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Preface

The story of Clover Bottom Church is one that is portrayed by strong personalities, and struggling tillers of the soil. Personality makes history, and it is with the observance of personalities that this story is told. All are common folk, no giants, nor people of world acclaim, but all of sturdy pioneer stock and anonymous laborers. These make our history. It is to this group that acclaim and thanksgiving is rendered. The little people who have continued to carry on the struggle and who have never sought public notice, but "served God rather than man," are the ones to whom the writers and this church are indebted. This book is dedicated to the little people who through the years have kept this church alive and who through God's eyes are seen as big people.

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THE PRESENT CHURCH BUILDING

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The Long Years 1801-1898

In the year 1785, Kentucky saw the establishment of its first three Baptist Associations: the Elkhorn Association, September 30, 1785, at Clear Creek Church; the South Kentucky Association, October, 1785, at Gilbert's Creek; and the Salem Association, October 29, 1785, at Cox's Creek. Elkhorn Association developed rapidly with strong preachers and thriving churches.

The South Elkhorn Church, established 1784, the Great Crossing Church, established May 28, 1785, and the Clear Creek Church, constituted June 18, 1785, along with three weaker churches, Gilbert's Creek, Tate's Creek, and Limestone, composed the group of churches constituting the Elkhorn Association.

The Craig preachers, Lewis, Benjamin and Elijah, and John Price, William Hickman, John Taylor, James Rucker, William Cave, and John Dupuy were some of the stronger leaders in this early organization.¹

It was at the Associational Meeting at Cooper's Run, August 14, 1802, that Clover Bottom Church was first recognized by the Elkhorn Association. That same year Hillsboro, David's Fork, and Mount Pleasant, three neighboring churches were recognized along with eight other new churches. Clover Bottom was organized August 22, 1801, but did not ask for entrance into the Association until 1802. The first messengers were Alexander Buchanan, Wililam Lizenby, and R. M. Thomas. The pastor's name is not given in the Elkhorn Minutes of 1802-1803.

These young churches sprang up as the result of spreading revival fires. The period from 1796 to 1805 produced tremendous growth in the spiritual life of the pioneer settlements, but then from 1806 to 1815 a recession in activity was noticed.²

The organizational meeting of Clover Bottom Baptist Church was held on August 22, 1801, at the home of Mr.

1. Cf. Basil Manly, Jr., **History of the Elkhorn Baptist Association**, pp. 20-21. Also John Taylor, **History of Ten Churches**, "Clear Creek."

2. Manly, **Op. cit.**, pp. 25-37.

Jacob Froman. This meeting was brought about by "a desire to give ourselves to the Lord and to one another, in constitution to live together as a church of Jesus Christ, being baptized on confession of our faith." Three men, James Rucker, a member of Clear Creek Church and a preacher from Virginia, John Rice, founder and pastor of Shawnee Run Church in Mercer County for 54 years,¹ and John Davis, were invited to the meeting to help with the organization. The following presented their letters from various churches and were consequently the charter members of Clover Bottom Baptist Church: Richard M. Thomas, Elizabeth Thomas, Ann Ashford, James Lansbey, William Rouney, Rachel Buchanan, William Spaldin and Elizabeth Spaldin.

The first meeting was held in a stone spring house which had formerly been used as a barricade against the Indians. The stone ruins may still be seen on the property of Mrs. Mitt Howard which lies across the road from the present site of the church. The first house of worship was built in 1802 on Brushy Fork Lane, which was a main thoroughfare at that time leading to the Kentucky river and Mercer county. A new church was built on the same foundation in 1853, but by 1899, the building became so dilapidated and inaccessible in bad weather that the membership of about 70 people came together and decided to build a new building and change the location of the church. The new edifice was erected on the site of the present building. The location of the old church ground is still marked by the cemetery that lies between the farms of Clark Fox and Allie Prather.

The first pastor of the church that can be ascertained is James Chambers who was a messenger from the church to Elkhorn Association which was meeting at Bryan's Church in 1805.

In 1807, the Association sent a message to Clover Bottom Church through her messengers, Frederick Elgin and R. M. Thomas, stating, "We advise that it is disorderly for a church to dismiss a member to join any church that is not

1. J. H. Spencer, **A History of Kentucky Baptists from 1769 to 1885**, p. 171. John Rice "was probably the first preacher ordained in Kentucky," being ordained at Gilbert's Creek Church in 1785.

in fellowship with them.”¹ These two men were the stalwart leaders of the church and the messengers to the Association for 25 years. Other messengers to the Association besides these two men from 1801 until 1826 include H. Smith (1813), Isaiah Boone (1817),² S. Buckhannon (1818), Levi Buckhannon (1819), J. Boon (1820),² J. W. Thomas, the pastor in 1824 and the second one that can be named, Harrison Ashford (1825), and Gabriel Minter (1826).

In 1802, Clover Bottom had 23 members. In 1803, there were 29 members, five being added by baptism. In 1804 and 1805 there were none added by baptism and the membership remained the same. From 1806 to 1815, there was a decrease from 29 to 25 members. But in 1816-1818 a sweep of revivalism touched practically every church in the Association and the membership jumped to 74. However, the Minutes of 1819 state that Clover Bottom “Rec’d by bap. 4, by let. 3, dismissed 13, excl’d 1, total 64.” By 1826 the membership had diminished to 46.

