

*The History
Of the
Taylor County Association
Of
Kentucky Baptists
1957—2007*

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Russell Creek Baptist Association: Forerunner of Taylor County Baptist Association

The organizational meeting of the Russell Creek Association of Kentucky Baptists occurred at the Pitman Creek Church, now Campbellsville Baptist Church, on September 8, 1804. It included eleven churches from the Green River Association: Meadow Creek, Brush Creek, Mt. Gilead, Good Hope, Zion, Trammel's Creek, South Fork, Liberty, Lynn Camp, Pitman Creek, and Otter Creek. Therefore, Campbellsville Baptist Church hosted the organizational meetings of both the Russell County (1804) and the Taylor County Baptist Associations (1957.)

The Russell Creek Baptist Association supported mission work at home and abroad. In the 1815 annual meeting at Sand Lick, now Friendship Baptist Church, the Rev. Luther Rice addressed the meeting concerning Foreign Missions. The offering for missions amounted to one hundred and fourteen dollars and fifty cents. This action stands as a beacon for the Baptist missionary spirit.

The Baptists of the Russell Creek Association also promoted the establishment of a Christian school for their children. As early as 1881, the Russell Creek Association of United Baptists noted the need for Christian education within the boundaries of the association.

Several committees met regularly and on September 12, 1900 at the annual meeting of the Russell Creek Association at Salem Baptist Church, the association formed a committee to build a school in Campbellsville. The association took direct action to buy 10 acres and construct a building. The Russell Creek Academy held its first classes in September 1907.

Organization and Growth 1958-1967

The Taylor County Association of Kentucky Baptists began with 15 churches; 13 from the Russell Creek Association of Baptists and two from the East Lynn Association.

The original members included Campbellsville, Elk Horn, Friendship, Liberty, Lone Valley, Palestine, Pikes Ridge, Pleasant Hill,

Robinson Creek, Salem, Saloma, South Campbellsville and Walnut Hill (now Lowell Avenue) and two from East Lynn: Good Hope, and Mount Gilboa.

On Monday night, August 19, 1957 at 8:00 p.m. at the Campbellsville Baptist Church, messengers from the 15 churches met and organized the Taylor County Association of Baptist Churches. Dr. J. Chester Badgett, pastor of the Campbellsville Baptist Church, as temporary moderator, called the meeting to order. The messengers elected officers, adopted the constitution and by-laws, and appointed a committee to advise Russell Creek and Lynn Association of the action of Taylor County Baptists and to “ask their blessing.”

On October 16, 1957, at the Greensburg Baptist Church, Dr. J. Chester Badgett called to order the 153rd session of the Russell Creek Association of Kentucky Baptists. The clerk of the Taylor County Baptist Association, Woody Chandler, read the previous action of Taylor County Association of Kentucky Baptists.

On the first day Greensburg Baptist Church Minutes, of the Russell County Association 1957, Dr. J. Chester Badgett, Moderator of the Russell Creek Baptist Association declared:

We of the Taylor County Association of Kentucky Baptists wish to inform you of our recent action;

On the night of August 19, 1957, messengers from fifteen churches of Taylor County met by the invitation of the Campbellsville Baptist Church: and by the authority vested in them by their own churches organized the Taylor County Association of Kentucky Baptists.

*The churches of this new association are:
Good Hope, Mount Gilboa, (from East Lynn Association)
Campbellsville, ElkHorn, Friendship, Liberty, Lone Valley,
Palestine, Pikes Ridge, Pleasant Hill, Robinson Creek, Salem,
Saloma, South Campbellsville, and Walnut Hill (coming from
Russell Creek Association.)*

Each church in the association, and especially those who have come from your association, ask your prayers for and your blessings upon, this new venture in the cause of preaching the

*Gospel to every creature. May God add His richest blessings
to your efforts in your Association.*

*Yours in Christ,
Robert L. Cate, Chairman
E. Poe Young
Vernon Newton*

At this time Dr. A. H. Phillips discussed the separation of the Taylor County Churches. Stating he felt by the separation both associations would grow. We Baptists believe by dividing we become stronger. For this session, Taylor County Churches are part of the Russell Creek Association.

In 1958 in its first Annual Meeting, the Taylor County Baptists reported a total membership of 4581.

Some individuals opposed the forming of Taylor County Baptist Association because of the Russell Creek Association's sponsorship of the Russell Creek Academy, now Campbellsville University. For more than a year several pastors including Dr. J. Chester Badgett and Dr. D. L. Druen promoted the forming of a new association for the Baptist Churches in Taylor County.

Woodruff T. Chandler served nine years as the first clerk of the Taylor County Baptist Association 1958-1966. His great grandfather, John Chandler served as the first clerk of the Russell Creek Baptist Association: 1804 1820.

The churches supported missions during the early years of the association. Campbellsville Baptist Church helped with the work at Raikes Hill, Yuma, and Acton. Pleasant Hill Baptist Church supported the work at Pitman Valley. The Taylor County Baptist Association and the Campbellsville Baptist Church gave funds to underwrite missions at Tabernacle No. 2 in Adair County and Ovesen Height Mission in Hodgenville. In 1962 The Executive Board of Taylor County Baptist Association voted to discontinue the support of the Eunice Mission in Adair County and use the funds for mission work in Ohio. The association sent \$2400.00 for the work in the Greater Cincinnati area. In 1963, the association sent \$1850.00 to underwrite a Southern Baptist Mission in Celina, Ohio, pastored by the Rev. Kenneth Forman. In 1965 the association voted to continue the work of the Celina Baptist Mission in the amount of \$100.00 per month.

In 1966, the association accepted the application for membership from Meadowview Baptist Church.

In 1967, the association assisted with the First Baptist Church of Beverly Hills, California in the amount of \$100.00 per month.

The association encouraged a cooperative relationship with African-American Baptist churches during the annual meeting of the Taylor County Baptist Association in 1967. Dr. J. Chester Badgett, pastor of the Campbellsville Baptist Church recommended that the colored Baptist Churches be invited to have “Fraternal Representation” on the Executive Board of the Taylor County Association of Kentucky Baptists—the pastor and one other representative. This was brought to a vote and unanimously carried. The motion was made from the floor that the original motion be amended to include in the invitation for the colored churches to either join or not join the Taylor County Association of Kentucky Baptists as their needs and desires indicated. This amendment was also passed without any opposition. The clerk was instructed to write the churches of Taylor County among colored Baptists informing them of the action of the Association; this was done immediately.

The association maintained mission awareness with a School of Missions, March 19-24, 1967. All the churches in the association participated. Some 20 state, home, and foreign missionaries shared accounts of their ministries with the churches in Taylor County.

Missions and Church Education: 1968-1977

The Taylor County Baptist Association continued the work to support missions in Taylor County and in several states.

In 1968, The Taylor County Baptist Association budget included \$3,800.00 for missions, with \$2,500.00 for the Toledo, Ohio crusade; \$150 to assist the Little Woods Baptist Church in New Orleans; \$100 to assist Harold Sanders in his work in Alaska and \$400 to help the mission team in Taylor County.

In 1969, the Taylor County Baptist Association promoted a county-wide crusade.

It sent \$1000.00 to help Rev. Dolan Henry, a missionary of the Key Stone Baptist Church in Pennsylvania.

The Taylor County Baptist Association sent a revival team to Toledo, Ohio. Members of the team included: Rev. J. L. McNeal, Rev. J. Alvin Hardy, Rev. Arnold Moon, Dr. J. Chester Badgett, Dee Wayne White, J.B. Crawley, and Clifford L. Strader. In the early years, the association organization included a committee system. In 1970, the Taylor County Baptist Association appointed Jerry Kibbons as the part-time Director of Associational work.

In order to strengthen church education programs the association sponsored a clinic for January Bible Study and a Sunday School revival.

During the 1970's, the Taylor County Baptist Association sponsored ministries at Green River Lake. Rev. Woodrow Wilson and wife lived in a camp on site during the summer in 1972. Rev. Ronald Roberson directed the Lake Ministries and also the work of the association in 1973-1974.

James Pickens directed the Lake Ministry in 1974. He expanded the work to include the KOA camp ground ministries in 1975 and 1976. Randy Karscher directed the summer lake ministry in 1977.

The Association promoted the World Missions Conference in 1971 and 1975. In 1975, some ten missionaries participated in sharing ministry experiences.

The work in Keystone Baptist Association of Pennsylvania led to the constitution of Williamsport Baptist Chapel into a church and the start of two missions. In 1975, The Taylor County Baptist Association sent \$1,000 to continue the ministry.

The churches participated in a simultaneous revival effort during 1976. In 1976 Darrell Hunt, Brotherhood Director led the Association Baptist Brotherhood to host a Pastor-Deacon Retreat, Association Prayer Breakfast, and an associational family night.

In 1973, the Taylor County Baptist Association churches accepted the challenge to give \$50,000 to assist the finances of Campbellsville College.

Partnership Missions and Associational Leadership 1978-1987

During the next decade 1979-1987, the Association continued the support of missions at home and abroad. In 1979 the Taylor County Baptist Association appointed Albert G. Willet to lead the summer mission program at the KOA camp ground. Steve Lamb assisted with music each Sunday from May through September.

In 1980, Ken Bolin, a Campbellsville College student helped with the summer program at the KOA.

The Taylor County Baptist Associational meeting hosted a World Missions Conference with ten missionaries. The World Mission Conference expenses amounted to \$2,034. The churches contributed a love offering of \$2,079 for the missionaries.

Another ministerial student at Campbellsville College led the KOA camp ground summer services during the summer of 1981. The Taylor County Baptist Association invested \$820.00 in this ministry. In 1983 Tim Miller and Duane Fitzpatrick, and in 1983 Buddy Lee and David Smith led the work at the KOA camp ground.

Several churches joined the Taylor County Baptist Association during this period of time. Taylor County Baptist Association accepted Yuma Baptist Church in 1982; Acton, 1984; Eastside under watch-care in 1984 and full membership in 1985.

The association sponsored a Taylor County Crusade for Christ in 1982. Dr. Ray E. Roberts of Ashville, North Carolina led the evangelistic services. R.L. and Beth Sigrest of Yazoo City, Mississippi led the music for the crusade at the football field of the Taylor County High School.

The churches contributed \$9,311.74 for the crusade with expenses of \$7,442.60 leaving a balance of \$1,869.14.

In May 1984, The Long Range Planning Committee of the Taylor County Baptist Association recommended the establishment of our association office with a part-time secretary.

The Executive Board in May 1985 approved the appointment of Rev. Henry T. Parrott as the Director of Missions. Mrs. Jane Hedgespeth served as the Associational Secretary.

Brother Henry Parrott resigned as the Director of Missions after serving 20 months.

In March 1987, the Mission Committee of the Executive Board recommended the appointment of Bro. William B. Beard as the new Director of Missions. He provided leadership for ten years through September 1997.

In 1986, a number of churches sent members on short-term mission trips.

Campbellsville Baptist sent youth to Bryan, Ohio; Lynwood and Margaret Kessler to work with Indians in New Mexico and Lillian Johnson, worked as a librarian in Brazil.

Pleasant Hill Baptist sent youth and adults to conduct a Vacation Bible School and a "people search" for the Southern Hills Baptist Church in Hamilton, Ohio.

Saloma Baptist sent Jimmie Nelson and family to work in a Vacation Bible School in Virginia.

In 1987, During the Kentucky-Kenya Partnership, a number of Taylor County Baptist churches sponsored members on mission trips to Kenya. They included members from:

Campbellsville Baptist: Dr. and Mrs. J. Chester Badgett; Dan Flanagan, Randy Lawless, J. B. Crawley, and John Taylor. Green River Memorial Baptist: Don Gowin, J. Alvin Hardy, Larry Parrish and Doug McCubbin.

Pleasant Hill: Rev. Bob Martin and Chris Clarke.

Liberty Baptist: Brian Wise, Connie Wise, and Ed McGuire.

1988-1997 Local, State, Home, and International Missions.

In May 1988, the Taylor County Baptist Association hosted a World Missions Conference with the participation of 18 churches and one mission. Missionaries from four foreign, three home, and two states assisted with the conference.

On the County level Rev. Eugene Smith, Ray Flewellin and Leona worked with ministry in the Taylor County Jail.

During 1989, Mount Gilboa and Pleasant Hill Baptist Churches cooperated to lead a Vacation Bible School in Raywick community.

The Taylor County Baptists continued their generous support for Christian education during 1989. Of the twenty-one churches in the association, eleven gave official recognition to Baptist School Day. Gifts to education totaled \$59,445 and \$14,567 increase over last year.

They, also, prepared commuter lunches for Campbellsville College students. In 1990, the association elected Tom Gupton as the Moderator, the fourth laymen, to serve in the position. Previous laymen in the position included: Homer Kirtley, J. B. Crawley, and Darrell Hunt who served two different terms.

The association churches participated in mission trips to Brazil, Mexico, and Argentina.

They also participated in "Here's Hope" simultaneous revivals, April 8-15, 1990. The jail ministry reported at least twenty conversions in this ministry during the year.

In April 1992, twenty churches participated in a World Missions Conference. During the summer, the churches sent mission teams to Utah, Ohio, Michigan, Montana, Eastern Kentucky, and Brazil.

The association sent representatives to South Florida and Louisiana to assist in Disaster Relief.

Several local men assisted Willard Wise in a Baptist Builders project in constructing a new church in Glasgow.

In 1993, Ray Flewellin continued his jail ministry in Adair County. Later, he expanded his ministry to Marion County Detention Center. Churches continued to invest in Evangelism and Missions. They participated in the countywide crusade with Dr. Tony Compolo and Brother Doug Oldham.

In 1994, several churches sent teams to participate in Disaster Relief projects and to work with Baptist Builders.

A number of men and women conducted weekend revivals in Troy, Missouri, and Booneville, Kentucky.

Ray Flewwellin reported 51 rededication and 20 conversions in the Adair County Jail Ministry.

In 1995, the Taylor County Baptist Association Women's Missionary Union participated in the National WMU Ministry project "World Hunger." The WMU collected 2732 cans of food and raised \$760.50 for hunger relief.

The association also participated in "Here's Hope—Share Jesus Now Harvest Revivals."

The churches sent teams to Russia, Utah, Raywick and Wheelwright, Kentucky. They cooperated with mission partnership with Brazil 1989-1993; Kentucky—Utah—Idaho, 1994; Russia 1994-1998.

Liberty Baptist Church continued a ministry with Migrant Workers and provided Spanish Bibles for them.

In 1996, the association hosted a World Missions Conference with the participation of ten missionaries: home, state, and foreign. The churches shared a love offering of \$4304.00 with the missionaries.

Several churches sent members to Russia in cooperation with the Kentucky- Russia partnership.

In 1997, the Taylor County Baptist Association promoted the taking of a religious census in Taylor County.

The churches sent mission teams to Kolpino, Russia; the New-England Partnership; Pikeville and Middleboro, Kentucky; and Buffalo, New York.

The churches contributed \$4,870 toward the Learning Center in Saint Petersburg, Russia.

After serving as the Director of Missions for 10½ years, Bro. Bill Beard resigned his position in September 1997.

In January 1998, Dr. Jerry Kibbons accepted the appointment as the interim Director of Missions.

In September, Dr. Nickolai Syrovatko, the Director of the Learning Center and School in Saint Petersburg, Russia spoke at a mission rally at Lowell Avenue Baptist Church.

The churches reported that 789 members participated in some mission activity during the year.

The association in partnership with Campbellsville University, Campbellsville Baptist Church, and the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children established Cornerstone Counseling Center in Campbellsville.

Strategy Planning: Teams Building and New Mission thrust with Hispanics 1998-2007

In the 1998 spring meeting Dr. Ray England, Chairman of the Missions Committee, brought the following motion from that committee:

The Missions Committee moves that the moderator designate the appropriate committee

To conduct strategic planning, utilizing the assistance of our Kentucky Baptist Convention resource staff, to determine the interests of our pastors and churches in Taylor County Association as to the future direction of our association. The motion proposes that the designated committee bring a recommendation to the Executive Board that outlines a strategic plan that would include, but not be limited to, an overarching mission statement for our association ministry objectives and goals, any needed changes in our constitution and bylaws to be able to move in these ministry directions and recommendations for the staff needed to meet these goals.

The recommendation was approved.

On November 16th the association voted to adopt the recommendation of the Strategic Planning Committee. Included among these recommendations is to adopt the “Team” ministry structure. The Teams are as follows:

- a) Spiritual Growth Ministries Team
Including—Sunday School, Discipleship Training, Church Music, and Creative Ministries.
- a) Leadership Growth Ministries Team
Including—Equipping Pastors and Staffs, Training Lay Leaders, “Call out the Called”

- c) Kingdom Growth Team
Including—Evangelism, Mission Education,
Ministry Projects
- d) Administrative Team
Including—Moderator, Executive Committee,
Director of Missions, team Leaders.

The association made the transition from a committee system to a team approach.

In the spring of 1999, many churches participated in the Bill Glass Crusade at the Taylor County High School football stadium.

The association called Robert S. Clark as the Director of Missions effective October 1st.

In 1999, Mount Roberts Baptist Church joined the Taylor County Baptist Association.

In 2000, The churches in Taylor County Baptist Association cooperated in supporting the jail ministry, Cornerstone Counseling, and the Russian Sunday School Training Center in Saint Petersburg, Russia under the director of Dr. Nickolai Syrovatko.

Some 200 persons attended the Senior Adult Celebration in Campbellsville with J. Alvin Hardy, Jerry R. Kibbons, and Robert S. Clark leading the breakout sessions.

In 2001, churches of Taylor County Baptist Association participated in the ministry of the Kentucky Heartland Outreach, which uses college students, faculty, and staff to repair homes.

The association helped with Christian Women Job Corps which helps women become successful by mentoring them in life and job skills.

Several members of the churches conducted lay-led revivals. The Brotherhood helped to build and support the Trucker's Christian Chapel. Men and women served in Disaster Relief efforts in Science Hill and Floyd County, Kentucky and in Mullen, West Virginia following damages by a tornado and floods.

During the fall semester, Dr. Nickolai Syrovatko attended

Campbellsville University for studies in English, Bible, and computers. He addressed the members at the associational meeting and in a number of churches regarding the needs in Russia.

During August 18-21, 2002 some 20 churches participated in the On Mission Celebration with 20 missionaries, who represented state, national, and international missions, spoke five times in each church.

On September 9, 2002, Mount Washington Baptist Church joined the Taylor County Baptist Association.

Dr. Robert Clark and Dr. Noble Roberts went on a mission trip to Saint Petersburg, Russia. They visited the Learning Center with Dr. Nickolai Syrovatko, met with pastors, and spoke in churches. They visited the Kolpino Baptist Church. Several members of Taylor County Baptist Association had helped to build their church.

