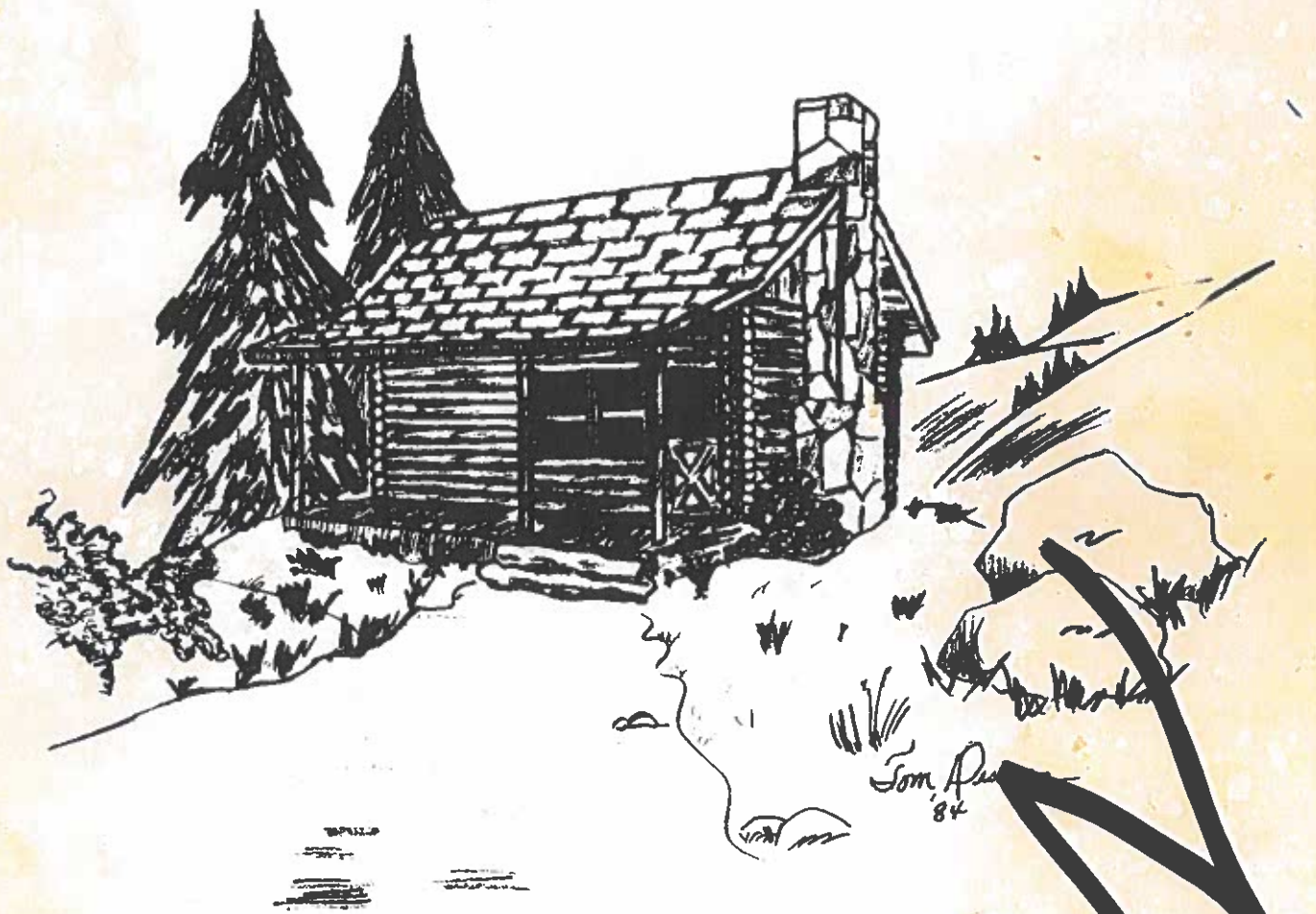


**POPLAR SPRINGS
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
HISTORY**



1826 - 1985

PREFACE

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

John 1:1

Poplar Springs Primitive Baptist Church had its beginning in the hearts of some Christians in 1826. Just as the churches in olden times had their trials and tribulations, so has Poplar Springs Primitive Baptist Church had its problems, but God has been with it and blessed it with His Holy Spirit all down through the years and His light still glows in the hearts of its members and its friends and we the members believe He will still be blessing it until the day of His coming.

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CHURCH COVENANT

Foreasmuch as Almighty God, by His Grace, has been pleased to call us out of darkness into His marvelous light, and all of us have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ Jesus, and have given up ourselves to the Lord, and to one another, in a gospel church way, to be governed and guided by a proper discipline, agreeable to the work of God. We do therefore in the name of our Lord Jesus, and by His assistance, covenant, and agree to keep up the discipline of the church we are Members of, in the most brotherly affection toward each other, while we endeavor particularly to observe the following rules, viz:

In brotherly love to pray for each other, to watch over one another, and, if need be, in the most tender and affectionate manner, to reprove one another.