At the Association held in Paris, August 12, 1826, the churches at Hillsborough, Clover Bottom, and Glen’s Creek asked for leave from the Elkhorn Association, “for the purpose of uniting with some other churches in forming a new Association.” Hillsboro and Glen’s Creek came back into the Elkhorn Association in 1837 and the Association met at Glen’s Creek Church in 1840. But there is no mention of Clover Bottom coming back to the Association until 1879.

From 1827 until 1879 there is no report from Clover Bottom to the Elkhorn Association. But when the Association met at Hillsboro Church, August 12, 1879, Clover Bottom Church, from the United Baptist Association, presented a

1. **Minutes of the Elkhorn Association, 1807.** Library of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.
2. **Vide** Leo T. Crismon, **The Boone Family and Kentucky Baptists**, p. 17, for stating that Isaiah Boone and J. Boon is one and the same person. Later he is found in Bethel Association and is a messenger from the Lebanon Church on October 28, 1825. From 1826 to 1830 he appears as a messenger from Mt. Zion Church as an ordained minister with a position of influence in the Association. In 1831 it is noted that he embraced Campbellism and consequently left the Baptist ranks. There is some doubt, though, if this is the same one. For if so, he, being born as the son of Squire Boone III, March 7, 1802, would have been only 15 years old and he would not have lived in Todd County where Squire Boone III, his father, died in 1817.

letter asking admission to Elkhorn Association.¹ The messengers were J. E. Shropshire and Jefferson Nave. At this time Brother R. H. Gray of Versailles was pastor, and J. E. Shropshire was the clerk of the church. Their meeting time was the second Saturday of each month. Brother Shropshire was actually Sunday School Superintendent and Church Clerk too. He remained clerk until 1887.

With the coming of 1880, the church lost its pastor but tried to continue its work, having a Sunday School enrollment of 50 scholars. In 1881, Brother George Hunt, pastor at Hillsboro, held a protracted meeting and was called as pastor. He was pastor only six months, and during this time the Association assisted with the salary.

In 1883, T. Warn Beagle became the pastor and preached twice a month. He preached at Mount Pleasant Church in the morning and at Clover Bottom in the afternoon. Brother G. W. Cleveland from Keene reorganized the Sunday School and came the distance of nine miles each Sunday to conduct it. There was no pastor in 1885. A letter was sent to the Association but no messengers were appointed by the church to attend.

By 1886 T. W. Paul and J. E. Yeagle were appointed as messengers and T. Warn Beagle had come back as pastor. In 1887, Clark M. Riley of Gratz was pastor and John L. Nelson of Troy was church clerk. There was no active Sunday School at this time. Brother Riley was quite a character to see and to hear. It is told by Clark Fox, a present member of the church, that as a young man he saw Brother Riley descend from the pulpit and approach a young fellow who was disturbing the service and say to him, "Young man, if I can't preach salvation into you, I can certainly knock hell out of you!" There are many stories about this preacher from Owen County who used to fascinate the people with his short swallow-tailed coat and high bee gum hat and his unpredictable speech and sense of humor.

In 1888, M. L. Thomas from Louisville served as pastor. Then in 1889, A. C. Tabor from Bagdad came as pastor and Thomas W. Paul of Troy was the Sunday School Super-

1. **Minutes of Elkhorn Association, 1879.**

intendent. There was no pastor in 1890, but in 1891 Elisha Cobb of Glencoe came as pastor. In 1892 there was no letter nor messenger to the Association, but Robert Lee Bowman from Owen County preached at the church sometime during this period. T. J. Stevenson from Georgetown was pastor in 1893 and the total income of the church that year was \$113.68. There was no pastor in 1894 and the income had depreciated to the amount of \$7.50 for the whole year.

Brother J. H. Dew from Keene came as pastor in 1895 and he, with J. E. Shropshire and J. T. Prather, was a messenger to the Association. The gross income for that year was the increasing amount of \$76.40.