In 2003, The Kentucky Baptist Convention recognized the churches in the Taylor County Baptist Association for being second in Cooperative Program per capita giving.

Raikes Hill Baptist Mission became Raikes Hill Baptist Church.

In the 2003 fall meeting, the association accepted the challenge of giving \$25,000 to the construction of the Randsell Chapel at Campbellsville University. Member-churches also established a goal of \$100,000 for the chapel during the Campbellsville University Centennial celebration 2006-2007.

The Taylor County Baptist Association adopted the Robert's Rules of Order as a guide for parliamentary procedures.

The Taylor County Baptist Association assisted with the financing of the Trucker's Chapel with the members of Friendship Baptist Church leading in its construction.

With the growth of the Hispanics in the county, Brother George Ray Gaddie shared the need to minister to these people in the community.

Although the association accepted Freedom Baptist church under

the Watch Care Program, the church withdrew its application for membership.

The association started a new project of assisting local church members with their expenses on mission trips. It committed \$4,000 to the effort during 2004.

The Executive Council approved the guidelines for Watch Care Status and the data sheet for churches desiring affiliation with the association.

In 2005, in a major mission outreach the Taylor County Baptist Association joined the Southern Kentucky Hispanic Ministry, Inc.

The Taylor County Baptist Association appointed three representatives to serve on that board: Bro. David W. Gaddie, Mrs. Penny Akers, and Rev. Bill Henderson along with Dr. Robert Clark as an ex-officio member. The Taylor County Baptist Association also, pledged \$10,000 a year to support this Hispanic Ministry.

The Southern Kentucky Hispanic Ministry Inc. appointed Rev. Rolando Muniz as the Hispanic minister for the member association: Taylor, Lynn, Severns Valley, Liberty and Simpson (Simpson Association later withdrew its membership.)

For several years Mike Forbis, Richard Durham, and Bryan Lackey coordinated the Green River Lake Ministry during the summer. They plan a schedule for churches to lead in Sunday worship and other ministry activities.

At the spring meeting, Discipleship Training received new emphasis.

The Taylor County Baptist Association Executive Board suggested that churches support the Hispanic Ministry with an annual contribution of \$2.00 per church member.

The Taylor County Baptist Association contributed \$2,000 to the cost of constructing the Food Pantry Building.

The Association sponsored an association wide Baptismal Service at Green River Lake.

The association made a \$5,000 contribution to the Kentucky Baptist Convention Disaster Relief effort along the Gulf of Mexico coast. Several churches sent teams to assist with the rebuilding of homes and churches.

History of Acton Baptist Church



In 1955 and 1956, missions were started in unused school buildings in the communities of Yuma, Raikes Hill, and Acton in Taylor County, Kentucky.

The minutes of May 9, 1956, of Campbellsville Baptist Church stated that Brother Henry Mardis reported a census that found 98 people not attending Sunday School in the Acton Community. Of these 98 people, 76 were unsaved. After Mr. Mardis conferred with the mother church, pastor J. Chester Badgett, a vote was taken by members of Campbellsville Baptist Church on May 9, 1956 and gave approval to form the Acton Mission to meet the spiritual needs of the Acton community. The members appointed to the Acton Mission committee were Gordon Taylor, Teddy Winn, Ray Borders, Dennis Smith, and Crawley Campbell.

The first report of the Acton Mission presented to Campbellsville Baptist Church showed an average Sunday School attendance of 29 with offerings of \$31.94 for the month of July 1956. On October 24, 1956 the first pastor of the Acton Mission, Brother Joseph Horsley, was ordained at Campbellsville Baptist Church. Brother C.E. Munsey, pastor of Yuma Mission, and Brother R.E. Dazey, pastor of Raikes Hill Mission, were ordained at the same time.

In June 1957, Campbellsville Baptist church made the decision to purchase the Acton school building and grounds at an auction on June 21, 1957. The purchase price was not desirable and a recommendation by Dr. W.B. Atkinson to purchase property was approved.

Property was purchased and a new building was constructed with

the first service held in April 1959. During the pastorate of Brother Joseph Horsley, the mission grew slowly but with an occasional convert being received by baptism. In addition to meeting the spiritual needs of the Acton community, the Mission gave young ministerial students at Campbellsville College a place to exercise their calling. Many of the former pastors of this and the other mission have gone on to take significant places in the life of the Baptist denomination.

On September 9, 1984, after 28 years as a Mission, a constitution of the Acton Baptist Church, was held. In this service Acton Baptist Mission was recognized as a fully constituted church in the Taylor County Baptist Association. More than one hundred persons registered their names.

The pastors who have served at Acton Baptist Mission and Church are as follows:

Pastors	Years of Service
Joseph Horsley	July 4, 1956—August 5, 1959
B.E. Settles	December 9, 1959-1960
Burton Cosby	November 9, 1960—March 1965
Larry Orange	December 1965—December 1969
Jerry Davis	January 1970—June 6, 1972
Darrell Vance	June 1972—October 10, 1972
Thomas Shelton	December 10, 1972—April 7, 1974
Bill Jones	May 12, 1974—November 19, 1975
Joe Eubanks	December 28, 1975—July 12, 1978
Williams Dillon	August 13, 1978—May 14, 1980
	November 2, 1980—July 26, 1981
Jimmie Rowland	August 1981—December 1982
Lockard M. Hamilton	January 2, 1983—(unknown)

(During the months of August, September, and October 1981, Bro. Hamilton served as interim pastor of the Hustonville Baptist Church).

Jesse A. Parker	Unknown
Al Hickman	August 18, 1991—January 6, 1993
Jim Jones	February 28, 1993—September 17, 1995
Bill Cassidy	January 14, 1996—April 14, 1996
Mark Jones	June 16, 1996—March 1, 1998
John Batcher	April 19, 1998—Present
Bill Beard	Retired
Chester Badgett	Retired

History of Campbellsville Baptist Church

In 1791, a year before Kentucky was admitted to the Union, a Swede traveling around the American frontier recorded that a church of thirty members, had been formed on Green River. Those were the begin-nings of what was to become the Campbellsville Baptist Church, the oldest congregation in present-day Taylor County. At first, the church



was a member of the South Kentucky Separate Baptist Association where it remained until 1800, when the church, with a membership of 21 and Baldwin Clifton as pastor, joined others in forming the Green River Association of Regular Baptists.

The early church was located at two sites, a log building on Elkhorn Road on Weant Branch of Robinson Creek, and another on Saloma Road on Pitman Creek. Both creeks flow into Green River. By the early 1800s the combined congregation, Pitman and Robinson Creek Church, was meet-ing on the first Sunday every month, using the meeting houses of each congregation on alternate months. In the winter, the congregation met in members' homes.

In true camp-meeting style, business meetings were conducted on Saturday, followed by worship and dinner on the grounds on Sundays. Some members had endured Indian attacks, others had fought in the American Revolution, and several were civic leaders in early Green County, out of which Taylor County was formed in 1884.

Communion in the early church was taken quarterly. In 1802, communion was changed to be held annually; in 1930, it reverted to being held quarterly.

In 1802, the congregation at the Saloma Road site took the name, the Baptist Church of Christ on Pitman. In 1804, at that site, the group

decided to construct a thirty-foot-square log meeting house with two sheds being added in 1815. It had two entrances at the front, one for women and one for men, and two windows on its sides.

And, in 1804, the first meeting of the newly formed Russell Creek Association was held at this new church on Pitman.

In 1852, the Pitman Creek Church left its Saloma Road site, became known as Campbellsville Baptist Church, and built a frame church on a lot at the corner of North Columbia and Second Street, now Broadway, across from the Court House Square in Campbellsville. That building housed sick Civil War soldiers in the winter of 1861-1862. After the courthouse was burned by Confederates on Christmas Day, 1864, the church served as a courthouse until a new one was constructed.

In 1889, a new brick church with a steeple was built on the corner lot. In 1916, that church building was sold and its steeple removed. In 2007, that building houses the Taylor County Library.

In 1906, church leaders led the way in founding Russell Creek Academy, which became Campbellsville University in 1996. The Ladies Aid Society became the Women's Missionary Union early in the 20th century.

In 1912, the church's membership reached 426; its Sunday School enrollment, 153, and the pastor's salary, \$1,000. The first budget committee assumed responsibility for apportioning of funds, with a strong support for missions. Business meetings were changed from Saturdays to Wednesday nights. Parsonage property was purchased.

L.C. Kelly became the new minister. As a result of his ministry, in 1913, the Sunday School enrollment reached 300. Kelly led the church leaders in a fund-raising campaign to ensure that Russell Creek Academy remained a Baptist-supported institution. By 1917, the church membership was 550 and the pastor's salary had increased to \$2,400.

In 1915-1916 a new, classical-style church was built in its present location, at 420 North Central Avenue. It featured blue stained-glass windows and a beautiful domed ceiling. By 1934, the membership had grown to 855. In 1953, an educational building was built to accommodate an ever-growing Sunday School, which numbered 1,018. In 1957, A second

association of Baptists, Taylor County Association, was formed at a meeting held at the church.

In 1961, extensive renovation of the sanctuary was completed. Unfortunately, on Saturday night, February 24, 1962, the church burned to the ground.

Dr. J. Chester Badgett, along with a dedicated group of church members and deacons, led a campaign to rebuild the sanctuary in colonial revival style; expansion continued when the Christian Life Center was built in 1989 under the leadership of Dr. James Jones.

The strong interest in missions exhibited in the church began in 1807. In 1815, the first offering was taken by the association for foreign missions-\$114.50. The church has generously supported foreign missions over the years, with its contribution reaching \$4,000,000 in 2006. This church has been the mother church for South Campbellsville, Lowell Avenue, Acton, Yuma, and the Raikes Hill Missions here in Taylor County and a mission in LaRue County.

In May 2007, under the leadership of Dr. Skip Alexander, the active church membership is 1,220, with a total of 1,911 including non-resident members. The 2007 budget is \$1.2 million with 13% given to the Cooperative Program, and additional support to the Taylor County Baptist Association and multiple mission causes. In 2003, the church called Rev. Larry Rowell as Minister of Education and Administration who leads the cornerstone ministry of Sunday School with an enrollment of 1,136.

The church offers two Sunday morning worship services, a contemporary at 8:30 a.m. and a traditional service at 11:00 a.m. Rev. David Johnson joined the staff in 1997 as Minister of Music and was instrumental in beginning the contemporary service in 1998. The Music Ministry includes the church orchestra, praise team, and choirs for adults, youth, and handbells. Dave Collie, Minister of Youth, joined the staff in 2006 and leads all youth activities under the umbrella of 4:12 Student Ministries. Faith Field, the children's ministry is led by Jennifer Collie, Minister of Children, who came on staff in 2005. Minister of Activities, Rev. David Akers, directs Upward Basketball, the Biggest Loser weight program, softball and bowling leagues, and Booklink (a resource for reusing church literature.) The Senior Adult Minister, Rev. Ken Forman, served several years ago as associate pastor with Dr. J. C. Badgett, has been influential in

developing the Young at Heart Ministry which includes visitation of the elderly, monthly senior luncheons, and recreational activities for senior adults.

The church shares its facilities during the week with the Campbellsville Child Development Center which is a Christian-based daycare. In addition, the church offers many diverse opportunities for ministry such as WMU, Brotherhood, Media, Collegiate, International, Disaster Relief, Divorce Care, Grief, and Lighthouse Counseling Ministries.

History of Eastside Baptist Church

In 1981, Eastside Baptist Church began as Grace Baptist Church, which met in the basement of the Merchant Hotel on Main Street in Campbellsville. Brother Kirtley Jolly served as the pastor.

In August 1983, the church moved to the Earl TV and Appliance building on Lebanon Road and changed its name to Eastside Baptist Church.

Brother Wesley Powers became the pastor in 1984. Eastside Baptist applied for membership in the Taylor County Baptist Association in September 1984. The association accepted Eastside under "Watch Care" of the association for one year. In 1985, the association accepted Eastside Baptist Church into full membership.

In January 1986, Eastside purchased its current building on Reid's Chapel Road from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

On December 19, 1993, Brother Ivan Jones began as pastor of Eastside Baptist Church



and remained pastor until May 26, 2002. At this time, the church had just come through some difficulties and the attendance was very low. The church grew slowly and the Lord blessed us through the remainder of my pastorate. We had 17 additions to the church.

In September 10, 1995, the church had a special service in celebration of my 30 years in the ministry.

We added a handicapped bathroom upstairs.

In July, 1996, new carpet was put down and new benches and pulpit furniture was installed.

In August, 1999, a new metal roof, insulation, drop-ceiling and new lights were added.

A steeple was installed in May 2000.

The parking lot was black-topped in May, 2001.

Eastside Baptist Church—Pastors

Rev. Wesley Powers

Rev. Eugene Smith

Rev. Seibert Sullivan

Rev. Ivan Jones

Rev. Roger Robertson

History of Elk Horn Baptist Church

The Elk Horn Baptist Church was organized October 10th, 1868, by the Brother William Fisher. It was started in the White Oak Valley School House. This site was located near the turnpike that ran from Springfield, Kentucky to Nashville, Tennessee. This road was located about 1/2 mile northeast of the present Highway 70. The school house was located on Sprat Branch approximately one mile north/north east from the present day building. The oldest record book in possession of the church has the date of September 1903, on the front, and just inside the front cover it states: "This book was copied from the old record book, December 22, 1883, by J.B. Fisher." J.B. Fisher was the brother of the founder. A statement in the first few pages of this book reads, "The Brethren and Sisters of the

vicinity of White Oak Valley, Taylor County, Kentucky met at the White Oak School house on October 10, 1868, and constituted a United Baptist Church on the following Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum.” This date has been overlooked by some historians and some arrived at a date much later than this, but it seems that this is the correct date.



The name United was attached to almost all Baptist Churches in the area. The Elk Horn Church is now affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, sharing with more than thirty six thousand other churches in different programs.

The progress of the church has been up and down. On November 14, 1896, a report gave 64 members in good standing, 26 delinquent members, seven unknown, and five removed.

The Elk Horn Church has been a cooperating church with other churches through the years. In 1885, they appointed Edmund Shively as a messenger to the Russell Creek Association. In 1887, John Reade, Tom Robinson, Henry Harrison, James Harrison, and Luke Reynolds were sent as messengers. On August 14, 1897, F. Harrison, Joe Click, A. Fisher, M.F. Ferrill, W. Carroll, and Dr. Kelsey were appointed delegates to the association.

As early as November 1884, deacons were mentioned in the records. The first to be mentioned were C.T. Shively and Joseph Click.

Elk Horn has maintained a Sunday School since its beginning. It was at times almost, if not completely, out of function but so was the congregation.

The first building used for meetings was the White Oak School. On June 15, 1884, a new building was dedicated as its first worship house. This structure was later replaced by a second building that was constructed by the father of Mr. Robert Ramsey. These structures were located in what was then a very busy village known as Elk Horn. This village was located on Robinson Creek about one and a half miles south of the White Oak School. It contained several houses and some businesses, including a mill and a doctor's office. It was this relocation that resulted in the name change.

In the mid sixties the government purchased all of the properties in the village for the construction of the Green River Reservoir. All buildings including the church were vacated and either moved or dismantled. The last service in the old building was held on Sunday night November 22, 1954. The church had already built the present structure on Highway 70 about two miles south of Campbellsville. In 1983, an annex was added to this building.

The church has continued to grow over the years, in 1968, at the centennial celebration, the membership was reported at 200 with 204 on roll in the Sunday School. The budget was reported at \$10,000 with 10% going to the Cooperative Program. In 1993, the budget is more than \$150,000 with more than 20% going to various mission programs. The roll shows 546 members and a Sunday school enrollment of 351.

On June 30, 1968, a special service was held to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the church.

The assembly planned a 125th anniversary celebration on October 9 and 10, 1993.

Elk Horn Baptist has had three Youth Ministers and one summer Youth Minister. Rusty Watkins, Brian Rafferty, Michael Julian and Clint Graham.

Brian Rafferty came to Elk Horn Baptist Church in August 2000 and left February 2005. During his tenure at Elk Horn he implemented and carried out several new projects. He started with 40 youth and ended with 125+. The church had to purchase two new vans to bus in the children on Wednesday nights. He was instrumental in starting a drama team called the S.W.A.T. (Students with a Testimony) teams. The youth were so excited

and the numbers kept growing. The accountability groups began and ended up having ten groups of youth who grew together spiritually. Elk Horn Baptist Church has opened up their doors and hearts to many young people over the years. During Bro. Rafferty's time at Elk Horn Baptist Church he has seen over 60 youth saved and over 40 baptized. He helped the youth start an evangelism ministry. Youth would help people in the community with special needs. They built handicap ramps, decks, fixed windows and doors, raked leaves, painted and anything else that needed to be done.

Ground Breaking for the new building came in the spring of 2002. A special service was held on Sunday, August 11, 2002, for signing of the top beam of the building which was installed the following Monday.

Approximately a year later in 2003 we began to have worship in the new building, hence what had planned to be a youth activity center became what Pastor Ron Gleaves called the WAC, which stands for Worship Activity Center.

Pastor Gleaves left Elk Horn Baptist Church at the end of 2005, and was called to a church in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. After he left the Sunday school and Worship, the attendance numbers went down.

Youth Pastor Michael Julian came to Elk Horn Baptist Church in July of 2005 and left at the end of May 2007.

During the year 2005, the old church building went through a makeover with painting and the installation of lights. In May of 2005, all new landscaping was added around the church building and parsonage. The parking lot was re-paved in July of 2005.

The church started an ongoing Thanksgiving and Christmas mission project. Baskets of food have been collected from church members and given away to 80-100 families in the community so they could have a good Thanksgiving Dinner. At Christmas Elk Horn Baptist Church started having a Christmas Day meal at the church. A meal was served to 90-125 people from all over the community. For those who could not come to the church, a meal was delivered to them.

On June 5, 2005, three new Deacons were ordained: Chris Williams, Bobby Wood, and Guy Wood.

After going from January 2006 to March 2007 without a pastor, and having interim pastor Haywood Riner, Jr. and Jeff Newton to fill in. Elk Horn Baptist Church called Brother Jeff Newton to pastor the church in March, 2007. Since he has been at Elk Horn Baptist Church there have been some programs added: WMU, Children's Missions, and Men's Missions. He has had 23 baptisms and 14 to join the church by letter or

statement. The attendance numbers for Sunday school and worship have started to rise again.