We also agree, with God's assistance, to pray in our families, attend our church meetings, observe the Lord's day and keep it holy, and not absent ourselves from the communion of the Lord's Supper and Feet-washing without a lawful excuse; to be ready to communicate to the defraying of the church's expenses, and for the support of the ministry; not irregularly depart from the fellowship of the church, nor to remove to distant churches without a regular dismissal.

These things we do covenant and agree to observe and keep sacred in the name of and by the assistance of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

- Article 1:** We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.
- Article 2:** We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of saving knowledge.
- Article 3:** We believe in according to the knowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit.
- Article 4:** We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin.
- Article 5:** We believe in man's incompetence to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.
- Article 6:** We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
- Article 7:** We believe that saints will persevere in grace and never fall finally away.
- Article 8:** We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances, and the mode of Baptism is by immersion.
- Article 9:** We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.
- Article 10:** We believe the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.
- Article 11:** We believe that no minister has the right to the administration of the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery.
- Article 12:** We believe in observing the Sabbath day as a day of rest, and that feet washing ought to be kept up by the church of Jesus Christ.
- Article 13:** We believe that the church of Jesus Christ should have no organic connection with any society or institution of man not authorized in God's word.

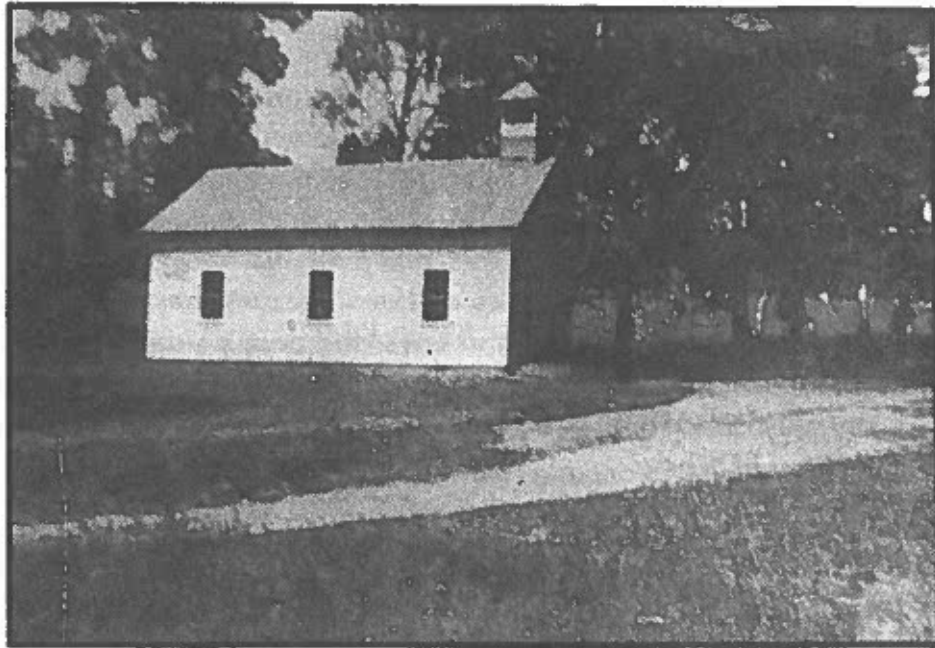
Poplar Springs Primitive Baptist Church was organized June 24, 1826, by Joshua Frost, Wright L. Roberts and his wife, Elizabeth Horton Roberts, William Andrew and his wife, Mary Rayburn Andrew and others.

Services are held each Sunday. Sunday school at 10:00 a.m., worship service at 11:00 a.m. and every Sunday night except the fifth Sunday night. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night and business meeting on the third Wednesday night in each month after Prayer meeting. Union meetings begin on Friday before the third Saturday in May and September beginning at 7:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights and 10:00 a.m. Sunday. The Lord's Supper and feet washing are observed on Sunday.

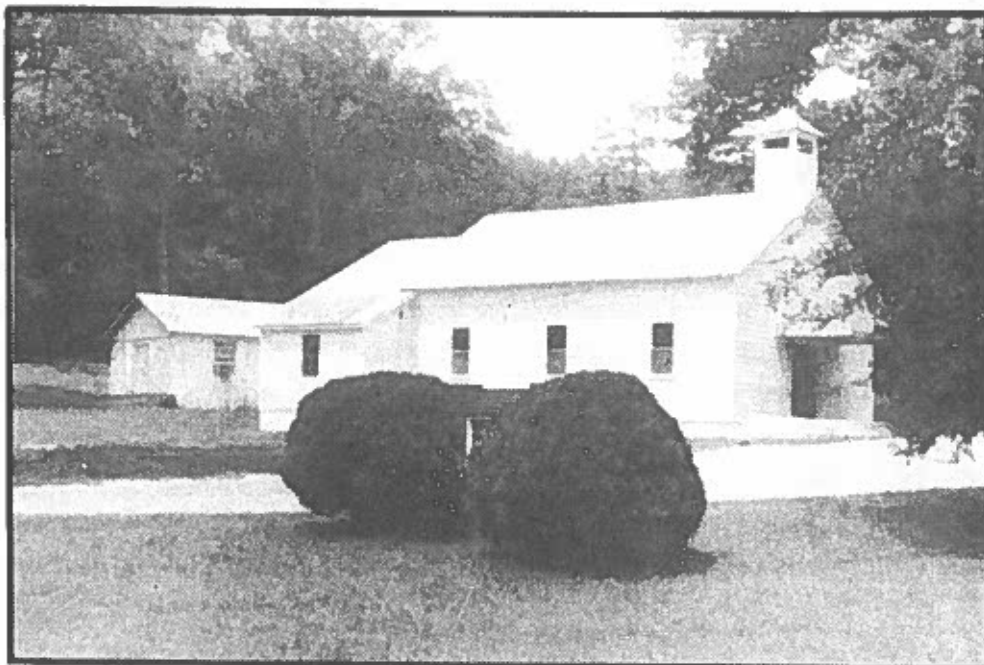
Services were first held in a log building with a rock chimney and a fireplace, the seats were hewn logs and pegs for legs.