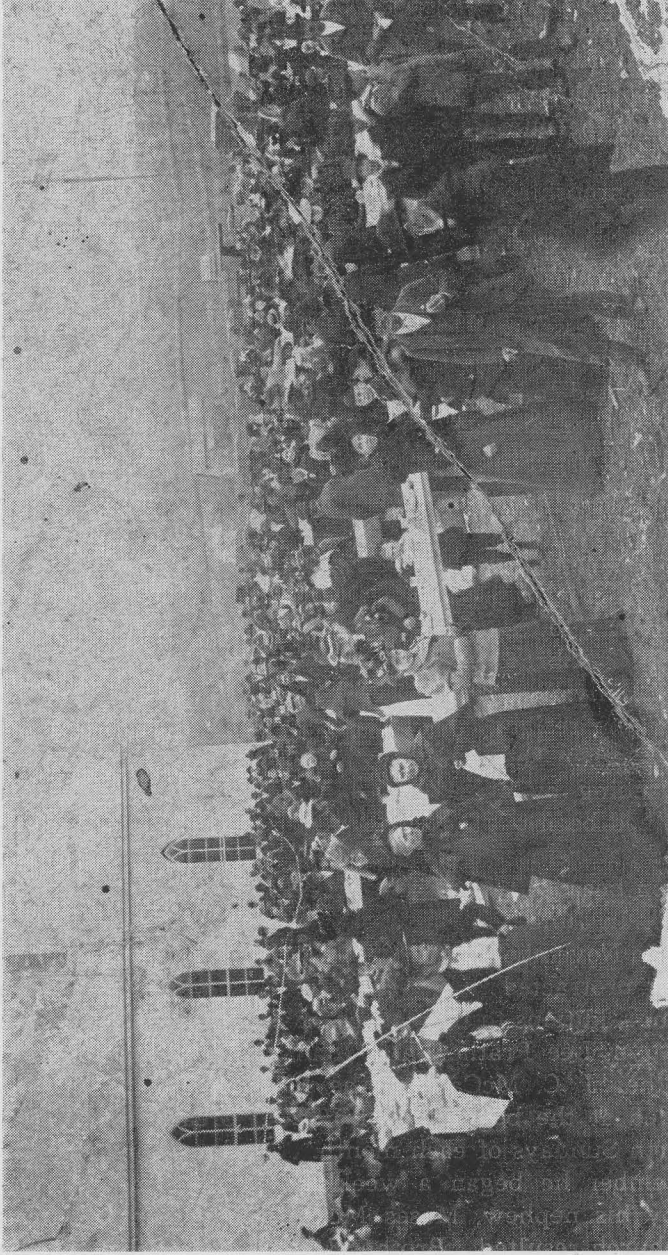
Brother G. W. Argabrite followed Brother Dew as pastor in 1898. At this time a new building was erected and a new period came in the life of the church.

The Developing Period 1899 - 1938

In 1899 when the church was moved to its present location, Brother Jerry Prather bought the old church lot for \$32.00. The pastor, G. W. Argabrite, obligated himself to purchase the new lot. Together with preacher friends and two members from Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, he paid \$44.00 for the new location which was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Prather.

The members of the new building committee were Thomas W. Paul (Chairman), Jerry Prather, Ed Yeagle, and Brother G. W. Argabrite (Treasurer and Secretary). The membership met on August 1, 1899, and tore down the old structure. By faithful and persistent labor, the new building was completed on October 28. All of the usable lumber from the old church was employed in the new one and Mrs. Reuben Thornton, who lived nearby, gave some stone for the foundation.

The ladies of the church, by means of an autographed quilt and an ice cream supper held in the schoolhouse, raised and contributed \$100.00. This was used to furnish the interior of the church. The total cost of the building, after utilizing the old materials, was \$800.00.



DEDICATION OF NEW BUILDING—OCTOBER 29, 1899

On October 29, 1899, the new building was dedicated with an estimated attendance between 800 and 1,000 people. When the collection was taken, enough cash and pledges were received to completely pay the debt. Under the leadership of Sister Eugenie Prather, wife of Brother C. M. Prather, the ladies of the church spread and served a bountiful dinner. The trustees to whom the property was deeded were Brethren J. E. Shropshire, Samuel J. Paul, and Ed Yeagle.

The first business meeting held in the new building took place on Saturday, November 18, 1899. The covenant, articles of faith, and rules of order were adopted at this meeting. In essence these were the same that the church had had since organization in 1801. All the male members were requested to meet on the following Saturday to complete the fence around the church.

Brother Argabrite was called to preach on the second and fourth Sunday evenings of each month with the understanding that his salary was to be \$200.00 a year.

On the fourth Sunday of May in 1900 the Sunday School was organized with Brother M. T. Prather as superintendent and Brother E. J. Yeagle the assistant. The teachers were Brother J. E. Shropshire, Sister Bettie Yeagle, Mrs. Rohn, and Mrs. Rolly Ashford.

With the resignation of Brother Argabrite at the end of 1900, Brother Thomas C. Stackhouse from Lexington began preaching by appointment on January 13, 1901. In 1876, he had been pastor of First Baptist Church in Owensboro, and had refused the call to the First Baptist Church in Lexington because the church tolerated its members to sell whiskey. In June, the church called him to be the regular pastor. In November 6-18, 1901, Brother Stackhouse was assisted in a protracted meeting by Brother B. A. Baker. There were four additions to the church and all came by baptism: Hugh Guyn, Lee Prather, and John Bishop with his wife.

Brother J. C. McCall, of the Mount Pleasant church, was called at the beginning of 1902 to preach the second and fourth Sundays of each month. On the second Sunday of September he began a week's protracted meeting assisted by his nephew, Moses McCall. Nineteen additions to the church resulted. Brother McCall was called for the

year of 1903 with the salary being \$200.00 per annum, with \$50.00 of this amount being paid by the Executive Board of the Elkhorn Association. He did not finish out the year as pastor, resigning in September.