Pastors of Elk Horn Baptist Church

William Fisher	Levi Kemper
Thomas Farmer	Will Ed Burton
W.B. Arvin	J.C. Wells
T.W. Campbell	D.L. Druien
A.C. Graves	B.E. Settles
J.M. Thomas	O.S. Houk
W.T. Underwood	Gene Puckett
William A. Dudgeon	D.G. Morris
J.W. Loving	Lillard Dunn
Walter L. Pierce	Harvey S. Morrison
D.P. Montgomery	Arnold Moon
J.B. Boseman	Hardin Hosey
Frank Harrison	James Collison
J.S. Gatton	Randy Smith
H.R. Barnett	Daniel S. Hunt
T.E. Barnett	Ronald Gleaves (2002-2006)
W.T. Martin	Jeff Newton (2007—)
Leonard Leavell	

History of Fairview Baptist Church

A Baptist mission was organized in the Tallow Creek area, October 1954, where Brother Sam Bell preached at Hazel Cox's general store near Mannsville. Services later were held at Tallow Creek schoolhouse. Mrs. W.F. Shreve donated land for a permanent church building to be built about 2 miles from Mannsville. In return she asked simply that the church be named after the farm—Fairview.

The dollars to build a church were sadly lacking, but then the hand of God intervened. With small contributions and a \$1000 loan from Mrs. Shreve, a church building was erected in the fall of 1954. Services were held that winter in a building that had dirt floors and two wood stoves. Later a concrete floor was poured. Later in 1960 a gas furnace and tile flooring were added. Mrs. Shreve left in her will that all the church's obligations be forgiven. In 1955 Bro. Carl Dugger became Fairview's first

resident pastor and in 1961, Fairview Baptist Church was born. The prayer of dedication was given by Dr. Chester Badgett, then pastor of Campbellsville Baptist Church.

In 1962, the church was insured for \$4,000, a walkway constructed, and a junior choir organized. The pastor's salary was \$100 a month. Spring and fall revivals and Vacation Bible School became the norm, and the Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong programs were supported. In 1968, \$3800 was borrowed to build Sunday School rooms. Pleasant Hill Baptist Church donated four light fixtures, and the Houchens Foundation gave \$100.00. Insulation and wood paneling were installed in the sanctuary.



In December 1973, the church borrowed \$2500 to purchase a trailer to be used as a parsonage. A radio ministry was also begun and continued for eight weeks. In 1975 the church purchased a bus and constructed an entranceway to the church that included a nursery, lobby, two restrooms. Bibles were sold as a fundraiser. The trailer was sold in 1978 and the bus in May 1979. The church also bought a typewriter and began distributing bulletins every Sunday morning. Church trustees were elected in 1976, and in 1977 church's first deacons were ordained.

In 1980, a steeple was erected. Fairview was recognized by Taylor County Association for having the largest percentage increase in Sunday School attendance for the years 1979-1980. A renovation in the early eighties also saw paneling installed in the Sunday School rooms and a new carpet for the sanctuary. Central heat and air were installed. During the years 1986-1988 a new piano was purchased, vinyl added to the church's exterior, and a new pulpit was installed.

The current pastor, Rev. Don Gowin, came on September 17, 2000 along with an influx of new members. Padded pews purchased from Saloma Baptist Church replaced the dark solid wooden pews. An organ was donated to the church, two new entrance doors were hung, a new front porch was built with a handicap ramp and a metal roof was put on the church. A new furnace and air conditioning system were installed.

After much prayer and a step of faith, groundbreaking for a new fellowship hall took place in August, 2003. Donations of lumber, wood trim, appliances, labor and other materials began coming in. This addition has nearly doubled the size of the church structure. The fellowship area includes a kitchen with appliances and wood cabinets, two additional Sunday School rooms, and restrooms. Having the extra space allows room for extended sessions for pre-school children.

The sanctuary has been completely remodeled/renovated. Paint and decorative trim cover the once dark paneling, along with new interior doors, and white columns were erected in the front. New carpet, ceiling, and lighting brighten the sanctuary. The current place of worship has taken on a brand new look with no resemblance of the 'old' sanctuary. Much work was done by volunteer laborers, including new landscape. New playground equipment has been added. A service of dedication was held on October 24, 2004. Chairs had to be put in the aisles of the sanctuary to hold all the people who attended this special service.

Most importantly, the members of Fairview continue the vision and fellowship that was established fifty years ago in a country store. Some of the names may have changed and the building may look different, but the faith, optimism, and love displayed by Bro. Sam Bell, Mrs. W.F. Shreve, and twenty-two believers is as rock solid as it was fifty year ago.

Pastors of Fairview Baptist Church

Rev Sam Bell	1954-1955
Rev. Carl Dugger	1955-1966
Rev. Lonnie Turner	1966-1969
Rev. Omer Farmer	1969-1973
Rev. Ray England	1973 interim
Rev. Gerald Armstrong	1973-1976
Rev. Danny Pierce	1976-1978

Rev. Jerry Kibbons	1978 interim
Rev. Don Watson	1978-1982
Rev. Clyde Pruitt	1982
Rev. Marshall Black	1982 interim
Rev. Gary Shockley	1982-1985
Rev. Jerry Kibbons	1985 interim
Rev. Charles Harris	1985-1999
Rev. Ed Williams	1999-2000
Rev. Don Gowin	2000-present

Charter Members of Fairview Baptist Church 1961

Carl Dugger	Hershal Cox
Mrs. Robert Cox	Lewis Cox
Hazel Cox	David Garrett
Darrell Cox	Helen Cox
Shirley Garrett	Larry Cox
Linda Sue Cox	Margaret Cox
Betty Cox	Virginia Sallee
Curtis Cox	Terry Cox
Anna Lee Sallee	Robert Cox
Linda Tucker	Mrs. Lucian Sallee
Janet Cox	Zelma Tucker

History of Friendship Baptist Church

In an effort to tell the history of Friendship Baptist Church, details were gathered from various documents, records, and persons. Two hundred years ago a community of people came together for the purpose of worshipping God. It was September 19th of 1807 when this group, then known as The Sand Lick Meeting House, was first admitted into the Russell Creek Association. That congregation soon became renamed as Friendship Baptist Church, located in what is now known as the Bengal community of Taylor County, Kentucky. It is recorded that the entirety of Taylor County was once included in the boundaries of Green County. The Friendship Meeting House, constructed of logs, was erected on property that was surveyed and owned by Senator Elias Barbee, an original Charter Member. The exact date of the name change and erection of Friendship Meeting House is undetermined, but it was prior to Barbee's deeding of 2 acres of

land and the building to the “*Friendship Baptist Church and members thereof of the denomination of the United Baptists of the other part*”, DEED BOOK NO 16, PAGE 556, Green County, Kentucky, the 23rd of January of 1837.

Although the earliest minutes of Friendship Baptist Church are not available, there are minutes from 1850 forward, providing adequate information on the church’s activities and pastors. History depicts how the association’s annual meeting began on Saturday, the sixteenth day September of 1815 at Sand Lick Meeting House, now known as Friendship



Baptist Church, and is reported in the Russell Creek Associational Minutes of 1815. According to another document dated February 7, 1947, H.S. Robinson detailed the three days of the meeting as follows; Reverend Luther Rice presented the first foreign mission report, preached a missionary sermon on Sunday and collected a total of \$114.50 from all

sixteen congregations present. Additional supporting documents include Luther Rice’s journal of travels, explaining how he visited and stayed with Elias Barbee in his home during this meeting. We believe this is the first foreign mission offering taken in Kentucky, but our Kentucky historical marker of 1997 recognizes it as the first foreign mission offering in the Russell Creek Association.

Elias Barbee and his descendants and slaves were members of Friendship. Many of the freed slaves later moved membership to the later-formed Pleasant Union Church. His son-in-law, James Durrett, was ordained by the church. Barbee is buried on farmland now owned by Friendship Deacon Milton Jones.

Some of the other pastors ordained to ministry at Friendship include: J.R. Barbee, January 22, 1860; W.T. Underwood, July 1865; George Ray Gaddie, June 28, 1942; J.H. Riffe, February 1886; Donald Pippin, 1965; Robert Wheeler, 1965; William “Bill” Sanders III, 1985; Steven

Gentz, 1993; and Wayne Orange in 1997. There have been many deacons who have served until their passing.

The Durrett Family deeded the church body another two acres when they had built a new, more modern church building in December of 1858. Minutes identify the members of the committee, the cost, and completion date. The minutes tell that the old log church was sold for \$24.00 worth of materials. Many updates and repairs were made on the Friendship Church building that is still being used today. Some special features of the building is the width, which is 40' by 60' with one square, hand-hewn, yellow poplar supporting beam beneath the center. The roof is supported by a truss system designed for a 40' clear span. The chandelier in the center of the church was originally lighted by six kerosene lamps. Of course, it was later converted for electricity and is still in use today. The large pulpit chairs, still being used today, were donated in memory of earlier members and have been re-covered more than once.

In 1949, the Friendship body voted to dig a basement, install a furnace, and build a Sunday school room. The old, pot-bellied stoves were removed and two chimneys were torn down. It was so well served that soon another basement excavation was begun and four more rooms for Sunday School and Training Union classes were added. In 1958 and 1959, repairs and updates were continued to the building by bricking it, and changing the front entrance toward the new road, which had previously been considered the rear of the church. Of course, this required some interior work, all new trim, a vestibule, and front doors. Two restrooms were added and two more classrooms. At this time, the pastor and a trustee donated a new oak pulpit and a communion table, both of which are still in use today.

In 1959, a member, an older widow lady, came into quite a bit of money from her farm unexpectedly. She immediately opened a savings account in the name of Friendship and deposited the large tithe. Meekly, she presented the savings book to the church treasurer in private and wanted no recognition. That is real faithfulness to the Master and her church congregation. Since there had been a lot of desire for a church parsonage on the grounds and there was a vacant lot across the road from the present church, the deacons began planning for a parsonage committee. A new family had just joined our church after they purchased a nearby farm and built their home. It seemed that the Lord was leading Friendship along the way with a new pastor, an excellent builder and most of all, the funds. February 14, 1960, ground-breaking was held on the open property. Pastor L.M.

Hamilton preached and played the organ. He thanked the Lord for the harmony and the unanimous vote to accept the committee's recommendation for a 28 x 48 brick parsonage. The same lady that started the building fund was blessed getting to help with the breaking of the ground, along with the older men and women and some children of Friendship. The pastorium was built under the guidance of our builder members and at no charge. All the men and boys contributed labor and enjoyed helping and saving so much on the cost of labor. All of the members were blessed for it.

October 16, 1960, the Friendship Baptist Herald reported that the pastor and family had been moved by the members into the newly, finished pastorium and with only \$2,500 outstanding debt. A wonderful dedication was held later and invitations were extended to several former pastors to assist with the services. It was wonderful to see all members of one accord. We were blessed by a unanimous vote to schedule December 24, 1961 as Foreign Mission Day. The church continues with an emphasis on mission offerings to the Lottie Moon Fund for God's workers each year.

The church has encouraged many of its young members by having a Youth Week and delegating jobs and positions for young people. We now have a Youth Leader, church van, and Summer Work Week for the youth. These are good tools for a church to help lead their young ones to the Lord.

We have had many good pastors that loved God and preached His Word. The members loved and prayed for the pastors and his work. One pastor saw a great need for children's Sunday school rooms and a better nursery. We proceeded, with the Lord's help, to add an annex to our building on the West End. One deacon, who is a builder, figured a way to install a baptistry pool, two more rest rooms, and four more large, well-lit rooms. These additions were completed in 1990, with members donating much of the work. Our pastor, at that time, secured a no interest, 5 year loan to fund the balance of what the church needed. We thank God for sending him, his experience and guidance to us.

The church continues to do mission work in the state of Kentucky and community, helping lead souls to the Lord. Some of the work trips include Baptist Builders by the Brotherhood, Disaster Relief for floods, storms, hurricanes and tornadoes. Also attended were trips to the Children's Homes, colleges, Clear Creek, and four trips to work and donate to Oneida Baptist Institute.

We have received many blessings by working for God on these missions, such as the several trips to a Mississippi church we adopted and sent money for repairs. Ten ministry trips were attended by members, our pastor, and his wife in 2006 and 2007. The Lord continues to bless our “*old church in the valley*,” which is going to celebrate its 200th birthday of serving the Lord this October 7, 2007 by holding a homecoming celebration.

The Taylor County Association and Director of Missions have helped us to find pastors and have filled in when we were in need of a pastor. Congratulations to our Association for its 50 years and the pastors and laymen that had the foresight to start it in Taylor County.

“Upon this rock I will Build my church,”
Church organized in 1807 as Sand Lick Meeting House

Matthew 16:18

Friendship Baptist Church 1807-2007

T.C. Stackhouse	February 1864—1865
W.L. Morris	April 1866—Fall 1966
T.C. Stackhouse	November 1866-1868
W.T. Underwood	January 1869—January 1871
T.W. Bill	January 1871—March 1874
J.J. Felts	April 1874—August 1876
W.T. Wood	September 1876—September 1879
T.W. Prince	September 1879-June 1881
W.T. Underwood	July 1881—November 1884
J.C. Burkholder	December 1884—December 1887
W.R. Arvin	March 1888—April 1890
Dr. C. H. Graves	June 1890—April 1891
J.M. Thomas	May 1891—December 1892
A.M. Vardoman	February 1893—July 1894
J.W. Campbell	September 1894—August 1896
J.W. Loving	September 1896—February 1900
A. C. Cree	June 1900—May 1901
D.P. Montgomery	July 1901—July 1902
J.B. Boyeman	November 1902—March 1904
J.S. Gatton	May 1901—January 1912
D.H. Howerton	June 1912—May 1913
Chesterfield Turner	June 1913 November 1915
George W. Peck	1916-1920
William Horner	1920-1922
Seaton A. Edwards	1922-1926
B.J. Skaggs	1926—August 1938

Garnett Puckett		February 1939—January 1940
James R. Heifner		May 1940—August 1941
Burton Callico		September 1941—October 1942
Raymond Thurmon		March 1943—March 1944
George Ray Gaddie		June 1944—September 1945
O.S. Houk		November 1945—1946
Roy Houston		1947—1949
George Ray Gaddie		December 1949—1951
Curtis Warf		1952—October 1953
Tabor Best		1954—1956
Herbert Keeton		1956—1959
L.M. Hamilton	1	959—June 1967
Charles Harris		August 1967—November 1983
Bill Clement		February 1984—1986
L.D. Kennedy		Interim until November 1986
David Turner		November 1986—April 1988
L.D. Kennedy		May 1988—February 1990
Fred Miller Jr.		May 1990—June 2000
Ed Williams		June 2000—May 2003
Bill Henderson		January 2004—present

History of Good Hope Baptist Church 1796—2007

In the fall of 1796 a church was constituted in what is now Taylor County, called “Church on Pitman.” The name of the church was changed about the year 1802 or 1803, to “Good Hope.” The first house of worship was a round log cabin located on Muldraughs Hill Creek (now known as Willowtown or McFarland Creek.) The second church house was built in the early 1820’s. In 1872, the third house of worship was constructed. This 1872 building is still the main auditorium of the church 2007, although it has had many alterations in the intervening years.

The following items are a few of the highlights in the long history of Good Hope Baptist Church.

1815—Luther Rice Foreign Mission Offering

1837—Pleasant Hill Baptist Church established with help of Good Hope

- 1843— Started Sunday School
- 1845— Pleasant Union Baptist Church established with help of Good Hope 1919-1920—Church added two Sunday School rooms on each side of the auditorium
- 1821— Mt. Gilboa Baptist Church established with help of Good Hope 1947— Church voted to have a full-time services
- 1957— Good Hope joined the Taylor County Association of Kentucky Baptist 1966— An addition was made to the church building
- 1986— Four new Sunday School rooms added
- 1991— The church bought a grand piano
- 1992— A steering committee was formed to plan for the 200 anniversary to be celebrated June 1996.
- 1995— On Sunday morning March 12, 1995, the church voted by secret ballot to add nearly 15 ft. to the auditorium consisting of a baptistry, choir loft, dressing rooms, new entrance, ramp, public address system, and new central heating and air.
- 1996—New lighting, tree planting and an old-fashioned Tent Revival leading to the Big Day of Celebration for the 200th anniversary, June 2, 1996. Over 350 people from far and near attended.
- 1998—The \$50,000 borrowed was repaid and the church enjoyed a note burning service.
- 2003—Plans were adopted to build a Family Life Center 60' x 100' which housed 4 classrooms, kitchen, rest rooms, storage and 60' x 80' playing/ banquet floor.
- 2003— August 10, Pledge Sunday, members pledged or gave cash in excess of \$111,430.00. Pledges to be paid over three year period.
- 2005— Added a web-page www.goodhopebc.com.



2007— At the time of this writing and while paying on the Family Life Center, Good Hope members have continued to set records in Mission giving each year. It continues to also be a leader in support of Christian Higher Education through gifts to Campbellsville University.

To God be the Praise and Glory for the success of the past and anticipation of the future.

Pastors of Good Hope Baptist Church

Edward Turner	1796
“He gathered the church.”	
David Elkins	no dates available
David Thurman	no dates available
John Chandler	1811-1826
Horatio Chandler	1826-1840
David Miller	1840
John Ingram	2 years, dates unknown
David Miller	1861
Thomas Underwood	1862-1867
Jesse Bryant	1867-1868
Willis Peck	1868-1872 (death)
W.T. Underwood	1872-1881
T.W. Pierce	1881-1883
W.B. Arvin	1883-1884
J.L. Smith	1884-1887
W.E. Chaney	1887-1889
J.H. Riffe	1889-1890
James Franklin Hunt	1890-1892
W.T. Underwood	1892-1897
J.B. Ferrill	1897-1899
W.T. Short	1899-1906
J.W. Crawley	1906-1910
W.T. Short	1910-1911
James French	1911-1912
W.T. Short	1912-1917
William Kirtley	1917-1922
T.S. Curry	1922-1931
D.L. Druien	1931-1944
W.R. Simone	1944-1946
Carl Loy	1947-1955

W.E. Miller	1955-1960
Ralph Boots	1960-1968
Ralph Benningfield	1968-1969
Marshall Black	1969-1978
Charles England	1978-1982
George Gaddie	1983-1990
J. Alvin Hardy	1990—present

History of Green River Memorial Baptist Church 1907-2007

The history of Green River Memorial Baptist Church began when the Lone Valley Baptist Church was organized January 5, 1907. The purpose for the organization of Lone Valley Baptist Church was a lack of a Baptist church in the Lone Valley area of Taylor County. The 'valley' was a basin of Robinson Creek.