A humorous story was told by one of the old residents to his son as follows: "One moonlit night as he and his brothers were returning home after attending revival services in another community, they heard a terrible racket in the old church building. Slipping up to the window, they discovered the door was open and a herd of cattle which had found their way inside were creating havoc by hooking their horns under the seats and turning them over."

A deed of conveyance for land was made to the members of Poplar Springs Primitive Baptist Church from Samuel Eskridge, July 7, 1828, but was not recorded until July 6, 1831. The sanctuary of the present church building (built in 1888) is the original church building. A choir and two Sunday School rooms and two rest rooms have been added to the original building.



This building was built in 1888. The Belfry was built on in 1914. This is the present Sanctuary.



Poplar Springs Primitive Baptist Church
1985

Mary Ann Jolly Andrew, a member of the church and the widow of Thomas Andrew (son of charter members, William and Mary Andrew) gave the timber to build the church building. Samuel T. Briggs hauled the logs to the saw mill with a team of oxens. Isaac Roberts (son of charter members, Wright L. and Elizabeth Roberts) and his sons hand planed the beautiful wide boards with which the sanctuary was ceiled. Samuel Andrew (grandson of William and Mary Andrew) was the carpenter along with the other men of the church and the community. The belfry was built on in 1914 by Floyd Andrew (great grandson of William and Mary Andrew).

The building originally had two doors as most of the older churches did. Facing the building, the door on the right was used by the men and boys; the door on the left by the women and girls. The only time a woman used the door on the right was after a wedding and the bride left with her husband. The only time a man used the door on the left was when he had asked a lady to see her home and she said "yes".

In later years the two doors were removed and double doors were installed due to caskets being made larger and they were too big for the single doors.

The church record books have been destroyed twice by fire. Books A-B and C were burned when the home of church clerk, L.L. Thomas, was destroyed by fire. Books D and E were burned when the home of church clerk, Alfred Farmer, was completely destroyed by fire in 1943. So the information of the early church and its early history is sketchy, mostly handed down from generation to generation. Recently some hand written minutes for the years, beginning January 1906 and ending May 1911, were found in the effects of Samuel Andrew who was the church clerk for many years before his death in 1911. They are very interesting and informative.

There are several direct descendants of some of the charter members who are active members in the church today. Floyd Andrew, the oldest living member, was 92 years old July 26, 1984, and still attends services. He was baptized by the pastor, Elder John H. Abbott on November 6, 1904, in the Clinch River along with six others. All are now deceased except Floyd. The weather was so cold ice had formed along the banks of the river. Wendy Rains, who is 10 years old, is the youngest member. She was baptized on September 2, 1984, by the pastor, J.D. Blair, near the spot where Floyd was baptized in 1904. Both are descendants of William and Mary Andrew.

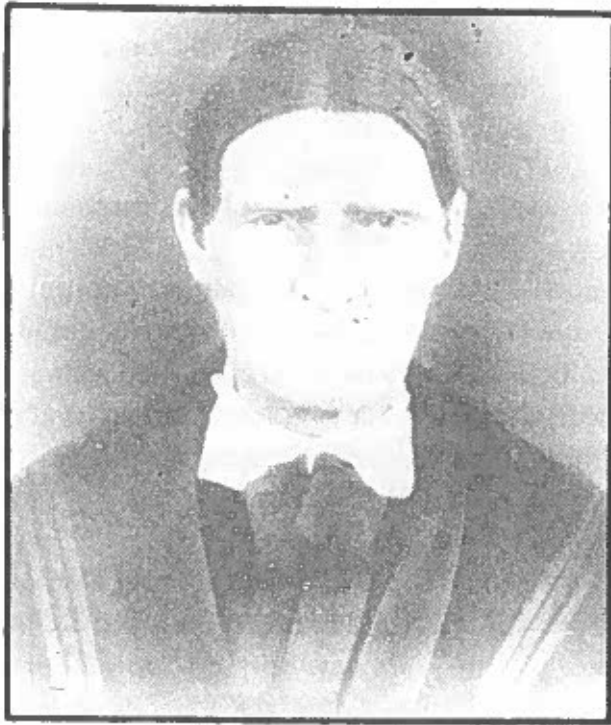
In 1826 Poplar Springs Primitive Baptist Church joined the Hiwassee Association of Primitive Baptist Churches which was organized on the fourth Saturday in May 1823. It was the fourth

church in the association. When it withdrew in September 1976, it was the oldest church in the association. In 1977 Poplar Springs Primitive Baptist Church joined the original Tennessee Association of Primitive Baptist which was organized in 1801 with 8 churches and 240 members.