BROTHER I. W. MANLEY

In April, 1904, Brother I. W. Manley was called to be pastor and in 1905 (exact date not given in the minutes), he was examined by a presbytery, found worthy and ordained. He was the first man ordained into the ministry by the church as well as can be determined. At a business meeting in September, 1905, Brother Manley, being desirous to encourage church attendance and also to strengthen the membership, introduced a motion that the church withdraw fellowship from members that did not attend church. Later this motion was withdrawn, and the members then covenanted with each other to attend more regularly and to try to get others to attend. In November of 1905, a committee was appointed to visit Brother B. F. Froman, who had not attended services for eight years. He advised the committee that he would not come to church. The church thereupon voted unanimously to strike his name from the church roll.

The church was painted in 1906 at a cost of \$41.20. Sister Bettie Yeagle was the housekeeper at a salary of \$1.00 per month and \$2.00 for protracted meetings.

In September of 1906, W. O. Davis, a Versailles attorney, presented the church with a handsome organ in memory of his mother, who had been a member of Clover Bottom Church during her lifetime. The old organ then was sold to the highest bidder in the community.

Brother Manley resigned in February, 1907. He through the years has been a true friend of the church as he has loved the people and has come back for revivals and special occasions. He is living in retirement now in Georgetown, Ky.

During the summer of that year, Brother E. S. Summers and his son, Hollis S., supplied the pulpit. An unnamed student from Georgetown College then filled the pulpit until December when Brother Amos Stout was called. His salary was to be \$200.00, the Elkhorn Association supplying \$100.00 of that amount.

In February of 1909, the clerk reported a resident membership of 42 and a total membership of 85. The church seemed to be rather weak and struggling, and often during the winter months would hold no systematic program. Thus, the Sunday School was reorganized in April of this year with Brother Turley Curd as superintendent. There were 54 pupils and five teachers: Pastor Amos Stout, Matt Prather, Allie Prather, Sister Ida Prather, and Sister Beckley. On September 23, two new deacons were ordained. These men were Brethren Dixon Dedman and Thomas W. Paul.

Brother J. R. Chiles was called as pastor in June, 1912. The exact date of Brother Stout's departure as the pastor is not given in the church minutes. In October of that year, Sister Mabel Guyn was elected housekeeper at a salary of \$1.50 per month. At the same time Brethren Thomas Paul, John Beckley, and Ed Yeagle were appointed to build concrete steps in front of the church. In May of 1913, Mrs. Addie Crowder, who had been serving as organist for the congregation, resigned, and Miss Ethel Crowder took the position of musician for the church.

At a protracted meeting beginning September 18, 1913, Brother Chiles was assisted by Brother Clarence Walker of Wilmore. The following were received for baptism: Bessie Jones, Raymond Strange, Mrs. Mamie Hawkins, Jessie Jones, Lula Jones, George Waller, Maggie Rue, Thomas Prather, Ruby Redmon, Beatrice Prather, John Baxter, Robert Prather, Ernest Prather, Mary Goodlet, Leslie Goodlet, Marvin Beckley, Ella Lee Hawkins, Lucien Bradshaw, Annie Bell Drury, Ernest Drury, Russell Drury, Arthur Drury, and Rosie Minton.

With the resignation of Brother Chiles, Brother A. W. Ransom on June 14, 1914, was called to preach twice a month. The next entry in the minutes is dated July 17, 1915, at which time Brother Andrew W. Smith was called as pastor. While he was pastor, Brethren J. C. Beckley and F. J. Allender were ordained as deacons on the first Sunday of November in 1916. Brother Smith resigned in June, 1917. A Brother E. L. Mitchel then came and filled the pulpit for a short time, resigning on November 10 of the same year.

The church in its smallness had for a number of years a difficult time in keeping a pastor. Realizing that internal strife could have precipitated some of this unrest in the church and pastors alike, the group still remained together and attempted to grow as the church attempted to find the leadership of the Lord and a strong pastor.

Brother Nelson Crull served as pastor from August 11, 1918, until May 11, 1919. During this time, on February 13, 1919, four deacons were elected: Brethren A. L. Goodlet, Willie Jackson, Boswell Prather and Joe Prather.

On October 5, 1919, the church extended a call to D. F. Sebastian but he declined. A call was then made to Brother E. H. Blakeman, pastor at Wilmore, to preach on Sunday afternoon at the appointed time each month. He was called on November 30, 1919, and served until early in 1921. Brother Blakeman returned for years to visit at the annual home coming. He passed away recently at his home in Harrodsburg. Then a Brother Gabba was called on July 16, 1921, but he stayed only until September 6.

Brother Henry M. Shouse was then called on October 8, 1921, and he came as the first full time pastor receiving a

salary of \$500.00 a year. On November 7, 1921, Robert McGohon, John Howard and J. B. Brayles were elected deacons. At the same time Ruby Redmon became organist.



BROTHER HENRY M. SHOUSE
First Full-Time Pastor

The church voted on November 12, 1921, to adopt the BYPU training program for young people. The following year on July 21, 1922, Mr. Clark Fox was ordained as deacon.