When the church was organized, seven brothers and sisters in Christ united with the church: J. W. Rexroat, Arminda Rexroat, Waymon St. Clair, Mary St. Clair, William D. Antle, Sarah J. Antle, and Ida Brown.



Over the years of its existence Lone Valley Baptist Church operated as a quarter-time church (meeting once a month,) half-time church (meeting twice a month) and finally as a full-time church. Lone Valley Baptist Church was a member of the Russell Creek Baptist Association.

In 1930, a contingent of the membership approached the church about the possibility of organizing a second church in the Pike Ridge area of Taylor County. The reason for this request was based on the difficulty of travel for many of the existing members. The distance they needed to

travel was very time consuming and the methods of travel along with the lack of good roads made attendance difficult. In the summer of 1930, with the blessing of Lone Valley Baptist Church, the Pikes Ridge Baptist Church was organized thus, Pikes Ridge Baptist Church was organized on July 19, 1930 with 25 charter members who previously held membership in Lone Valley Baptist Church.

The two churches continued in this capacity, meeting the needs of their respective communities and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ until 1964. In 1964, the Army Corps of Engineers announced plans to build Green River Reservoir. While this was met with much excitement by most of the county and surrounding counties also, it posed a problem for the many families located the area proposed for construction. Many families were faced with the unexpected burden of moving. This not only affected the families in the area but also affected the two churches, Lone Valley Baptist Church, and Pikes Ridge Baptist Church. They, too, were faced with relocation. Both were strong churches yet they realized they were still small and their efforts to reach the lost for Jesus Christ could be better recognized jointly. Through prayer and the leading of the Holy Spirit they voted to join together once again. The name, Green River Memorial Baptist Church was chosen after much prayer and discussion. The name was chosen first to recognize the impact the river had in forming the church, and secondly as a memorial of the two churches that formed Green River Memorial.

Through the sale of their properties they were able to purchase land on the Columbia Road at the intersection of Meadow Creek Road. They purchased this land and began the construction of the church and a parsonage. Along with construction of the buildings, land was also set aside for a cemetery. Due to the reservoir being built, several family cemeteries also would have to be moved. In all 15 family cemeteries were moved to the new location.

On June 3, 1964, Green River Memorial Baptist Church was organized. To this date Green River Memorial Baptist Church has had 5 full-time pastors. In order of their service they are: Landon Hadley, Don Gowin, Jeff McCarty, Brent Gupton, and Gary Durham.

Green River Memorial Baptist Church is writing its history daily. Over the 43 years of its existence, the church has expanded its building to increase Sunday School room and office space as well as expansion of the

sanctuary. Green River Memorial Baptist Church is very mission minded, as it is a strong supporter of the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention. It also sacrificially supports the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, Annie Armstrong Easter offering, and the Eliza Broadus State Missions offering. Green River Memorial Baptist Church does not only give financially to missions but it is also a church that does missions. Over the years the church has sent missions teams throughout the United States to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The sending aspect of Green River Memorial Baptist Church continues to this day.

Over the years of its existence Green River Memorial Baptist Church has been recognized as a church that reaches the lost for Christ. Hundreds of people have experienced the life giving blood of Jesus Christ and this continues to be the driving force of the church. Green River Memorial Baptist Church is located in the southern most part of Taylor County and remains a very visible example of Jesus in this part of the county.

While Green River Memorial has a rich 100 year history dating back to 1907 we look forward to an even brighter future.

History of Liberty Baptist Church

Liberty Baptist Church, located ten miles east of Campbellsville, was organized in the year 1888 with 13 charter members including Jim Ben Wise, Elizabeth Farmer, Mary E. Wise, Alice Wooley, Doc Sanders, Margaret Sanders, and Ellen Wise. The other names are unknown. The church was organized in a log cabin that was erected in approximately 1850. The cabin was used as a Union church until 1888 when John R. Robinson brought forth a deed showing the land had been deeded for a Baptist church.

The following pastors served in the log cabin from 1888 to 1906: Rev. Arvin, Rev. Coakley, Rev. John Campbell, and Rev. Smith Tandy. In 1906, the log cabin was torn down, and a new building was erected that is still in use today.

The following pastors have served in the current building: Rev. Ferrell, Rev. W.T. Underwood, Rev. Sanders, Rev. Pendleton, Rev. Kemper, Rev. D.T. Jones, Rev. Thompson, Rev. D.L. Druien, Rev. Gilbert Sapp, Rev. Joe Hargrove, Rev. Roger Cox, Rev. Ryland Ellington, Rev. Roy

Hewlett, Rev. D.L. Druin (2nd call,) Rev. Gilbert Sapp (2nd call,) Rev. Mark Jones, Rev. Bill Carroll, and current pastor, Rev. Carlis Compton.



Three men have been called into the ministry from Liberty Baptist Church: Rev. I.W. Wise, who held pastorates in different churches in Russell Creek Association, Rubin Burkhead, and Jodie Burkhead.

In 1942, an addition was made to the building with further remodeling in 1950. At this time, the church had preaching services twice a month, on the first and second Sunday afternoon. In 1949, the church voted to sponsor four radio programs under the name of Russell Creek Association. Pastor D.L. Druin delivered the first message of this series, entitled "The Church." The church choir furnished the music.

In 1952, other additions were made to the building, including three Sunday school rooms and a basement. In 1955, the church changed the afternoon services to morning and evening worship. The church also voted to observe the Lord's Supper in May and November of each year. In 1957, the church began a full time worship program under the pastorate of Bro. Gilbert Sapp. It was in 1957 that Liberty Baptist Church voted to withdraw from Russell Creek Association and join Taylor County Baptist Association.

In 1960, Taylor county Baptist Association met at Liberty Baptist Church for the first time. The church won associational awards in 1958, 1959, and 1960 for Training Union Attendance. In 1966, the church constructed a parsonage. Restrooms were added to the church in 1975. In 1979, the sanctuary was completely remodeled with new carpeting, pews, furniture, and songbooks.

The church added a baptistery and steeple in 1982. In 1985, a new educational building was constructed including seven Sunday School rooms and a fellowship hall. Alan Witham, grandson of pastor Gilbert

Sapp was called into the ministry in 1981. The church was awarded the "Largest Percentage Average Attendance Gain" by Taylor County Association in 1983-1984, and 1988-1989 .

Royal Ambassadors (RA's,) Girls in Action (GA's,) and Women's Missionary (WMU) were organized in 1984. The church sponsored Ed McGuire, and Brian and Connie Wise on mission trips to Kenya as part of the Kentucky/Kenya Partnership. David Minor won the RA Regional Baptist Young Men's Speak Out in 1987, and 1988. In 1988, he won the state-wide Baptist Young Men's Speak Out and competed in the national competition.

An outdoor picnic pavilion was added in 1992. The WMU received "Achievement Recognition" for 10 consecutive years from 1985 through 1994. A new entry foyer was added in 2007.

Services include Sunday morning and evening worship and Sunday School. Royal Ambassadors and Acteens meet every other Sunday evening. Wednesday services include Bible study for adults, youth meetings, Baptist Men, Women on Mission, and Baptist Young Women meet monthly. Current membership is 221.

History of Lowell Avenue Baptist Church

The Lowell Avenue Baptist Church has been known by three names, corresponding to segments of its history. The organization that developed into this church was the Walnut Hill Mission, which had its beginning as a Sunday School on North Jackson Street during 1949. In 1955, after the mission had been constituted as an autonomous church, it became known as the Walnut Hill Baptist Church. After building and moving into a new church building at the present location at Lowell Avenue and Osage in 1962, the name was changed to the Lowell Avenue Baptist Church.

Before the Walnut Hill Mission was organized, Albert and Ingram Caulk purchased from the H.R. Turner heirs a 180-acre of land on which Lowell Avenue Baptist Church now stands. Of this land, the purchasers set aside "a two acre tract of land for a Missionary Baptist Church," according to Dorothy Caulk and C.V. Bryan. Bryan further stated that, although Albert Caulk felt that "as the town grew, some body of Baptist

believers would take advantage of the site, little did he think it would happen so soon.”

During 1949, three, men purchased a concrete block building on North Jackson Street for \$2,500 for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Sunday School. The purchasers were Aubrey Dix, Henry Mardis, and C.V. Bryan.

The Campbellsville Baptist Church obviously shared the vision of these men. The church in business session on March 9, 1949, purchased from them the site, “six lots with the concrete block church house.” The church further provided that the property was to be used as a Baptist mission, and that C.V. Bryan, Aubrey Dix, Henry Mardis, Charles E. Russell, Rudolph Schmith, Homer Felts, and Lee Edwards would serve as a committee to take care of the church building and grounds and operate a Sunday School, prayer meeting and Sunday service to be held in the mission. Bryan, in citing persons who had been particularly helpful with the mission Sunday School, included in his list also the names of Mrs. Homer Felts, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Karnes, and Henry Mardis.



The mission grew. A house was rented for a while to accommodate the overflow Sunday School classes. Through contributions of money and labor, a new annex with seven Sunday School rooms costing \$10,000 was built. By 1955, the mission was strong enough that its leadership believed it was ready to meet the challenge of being constituted into an autonomous

church, although the mother church was still contributing \$100 per month to its expenses. On July 27, 1955, the mission requested the mother church, Campbellsville Baptist Church, to grant letters to enable its members who wished to do so to become charter members of the Walnut Hill Baptist Church, and further requested the mother church “to direct its trustees to give the Walnut Hill Baptist Church a good and perfect title to the Walnut Hill Baptist Church property.” The request was read to Campbellsville Baptist Church in business session September 7th, of the same year by Dr. J. Chester Badgett, church moderator. The mother church granted the letters of those requesting and further instructed its trustees “to give full title to the Walnut Hill Baptist Church.”

On February 7, 1962, the church voted to change its name from the Walnut Hill Baptist Church to Lowell Avenue Baptist Church. On February 13, Articles of Incorporation as a non-stock corporation were officially filed and recorded with the Office of Secretary of State, Frankfort, Kentucky.

The following is the list of pastors, interim pastors, and recurrent supply preachers of Walnut Hill/ Lowell Avenue.

Rev. Averitt F. Connor	Fall 1949—March 1952
Rev. John Wesley Farmer	July 1952—October 1954
Dr. Robert L. Cate	February 1955—October 1957
Rev. L.C. Kelly	Recurrent Supply Preacher
Rev. Moore	Recurrent Supply Preacher
Rev. Henry T. Parrott	January 1958—May 1963
Dr. C.R. Daley	Recurrent Supply Preacher
Rev. J.D. Herndon	Recurrent Supply Preacher
Rev. A.B. Colvin	Recurrent Supply Preacher
Rev. William Beard	November 1963—October 1973
Rev. Richard A. DeBall	February 1974—August 1975
Rev. C.W. Devine	Interim Pastor
Rev. Ray T. Vinson	January 1976—May 1975
Rev. Gene Hall	Interim Pastor
Dr. Howard F. Beauman	August 1982—March 1986
Rev. Gene Hall	Interim Pastor
Rev. Larry D. Koch	December 1986—November 1997
Rev. David L. Walters	Interim Pastor February 1988—March 1999
	March 1999-present

History of Meadowview Baptist Church



On a Wednesday evening, April 28, 1965, several neighbors met in the basement of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garnett W. Barnes for a worship service. After the service, a business session was called and a church was created, which was to be called Faith Baptist Church. Various motions were made, seconded and voted on in order to organize the church and Sunday School and the church became a living organism.

During the next few weeks, as services continued in the basement church, several momentous decisions were made, among them the decision to purchase a lot in the developing Meadowview subdivision. At this same meeting the name of the church was changed to Meadowview Baptist Church. By June trustees were elected, deacons were elected, a building committee began immediately.

On June 20, 1965, the church membership rolls were formalized with 53 members joining by letter. These are the names of the charter members:

Charles Arnold
Pamela Arnold
Mrs. Garnett Barnes
Leonard Barnes
Anna Sue Cable

Mrs. Charles Arnold
Garnett Barnes
Wilber Barnes
Mrs. Leonard Barnes
David Cable

John Cable
 John Cable Jr.
 Hallie Cave
 Mrs. Dean Dix
 Mrs. Delbert Dix
 S.A. Ford
 Bardley Gray
 Mrs. James Gray
 Mrs. John Harrison
 Teresa Harrison
 Mrs. L.E. Mills
 Mrs. James L. Mitchell
 Mrs. Jimmy Rose
 E.B. Sapp
 Mary Linda Sapp
 James Shipp
 Welby Simpson
 Jeffery Simpson
 Clarence Speer
 Sharon Speer
 Mike Taylor
 Mrs. Walter Taylor

Mrs. John Cable
 Thomas Lee Cable
 Dean Dix
 Delbert Dix
 Maurice Dix
 Mrs. S.A. Ford
 James Gray
 John Harrison
 Lizzie Harrison
 L.E. Mills
 James L. Mitchell
 Jimmy Rose
 Dixie Reynolds
 Mrs. E. B. Sapp
 Thomas Sapp
 Mrs. James Shipp
 Mrs. Welby Simpson
 Susan Smith
 Mrs. Clarence Speer
 Jimmy Taylor
 Walter Taylor
 Ida Mae Williams

The first services in the new building were held on Sunday, November 21st, 1965, with the newly called pastor, Rev. Charles E. Cloyd, officiating. The next Sunday, November 28th, the church began a series of evangelistic services with Rev. Dolphus Price of Pensacola, Florida as the evangelist. By this time total church membership was 85, with three additional members joining the church on this date.

In 1995 Brother Gene Hall was called as pastor and retired in 2001. During his pastoral the church had 81 additional members to join the church. The church on a Wednesday night voted to build a building and do many upgrades. There was not enough money in the bank to pay for these changes. The church took a step of faith and built a 40 x 50 building with Sunday school rooms, pastor study, and rooms for the youth. The parking lot was also black-topped, bought land and added a basketball court, new roof on church, carpet in church, padded seats, new song book and Bibles were purchased. Trina Corbin painted a mural in the baptistery. All of this was paid for and with \$10,00.00 left in the bank.

During these intervening thirty years many changes have taken place. Repairs, improvements, and modifications to the existing building and grounds have been accomplished as required by the passage of time. Recent improvements include re-tiling and re-painting the basement and Sunday School rooms, replacement of carpeting throughout the building, replacement of the roof, and the addition of a ramp for the handicapped, door awnings, and outside lighting.

However, one change has not taken place. That is the abiding and constant reverence of this church for God and our Savior, Jesus Christ. From the day of its founding, it has been a place of worship for this community, where the Word of God is taught, practiced and displayed in the day-to-day lives of its members. Leading and teaching us as pastors over the years have been these men of God:

Charles E. Cloyd	October, 1965—January 1967
D.L. Druin	June 1967—January 1972
F.F. Hall	December 1972—July 1978
J.C. Badgett	September 1982—August 1984
L.D. Kennedy	September 1984—April 1985, Interim Pastor
Boyd Robertson	January 1986—December 1987
J. Gene Hall	February 1987—July 1993, Interim Pastor
J. Gene Hall	July 1993—April 2003
Brent Gupton	2004—

As with all histories, it is good to look back and reminisce on our past. But the essence of living is the future, to take what we have learned from study of our past and apply it to the things we do, what we think and say and how we live. The church, in its study of the Work of God, attempts to do just that. We believe the bible is the Holy Word of God; that He has provided it for our edification; that we, through our study of His Word and faith and belief in the teachings of His Son, have the salvation and assurances of eternal life that He promises us. By the Grace of God, this church will continue to abide by our Covenant with Him and will continue to serve Him as long as time shall last.

History of Mount Gilboa Baptist Church

1921-2007



The history of Mount Gilboa Baptist Church can trace its beginnings to a program of scheduled meetings, as far back as 1885, with residents of the community who were already church members of neighboring Baptist churches. A preaching ministry by various Baptist preachers of the area was maintained by these members. The meeting place was the schoolhouse.

The first school house in the community was Hunt's School House and was located about two miles east of the building which replaced it. On September 8, 1883, a deed was made by Armstrong Kerr and wife to trustees of District No. 11 of Taylor County, for land on which to build a new schoolhouse. The next spring A. C. Hunt received the following correspondence:

"This is to certify that I have this day extended the time in which the trustees may build and furnish the school house in District No. 11, until the 20 day of June 1884 this being an additional time allowed for trustees to complete the house. This March 3, 1884, H. C. Wood C.S.C.T.C."

This new building was named Mount Gilboa and for several years, it was sometimes called Hunt's School and sometimes Mount Gilboa School, the latter being the name used. It is evident that the community either had been having worship before the school building was erected in

1884 or soon after. On November 19, 1885, the following correspondence was sent from Saloma, Kentucky to A.C. Hunt:

"I will be at Hunt's School House on the 5th Sunday 29th day of this month to preach for you all at 11 o'clock please give circulation through the school and please tell the brethren to pay you what they owe me and if they cannot pay you before then to be sure and be ready to pay me on that day for I need the money so I can attend to the matter. Your Brother in Christ, Thomas R. Farmer"

The next written evidence of meetings was January of 1889 when a Number of people agreed to contribute to Rev. James French a total of \$23.35 for his service to preach at Hunt's Schoolhouse for Twelve months.

In 1895, by order of the Superintendent of Common Schools for Taylor County, the building was refurnished with new desks, seats, black-board, etc. and paid by levying a poll tax on each white male citizen over 21 years of age. In the same year, D. W. Romine, Chairman of Trustees records money received and spent for building a new school. Many older people have stated that this building was erected to replace the newly refurnished building which had burned to the ground soon after, and probably the night after, the furniture had been installed. This represented a considerable sacrifice on the community to furnish another building for school and worship.

The minutes of Good Hope Baptist Church for February, 1899 state that during the month of January, Brethren J. F. Hunt and W. T. Short (both ordained ministers and members of Good Hope Church) held a series of meetings at Gilboa School House resulting in a number of conversions and four additions to the church by experience and baptism. In 1901, Good Hope ordered the clerk to "record the names of the converts at Hunt's School House" on the roll of the church. These names are not given in the minutes; however, 38 converts are recorded for that year.

In 1903, R. T. Hunt, clerk of Mount Washington Baptist Church, made scratch notes in preparing the church letter to East Lynn Baptist Association. He reported, "A Sunday School at Gilboa School House in Taylor County supported by members from Good Hope and Mount Washington churches. In 1908, in the associational report on Sunday School, there is listed: Good Hope, and Gilboa-number of schools 2; number of teachers 12; number of pupils 151; baptism this year 12; money contributed,

\$14.24; Superintendents, J. T. McFarland, and V. H. Russell, Willows town, Kentucky.

Little information is available between 1909 and the organization of the church in 1921. Good Hope Baptist Church records name the members who joined the church from Mount Gilboa, September 11, 1918. They listed in the history of Mount Gilboa Baptist Church, which was written in 1971.