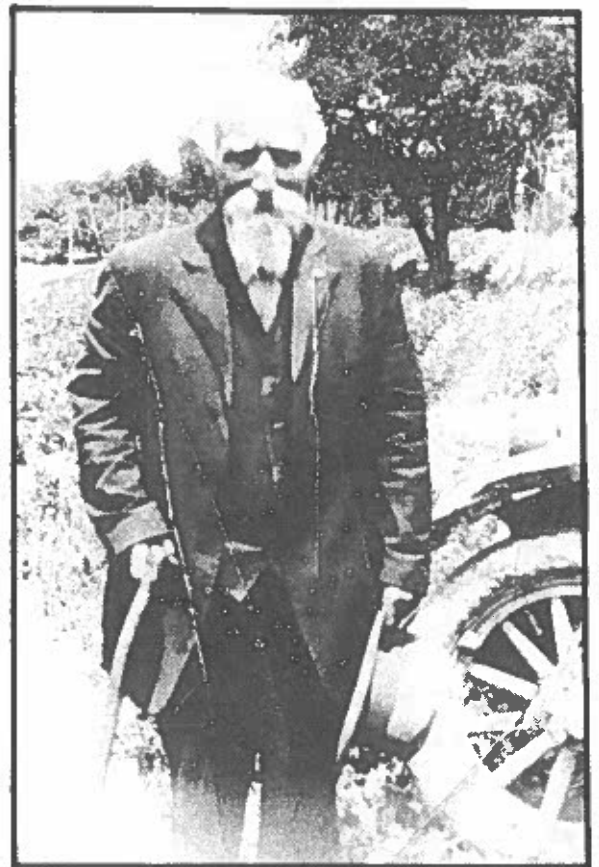
Elder John H. Abbott was a member of this association when he first became pastor of Poplar Springs Church in 1900. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church in Tuchaleechee Cove which is now part of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. He rode a beautiful red horse from there to Poplar Springs Church when weather and health permitted. He would come on Friday before the third Saturday in each month, hold services on Saturday morning, Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night, returning home on Monday. Later he and his family moved to the Poplar Springs community, living in a house on land adjoining the church's boundary line on the south-west.

Elder John H. Abbott was saved when he was 14 years old and began preaching at an early age. He was 16 years old when he married 13 year old Jane Compton. They had 8 children and all survived Elder Abbott except one that died in infancy. He was born on September 19, 1859, and died on December 3, 1923. He was buried in the Brickey Cemetery which is now included in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. His wife died December 23, 1945. He is known to have been the pastor of Poplar Springs Church in the years of 1900, 1904, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1917 and 1918. He resigned in 1911 but was again pastor in 1917 and 1918. At one time he lived in the Cave Creek community and also in Lenoir City, Tennessee. Through his efforts, a nice church building and parsonage was built in Lenoir City and is still in use today. He walked many times from Lenoir City to Oral where someone from Poplar Springs Church would meet him with a horse and buggy. In 1916 he was back in his beloved mountains at Sevierville, Tennessee. In 1920 he was stricken with paralysis but he recovered sufficiently to visit and preach at Poplar Springs Church when he had to walk with crutches and sit in a chair to preach. Such dedication is rarely found.