On the death of Thomas W. Paul, a faithful deacon, the trustees of the church with the Woodford Bank and Trust Company executed an agreement whereby a trust fund of \$2,500.00 left to the church by Brother Paul was invested and the interest was to be used to help pay the pastor's salary. The interest from this fund comes each year to augment the budget of the church. The amount of interest that comes in now is small because of the low interest rates. Such funds are appreciated but can never be depended on to carry the financial program of the church since the church has grown in its financial obligations since that day.

Brother Shouse is now living in California, and has been in recent years teaching in a Seminary there. He was pastor here for two years.

On October 27, 1923, a call was extended to Brother Otis Hughson of Lexington to be the pastor. During his pastorate, Clover Bottom Church showed its concern for foreign relief by giving the collection of January 6, 1923, for the

Near East Relief, and on January 20, 1924, the collection was given to the "starving people of Europe." Then from January 1, 1926, to November, 1926, the sum of \$80.40 was given to Missions.

Yet during this time the church itself was having financial difficulty, for after an investigation of the finances of the church, the church voted on December 5, 1925, to ask the Executive Board of Elkhorn Association for \$400 to assist in its condition of limited resources.

With the resignation of Brother Hughson on April 17, 1926, the church called Brother D. S. Dempsey on June 11 as the pastor. On August 7 of the same year, Brother A. L. Goodlet and Brother Charlie Haydon were elected deacons.

In an effort to gain an equality of activity, the church on November 6, 1926, voted to amend the constitution to provide for five deaconesses as a standing committee to work with the deacons. Even though the ladies are still living that were elected to fill these positions, the practise has been dropped in the church of having deaconesses. The women do work with the men and quite often lead the men as to their enthusiasm and spiritual life in regard to the church, but this innovation in church policy soon came to be one of an advisory position rather than that of an active committee. The ladies elected at this time were Mrs. Charlie Haydon, Mrs. J. C. Redmon, Mrs. Robert McGohon, and Mrs. Robert Carter.

The budget for 1927 is given for comparison with present day growth.

Pastor's Salary	\$600.00
Housekeeper	52.00
Lights and Fuel	50.00
Missions	150.00
Incidentals	25.00
Insurance (3 years)	32.88
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Quite often the record of the church for periods of time is missing from the church minutes. This may mean that during this particular time the church was inactive or that no definite program was being proposed. If the church was

active, then there is an indication of an indifference to the importance of keeping accurate and regular church minutes. Such evidence is shown from January 29, 1927, until August 31, 1929, when no church minutes were recorded.

The church must have needed both physical and spiritual resuscitation at this time, for on August 31, 1929, the church voted to put a new shingle roof on the church building. At this same time four deacons were elected to give new spiritual life to the congregation. These men were James E. Searcy, Will Drury, Thomas Prather, and Merritt McGohon.

Miss Maxine Searcy was elected organist on October 29, 1929, with Mrs. Hoard McCauley as the assistant. Miss Searcy, now Mrs. Merel Lunsford, is still the church pianist, and choir director. On August 2, 1930, Brother John Howard resigned as Sunday School superintendent and Brother George Hill was elected to his place. On September 6, 1930, the Sunday School was lengthened in time from 45 minutes to one hour.

Brother O. F. Baxter came as pastor to the church and served for a period. His resignation as pastor was accepted February 20, 1932. In later years in his retirement from the active ministry he lived near Winchester, Kentucky, and has come back to the annual homecomings as a father coming back home to love his children. At the present, his home is Irvine, Kentucky.

The depression period of the early thirties hit the country as well as the town. The church felt its straitened condition, but still full of faith and enthusiasm, called a young man who lived with them and shared with them, and loved them much during this trying period. Brother J. Curtis Martin was called as pastor, June 23, 1932. He and his wife moved on the field and he was ordained on September 11. He was a musician, a poet, and a friend. Often he worked with the people on their farms to bolster both body and soul. He was a friend of the young people, but loved as well by the older ones. In 1935, the pastor's salary was \$800.00, half of which was paid by the Executive Board of Elkhorn Association. In 1936, an advance program was put on in the church and the people rallied well. Extensive organiza-

tions were mapped out and introduced to the people. Two elements seemed to be major in this program: evangelism and social life. The social life was for the fellowship of the church and community. The last business meeting in which Brother Martin presided was September 15, 1937. His pastorate was longer than that of the preceding pastors. He is now pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Alton, Illinois.

New Church and New Spirit 1939 - 1951

The first entry in the church minutes under the pastorate of Brother Brooks L. Hargrove was September 23, 1938. On December 11, 1938, a committee was appointed to make plans for building new Sunday School rooms to the church building, but presumably nothing was done, for nine months later, September 24, 1939, the church building was destroyed by fire. Prior to this, during the summer, Brother Hargrove went to Palestine, and Griffith Henderson, a student from the Seminary, preached for two months as supply pastor. On October 1, a business meeting was held in a tent on the church grounds and a building committee was appointed. Out of the smoking embers of a burned church came a flame of new life for the little group. That flame still grows brighter each succeeding year.