There were many interviews with numerous people who have personal knowledge of the last twelve and fifteen years before the group became a church and the early years following. A composite account of their statements and memories give the following picture:

This was a somewhat busy and active group, with a regular Sunday School ministry, except in some winter months. A preacher was employed from year to year to preach monthly and to lead, and council the people much as would be expected of any pastor. Among the ministers who assisted the group either in revivals or on a regular basis, after the before mentioned Thomas R. Farmer and James French, were J. F. Hunt, W.T. Short, Henry F. Huber, B.E. Settles, and S.A. Edwards. B.E. Settles preached in the revival of 1918 in which 19 professions of faith were made and the converts were baptized into the membership of Good Hope Baptist Church. S.A. Edwards counseled the group when they planned to organize. Professor B.F. Russell, a music teacher and singing instructor, who owned property and lived in the community at intervals, was employed to lead or teach "singing schools." He was particularly gifted at this work and the group became known as a "singing group" and later a "singing church." After the church was organized, F.M. Parrott continued with a somewhat similar work. Professor Russell and Brother Settles, along with the help of the schoolteacher, Miss Alice Hunt planned activities for the youth. One such program of religious music, action songs, and recitations called a "Children's Day Program" was held as an all day event in the summer of 1917. It was a very uplifting service with a large crowd attending.

It could not be known when, if ever, a church would have been organized had it not been for a difference in beliefs. In 1920, Virgil D. Cravens, a relative of a number of the people, preached at the school house. He was of the Church of God or Holiness belief. A considerable number of the people began to adhere to this belief and wished to use the building for this type of services. The Baptists wished to continue as it had been through the years. After the controversy became significant, the Baptists

with the counsel of S.A. Edwards, organized into a church. The Taylor County Superintendent of Schools closed the building to all worship services. The Baptists bought land almost directly across the road and proceeded with plans to start building. They met for services in a clearing under the tree which they called "The Grove" until the building was under roof.

Mount Gilboa as a Church

On July 24, 1921, in a meeting at the schoolhouse, Mount Gilboa Missionary Baptist Church was organized. To quote from the minutes, "...with letters of dismissal the foregoing named members of Good Hope and Mount Washington Missionary Baptist churches met and solemnly declared them-selves a regular church of like faith and order. The church became organized for the transaction of business..." S.A. Edwards was elected moderator and H.L. Parrott was elected clerk. A covenant and "Articles and Declaration of Faith" were ready by the moderator and adopted. The church was named Mount Gilboa Missionary Baptist Church, with B.W. Hunt, Farris Bennett, and H.L. Parrott as trustees. It was voted that Bro. F.M.Parrott be retained as a deacon since he was already a deacon of the church from which he had moved. The record of members show the following 36 people as charter member: S. T. Benningfield, Farris Bennett, Maggie Bennett, Charlie Caulk, J.B. Caulk, Josie Caulk, W.H. Caulk, Alice Hunt, B. W. Hunt, Dionas Hunt, Edna Hunt, Freeman Hunt, Herman Hunt, Hulette Hunt, Ida Hunt, J.J. Hunt, Josie Hunt, J.T. Hunt, Julia Hunt, Rachel Hunt, Ray Hunt, Sadie Hunt, Sudie Hunt, Effie Parrott, F.M. Parrott, H.L. Parrott, J.C. Parrott, O.E. Parrott, Truman Parrott, Jeff Reynolds, H.E. Short, Annie B. Wade, S.L. Wade, Ella Warner, and Mattie Warner. It was brought to the attention of the church in June 1927 that the names of James R. Hunt, and Welborn Hunt had failed to be recorded. These had been baptized into the Good Hope fellowship as a result of the school house ministry thus making the original membership 38.

The first pastor, S.A. Edwards, was called the fourth Sunday in February 1922, and the church was admitted into the East Lynn Baptist Association, August 10, 1923. A committee was named in November 1923 to "solicit and collect money for missionary purposes." This is the first record of mission effort outside the local church itself. It has consistently since this time been considered a strong and responsible church in the various phases of mission endeavor, though it has remained numerically small.

The church minutes give no record of any plan or committees used in building except for the dedication service the first Sunday in

October, 1925.

Other significant events and developments in the growth and progress of the church are as follows:

May 25, 1926, the first new deacons were ordained to serve the church; June 1933, the manner of financing the church was changed from canvassing for annual subscriptions to taking a monthly collection;

August, 1936, Sunday School was organized on the pattern of a Standard Sunday School; in 1941, the church voted to have half time preaching; in 1944, the first systematic budget was adopted; August 1945, Henry T. Parrott was licensed to preach, ordained into the ministry May 13, 1947, and became the fifth pastor of the church in 1948; August, 1946, the church held its first VBS; July, 1952, WMU was organized; in 1955, the church went to full time preaching and BTU was organized.

August 1, 1956, Seibert Sullivan was licensed to preach; May 12, 1957, the church voted to enter the new Taylor County Association. From the minutes of the Taylor County Association of Kentucky Baptists, August 19, 1957, it is recorded that messengers from fifteen Baptist churches in Taylor County assembled to organize the Taylor County Association of Kentucky Baptists. Those messengers from Mount Gilboa were Rev. E.T. Wright, James R. Hunt, and Darrell Hunt. At a later meeting of the association when officers were elected, Mrs. James R. Hunt was elected WMU President.

April, 1959, the brotherhood was organized; September 26, 1962, Ray Cotton was licensed to preach; July 25, 1971, the church celebrated its fiftieth anniversary; May 1973, James Hunt, Edgar Russell, and Dixie Short, were elected to serve as a standing cemetery committee; in September, 1976, a perpetual trust fund was established for the cemetery; June, 1976, a cassette tape ministry was begun for home bound people. In 1978, the children's annex was completed behind the auditorium and a baptistry was installed. The first baptismal service, using this facility, was held July 1, 1979. With Melissa York and Christopher Hunt being baptized. A thirteen week training program was conducted for Sunday School teachers, followed by a commencement address and the awarding of diplomas also in 1979. In the summer of 1980, Pastor, L.D. Kennedy spent three weeks in Equatorial Brazil doing direct mission work.

God has blessed the progress and work of the church over the last

ten years some of which are: total church receipts have more than tripled; average Sunday School attendance reaching 60 in 1980; Lottie Moon Christmas offering in 1980 was \$3,156.17; Annie Armstrong Easter Offering in 1981 was \$947.92; and 34% of undesignated receipts going through the Cooperative Program; November, 1983, the church voted to buy a fifteen passenger van and a Bus Ministry was begun.

On September 12, 1984, Ed Smith, a former member, asked to be licensed for the ministry by Mount Gilboa Baptist Church. The request was granted. March 30, 1985, an Ordination and Commissioning service was held for Greg and Susie Jewell. The couple was commissioned to Foreign Mission Service in Brazil. May 14, 1988, WMU of Mount Gilboa participated in the 100th Anniversary of the WMU by having a Day of Celebration including a noon meal and program in the afternoon. The WMU ladies made a Centennial Quilt which was quilted by Bernice Farmer. Also, in the 1980's Phyllis Phillips faithfully led our children in Bible drills. We had several children who progressed to the Associational level and then on to be State Winners.

Activities in the early 1990's included: March, 1990, plans were begun for a new church office and vestibule to be added to the front of the church; November 18, 1990, dedication services were held; July 28, 1991, Mount Gilboa celebrated its 70th Anniversary with approximate attendance of 110. June 1994, an appreciation day was held for Rev. Henry T. Parrott, a former member, and pastor. January, 1995, George (Gee) Phillips participated in a mission trip to Haiti.

Our Church family was saddened in September, 1995, by deaths of two very devoted members. Bro. James Hunt, a charter member, passed away on September 1, 1995. Bro. Edgar Russell, Sunday School Director for many years, passed away on September 21, 1995.

On July 14, 1996 the church celebrated its 75th anniversary with special thanks to Pastor Dave Walters and his wife Nancy, who helped plan a wonderful program and day of celebration. During the last five years there have been 21 additions to the church family, 12 by baptism, and 9 by letter or statement of faith.

The next five years from July 1996 to June 2001 the church has been active in mission work and had a very active youth group led by Donna Hedgespeth. Other activities include: October 12, 1997, a dedication

service was held for Alan and Marcie Funk who have been appointed by the International Mission Board to serve in Africa; August of 1998, the WMU and Brotherhood united to become Adults On Mission; March of 1999, Elizabeth Russell resigned as Church Treasurer, having served since May 25, 1940. The church presented her with a plaque commemorating her 59 years of service. Those participating in mission trips in 1999 were Mandy Hunt to an Indian Reservation in Arizona; Bro. Dave and Nancy Walters to Ireland; a love offering for Dawn Yates to go to Taipei. Dawn is the grand-daughter of Larry and Jackie Smith.

On a cold and snowy Sunday morning in January of 2001, a commissioning service was held for George Phillips, Larry Hunt, and Sonny Cave who were going to Djibouti to assist a missionary, returning there in 2004. Our church was again saddened on February 25, 2001, when the last charter member of the church passed away. Dionas Hunt, mother and grand-mother of many of our members, went home to be with the Lord. She had a gentle sweet spirit and was loved by all.

Since the organization of the Mount Gilboa Church on July 24, 1921 it has been known as a congregation of caring and sharing people. This continues to be our emphasis, and in the last five years, the church has been very active in its "Caring and Sharing." We have supported our church members as they have served in other countries such as Djibouti, El Salvador, Poland, and also those associated with us who have traveled to Canada and Brazil. In the fall of 2001, our pastor Damian Phillips and his wife Lorri surrendered their lives to help Native Americans in South Dakota. In 2003, Larry Hunt and George Phillips traveled to El Salvador to work on a construction project. In July of 2005, the two men went to Poland to assist in English camps. In the fall of 2005, Christen Roszkowski made a decision to travel to Brazil and Canada to serve and witness to others. We have continued to provide support to the Hispanic Ministry, Russian Missions, Appalachian Mountain Ministry, and World Relief Fund. Church wide our members participate in Operation Christmas Child, the food and clothing drive for the Children's Home, donate our Sunday School and Vacation Bible School material through "Book Link" and have helped purchase water purifiers for other countries in the WMU "Pure Water, Pure Love" program. Some members were able to serve in a clean up day at Cedarmore. On the local level, our "Caring and Sharing" involves the following: provide lunch for the Kentucky Heartland Outreach workers; provide Commuter Lunches at Campbellsville University; sponsor local children in the Angel Tree Project: host Sunday morning worship at Green River Lake; contribute to the support fund for National Guard families;

help distribute water and salvation tracts downtown, July 4th; support the local food pantry; held a prayer walk on Mount Gilboa Road and participated in the Mission Celebration with other Taylor County churches in August 2002. Some of our men have participated in Disaster Relief in New Orleans and other areas where storm damage was done.

Our children and youth are active also. Our Mission Kids host a soup luncheon annually for World Hunger. They held a “Boot” drive to purchase shoes for local students, collected items for Christmas in August, and attended the Day Mission Camp at Cedar Crest. Our youth have attended “Ichthus” at Wilmore and a local 24 God Rally. They are active in collecting items for our Appalachian Mountain Ministry and participating in Operation Christmas Child.

In April of 2005 our church participated in the 40 Days of Purpose program and had several groups meeting in the homes of our members, which were very meaningful to all who attended.

In November of 2002, one of our beloved deacons, Carl Hunt, passed away. In November of 2004, Debra Hunt, our church clerk passed away. They are sadly missed.

We praise God for His faithfulness and His loving care since this church was first organized. May we, from this day forward, continue to care for others as we share His love, both in this community and around the world.

The following have served as pastors of Mount Gilboa Baptist Church: S.A. Edwards-1922-1953; W.T. Short-1923-1926; J.T. McFarland – 1927-1933; S.A. Edwards-1933-1936; L.E. Whitlow-1936-1947; Henry Parrott-1948-1952; Earl T. Wright, Jr. –1952-1957; Howard Pryor-1957-1960; Robert S. More-1960-1961; Joe B. Hargrove-1961-1964; James K. Adams-1961 1971; L.D. Kennedy-1971-1983; Hardin Hosey (Interim)-1983-1984; Roger Alford-1984-1988; Melvin Hampton (Interim) –1988-1989; J.W. Farmer-1989-1994; David L. Walters-1995-1997; Howard Pryor (Interim)-1997-1999; Damian Phillips-1999-2001; Fred Miller-2001—present

The information for this brief history was taken from histories that have been written beginning in 1951 when the first history was compiled by Historian, Lyla Parrott. Footnotes are listed in “A Brief History of the Mount

Gilboa Baptist Church Before it Became a Church and Mount Gilboa as a Church.”

History of Mount Roberts Baptist Church

Although the sign greeting you in the front of our church says that it was established in 1893, the history of our church goes back much farther. Mount Roberts is actually a branch of Sandlick Separate Baptist Church, which still exists just a short distance away in Green County. At that, the history of Sandlick would then be our history too. Sandlick's origins are very early. The original church, a small log building, sat near a small cave. The Sandlick's Cemetery can still be seen near that old cave. In it are a least 100 or more graves, all them marked with simple fieldstones, except for two. Those are the graves of David Roberts (1804-1861) and of Jackson Skaggs (1839-1961.)

It sounds odd today, but for many years three different denominations shared the building and coexisted at Sandlick. These were a Separate Baptist Church, A Methodist Church, and a United Baptist Church. In those days, pastors served several congregations and churches only met on one Saturday in each month. That made it possible for three separate congregations to use the church meeting house at Sandlick. Their co-existence was, however, not very peaceful.

On the 19th of May 1874, Richard Skaggs Jr. (R.C. Skaggs) and his father-in-law, James Roberts, as trustees of the United Baptist Church at Sandlick brought suit against Solomon Thompson. In their petition, they stated that Thompson had forcibly taken possession of the church and had said that the United Baptist were not going to hold meetings in it anymore.



Apparently, Mr. Thompson was a Separate Baptist and he, not wanting the United Baptists using the building, had put a lock on the door. Anyone with any knowledge about the church was brought in to give testimony. It was noted that around 1853, a similar episode had occurred and many of the members had broken off and started Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Green County. The court adjudged that the United Baptists held the legal title to the church building at Sandlick. It was agreed that the United Baptist would occupy the church part of the time and the Separate Baptist would occupy it part of the time. However, it was also decided that the Methodists had no right to use it at all.

On July 4, 1873, fourteen men and women met at Sand Lick Separate Baptist Church in Green County, Kentucky and constituted themselves into a United Baptist Church. This was the beginning of what would later become Mount Roberts Baptist Church. Their names were as follows: James Roberts, his wife, Elizabeth Perkins Roberts; Thomas S. Thompson; Joshua Beard, his wife, Martha Thompson Beard; Joseph Underwood; Angelina Underwood; Richard C. Skaggs, his wife, Martha E. Roberts Skaggs; Richard Skaggs Sr.; Mary A. Chaney; Ruben Roarks, his wife, Caroline Underwood Roarks; and Daniel Blevins. They compiled a listing of their beliefs, naming them the "Articles of Faith of the United Baptist Church of Jesus Christ at Sand Lick." They further agreed that they would meet on the 4th Saturday in each month. The Rev. Thomas Underwood was elected as the pastor of the church. Richard Skaggs Sr. and Joseph B. Underwood were chosen as deacons. James Roberts was chosen the first clerk, and a letter asking acceptance into the Russell's Creek Association was prepared.

In April of 1874, Rev. Hezekiah Warren of Green County was elected pastor of the church. In September of that year, the members chose Joseph Underwood to procure a Bible and hymn book for use of the church, the price being \$3.00. In August of 1875 James Bloyd was called as pastor of the church but he apparently declined their proposal as in September 1875 the Rev. Larkin Sidebottom was called. Sidebottom remained pastor until November of 1878 when Jacob Stiles was elected by the church. Stiles was again called in January 1880.

In our church's record book, one page shows the minutes from the January 1880 meeting and by the next page has skipped more than ten years, showing the September 1890 meeting. Why nothing was recorded for the period of ten years is unknown. Perhaps it was recorded in a different book and then later the earlier book was returned to. At some point during this time the body quit meeting in the old Sandlick meeting house

as at the September 1890 meeting the United Baptist Church of Sand Lick met at the Beech Valley School House in Taylor County. By this time, Daniel Russell was the pastor.

According to the minutes, the church continued to meet in the school-house for some time. Finally, in June of 1893 the church elected D.J. Russell as pastor again. At this same time a motion was made and seconded that the church proceed to build a house of worship and a committee was appointed for building purposes consisting of James Roberts, R.C. Skaggs, R.D. Murray, Louis Johnson, Jesse Johnson, G.B. Gaddie, Rev. J.D. Russell and Rev. W. B. Cave. At this time, the church seems to have been heavily aligned with Mount Carmel Baptist Church. Three of the men on this building committee were actually members at Mount Carmel, but again, as churches only met once a month, it was possible to attend services at more than one church.

By October 14, 1893, the church had been built and renamed Mount Roberts in honor of James Roberts, who gave the land upon which the meeting house was built. The church body moved that they wanted to become a member of a new association that was being formed at Corinth Church. The new church house at Mount Roberts was dedicated on October 15th, 1893. Waller Pierce preached the first sermon.

In November of 1893, James French was elected as the church's pastor. James Roberts, R.C. Skaggs, and R.D. Murray were appointed trustees of the church. In March of 1894, James Roberts was appointed as the first deacon of Mount Roberts. The Rev. French remained pastor until November 1897 when James F. Hunt was elected by the church. Hunt pastored until December of 1899 when Will Dudgeon was given the pastoral care of the church.

At the June 1900 meeting Robert Druin and Charles W. Skaggs were appointed deacons and in October of 1900 Druin and Skaggs as well as James Roberts were ordained as deacons of the church. By this time Roberts was quite elderly and had apparently never been ordained a deacon although he had served as one for many years. It was also noted in the minutes that William J. Shofner was a deacon of the church, having been a deacon at Mount Carmel Baptist Church and having moved his membership to Mount Roberts. In February of 1903 another deacon was added, Louis H. Johnson, he too having moved his membership from Mount Carmel where he was a deacon.

In November of 1900, Alexander “Elec” Brown of Larue County was elected pastor of Mount Roberts. Other pastors of the church in the early 20th century would include the Rev. I.M. Grimsly, James French (who served as pastor three separate terms), M.D. Prescott, C.M. Johnson, and Elijah Walker.

On October 5, 1937, James E. Druin deeded to the trustees of Mount Roberts Baptist a parcel of land containing one half acre adjoining the land of Logan Underwood. The current church was constructed upon this land.