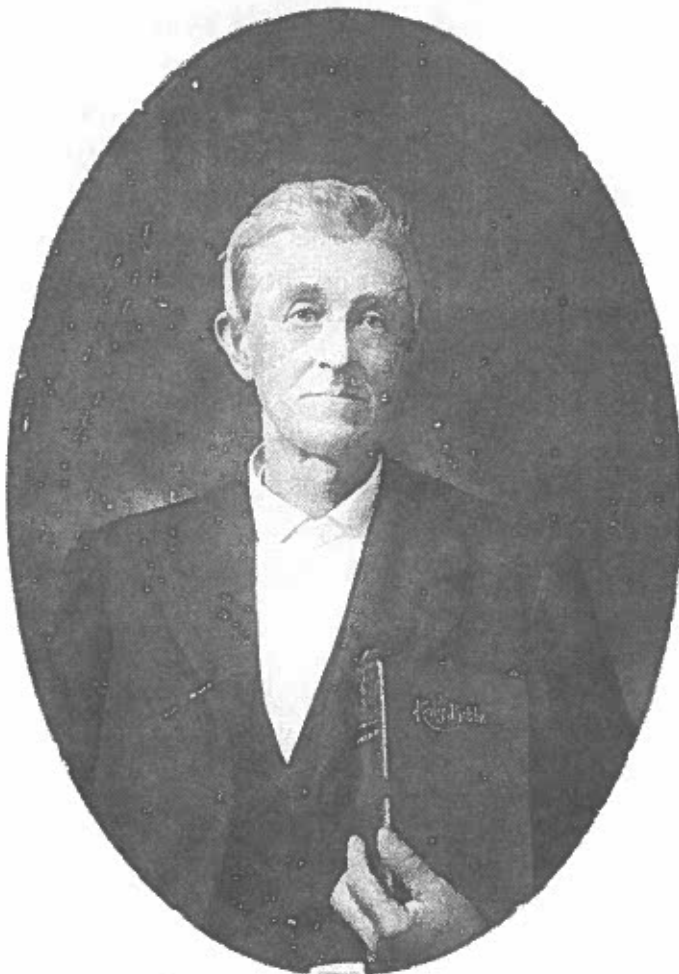
Poplar Springs Church has tried to be of help to other churches. It extended an arm to organize New Hope Primitive Baptist Church at Rockwood, Tennessee, and again on June 10, 1979, it extended an arm to Cove Road Primitive Baptist Church which was organized at Oliver Springs, Tennessee. Ordination service was held there on Sunday, November 25, 1984, and three deacons were ordained.



Mary Jolly Andrew gave the timber for the church built in 1888, which is the present Sanctuary.

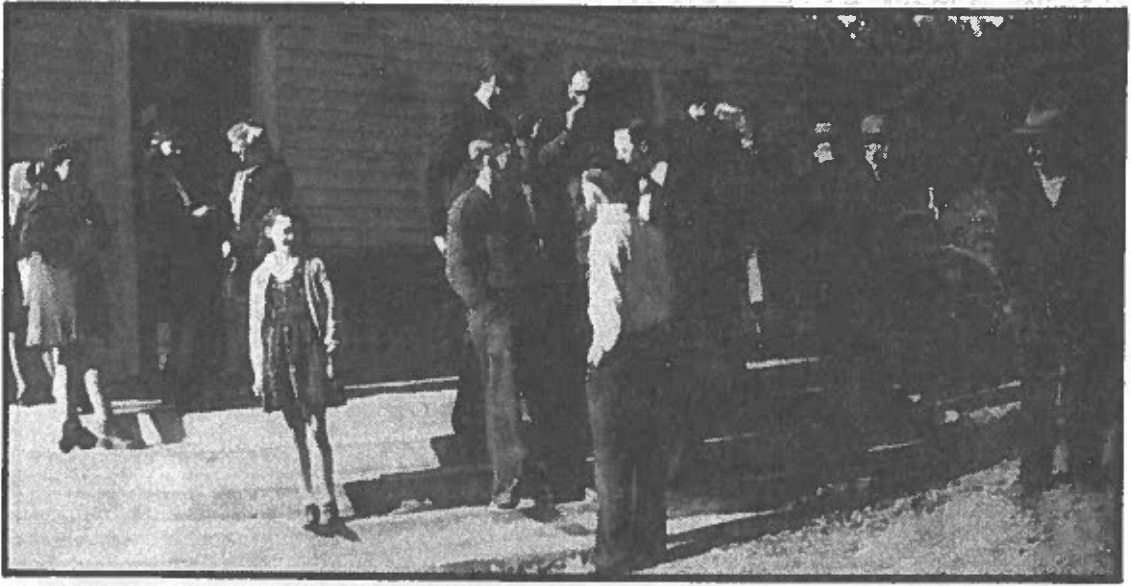


Samuel T. Briggs hauled the logs to the saw mill with a team of oxens.



Isaac S. Roberts and sons hand planed the boards with which the church was ceiled.

Crowds in front of church when it had two doors.



A partial list of ministers who have served as pastors of Poplar Springs Primitive Baptist Church (not necessarily in the order in which they served) are as follows:

Elder John H. Henry	1888
Elder John Wilson	1896
Elder John H. Abbott	1900
Elder J.P. Peters	1911
Elder W.G. Abbott	
Elder D.J. Abbott	
Elder J.M. Robinette	1919 - 1920
Elder W.A. Fritts	
Elder William Gates	1925
Elder C.C. Oliver	
Elder John Russell	
Elder Frank Norton	
Elder Gordon Dawson	
Elder J.J. Abbott	1937
Elder T.G. Brantly	1944 - May, 1948
Elder A.B. Green	June, 1948 - 1949
Elder Clyde McGhee	1950 - 1955
Elder Ivie McGhee	Oct. 1955 - 1961
Elder Clinton Pickard	Oct. 1961 - 1964
Elder Woody Martin	Oct. 1964 - 1965
Elder Tommie Shillings	Oct. 1965 - 1968
Elder Franklin Bryant	Oct. 1968 - 1971
Elder Walter Nichols	Oct. 1971 - 1979
Elder J.D. Blair	Oct. 1979 - 1984
Elder Ronald Inman	Oct. 1984 -

No pastor is intentionally left out. Pictures are as available. Ministers who have preached at the church many times, but no information as to whether they were pastors or not are as follows:

- Elder Allen Gates
- Elder U.J. Hembree
- Elder Otis Anderson



Elder John H. Abbott and family, 1st row, left to right: Elder John H. Abbott, son John, wife Mary Jane holding son, baby Joe, daughter, Zalia, mother-in-law, Granny Compton, daughter, Allie. Back row, son Jim.