Brother Hargrove, being a good leader and business man, saw the necessity for immediate action. The Building Committee was composed of John Howard (Chairman), Wallace Ready, Charlie Haydon, Mrs. Mabel Guyn, Russell Drury, George Hill, Jess Curd, Lucien Bradshaw, Cecil Wilson, Charlie Crawford, Robert Strange, and Rev. B. L. Hargrove.

The Financial Committee included John Hill (Chairman), James E. Searcy (Treasurer), Hugh Guyn, Miss Cordelia Strange, Clark Fox, Robert Haydon, Hoard McCauley, W. T. Prather, Mrs. Robert Carter, and John Carter.

The church met for a while in the Nonesuch Presbyterian Church. The Building Committee acted speedily and reported the basement dug on October 15. The new building was to start 11 feet back of the line of the old church. During the construction period business meetings were usually held weekly and virtually all details of building were passed upon by the entire body.

Seventeen



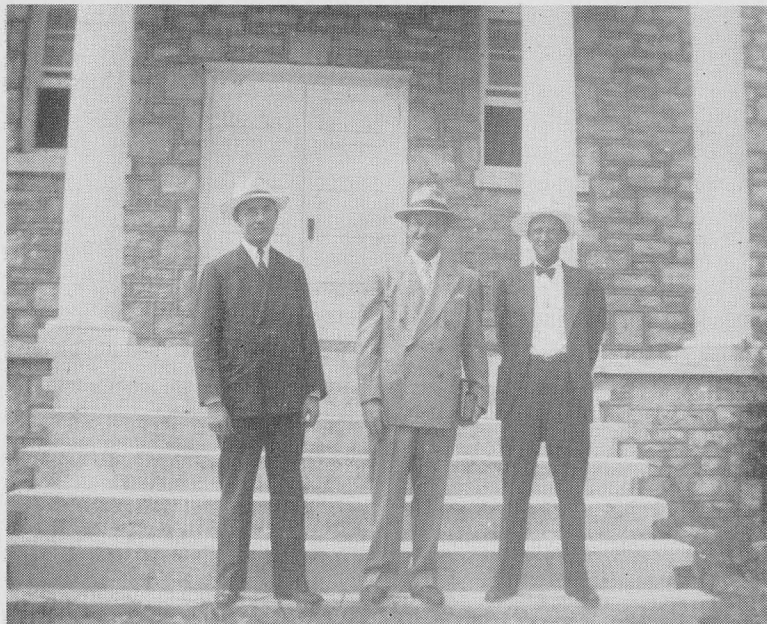
Beginning to Build. Men in the foreground from left to right: Raymond Guyn, John Howard, Turley Curd, Robert Carter, Hoard McCauley, Thomas Prather and Brother B. L. Hargrove.

By November 2, there was \$3,916.00 in pledges and \$468.08 in cash. On November 12 the church voted to buy the Troy School Building for \$800.00. Services were held there starting the last Sunday in November. On November 19, the church voted to ask the Executive Board of Kentucky Baptists for \$30.00 per month on the pastor's salary, the amount to be reduced gradually until the church was self-supporting in five years.



ON THE WAY TO COMPLETION

In March, 1940, it was decided to build the church of stone. In July it was decided to build only on a cash basis, but in October the trustees were authorized to borrow \$1000.00, if necessary, to complete the building. Much of the lumber was used from the old Troy School and the stone came from the Wilmore Quarry. The building was soon completed with very little debt left. The new church was used for the first time the first Sunday in October, 1941. That day was a day of homecoming, dedication, and thanksgiving to God.



Left to right: Builder and Pastor B. L. Hargrove, Former Pastor J. Curtis Martin, Faithful Member Jesse Curd.

The first unified budget for the church was adopted in 1941, with the church budget set for \$1,000.00. The 1943 budget was \$2,000.00, including \$800.00 for building and completion purposes. On February 7, 1943, Mrs. Maxine Lunsford, Mrs. Charlie Crawford, and Mrs. Mabel Guyn were appointed to buy a new church piano.

Brother Hargrove resigned early in 1943 and a pulpit committee was set up on March 7, 1943, headed by Mr. Henry Hale. On May 3, this committee was discharged and

replaced by one composed of James Sutherland, John Hill, and Lawrence Britton. Brother Eugene I. Enlow was called as pastor on June 7, 1943, and he came on August 1, 1943, with a salary set at \$80.00 per month. In October of that year, the church experienced a great revival under the preaching of Brother Isham E. Enlow, the pastor's father. Over 50 people were added to the church in the associational year 1943-44.

The 1944 budget was \$1,716.50, which included a pastor's salary of \$1200.00. In August of that year the pastor was authorized to make a contract for the completion of the baptistry, the basement, the kitchen, cistern, and rest room in the new building. He was assisted by Turley Curd, the custodian. During this time, the family of Jesse Curd gave the money and purchased the painting for the baptistry as a token of their love for the church and as a memorial to Mrs. Jesse Curd.

The 1945 budget was \$2,750.00. The first Daily Vacation Bible School for the church was held in June of this year, and a Baptist Training Union was organized which grew rapidly, rivaling the Sunday School in attendance. In July, a committee was empowered to sell the Troy School building for \$2,000.00.