Early in the 1960’s, a basement was built under the existing church. This was to be used as a fellowship hall and Sunday School classrooms. Aluminum siding was put on, auditorium remodeled new pews purchased, and carpet. We began sponsoring a child from Glendale Children’s Home. GA’s and Sunbeams were started. Three deacons were ordained.

During the 1970’s a house trailer was purchased and put on the church property to be used as a parsonage. Rest rooms were added to the church, a pastor’s study, and a classroom. Central heat and air were installed.

Between-1980-1990, Mount Roberts ordained four deacons. We purchased a church van. Having a van increased the number of youth in attendance. Our church basement was remodeled and enlarged including a new kitchen. Mission Friends, GA’s, and Acteens were started and continue today.

During the 1990’s, we ordained one deacon. A sound system was installed, and the parking lot blacktopped. We began RA’s. In 1993, we celebrated 100 years. Former pastors spoke, over 200 were in attendance.

The years 2000-2007 have been very exciting for us. We joined the Taylor County Association from East Lynn Association. We added a baptistry to our auditorium, as well as we remodeled. We enlarged the playground. A van was donated so we began a van ministry. This has caused our number of youth and children to explode. We average 40-50 each Wednesday. Wee-Worship was started for our children on Sunday mornings. We have begun a Wednesday night Feed the Children program with Bible Study focus along with Missions education. Our last project began April 2007. We are building on to the church, seven classrooms, two restrooms,

and a new fellowship hall. We purchased land to make this possible. We ordained two deacons.

Mount Roberts has always supported Glendale and Oneida. We continue to support the Cooperative program, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Annie Armstrong, Lottie Moon, Eliza Broadus, Temperance League, Gideons and Operation Christmas Child. We have Vacation Bible School yearly.

We have two former pastors who are full time missionaries. Van and Mary Thompson, Shane and Dianne McNary. Our pastor Bro. Kyle Franklin will be going to Honduras in June for a mission trip.

Our total membership as of 2007 was 180. Sunday School enrollment was 137. This information was obtained from church records and minutes. Other information such as baptisms and group enrollments can be found in the Taylor County Association minutes. All pastors are listed below.

We are looking forward to many years of worship to our LORD, and many years of service for our LORD or until He comes again.

G.M. Grinely	Ralph Patterson
James French	Curtis Warf
I.J. Hutcherson	William Clouse
M.D. Prescot	Robert Case
Frank Harrison	Paul Lawson
E.G. Walker	Ken Forman
R.J. Skaggs	Jesse Parker
S.A. Edwards	Clarence Hackett
N.K. Cantrell	Donald Cherry
J.T. McFarland	Gordon Shinn
W.F. Sprowles	John McCombs
B.J. Skaggs	Preston Siler
Abraham Skaggs	Van Thompson
W.M. Peace	Gary Landis
George Ray Gaddie	Chris Carroll
J.L. Bradshaw	Mike Felts
Roy Huston	John Batcher
Charlie Warren	Shane McNary
	Jeff Newton
	Kyle Franklin

History of Mount Washington Baptist Church



Mount Washington Baptist Church, Marion County Kentucky was constituted December 6, 1869, by A.J. Whitley, Thomas Underwood, and W.E. Chaney. Our first land was purchased December 26, 1870 from John Duncan of LaRue County. It contained 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres and cost \$1.00 (Marion County, Kentucky Deed Book 8, page 118.)

Present deacons are: Edmon Miller, Verlas Miller, Jack Eastridge, Michael Thompson, Clayton Sullivan, Ronnie Sullivan, and Eddie (Hack) Marcum.

Our trustees are: Ronnie Sullivan, Roger Miller, and Jackie Hunt.

Charter members of the church in 1869 were: Robert Whitlock, Lyddie Whitlock, Mary Scott, James French, Susan French, Sarah Whitlock, Elizabeth Whitlock, Elizabeth Mills, John D. Mills, Charles Mills, and Mary L. Scott.

Steve York is our Sunday school Director; Garry L. Miller is Church Clerk; Shelia Eastridge Price is the Treasurer; Jeff Wright is Music Director; and Travis Hunt is the Youth Leader. The Pianist is Donna Sullivan Wright and Deanna Dudgeon Hunt is the organist. Harvey is our guitarist.

The first church services began in private homes and were later moved into a log building measuring 30x40, which remained on the church property until 1946. The present building was built in 1937 with the first

sermon being preached by Bro. B.E. Settles in the spring of 1938. In 1956, a lumber floor was installed, new seats and roofing were bought, and the outside doors took on a new look. Bro. Settles remained pastor and the church began services each Sunday. Osa Huber Hunt, janitor, was hired in 1957 and a furnace and oil stoves were purchased. We began a basement in 1961; installed storm doors in 1963; bricked the building in 1964; and changed the lights to fluorescent in 1967.

The above building was remodeled in 1981 with new pews, carpet, and lighting was installed and the auditorium took on a look. The choir moved behind the pastor with 22 chairs being purchased to match the church furniture. The old furniture was sold to Life Gate Church. Mrs. Preston (Osa) Hunt and Mrs. Edd (Leona) Sullivan have the original chairs from the first building; Mrs. Edmon (Christine) Miller had the first piano, and Mrs. Clayton (Kathryn) Sullivan has the second piano; and Mrs. Thomas (Ruby) Miller has the organ used in the first church.

Our pastor is Bro. Jimmy York. He and his wife Brenda (Pyles) have three children: Chris, Sonya, and Steve and four grandsons. The Yorks are from Albany, Kentucky. They live at 311 Sharon Drive, Campbellsville. Our parsonage was bought in 1975 and paid in full in 1988. It has been sold.

Enrollment in our Sunday school today (2007) is 65 with our church membership being 280. We continue to have Spring and Fall revivals, Vacation Bible School during the summer, and Gospel Singing throughout the year. We now have Homecomings every five years; dates vary.

Between 1984-1985 Homecomings, our church added a new constitution, installed a church steeple, painted the basement, and added new carpet.

We received the Houchens Foundation Loan without interest, and added our present day addition. Records state from August 1, 1990 until July 1995, we paid off our \$110,000 loan. This addition was dedicated October 14, 1990 with the note burning at our 1995 Homecoming.

The W.M.U. members placed a show case in the basement with pictures featuring furniture, pianos, our first organ, and many memories of our church.

Our Church Cemetery is located on the Taylor/Marion County

line. Mr. and Mrs. Garry L. Miller are the treasurers. It was once known as the Arvin Cemetery.

Records are not available before April 1888 of our church, which makes them incomplete. Any information is appreciated.

Our church joined Taylor County Association in 2002. We had been with the East Lynn Association until 2002.

Pastors to Date:

A.J. Whitley, 1869-1880

W.E. Chaney, 1881-1884

A.J. Whitley, 1885-1887

J.F. Hunt, 1888

James French, 1889

J.F. Hunt, 1890-1892

James French, 1893-1898

J.F. Hunt, 1899-1900

James French, 1901-1902

L.R. Fruin, 1903-1905

H.T. Huber, 1906-1907

I.J. Hutcherson, 1908-1910

W.T. Short, 1911-1912

Frank Harrison, 1913-1915

James French, 1916-1918

Ben Settles, 1919

Frank Harrison, 1920-1921

W.T. Short, 1922-1923 J.

S. Arvin, 1924-1925

W.F. Spowles, 1926-1928

A.B. Warren, 1929-1931

C.L. Harmon, 1932-1936

W.M. Peace, 1937-1945

B.E. Settles, 1946-1956

Wesley Powers, 1957-1962

Otis Skaggs, 1962-1966

Coy Kidd, 1967-1968

Gilbert Larimore, 1969-1971

Emery Kinslow, 1972-1974

Otis Skaggs, 1975-1981

James Hagan, 1982-1987

Donnie Blick, 1988-1994

Bobby Wood, 1994-1995

Ed Hamlin, 1996-1999

Jimmy York, March 2000—

History of Palestine Baptist Church **1843-2007**

Palestine Baptist Church was organized on the third Saturday in June 1843. The beginning of the church took place at the old Fisher school-house in the approximate center of what is now the Leslie Colvin farm. There were thirty-two charter members—fourteen white males, sixteen white females, one black male, and one black female.

A constitution containing eleven provisions was written along with the “Rules of Decorum,” consisting of some twenty rules of conduct for everyday life, as well as church business meetings.

The first meeting place for worship was in a log cabin and John Ingram was the first to serve as pastor of Palestine. The church was united with the Russell Creek Association during her second business meeting. In 1849, the church began to worship in a new building, it was 40' x 30' frame structure built by Joseph and Andrew White.

In 1892, business meetings were held on Saturday morning following a sermon. Then on Sunday afternoon, Sunday school was held, except on preaching Sundays when it was held before the sermon in the morning. No Sunday night service was held.

When the church was still quarter-time, prayer meeting was held in the weeks from October to April. From April until the last of September, Sunday school was held, dismissing prayer meetings. When the church went half time in 1937, Sunday school was held every Sunday morning.



On July 18, 1903, work began on the foundation of a new church building. The building was dedicated on December 25, 1906. Fifty-eight of the 202 members were present for the dedication. The year of 1939 saw the building being wired for electricity.

The 1941 minutes record the first mention of Vacation Bible School.

In 1946, the rotation system of service as a deacon was begun. In 1947, the church went to full time with Brother Paul Hatfield as pastor. It was also 1947 that the decision was made to build Sunday school rooms that were completed and then dedication on July 31, 1949.

Brother Brooken Campbell came to this church in April 1952. This pastor lived on the church field for the first time in the history of the church and that contributed much to the progress of the church, with over 60 of them by baptism. We had a good Sunday school with prospects for the future growth. Our only limitation now is lack of room to take care of the prospects we have.

In June of 1956, Brother Marshall Black was chosen the thirty-third man to serve as Pastor of Palestine. The decision to build a young people's annex was made in April 1957. The WMU was organized in 1958 with Mrs. Edith Black serving as president. In November 1959 a committee was appointed to study the needs of Palestine church and recommended a plan for a building.

In 1961, the church entered the minister's retirement plan.

On Sunday, August 26, 1962, the church voted to adopt the plans presented by the building committee. On Sunday, February 9, 1964, voted to build the basement or ground floor unit of our new building and Sunday, July 7, 1964 we voted to build the auditorium.

In October 1964 the church voted to borrow \$70,000 to complete construction of the building. Sunday, July 11, 1965 the present building was dedicated. The new building was erected by Caulk and Tharp Construction Company. The cost of the building and equipment was \$120,000. This represents the continuous dedication and, often times sacrificial giving by a group of dedication people.

In July 1972, the Pastor, Brother Paul Prather, saw a need for the church to hire a part-time secretary. This proved to be a great asset to our pastor and our church and is continued practice today.

By October 1972, the church owned its first parsonage, it was purchased at the cost of \$30,000. In November 1972, Brother Richard Shields came to be our pastor and his family was the first one to live in the parson-age.

Our first organization for senior adults, the "Golden Circle", was organized in April 1979. Senior adults gathered for a monthly meeting, a potluck lunch, fellowship, and fun for all who attended. This is a very active group in our church today. The senior adult ministry enjoys a variety

of activities including the delivery of many “Baskets of Love” to our sick and shut-in church family.

The church’s ownership of a parsonage was short term, December 1981 the church voted to sell the parsonage because some pastors wanted to buy their own house. The parsonage was sold for \$42,000.

Sunday morning May 29, 1983, Palestine Baptist Church had a special called business meeting. Upon recommendation from the planning committee, a motion was made to complete the educational building and renovate the auditorium. The contract was entered into with Otha Blevins Construction Company in the amount of \$171,836.00.

For several years, members of the church had discussed the purchase of a vehicle to fill the needs of transportation for various organizations and groups within the church. In October 1986 the church voted to buy a 15 passenger van. The van continues to serve in so many ministries in our church today.

The Lord continued to bless us with ministry to involve the use of the van. In the 90’s when Brother Landon Hadley was our pastor, he and his wife Mary Lou had a great passion for missions and involvement of our youth. They organized and made all the preparation for many mission trips to places such as New York; Indianapolis, Indiana, Lansing, Michigan and Loraine, Ohio. The van today is used for many ministries of the church, picking up children for VBS and also senior adults for Sunday worship services.

In a report given by the trustees, a new deed was outlined that included where the church is and the entire cemetery. Also included was a Letter of Incorporation that was filed in the Taylor County Court House, December 13, 1995, stating that all the work is final. On January 23, 2000, the last day for Brother Hadley as our pastor, we had a special called business meeting for the purpose of licensing James W. Collison III to the Gos-pel Ministry.

Brother Danny Pace began as Pastor of Palestine Baptist Church on December 9, 2002. Brother Danny and Peggy have been and continue to be a blessing for our church and community. During the first weeks with us, Mrs. Peggy started the Team Kids meetings on Wednesday nights. The children participate in many good deed ministries, learn scripture and also music.

We also have a youth group, meeting on Wednesday and Sunday nights. We have a good Sunday school and a wonderful worship service, with visitors most every service. There is a sweet spirit and unity in our church.

On September 14, 2003, we celebrated 160 years of sharing Christ by having a home-coming day. Former pastor, Brother Brooken Campbell delivered the message and a wonderful day was enjoyed by all.

Palestine Baptist Church is a growing church, a 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.

History of Pitman Valley Baptist Church



In 1957, Pitman Valley Church started in a one room school house.

In 1958, the church became a mission under Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. It also had its first pastor, the Rev. Joe Brown. "The church stated to grow." In 1960, it became Pitman Valley Baptist Church.

In 1960, Rev. Joe Brown, Mr. John L. Agee, and Samuel L. Crawley were messengers from the church; they attended Taylor County Baptist Association Meeting.

Rev. Joe Brown representing the Pitman Valley Baptist Church presented the request from the church for membership in the Taylor

County Association of Kentucky Baptists.

Dr. J. Chester Badgett stated as pastors and deacons were on the council when the church was constituted he would make the following motion. "Moved that the Pitman Valley Baptist church be accepted into the fellowship." Motion carried.

The church was growing: between 1958 and 1960 there were a total of 96 members. In 1970, there were a total of 100 members.

The church has been remodeled several times, because of its growing every year.

From 1958 to 2002, there have been 13 pastors.

They are:

Rev. Joe Brown,	1958-1961
Rev. William Clutts,	1961-1963
Rev. Herbert Keeton,	1963-1965
Rev. Robert Orr,	1965-1967
Rev. Carl Dugger,	1967-1973
Rev. Omer Farmer,	1973-1974
Rev. Gene Hall,	1975-1976
Rev. Maurice Butler,	1967-1977
Rev. Charles Lowe,	1977-1979
Rev. David O' Tool,	1982-1983
Rev. Jim Morgan,	1984-1985
Rev. J.V. Mullins,	1985-2000
Rev. Roger Moran,	2000 2002
Rev. Danny Nelson	2003—present

The church has a total of 200 members today and still growing.

History of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

In 1837, a wealthy man, Henry Sanders, built a house of worship on his own land, at his own cost, for the convenience of himself and his neighbors. Sanders himself named the church Pleasant Hill. The church was held subject to the Mother Church (Good Hope) until the branch became sufficiently strong to set up for themselves. In January 1837 the

church at Good Hope authorized the establishing of a Branch Church, which resulted in the organization of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in May 1840.



Horatio Chandler was the first pastor followed by David Miller. In June 1845, the church called David S. Colgan as pastor. David Miller was recalled as pastor in December 1848, and the church assured him that they would make every effort to pay a salary not less than \$40.00 for the year. In 1850, Bro. Joshua Brooks was called as a pastor to succeed Bro. David Miller, who had served three periods as pastor.

The period 1850 to 1860 was a very active period for the church. Great numbers were added by baptism and by letter. Determined efforts to keep the church spiritual and clean by discipline was the order of the day. Emphasis was given to missions, both local and world.

In 1859, David Miller was elected pastor for the fifth time.

On the second Sunday in March 1862, the church took up the matter of building a new and larger church building. In 1863, the church was lost by fire and the congregation met with various members in their homes until the school house could be completed that was under construction.

Bro. Willis Peck was called as pastor in 1869. The church was finished in late 1869 and dedicated in 1870. It is interesting that the conflict between the states known as the Civil War did not seem to affect the growth and interest of the church. Rev. G.A. Coulson was called as pastor in 1872.

Bro. J.T. Belts was called in 1875, and served only a short period of time. Bro. John A. Lay was called as pastor in 1883. Bro. J.C. Wray was

called as pastor on November 2, 1884. A revival was held resulting in more than 40 additions to the church. Bro. J. H. Riffe was called as pastor in 1887.

Bro. W.E. Chaney was called in 1888. In September 1889, the church called J.T. Hunt as pastor.

At the business meeting in April 1893, a new church was ordered built. Bro. J.F. Hunt was called as pastor in September 1893, to serve for the next year.

In the years 1893-1897 most of the business of the church had to do with some phase of new building which was one of the most modern in the country. Bro. J. F. Hall was called as pastor in 1895. The church joined the East Lynn Association in 1896.

Bro. J.W. Crawley was called as pastor in January 1904 after the death of Bro. J.F. Hall in 1903. The church became most interested in missions immediately after the calling of Bro. Crawley.

Bro. D.J. Hunt was called as pastor on January 8, 1909 and resigned in July the same year. In November 1909, Rev. W.M. Kirtley was called as pastor. Rev. A.L. Brown was called as pastor in 1913. Chesterfield Turner was called as pastor in 1914.

There are no church records from 1916 to 1919.

In 1919, Bro. S.A. Edwards was the pastor. In 1922, Bro. Ernest Miller was called as pastor. In September 1922, Rev. T.S. Curry was called as pastor. He resigned in 1929.

In October 1929, Bro. D.L. Druien was called as pastor. The pastor was given an indefinite call in 1939.

In April of 1945, the church was lost by fire. The Taylor County School was used for a few weeks. A tent was purchased to meet under. The church began immediately to rebuild. The foundation of the church was started exactly two months after the church burned.

There was continuous revival during the building period and complete harmony. The building was paid for when dedicated on April 18, 1948, exactly three years from the date of the church burning.

In 1952, the church voted to build a pastor's home on the church property.

In 1957, the church joined the newly formed Taylor County Association. The church made a survey of the Pitman Valley section of Taylor County with a view of establishing a mission in that area. The mission was started and Rev. Joe Brown served as pastor.

Bro. D. L. Druien resigned as pastor July 7, 1965 for retirement.

Rev. Joe R. Hampton was called as pastor and preached his first sermon the first Sunday in October 1965. He resigned as pastor in February 1969. Dr. Marshall Black served in a great way as Interim Pastor until a new one was called.

