to move to a school house while waiting for the completion of the new building. Mr. C. C. Obanion, a contractor of Donansburg, Kentucky was paid the sum of \$18,000 to complete the building and in 1947 the building was dedicated debt free. Just a few months later the building was furnished with walnut pulpit furniture and pews. Since construction of the building the Church has purchased a parking lot which cost \$2,000.00.

They have also equipped the auditorium with a beautiful electronic organ which adds to the beauty of all worship services. In 1952 the Church purchased a house for the sum of \$2,500 and after a little renovating they are now using this as a parsonage. In slightly less than ten years the Church has built a new house of worship, fully equipped it, and purchased additional property which all cost about \$40,000. They have also increased their gifts to missions and every phase of the life of the Church is on the increase.

The Church now enjoys a full time program of service with a membership of 258. This achievement came when the Church was fifty-two years old. When the Church was organized, the Saturday before the first Sunday in the month was set aside as the regular time of service and this continued until 1935 when the day of service was changed to Sunday. The Church continued once a month preaching service until 1948 when the group voted to move to two Sundays a month. In 1950 the Church called Rev. Leon Larimore as the first full time pastor.

We are proud of most of our pastors. These men have been consecrated and at all times have tried to lead the Church. They filled the regular monthly appointment with great diligence. All the pastors except the last three gave only quarter time services to the Church. The last three pastors have been called on a full time program. Considering the fact that the Church was organized in a time when it was the custom to have a preacher for just one year, it is significant to find that only seventeen pastors have served the Church.

Although the Church is not very old, it like most other groups has lost some of its records. The records from 1899 to 1917 were, although kept in an acceptable fashion, for the most part lost. It was recorded in the 1917 minutes that the previous records for the last year or two were kept inadequately. However, since then the records have been preserved in a good way. There have been only six clerks and the present clerk has served for 23 years. It is generally agreed that all clerks did a good job. Along with these faithful clerks there were a group of men who served on finance committees. There have been five treasurers and the present one has served for 23 years.

Even though the Church is 56 years old, it has had only 18 deacons. None of the first deacons are still living but their memory is still fresh upon the minds of many of the members. And as a past generation was justly proud of these men, so is the Church proud of the men who serve as deacons now. The heritage which the younger group has inherited is rich, and this group must also continue to lead by encouragement and example so that the children of tomorrow will receive the same rich heritage that was theirs.

The Sunday School was probably started in 1901. Since then it has grown to become a big part in the Church life. During the first half of its life there were at least 14 different Superintendents. During the last half of its history the Sunday School has had only five Superintendents. Our School began to grow in the early 1920's and in the 1940's continued this growth and reached greater efficiency. Now the Sunday School has an enrollment of 189 with an average attendance of 105.

Besides the strong Sunday School the Church has a Baptist Training Union that functions well. At times it has died but it has always been brought back to life. The Church also has a strong Woman's Missionary Union and should be justly proud of it since it is one of the six in the entire Association.

We are also proud of our young preacher, Reba Gene Puckett. Reba Gene is the only preacher that has been ordained by this Church and he is now pastor of several Churches in this Association.

The Summersville Baptist Church has played an important part in the history of the Russell Creek Association. When the Association met with the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church on September 13, 14, 15, 1899, the Summerville Church was accepted as a new member. Since then on three different occasions the Church has entertained the Association. In 1912, 1933, and again in 1952 its doors were thrown open to the Association. We are happy to be a member of such an Association and hope that our Church may always do its part to make it still a better one.

TRAMMELL'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH



That there was a Trammell's Creek Baptist Church prior to 1850 is evident, from the minutes of the Green River Association and Russell Creek Association. These minutes are in the hands of H. S. Robinson, a well-known Baptist Historian of Campbellsville, Kentucky.

Following are facts taken from these minutes:

On Saturday, November 1, 1800, at Trammell's Creek Meeting House in Green County, the Green River Association of Baptist Churches was organized. Trammell's Creek sent four messengers to this organization and reported a membership of thirty-three.