In July, 1946, the plans for the memorial tree and monument for those killed in World War II were completed, and the tree and monument were dedicated at the annual homecoming on the first Sunday in October. This was a solemn and memorable day.

The 1947 budget was set at \$3,000.00, including a pastor's salary of \$1,560.00. On September 17, 1947, a committee composed of Mrs. Ralph Johnson, Mrs. William H. Chapman, and Mrs. Clarence Littrell were commended for their purchase of an American and a Christian flag for the auditorium of the church.

The 1949 budget was \$3,600.00, including \$784.20 for the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptist. This includes missions, orphanages, schools, and hospitals. The amount given this year to the Co-operative Program is approximately double what was received from the Executive Board only nine years before when the church was receiving \$360.00.

a year to help pay the pastor's salary. The pastor's salary was increased to \$40.00 a week, and the insurance on the building was raised to \$10,000.00.

In 1949 the Woodford County Sunday School Group was formed and Brother James E. Searcy, superintendent of the Clover Bottom Sunday School, was elected superintendent of the county body. He has been re-elected and continues to serve in that capacity.

The Tenth Annual Homecoming, this observance dating from the dedication of the new building, was held Sunday, October 9, 1949, with a great crowd present. Brother Enlow, the pastor, in the morning service outlined the plans for the coming year and stated the plan of the church to buy a church bus. An offering was taken for the bus during the day. The former pastors present for this day were Brother I. W. Manley, and Brother Brooks L. Hargrove. In the afternoon service two deacons were ordained with visiting ministers and deacons and the church assisting. These two men were Brother Turley Curd and Brother George Hill. Dr. T. J. Powers, of the Versailles Baptist Church, delivered the ordination sermon.

In the spring of 1950, the bus was purchased for \$750.00 and a rise in attendance reflected the wisdom of the investment. The bus has served in bringing people to church, and used for the Daily Vacation Bible School. It has proven quite useful, too, for church picnics and Sunday School group meetings.

The Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington has been under construction for several years and this church has cooperated in the financial drive in raising funds for this extensive, Baptist healing service. In the original drive approximately \$1,500.00 was given. Then by the end of 1950, a total of \$918.00 was raised in another drive. A third drive in the spring and early summer of 1951 netted approximately \$150.00. Dr. O. W. Yates, the executive-secretary of Central Baptist Hospital, has supplied the pulpit often and preached the annual revival in 1950.

With an increase in numbers in the church there also came added vision, so the 1951 budget was set at \$3,737.00 and

the salary of the custodian and housekeepers was increased to \$28.00 a month.

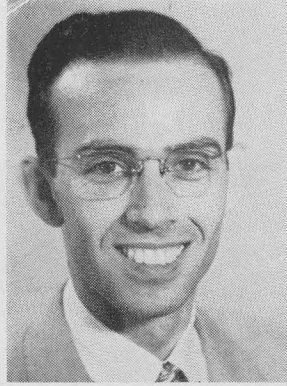
Since 1899 when the membership was about 70, the number has grown to 357 in 1951. The membership has increased 152 in number since 1943, there being 205 members then, and 357 now.

Since 1899 the pastor's salary has increased from \$200.00 a year for part time preaching to \$2,080.00 a year for full time service. The length of the pastor's stay with the church has increased correspondingly, the two immediate former pastors, Rev. Curtis Martin and Rev. Brooks Hargrove, stayed five years each, and the present pastorate, the longest in the history of the church, has been for a period of eight years.

The Sunday School has increased since 1909 when there was an enrollment of 54 pupils with five teachers. Now there is an enrollment of 161 with 11 classes including the Cradle Roll and Extension Department. The average attendance varies according to the season of the year.

The financial program has been strengthened decidedly. In 1927 the annual budget was \$900.88. In 1939 the budget was \$635.00. In 1941 it was \$1,000, and in 1943, the budget was increased to \$2,000.00. In 1951 the budget was set at \$3,737.00.

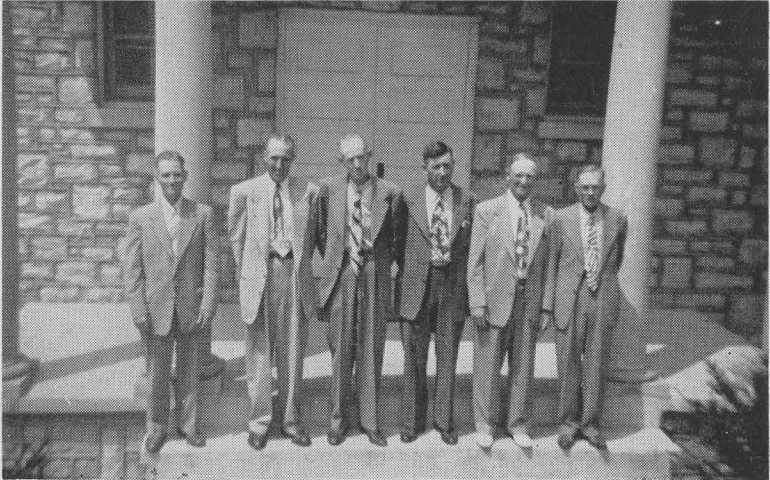
Through extensive evangelistic efforts and a progressive program of enlargement, the spirit, the membership, and the finances of the church have increased noticeably in the last ten years.