Bro. Isadore Childers was called as pastor and began his ministry August 3, 1969. He resigned in October 1973 and Bro. S.C. Blackburn was asked to serve as Interim Pastor.

August 18, 1974, the church called Rev. Thurman Eaton as pastor and he began his ministry here September 15, 1974. In 1976, one acre of land was purchased from Arbella O'Banion. A land trade with Wayne Kessler added a strip of land to the back of the property.

In 1979, Bro. Gene Hall was hired as educational director and assistant pastor. Bro. Eaton resigned as pastor effective November 30, 1980.

Rev. Bob E. Martin was called as pastor and preached his first sermon the first Sunday in June 1981.

In 1985, the church property was surveyed and the five deeds to the property were combined. The church voted to become incorporated and the certificate to do so was received.

Bro. Bob Martin resigned as pastor in May 1993, and Bro. Dwayne Howell was called as pastor later that year. Bro. Howell served as pastor until his resignation in July 1998. Bro. Carlis Compton was then hired as interim pastor.

Bro. Donnie Blick was called a pastor in April 1999 and served

as pastor until December 2000. Bro. Earl Pike served as interim pastor after Bro. Blick resigned.

Bro. Charles Pollard was called as pastor in September 2001 and resigned in August 2003.

Dr. James E. Jones was hired as interim pastor to begin the first Sunday in November 2003. He was called to be our pastor January 2004 and he is currently our pastor.

Our church voted May 1, 2005, to build a Christian Life Center and we were to raise \$300,000 before construction began. We reached that goal in February 2007 and had groundbreaking April 29, 2007. Construction will begin soon.

The following men have served as Pastors of the church since the beginning to the present.

Horatio Chandler, 1840-1840	John Ferrill, 1896-1897
David Miller, 1840-1845	J.T. Hall, 1897-1903
David Colgan, 1845-1848	V.W. Pruce, 1903-1904
David Miller, 1884-1850	J.W. Crawley, 1904-1908
Joshua F. Brooks, 1850-1852	D.J. Hunt, 1909-1913
G.W. Robinson, 1852-1853	A.L. Brown, 1913-1914
Joshua F. Brooks, 1863-1855	Chester Turner, 1914-1916
David Miller, 1855-1859	T.E. Ennis, 1916-1917
Thomas Underwood, 1859-1869	S.A. Edwards, 1917-1922
Willis Peck, 1869-1872	T.S. Curry, 1922-1929
T.S. Tandy, 1872-1876	D.L. Druen, 1929-1965
T.R. Farmer, 1876-1880	Joe R. Hampton, 1965-1969
Thomas Underwood, 1880-1883	Isadore Childers, 1969-1973
John Lay, 1883-1885	Thurman Eaton, 1974-1980
J.H. Rife, 1887-1888	Bob E. Martin, 1981-1993
W.E. Chaney, 1888-1889	Dwayne Howell, 1993-1998
J.F. Hunt, 1889-1895	Donnie Blick, 1999-2000
J.T. Hall, 1895-1896	Charles Pollard, 2001-2003
	James E. Jones, 2003—present

A Short History of Raikes Hill Baptist Church and Pastors Who Served



Dr. J. Chester Badgett and the Missions committee of Campbellsville Baptist Church started missions work in the rural areas of Taylor County in 1954 when the one room schools were consolidated. The church began using some of the old schools as mission churches. A tent revival was held at Raikes Hill with Dr. J. Chester Badgett preaching. Brother Jeremiah Cox served as Sunday School Superintendent at Raikes Hill and lay preacher. He resigned in 1955 and E.S. Woosley became Sunday School Superintendent. Many of the Campbellsville Baptist missions committee members came out to Raikes Hill and taught Sunday school and others helped with VBS. The missions committee members were a real blessing through the years.

The school house at Raikes Hill and over one acre of land was purchased for \$345 by Dr. W.B. Atkinson and committee (~1955.)

Pastors

Russell Dazey	September or October 1956-10/5/1960
Jim Humphrey	March 8, 1961—December 1962
Phillip Basinger	December 1962—April 1964
Charles Hedrick	July, 1964-1965
Bobby Richardson	1965-1967
Tommy Williams	November 22, 1967-1971
Harley Archer	1971-1972
Maurice Bulter	1972-1974
Bud Walls	May 5, 1976-1978
Terry Vale	
Ken Wells,	Dr. Blackburn Interim, Cody Kidd—interim

Ed Hamlin	1986—
Terry Vale	interim
Tony Smith	1990-1992
Terry Vale	interim
Danny Hunt	1994-1996
Terry Vale	interim
Wayne Orange	1998-2000
Bob Stotts	2000-2003
Seibert Sullivan	October, 2003—December 2004
	January 2005 to present

History of Robinson Creek Baptist Church

With an approximate enrollment of 25, the Robinson Creek Baptist Church began as a small Sunday school in about 1924. Their first meeting was in the Post Office, which was also a general store owned by Mr. Jess Atchley. At this time, there wasn't a white church in this community. The church's meeting place was later changed to the Carthage School House about one mile south of the first meeting site.



The church was first organized as the Robinson Creek Baptist Church in 1929, under the leadership of Bro. Abraham Berry. Mr. John Carroll was the moderator of our early church, and Mr. William (Bill) Barnett was the song leader.

The church name was selected from the nearby RobinsonCreek.

The newly organized church continued to meet in the school building until 1935, when land was acquired from the Tom Hazard farm and a new building was constructed during the pastorate Bro. J.L. Bradshaw.

Not having a full time program and many of the services being

conducted in the afternoon, Robinson Creek did not begin to move forward until 1949, when Bro. William Slagle was called as pastor. Through the work of Bro. Slagle the church began meeting full time. Through the work of Bro. Slagle the church attendance increased along with the gifts to all causes. Twenty-six was the average Sunday school attendance in 1949.

In 1950 an addition, which also provided additional Sunday school space (four small rooms), was built onto the existing auditorium. This venture of faith allowed for continued growth. Upon the resignation of Bro. Slagle in May 1951, the church then called their eleventh pastor, Bro. Paul Payne, who began his work in June of 1951. Under the leadership of God and the vision of the people, along with our willingness to work, the church continued to grow from a faithful 26 in 1949 to an average attendance of 124 in 1953 with a record attendance in 1953 of 191. Another step in the advancement was organization of a Training Union in August of 1952.

On Sunday, February 28, 1954, Robinson Creek voted to build a new building about one-half mile north of the old one. The building was so planned that additional rooms, when needed, could be added without disruption or damage to the existing building. Everyone joined in and construction work was donated by members of the congregation. The land was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Aro Smith.

The first services were held in the new building on July 31, 1955. The average Sunday school attendance for that year was 128.

On December 22, 1957, the Robinson Creek Baptist Church voted to build a parsonage adjacent to the church. The parsonage was completed in June of 1958, and Bro. Jessie Parker was the first pastor to live in the new parsonage.

The Taylor County Baptist Association was formed in 1957, and the Robinson Creek Baptist Church was a charter member of this association. Robinson Creek had previously been a member of the Russell Creek Baptist Association.

Major programs since the building of the parsonage have consisted of paving the parking lot, carpeting for both the sanctuary and the basement of the existing building, purchase of additional land (from Mrs. Aro Smith) at the northeast of the existing building, adding stained glass windows, and adding a two car garage for the parsonage.

In 1988, an addition was built on the back side of the church. This addition contained a fellowship hall, several Sunday school rooms, four rest-rooms, and a baptismal pool. Since then a pavilion has been added, and then converted into a youth facility. The church was completely remodeled in 2005-2006.

The average Sunday school attendance has fluctuated since services began in the current facility, with the highest average of 119 in 1961; an average attendance of 78 in 1979; and a average attendance of 81 in 2006.

Robinson Creek has seen three men ordained into the Gospel ministry, Bro. Rollin Bradshaw, Bro. Alan Witham, and Bro. Tim Coghill. The church has also seen one former pastor answer a call into foreign mission service, Bro. Lonnie Turner.

Robinson Creek Baptist Church has had 26 pastors during their 83 year history. These men include: Bro. Abraham Berry; Bro. Ike Wise; Bro. J.L. Bradshaw; Bro. Walter Sprowles; Bro. Hugh Shelton; Bro. Criss McCubbins; Bro. W.R. Simone; Bro. O.C. Houk; Bro. Roy Houston; Bro. William Slagle; Bro. Paul Payne; Bro. Joe Brown; Bro. Jessie Parker; Bro. Raymond Long; Bro. Lewis Searcy; Bro. Leslie Chadwick; Bro. Lonnie Turner; Bro. H.C. Crabtree; Bro. David Freshour; Bro. Sam Sowder; Bro. Richard Reed; Bro. Steve James; Bro. James Blackerby; Bro. Herman Wilkins; and Bro. Frank Merrill. Bro. Jim Collison III serves as the current pastor.

“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’.”

History of Salem Baptist Church

Salem Baptist Church was organized March 16, 1861. The charter members included Davis Walker, Archibald Madera, Thomas E. Cowherd, E.L. Blakey, Rick A. Mainny, John R. Sanders, Eastin Sanders, William Fawcett, and John L. Richerson. Reverend J. T. Willis was called as the first pastor.

Salem’s first building burned shortly after the church was



organized. The church met in a nearby log schoolhouse until the current building was constructed in 1867. A major renovation took place in 1912. In 1947 and 1948, Sunday school rooms were added under the leadership of Brother Roy Huston. In 1956, the basement and vestibule were completed while Brother William Arnold was pastor. The sanctuary was remodeled in 1975, with new furniture, carpet, ceiling, windows, and air conditioning. The education wing was completed in 1980.

The first parsonage on Bell Avenue was purchased in 1952. A new parsonage was built on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. Chilton Pike in 1966. This home was later sold.

In 1943, the church went from quarter-time to half-time preaching while Brother George Gaddie was pastor. Full-time preaching began while Brother Gaddie was pastor again in 1951.

Salem Baptist Church has a long history of world mission support. At the present time, 23 percent of undesignated receipts to mission causes outside the church. At least two former pastors served as foreign missionaries after leaving Salem.

Salem Baptist Church Pastors

J.T. Willis	1861
J.H. Riffe	1886
B.J. Skaggs	1908
W.B. Arvin	

William Kirtley	1920
Frank Harrison	1920,s
S.A. Edwards	
W.F. Sprowles	Late 1920's, early 1930's
L.E. Whitlow	
M.C. Peace	
George R. Gaddie	1943-1945
Roy Huston	1945-1948
Thomas Johnson	1949-1950
George R. Gaddie	1950-1954
William Arnold	1954-1956
H.R. Woods	1957-1958
L.W. Fishburn	1958-1959
Coy Kidd	1960-1961
Billy Chaffin	1961-1964
J.R. McNeal	1965-1969
S.C. Blackburn	1969-1970
George R. Gaddie	1970-1980
Don Watson	1981-1983
Phillip Ronk	1984-1987
J. Alvin Hardy	1987-1988 (Interim)
Donald Berry	1988-1990
George R. Gaddie	1990-1991 (Interim)
Timothy Najpaver	1991-1996
Jerry Kibbons	1997-1998 (Interim)
Michael Goodwin	1998—Present

Saloma Baptist Church *A Brief History*

Nehemiah 2: 18b

Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.

At the requests of several Christian men and women, a group of Baptist pastors, deacons, and lay-persons met on December 14, 1951 at the Taylor County community of Saloma for the purpose of organizing the Saloma Baptist Church.

A council was formed consisting of the following: Mr. Henry

Coakley, Rev. D.L. Druien, Dr. J. Chester Badgett, Rev. Abraham Berry, Bro. Davis, Rev. Harlen Whitlow, Bro. Aubry Dix, and Bro. Jeremiah Cox.



After adopting the Church Covenant and Articles of Faith, a vote was taken and the newly organized church was named Saloma Baptist Church. Charter members were: Naomi Peters, Mr. James Bland, Mr. David Jones, Rev. Frank Anderson, Mrs. Janet Anderson, Mr. Ed and Mrs. Elsie Gault, and Mrs. Tip Durham.

When the church was first organized, pastors were extended and “annual call” in that a pastor would serve for a year. At the end of the year if the church desired and he agreed, the pastor was called for another year.

The first pastor was Rev. Frank Anderson from Lake Charles, Louisiana. He served from December 14, 1951 to May 4, 1952 for the sum of \$500.00 which averaged approximately \$9.50 a week.

The second pastor was Rev. Harlen Whitlow who was called on May 14, 1952 and served until April 5, 1953. Rev. Richard Phipps was the third pastor. He assumed his duties on June 3, 1953 and served until August 14, 1955. In April 1954, the congregation started construction on the original sanctuary, having previously met in the basement.

On August 14, 1955, Rev. Phipps resigned, and Charles McNeil, layman employed by Tennessee Gas, filled the pulpit. Bro. McNeil was

ordained October 2, 1955 and served as the pastor from August 31, 1955 until September 3, 1958. On July 17, 1955, a dedication service was held for the sanctuary. It is recorded the church had a membership of 50.

During the past 56 years, a total of 18 pastors have served Saloma Baptist Church.

The names and dates of service are as follows.

Charles C. Burress	January 8, 1959-March 13, 1960
Earl Pike	June 1, 1960-May 12, 1965
Roy Alexander	July 1965-October 5, 1965
Ray Vinson	October 16, 1966-August 7, 1968
Ben Edwards	September 4, 1968-August 27, 1968
J.V. Mullins	November 9, 1969-January 21, 1973
Otis Bentley	March 11, 1973-September 21, 1975
Harry Dooley	January 1, 1976-June 19, 1977
Richard Barnes	December 7, 1977-March 1979
James K. Fox	August 5, 1979-October 19, 1986
Jackie Thomason	December 7, 1986-May 28, 1989
Terry Bright	June 10, 1990-June 28, 1992
Clyde Pruitt	February 7, 1993-February 13, 1994

Our present pastor Rev. John Chowning was called on July 10, 1994 after having served as interim since May 1, 1994.

Saloma Baptist Church has ordained 26 men as deacons and eight (8) men have been ordained to the gospel Ministry.

Charles McNeil	October 2, 1955
Bobby Richerson	October 24, 1965
Tommy Williams	January 7, 1968
Roger Godby	February 20, 1983
J.T. Rafferty	May 4, 1986
Todd Parish	April 25, 1999
Jason England	April 18, 2004
Kyle Franklin	November 5, 2006

Saloma Baptist Church has had four clerks since its founding.

James Bland	1952-1958
C.E. Bradshaw	1958-1960
J.T. Bland	1960-1966
Helen Henderson	Interim-1958-1966
	Clerk-1966-present

Saloma Baptist Church has remained faithful to “ministering to the community and the world in the name of Jesus Christ” well into the 21st century. With an active membership of nearly 200 people in 2007, the church is known for its commitment to missions and ministries in the local community and throughout Kentucky, the United States, and the world. Several church members have been on mission trips around the nation and world in recent years. The church has an active children and youth ministry, senior adult ministry, music ministry, and is organized by ministry teams that are designed to place people into area of service according to their spiritual gifts. The current pastor, John Chowning has begun his 14th year of ministry at Saloma with Tim Shockley serving as Associate Pastor and Worship Minister and Jason England serving as Minister of Children and Youth. Ministry teams include Administrative, Christian Education, Finance and Stewardship, Building and Grounds, Fellowship, Outreach and Evangelism, and Ministry.

The church gives approximately 45% of its general fund receipts to missions, including the Cooperative Program of the Kentucky and Southern Baptist Convention (15%), Taylor County Baptist Association (5%), and various special Baptist missions offerings (e.g., Annie Armstrong, Lottie Moon, Eliza Broadus.) Saloma Baptist Church is one of the two historically Anglo Baptist Churches in Kentucky that belong to the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky (the historic African American Baptist state convention) and the Zion District Association of Baptists and is a cooperating member of the Baptist World Alliance. Three deacons of the church coordinate weekly services during the summer at Green River Lake State Park, and other members are active in a number of other community missions ministry projects. Saloma Baptist Church supports a host of other Christian missions and ministries in the local community.

The church’s facilities have undergone a series of renovations and expansions in recent years. Additional property has been purchased for future growth. The church has a very nice website that is becoming an important means of outreach and ministry, and the church maintains an active list that distributes prayer requests, announcements and helps keep members and friends of the church updated. The church distributes the Western Recorder to members and friends and uses the back page of the Western Recorder for its monthly newsletter.

In summary, Saloma Baptist Church is committed to ministering

to the community and the world in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in the 21st century and is very thankful to be a part of Taylor County Baptist Association and the local community.

History of South Campbellsville Baptist Church

Having seen the rapid growth of the Hubbard Addition to the city of Campbellsville, Kentucky which opened to the public on the seventh day of July, 1910, H.S. Robinson and Able Harding, members of Campbellsville Baptist Church realized the need of a church in that section of Taylor County. In 1911, a three-room house was rented and a Sunday school was organized. Mr. H.S. Robinson was elected the first secretary-treasurer. Able Harding was elected as the first superintendent.



Interest grew from the start and the Sunday school continued to grow. On the fourteenth day of May, 1913, the Campbellsville Baptist Church “Authorized Bro. H.A. Bennett to hold a tent meeting in the Hubbard addition to the city of Campbellsville; and on further motion, the following com-mittee was appointed to locate ground and put up a tent: Brethren, W.T. Newcomb, B.F. Romine, T.C. Faucett and Mrs. William Gill, Committee on Music: Mrs. G.W. Hord, Miss Aubrey Hord, and Mrs. Jame Dooley, Com-mittee on Finance, J.R. Davis, Charles H. Graves, and H.S. Robinson.”

Among the first members of the Sunday school were Mrs. G. W. Hord, Miss Aubrey Hord, Mr. and Mrs. John Vaughn and their children, including their daughter who is now Mrs. Harrison. Mrs. Minnie Gill was a very faithful member. All the time the school was growing and 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, Nannie Newcomb, Bertha Vaughn, Gertrude Smith, Howard Bell, John D. Franklin, Fred Marples, Frank Morris, Herbert Gill, John Grammar, Hattie Grammer, and Minnie Parrott—These along with many others, kept at work with the Sunday school, when, on June 18, 1913, Able Harding made a motion, which was carried, in the Campbellsville Baptist Church—that: Brethren H.S. Roberson, R.G. Graves, W.T. Newcomb, and B.F. Romine be appointed as a committee to look after the purchasing of suitable lots for a church house in South Campbellsville, and to 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 a 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 faithful clerk of the church at Campbellsville.