Minutes of the Green River Association show that Trammell's Creek sent messengers to the Association in 1801, 1802, 1803, and 1804.

Elijah Summer was pastor of Trammell's Creek Church in 1800.

In 1804 the Green River Association divided into three Associations. These Associations were: Green River, Russell Creek, and Stockton Valley.

Trammell's Creek was a charter church of the Russell Creek Association and Thomas Skaggs is listed as pastor and members reported thirty-four.

From 1804 until 1815 the minutes of Russell Creek Association show that Trammell's Creek sent messengers to the Association and reported an increase in membership.

The minutes of Russell Creek Association from 1815 to 1850 do not mention Trammell's Creek Church. The definite reason for the absence of Trammell's Creek Church during the years 1816 to 1850 is not known.

We have no information as to when or where it was organized.

The Trammell's Creek Church was organized or reorganized July 13, 1850 at Pierce, Green County, Kentucky. It was under the leadership and direction of W. M. Kidd and joined the Russell Creek Association in 1850.

W.M. Kidd was called as its first pastor in October, 1850. The charter members numbered thirty and are as follows: — Pascal Pierce, Malissa Ann Pierce, John J. Chaudoin, Eliza Chaudoin, Gabriel Curry, Jerome G. Strader, Margaret E. Strader, John A. Pierce, Julius Woodward, James J. Pierce, Jane W. Pierce, William Pierce, Tempy Ann Pierce, John F. Wright, Ruthy Ann Wright, William C. Kidd, Lucy Kidd, George W. Curry, Martha W. Curry, William F. Clark, Mary Ann Clark, William M. Kidd, Frances Wallace, Mary Curry, Mandy B. Curry, Mahulda Ann Curry, Lucy Pruitt, Margaret Pierce, Elizabeth J. Stilts, Mariah Ennis.

The first building was a log house located south east of the present building, perhaps no more than fifty yards and across the road. This building was used until 1884 when the present building was dedicated.

Ministers ordained by the church are as follows: — John A. Pierce, in 1880; W. L. Pierce in 1886; T. S. Curry in 1916; R. A. Slinker in 1923; H. A. Curry in 1927.

Ministers licensed by this church who joined other churches and were ordained shortly thereafter are as follows: Evie Tucker, licensed in 1920; Curtis Warf, licensed in 1950.

Our church building has only one room and *we* do not have a parsonage. Our pastor at present is Gene Puckett and our present membership is 220. We have a Sunday School enrollment of 122 and an average attendance of seventy. We have a Training Union enrollment of forty. We are in need of more room to care for our Sunday School and hope to build in the near future.

WELLS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH



The Independence Baptist Church was organized on September 3, 1933. The organization grew out of a revival held by Rev. P. D. Roberts assisted by Rev. Noah Page. 17 of the 19 who were converted during the meeting went into the organization. The Harrod's Fork Church gave assistance in getting the church organized. The Rev. E. D. Roberts was called as Pastor for the year of 1934. A successful revival was held in 1935 resulting in 8 more additions by baptism. In the year of 1935 deacons were ordained.

Rev Joe Stotts was called as Pastor in 1938 and served for the year. In 1939 Rev. Noah Page was called as pastor, in 1940 Rev. A. D. Milby was called as Pastor. In 1942 Rev. Carlos Pike was called as pastor but declined resulting in re-calling Bro. E. a Roberts. In 1944 Bro. Walter Compton was called as pastor. In 1945 Bro. M. C. Wells was called as pastor. Bro. Wells immediately started a move to build a new church which was built in the year 1946 and was dedicated on September 4, 1946. The name of Independence Baptist Church was changed to Well's Chapel at the time of dedication. The Church has experienced successful revivals most every year since its organization and most of the additions coming by Experience and Baptism. Bro. M. C. Wells is the pastor at the present time. There are at present 101 members. The church is free of debt. Deacons are Robert Stotts, and Robert Branham. The clerk is Robert Branham.