Elder John H. Abbott
1918



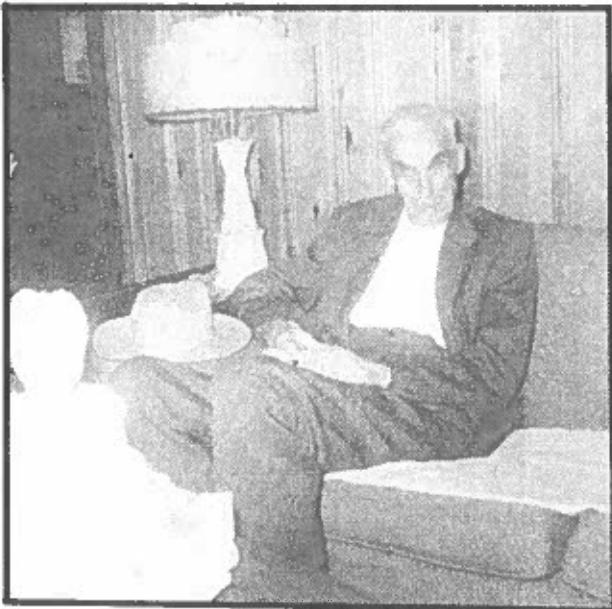
Elder John H. Abbott
After A Stroke In 1920



Elder John Russell



**Elder J.P. Peters, Wife
Alberta Peters**



Elder J.M. Robinette



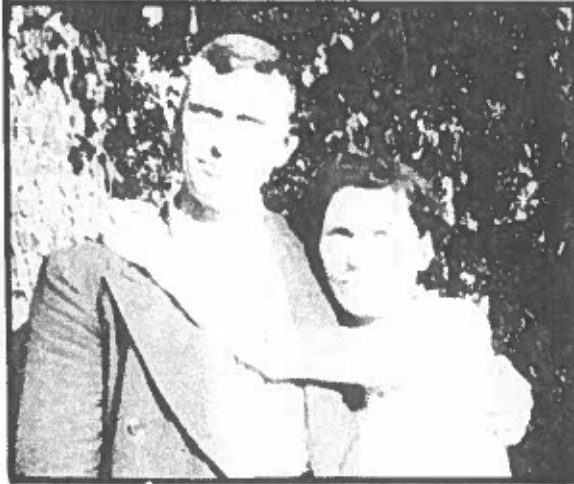
**Elder T.G. Brantly, Wife
And Daughter, Mary Ruth**



Left, Elder
Jim Abbott



Right,
Elder
W.R. Gates



Elder Clyde McGhee and Wife,
Goldie McGhee



Left,
Elder
Tommie
Shillings
and Wife,
Edith Shillings



Elder Franklin Bryant
Wife, Josephine Bryant



Elder J.D. Blair and Wife, Juanita Blair.



Elder Walter Nichols and Wife, Algia Nichols.



Present Pastor: Elder Ronald Inman and Wife, Donna Inman.

The following are known deacons and their wives with pictures when available:

Wright L. Roberts	1826	Elizabeth Horton Roberts
Samuel Andrew		Alice Chester Andrew
Richard A. Ladd	1895	Rosannah Andrew Ladd
L.L. Thomas	1895	Frances Harvey Thomas
C.L. Limburg	1895	Melvina Bailey Limburg
N.J. Abbott	1901	Maggie Abbott
Christie Guettner		Nannie Tutterrow Guettner
Ernest A. Ladd	1930	Nettie Caudle Ladd
Alfred Farmer	1921	Carrie Jenkins Farmer
Ernest Crowe	1961	Lydia Ladd Crowe
Perry Guettner	1961	Virginia Bailey Brown Guettner
Russell Duncan	1961	Bertha Duncan
Robert Wright	1969	Laura Belle Jenkins Wright
Ralph Ladd	1978	Gladys Ladd
Michael Rains	1978	Wanda Sue Crowe Rains