PRESENT PASTOR EUGENE I. ENLOW

Brother Enlow has been the pastor for the past eight years, coming while a student in Georgetown College and also while he pursued his undergraduate and post-graduate studies in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville. On October 1, 1948, Mr. Enlow married Anne Culley Yates, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. O. W. Yates, of Georgetown, Kentucky.

Under God's leadership, the church has performed an enlarged ministry in the community and in the Co-operative Program of Southern Baptists. It is with joy that the sequi-centennial date in the life of the church is being observed, and in this observance there is a renewed dedication to God and an increased desire to grow and glorify the Lord through the years ahead.



Present Board of Deacons. Left to right: George W. Hill, Turley Curd, Charlie Haydon, Thomas Prather, James E. Searcy, Oscar O. Montgomery.

BUILD ME A CHURCH

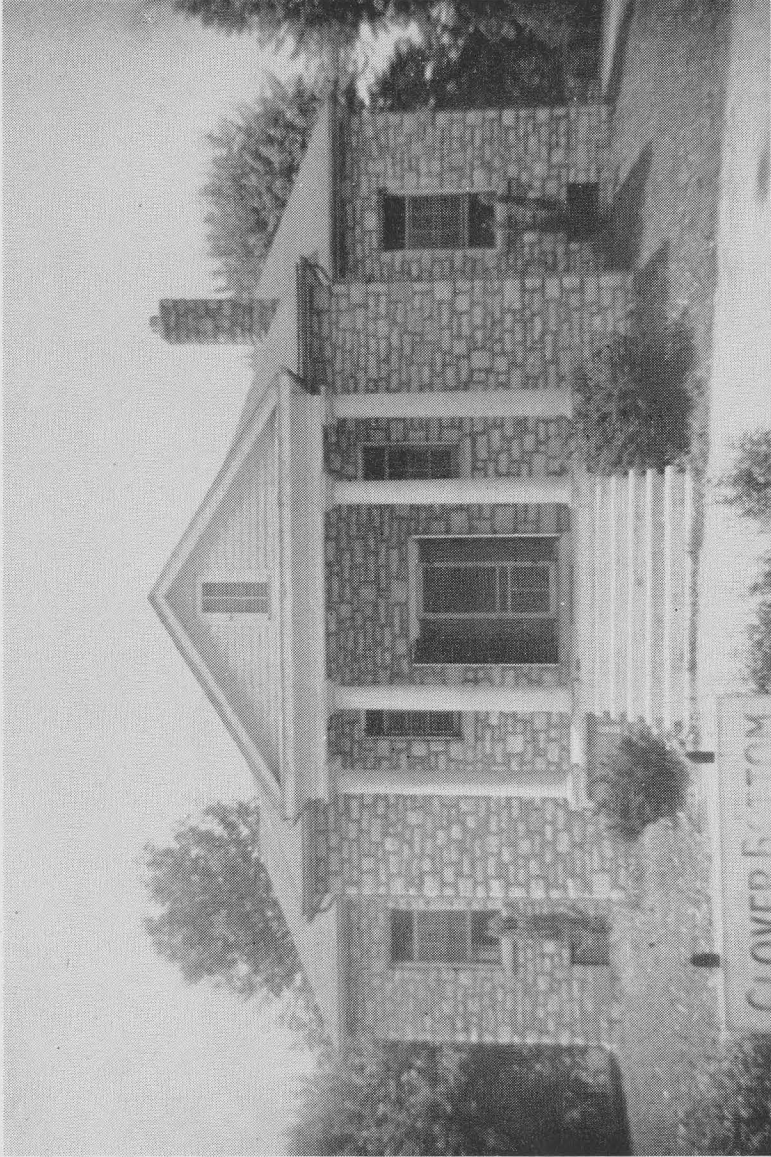
Build Me a Church, said God;
Not just a man-made spire,
Not just a place where starvelings strut
Feeding thwarted desire.

Build Me a Church, said God;
Where men are stabbed aware
Of all the agony there is,
And lift their hearts in prayer.

Build Me a Church, said God;
Where men learn how to grow
A life that's full, a life that's good,
A life with overflow.

Build Me a Church, said God;
That serves the present age;
That nothing shirks, but with good works
Builds goodly heritage.

—Author unknown.



CHURCH READY FOR ANNIVERSARY, AUGUST, 1951, WITH A REDRESSED FLOOR AND NEW COAT OF OUTSIDE PAINT.

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Ethel Alexander
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James Anderson
Mrs. James Anderson

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Wallace Rufus Bowles
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Mrs. Lawrence Britton, Jr.
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Deward Buffin
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Eugene Drury
Eunice Drury
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Ruby Drury
Russell Drury
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Mrs. Sam Drury
Scott Drury
Mrs. Scott Drury
Russell Duggins
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Margaret Louise Fielder
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