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH



Zion Baptist Church is one of the oldest churches of the Association, and the oldest in Adair County dating back to 1802. It was organized by Elijah Summers Burbridge and John Wagner. The first church was built of logs and was located on the farm of Dr. O. Miller where his tobacco barn now stands. From this place it was moved to its present location.

In 1831 Rev. William Burbridge proposed the building of a new church. He subscribed \$400.00 and with 73 other subscriptions ranging from \$1.00 to \$25.00 they decided to build the church. Those subscribing to this fund were some of the most prominent early settlers in the county. The original plan called for the location to be near the ford of Glensfork between Columbia and Monticello and the size to be 40 feet long and 30 feet wide with a foundation of stone and walls of well-burnt bricks of as good quality as Rev. William Burbridge's new house. It was to be one story high and 12 feet from floor to ceiling, four chimneys, two at each end, four doors and seven windows, lathed and plastered and the pulpit was to have steps on each side and a closet with door underneath, a good lock for one door and good bolt and hinges to the windows — the seats were to be of good material, the cornice to be as good as that on the new house of William Epperson, Esq.

William Burbridge's will probated January 6, 1837 stated: "I do hereby give and bequeath one fourth of the whole of my estate to the use, benefit of the United Baptist Church of Zion. It is my desire or intention, if God should lengthen my life a year or two longer to finish the Meeting House of Zion by plastering, papering and to build a good school house on the grounds on which the church or on ground immediately adjoining if the church can secure the ground.

The present church was built in 1877 with old bricks used in the former church with new necessary to finish the job. The steps are of lovely cut limestone. This congregation has been one of the outstanding Adair county for more than a century. For a number of years the Columbia pastor would serve the Zion Church. The Zion Church has a glorious history and has meant much to the religious life of Adair County and Russell Creek Association.

WALNUT HILL BAPTIST MISSION



A few years ago several men of the Campbellsville Baptist Church saw the need of a Mission Church on the North Side of Campbellsville. In March 1949 a concrete block building was bought on Jackson Street for this purpose,

At the regular monthly business meeting of the Campbellsville Baptist Church, March 9, 1949 the following named men were appointed as a committee to organize a Sunday School, conduct prayer meeting and preaching services, and do all things necessary to carry on a Mission work in that Community. C. V. Bryan, Chairman; Aubrey Dix; Henry Mardis; C. E. Russell; Rudolph Smith; Homer Felts; and Lee Edwards. All of these men are still serving except Rudolph Smith. Richard Kearnes has been elected to serve on the committee since that time.

The Dedicatory message was preached by Dr. Harvey F. Morrison; pastor of the mother church, on July 17, 1949.

Rev. A. F. Connor was called as the first pastor. He served as a loyal and faithful pastor from the time of his call until March, 1952 when he resigned to become pastor elsewhere. Through his untiring efforts many souls were won to Christ and the ground work laid for an organized church in the future.

On June 1, 1952 Bro. John W. Farmer accepted a call as the second pastor of Walnut Hill and is serving at this time. Under his leadership many others have come to know Christ as their personal Saviour and have united with the Mission Church, while others have joined by letter. At the present time there is a membership of 175 enrolled in Sunday School. The Mission Church is in the midst of a building program.

Last year the Mission held its first Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 92 and an average attendance of 75. The mission supports an organized Sunday School, as mentioned above, a Baptist Training Union and a Woman's Missionary Union organization.

During its brief history two young men have been ordained to the Gospel ministry from the mission membership. They are: Bro. Richard Phipps, pastor of the Saloma Baptist Church; and Bro. E. Edward Davis, pastor of the Plum Point Baptist Church. Both of these churches are in our Association.

Many faithful Christians, including the committee that was named, have worked hard to accomplish what has been done. The members are grateful to all of them and thank God for the blessings that He has bestowed upon them in their new work.

In the near future they hope to be organized into a Baptist Church and to become a member of Russell Creek Association.