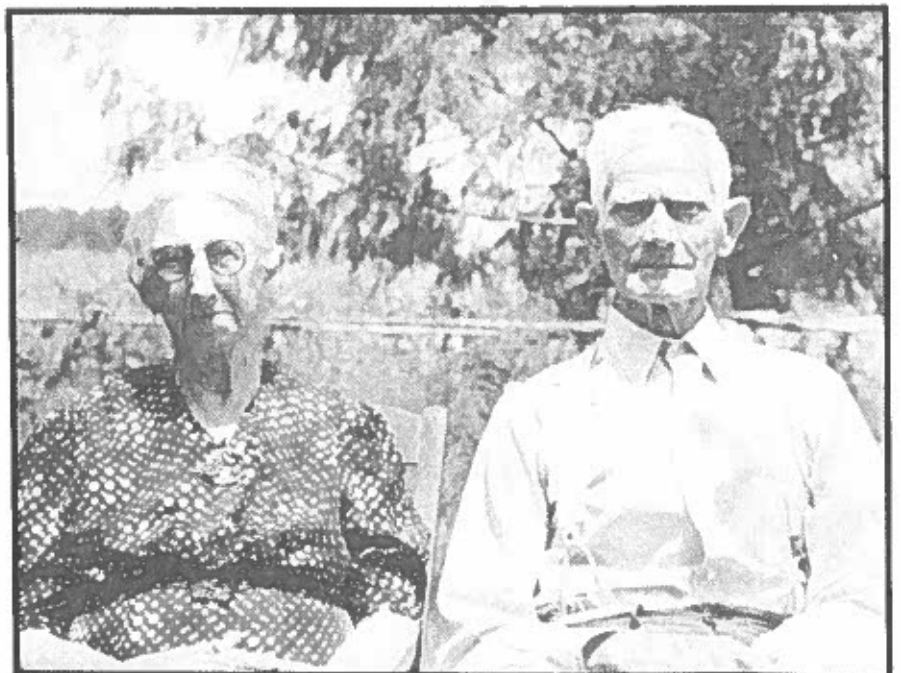
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DEACONS AND THEIR WIVES



Seated: Deacon Samuel Andrew and wife Alice Chester Andrew. With them are their children, Floyd, John, Oliver, Dora, Ada and Ethel. Grace is in the front row.

Rosannah Andrew Ladd
Richard A. Ladd



Deacons
&
Wives

Alfred Farmer
Carrie Farmer

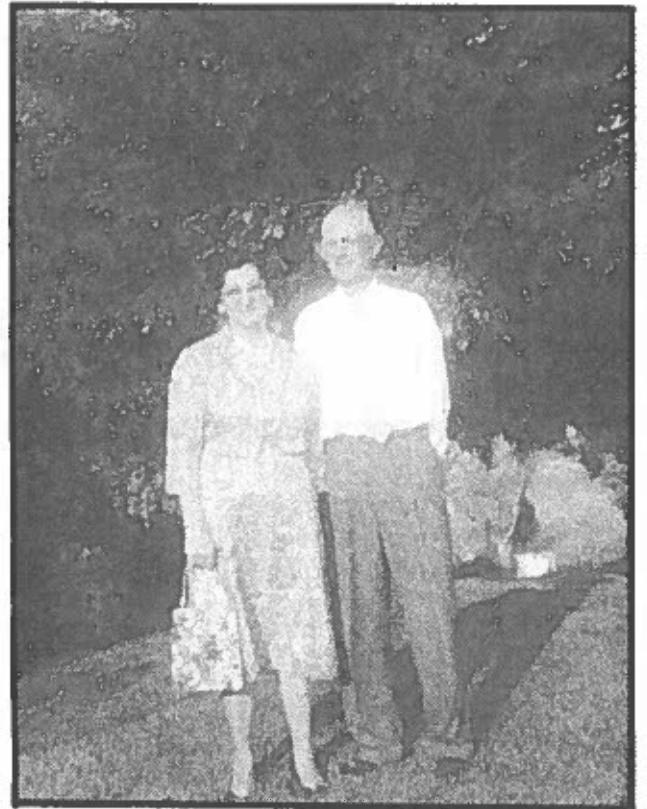


L.L. Thomas
Frances Harvey Thomas

Nannie Tutterrow Guettner
Christie Guettner



**Virginia Bailey Guettner
Perry Guettner**



**Nettie Caudle Ladd
Ernest Ladd**



Left - Right: Ernest Crowe, Lydia Crowe, Laura Belle Wright, Robert Wright, Gladys Ladd, Ralph Ladd, Wanda Rains and Mike Rains.

1985 Church Officials:

Pastor Elder Ronald Inman
Church Clerk Lydia Crowe
Treasurer Gladys Ladd
Pianist Michael Rains
Song Leader Wanda Rains

Trustees:

Roy Breazeale, Virgle Jenkins and Fred Speers

1985 Sunday School Officials:

Superintendent Frank Decker
Assistants Steve Phillips
and Jeff Jenkins
Secretary Rebecca Breazeale
Assistant Debbie Phillips

Teachers:

Michael Rains
Lydia Crowe
Betty Phillips
Gladys Ladd

1893 - 1985 Church Clerks:

Samuel Andrew
L.L. Thomas
Richard Ladd
Christie Guettner
Alfred Farmer
Ernest Ladd
Perry Guettner
Roxie Ladd Kitts
Sue Woody
Mamie Speers
Lydia Crowe

School was taught in the church building for several years.

The Guettner School, located in Poplar Springs Valley, was closed about 1915, leaving the children to either walk to Union, Bradbury, Lawnville, or New Midway, a distance of several miles. The church then volunteered to let school be held in the church building so the children would not have to walk so far.