A committee was named to raise funds for the building. H.S. Robinson and Able 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 \$1000.00, received from insurance policies. This work was under the direction of J.A. McFarland, Edwin Stapp, M.K. Miller, and J.A. McKentry 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 large 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 the fourth Sunday in October 1946. The church made substantial progress under Rev. W.R. Simone's leadership. In a few 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 earlier 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. Simone resigned the pastorate and in March 1954, Rev. J.W. Brown was called as pastor of the church. Under his leadership, the church continued to grow. 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 a busy high-way, giving all a welcome to enter to worship and to depart to serve.

There have been several pastors since Bro. Simmone's resignation, each one leaving his mark on our hearts as well as our history.

Bro. J.W. Brown, March 1951—June 1958; Bro. T.H. Harding, October 1958—February 1962; Bro. Louis Lighfoot, May 1962—July 1967; Bro. Jewell Gene Hall, August 1967—September 1972; Bro. James K. Fox, June 1973—September 1975; Bro. Raymond Long, December 1975-1976; Bro. Calvin Wayne Oldham, June 1976—July 1979; Bro. Howard Davenport, December 1981—January 1991; Bro. Brian Fannin, October 1991—November 1996; Bro. Gregg Qualls, September 1997—May 1999, Dr. G. Ted Taylor was interim pastor from August 1999—May 2004; and our present pastor, Bro. Shaun Caudill who came in November 2004.

Our sanctuary was renovated in 1992; we have turned our old educational building into a youth and college area. A much needed parking lot was made from the lot next to the church in 2000. Flags and a new church sign were donated in 2003. We were blessed with a generous donation from the Laverne Bell family which helped us purchase a 25 passenger coach, pay off our note and bless another church. We are changing in many ways but one thing that doesn't change is our desire to follow the lead of Jesus Christ, as He shows us how to be a beacon to the lost and a lighthouse to the community.

Yuma Baptist Church History *1954-2007*

Early in 1954, Rev. J.V. Mullen drove through Yuma on his way to Dunbar Hill Baptist Church and observed the need of church work. As a result of this vision the Campbellsville Baptist Church conducted a census in the Yuma community. On April 14, 1954, the Campbellsville Baptist Church voted to establish and supervise a mission in the Wilson Creek School at Yuma. A committee composed of Douglas Bright, Earl Chism, Phillip Corbin, Eugene Taylor, and Hallie Dowell, as Chariman, were elected to oversee the mission. The first month's report was made on June 9, 1954 as follows: 32 present and an offering of \$4.33.

When the Taylor County School Board decided to consolidate the country schools, the Campbellsville Baptist Church tried to purchase the Wilson Creek School property for the mission. The School Board could not give a clear title to the school property because the land had been

donated by S. Cave for a school and if no longer used for school purposes, the property was to revert to his heirs, so the building alone was purchased for \$150. On July 4, 1957 one and three-fourth acres of land located across the road from the Earl Jones store was purchased for \$500 from William and Maude Humphress. The school building was moved to that location in the summer of 1958.



A concrete block building was constructed behind the school building. The first service in the new building was the Vacation Bible School Commencement program on Sunday night, July 30, 1961, with 108 in attendance.

In the 60's, the U.S. Government began buying land for the Green River Lake Project; this meant another move for Yuma Mission. In the summer of 1966 two acres of land, located on highway 76 at the top of Wilson Hill, was purchased from Elmer Perkins. In the early months of 1967 the Joe Asher Movers of Pineville cut the concrete block building in half and moved it to the land on top of Wilson Hill. During the move, services were held in the basement of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Faulconer's home. Our first service in the building, after the move, was May 7, 1967. The building wasn't completely finished, but we were able to have services there. When the building was moved, a basement was placed underneath. After the building was bricked and finished inside, a dedication service was held on August 16, 1970.

The old school building was moved to the farm, belonging to

Omer Humphress. Several members were also forced to relocate due to the construction of Green River Lake and attendance became few in number. At the new location and after some difficult years the Mission began to grow.

On July 18, 1982, after several years of being self-supporting, the Campbellsville Baptist Church felt led to constitute the Yuma Mission into the Yuma Baptist Church. Since 1982, a lot of improvements have been made to the inside and outside of the building.

The following pastors have served the Yuma Baptist Mission/Church:

Bro. C.F. Munsey	October 24, 1956—August 6, 1958
Bro. Ken Forman	November 12, 1958—July 1960
Bro. Herbert Keeton	November 9, 1960—March 1961
Bro. Carl Bertram	June 1961—August 26, 1962
Bro. Terry Grainger	December 5, 1962—November 1965
Bro. Eugene L. Smith	January 2, 1966—August 16, 1970
Bro. James L. Hatfield	January 1971—May 15, 1977
Bro. Alan Todd	November 9, 1977—August 31, 1982
Bro. David L. Turner	October 31, 1982—October 1986
Bro. Chris Mueller	July 19, 1987—December 29, 1991
Bro. George Gaddie	December 20, 1992—February 1, 2002
Bro. Bob Langlois	January 1, 2003—March 25, 2007

Interim Pastors:

Bro. L.D. Kennedy	August 16, 1970—January 1971
Dr. Jerry Kibbons	December 1986—July 1987
Bro. George Gaddie	March 1992—December 1992
	February 1, 2002—September 1, 2002
Bro. Bob Langlois	September 8, 2002—December 29, 2002
Bro. Carlton Winters	May 9, 2007—present

HISTORICAL TABLES (1958 - 1969)

Church	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1958 Campbellsville	J. Chester Badgett	Woodruff T. Chandler	D. L. Druin J. Chester Badgett
1959 Elk Horn	J. Chester Badgett	Woodruff T. Chandler	J. A. Parker L. A. Fishburn
1960 Good Hope Liberty	D. L. Druin	Woodruff T. Chandler	W. E. Miller T. H. Harding
1961 Lone Valley	D. L. Druin	Woodruff T. Chandler	Gilbert Sapp H. T. Parrott
1962 Mt. Gilboa South Campbellsville	T. H. Harding	Woodruff T. Chandler	Harvey Morrison Marshall Black
1963 Palestine Lowell Avenue	Gilbert Sapp	Woodruff T. Chandler	Ralph Boots L. M. Hamilton
1964 Pleasant Hill Campbellsville	Homer Kirtley	Woodruff T. Chandler	J. Chester Badgett D. L. Druin
1965 Robinson Creek Campbellsville	Homer Kirtley	Woodruff T. Chandler	Harvey Morrison William R. Beard
1966 Salem Campbellsville	William R. Beard	Woodruff T. Chandler	L. M. Hamilton Landon Hadley
1967 Saloma Lowell Avenue	William R. Beard	Woodruff T. Chandler	Joe Hampton Arnold Moon
1968 South Campbellsville Green River Memorial	Joe R. Hampton	J. L. McNeal	Arnold Moon Ralph Boots
1969 Campbellsville Meadowview	J. B. Crawley	Lonnie Turner	Landon Hadley Roy Fowler [M]

HISTORICAL TABLES (1970-1981)

Church	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1970 Elk Horn Mt. Gilboa	J. B. Crawley	Lonnie Turneer	L. D. Kennedy David Jester
1971 Good Hope Liberty	Landon Hadley	George R. Gaddie	J. Gene Hall Richard Clement [M]
1972 Friendship Palestine	Landon Hadley	George R. Gaddie	Hardin Hosey Jim McKinley [M]
1973 Robinson Creek Pleasant Hill	Darrell Hunt	George R. Gaddie	Charles R. Harris Wilburn Hoglen [M]
1974 Salem Lowell Avenue	Darrell Hunt	George R. Gaddie	Richard Shields William Bender [M]
1975 Green River Memorial South Campbellsville	Richard Shields	George R. Gaddie	J. Chester Badgett Bobby Evans [M]
1976 Saloma Campbellsville	Richard Shields	Hardin Hosey	Marshall Black Wayne Hassenyer [M]
1977 Fairview Palestine	Jerry Kibbons	Handin Hosey	George Gaddie Tacahiro Oue [M]
1978 Robinson Creek Elk Horn	Jerry Kibbons	Hardin Hosey	Donald Gowin Donald Spiegel [M]
1979 Liberty Good Hope	George R. Gaddie	Hardin Hosey	Thurmon Eaton J. Alvin Hardy [M]
1980 Pleasant Hill Mt. Gilboa	George R. Gaddie	L. D. Kennedy	Jerry Kibbons L. D. Kennedy [M]
1981 Pitman Valley Salem	L. D. Kennedy	Jim Campbell	Paul Horner J. Chester Badgett [M]

[M] Missionary Message

HISTORICAL TABLES (1982 - 1991)

Church	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1982 Friendship Lowell Avenue	Marshall Black	Jim Campbell	Don Watson Jim McKinley [M]
1983 Meadowview South Campbellsville	Marshall Black	Jim Campbell	Bob Martin Jeff Day [M]
1984 Yuma Campbellsville	James E. Jones	Jim Campbell	Richard Reed Bill Marshall [M]
1985 Saloma Elk Horn	James E. Jones	Jim Campbell	Howard Davenport Richard Clement [M]
1986 Spring—Meadowview Robinson Creek Green River Memorial	Darrell Hunt	Jim Campbell	Mike Moynahan George R. Gaddie Allen West [M]
1987 Spring—Good Hope Eastside Pleasant Hill	Darrell Hunt	Jim Campbell	Randy Smith Taylor County/ Kenya Project [M] James Jones
1988 Spring—Salem Mt. Gilboa Palestine	Darrell Hunt	Jim Campbell	Roger Alford Gilbert Sapp Kenneth Winters [M]
1989 Spring—Liberty Pitman Valley Green River Memorial	Bob E. Martin	Jim Campbell	Donald Berry Jim Collison John Wilson [M]
1990 Spring—Friendship Green River Memorial South Campbellsville	Bob F. Martin	Jim Campbell	Landon Hadley J. W. Farmer Calvin Wilkins [M]
1991 Spring—Yuma Saloma Campbellsville	Tom Gupton	Jim Campbell	Mike Crain Chris Mueller Jim McKinley [M]

HISTORICAL TABLES (1992 - 2000)

Church	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1992 Spring—Meadowview Robinson Creek Elk Horn	Tom Gupton	Jim Campbell	Mark Jones J. Alvin Hardy Charles and Carrie Hedrick [M]
1993 Spring—Acton Good Hope Pleasant Hill	Larry Koch	Jim Campbell	J. V. Mullwn Larry Koch Bill and Laverne Arnold [M]
1994 Spring—Fairview Salem Campbellsville	Larry Koch	Jim Campbell	Tim Najpaver Brian Fannin Bill Jagers [M]
1995 Spring—Fairview Salem Campbellsville	David Henderson Darrell Hunt	Jim Campbell	John Chowning Dwayne Howell Becky Mann and Ed Garr [M]
1996 Spring—Good Hope Pitman Valley Lowell Avenue	Darrell Hunt	Jim Campbell	Fred Miller Herman Wilkins Benton Williams [M]
1997 Spring—Friendship Liberty Green River Memorial	Darrell Hunt	Jim Campbell	Ray England Dan Hunt, Sr. Jim Strange [M] Dianna Derringer [M] J. B. Crawley [M]
1998 Spring—Eastside Friendship Palestine	Dwayne Howell	Jim Campbell	Jeff McCarty James E. Jones David Coppage [M]
1999 Spring—Yuma Meadowview South Campbellsville	Dwayne Howell	Jim Campbell Nancy Walters	George Gaddie Linda Egbert [M]
2000 Spring—Salem Saloma Campbellsville	Al Hardy	Michael Goodwin	Gene Hall Donnie Blick Larry Rowell [M]

HISTORICAL TABLES (2001 - 2007)

Church	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
2001			
Spring—Mt. Roberts Mt. Gilboa	Al Hardy	Michael Goodwin	Dr. Ted Taylor Dr. Nickolai Syrovatko [M]
Robinson Creek			
2002			
Spring—Acton Pleasant Hill Elk Horn	Michael Goodwin	Helen Franklin	Dave Walters Ron Gleaves David Hill [M]
2003			
Spring— Mt. Washington Fairview Lowell Avenue	Michael Goodwin	Helen Franklin	Jimmie York Skip Alexander John Kelly [M]
2004			
Spring— Pitman Valley Palestine Good Hope	George Phillips	Helen Franklin	Gary Durham John Chowning Van Thompson [M]
2005			
Spring— Raikes Hill Green River Fairview	George Phillips	Helen Franklin	Roger Robertson Danny Pace Marilyn Goodwin [M] Larry Rowell [M] George Phillips [M]
2006			
Spring—Yuma Friendship Pleasant Hill	Gary Durham	Helen Henderson	Michael Goodwin Danny Nelson Alan Funk [M]
2007			
Spring— South Campbellsville Liberty Campbellsville	Bill Henderson	Helen Henderson	John Batcher Shawn Caudill Bill Egbert [M]

CONSTITUTION

Mission Statement/Preamble

We the Taylor County Association of Kentucky Baptist, shall cooperate in fulfilling the Great Commission through missions, ministry, and fellowship; and shall serve as a resource and equipping center for the churches and as a liaison between the churches and the association.

Article 1. This body shall be called the Taylor County Association of Kentucky Baptists.

Article 2. Each cooperating church shall be entitled to four (4) messengers, one of whom shall be the pastor, and one additional messenger for each fifty (50) members or fraction thereof, above the first one hundred (100) members, plus four (4) messengers from each mission sponsored.

Article 3. The business of this body shall be, when assembled, to hear reports from the church with regard to their condition as to members, prosperity, etc., to consult together for their development and growth in all matters pertaining to the evangelism of the world, and shall hold and control such property as shall come into possession of the association.

Article 4. The body shall exercise no authority over the local churches, and recognizes their complete autonomy. The association reserves the right, as final action, to sever relations with any cooperating church for engaging in practices not Biblical.

Article 5. The Executive Team shall, in addition to the annual meeting, select a time and place for a spring session for the purpose of electing officers and team leaders for the next association year, at which time the body shall elect by nomination and private ballot, or raising hand vote: Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Auditor, and Assistant Auditor whose duties shall be as custom imposes on their respective offices.

The executive Team shall also nominate all team leaders at this time. All officers and team leaders shall continue in office until superseded by their successor, but none shall be eligible to the office of moderator for more than two successive terms. In the absence of a moderator and assistant moderator, the clerk shall convene the meeting and a moderator pro tem shall be elected for that one meeting. The treasurer shall serve in absence of clerk.

Article 6. Churches desiring fellowship in the association must make application to the executive board at least six (6) months prior to the annual meeting. The application shall be referred to a Credentials Committee who shall be responsible for examining the churches' article of faith and record of mission support. The committee will also be responsible for bringing a preliminary report to the Executive Board and a final report to the Annual Meeting.

Article 7. The Executive Board of the Association shall be composed of all pastors of cooperating churches, missions, and one lay member from each church. All general associational officers and team leaders will by virtue of their office be members of the Executive Board. The retiring moderator will be a member of the Executive Board for the year following his active service as a moderator. Each associational officer shall hold the same office in the sessions of the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall be responsible for work of the associational leadership. A quorum of the Executive Board consists of nine (9) members.

Article 8. In the appointment of teams, individuals shall be named instead of churches, and on each team named, one or more members shall be laymen. The Executive Team shall consist of Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Team Leaders, and such other members as the occasion demands.

Article 9. This body shall meet annually, according to adjustment, but in case of emergency, the Executive Board may call a special session, and also change the time and place of the meeting. In addition to the annual meeting, the body shall meet in spring session for purpose of electing officers for the following associational year.

Article 10. This Constitution may be altered or amended (except Article 4) at any meeting of the body, upon one year's notice, by concurrence of two-thirds of the members present. The labeling terminology, not including any original intent of the article of the constitution, adopted by Southern Baptist Convention, Kentucky Baptist Convention, and/or this association may be incorporated by vote at an annual meeting by a concurrence of two-thirds of the members presents.

Parliamentary Rules: Robert's Rules of Order (latest edition) is a guide of the parliamentary order followed by the association.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1-DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. Officers and team leaders elected at the spring session shall assume their duties at the close of the last session in the fall meeting.
2. The moderator shall chair all Associational and executive board meetings, shall make Ad Hoc committee appointments; shall serve as ex officio member of all teams and committee, shall direct the activities of the association, shall serve as contact person for Director of Missions, shall lead in and maintain constant supervision of all phases of Associational work, and shall perform other duties the office of moderator requires.
3. The Clerk shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Association and the Executive Board; superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes of the Association, which shall include statistics from August 1 through July 31 immediately preceeding the annual meeting covered by the minutes, send five copies to the Secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, send copies to various other Baptist agencies, and keep a file of the minutes and other important papers of the association.
4. The Treasurer shall receive all money contributed by the churches to the Association or money received from other sources, shall make reports to the Association and the Executive Board covering the Associational year of August 1 through July 31, and shall make disbursements as authorized by the Association the Executive Board, and shall be authorized to pay all bills and salaries established by the budget adopted at an annual meeting until the next budget is adopted at the following annual meeting. All checks issued by the association shall bear the signatures of the treasurer and the Director of Missions. In an emergency, the assistant treasurer may sign in the absence of either the treasurer or the Director of Missions. The treasurer shall be bonded and the bonding fee paid by the association.
5. The Director of Missions shall be recommended by the executive team and shall be elected **by the executive board or at annual meeting. His (Her) duties shall be commensurate with the job description initially adopted by the executive board in March 1999, un less changed by subsequent action.**
6. An auditor shall be secured by the Executive Board to audit the treasurer's books and attest his annual report. The auditing expense, if any, shall be paid by the association.

ARTICLE II—TEAMS

1. The Executive Team shall be responsible for planning, developing, and promoting a program of activities for the year in all phases of church work. This team shall give a monthly report on the progress of their program. This team shall also serve as the personnel committee of the association.
2. The Executive Team will plan the program for the annual meeting, name program participants, and shall report to the executive board as far in advance as possible.
3. The Executive Team, after consulting with the Auxiliary Teams of the Association shall recommend to the Association at its annual meeting nominations for leaders. The Administrative Team, The Spiritual Growth Ministries Team, Leadership Growth Ministries Team and the Kingdom Growth Ministries Team; and such other officers as the body may from time to time assign them.
4. The Executive Team shall be responsible for presenting a proposed budget in the annual Fall Meeting.
5. The Standing Teams of the Association shall be The Administrative Team, The Spiritual Growth Ministries Team, The Leadership Growth Ministries Team, and The Kingdom Growth Ministries Team. The Executive Team shall be responsible for nominating all standing team members. Members of these Standing Teams shall serve a term of three years. Standing Team members may be nominated for successive three-year terms. A representative from the Women's Missionary Union and a representative from the Brotherhood shall be selected from recommendations made by the Executive Team to the Executive Board. All other teams and Ad Hoc Committees shall be appointed thru the moderator unless specified by special motion of the Executive Board.