Teachers who taught in the church were:

Roxie Ladd Kitts	1917 and 1918
Freddie Driskill	1919, 1920, 1921 and 1922
Willie Pickel Hensley	1923
Launa Brashears	1924

Three of these teacher's pictures are in this book. Nothing could be learned of Launa Brashears. A school picture made in 1917 or 1918 is also included.

Ruby Martin Bearden, who lives at Rockwood, said Poplar Springs School building was completed and opened for school for the first time in 1925. She said she taught there that year and it was a first for both her and the building. The school house was build on land adjoining the church's boundary line south-east. The foundation is still there. Mrs. Bearden's picture is included in this book.

Teachers Who Taught In The
Poplar Springs Church



Roxie Ladd
Kitts
1917 - 1918



Freddie Driskill 1919 - 1922

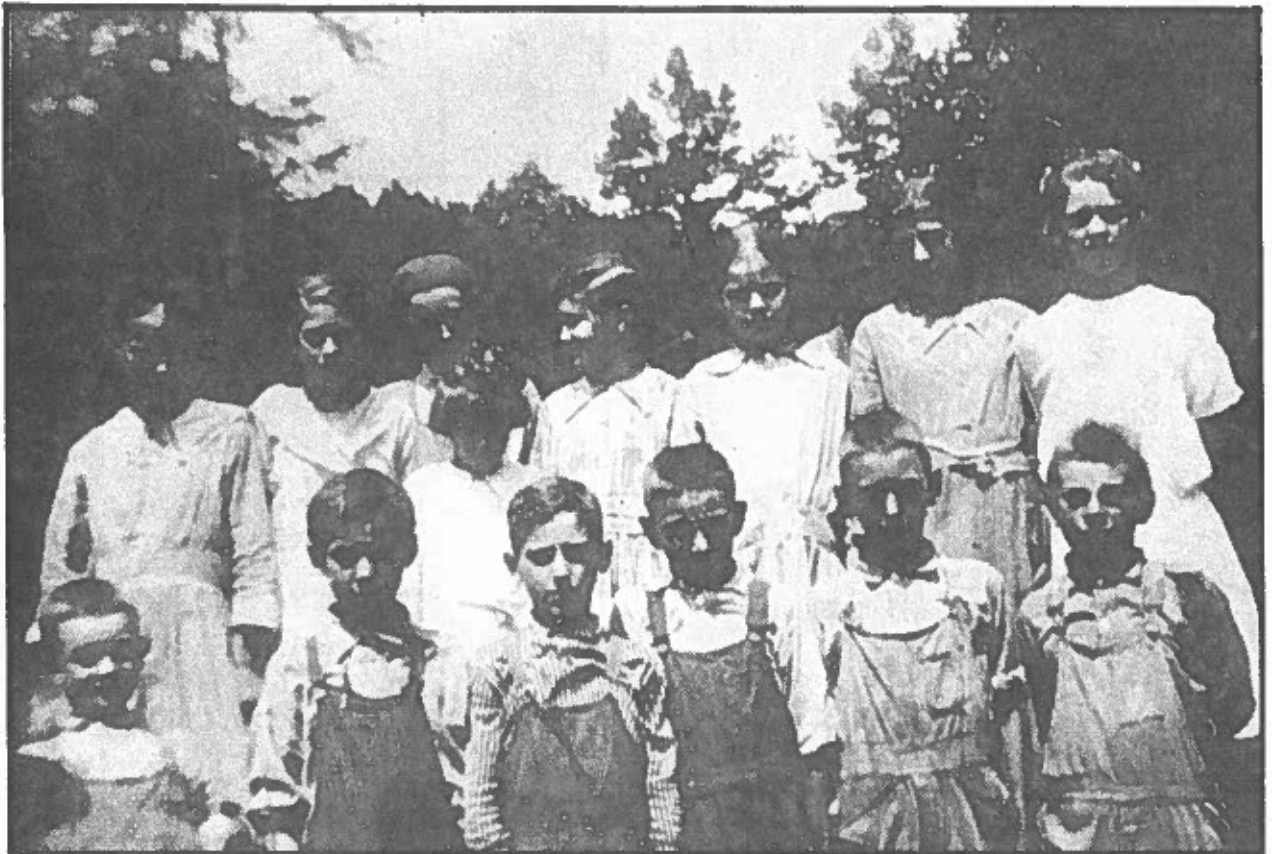


Willie Pickel
Hensley
1923



Ruby Martin Bearden
Taught First Year In
The New Poplar Springs
School Building
1925

A group of students who went to school in the church in 1917 or 1918.



Left to right, front row: Robert Burns, Roy Jenkins, Homer Ladd, Bill Burns, John Driskill, Fred Hensley. Second row: Evelyn Yokam, Eva Caudle, Elizabeth Driskill, Gladys Williams, Lelia Jenkins, Ethel Caudle, Elizabeth Bailey. Back row: Dwight Driskill and Elmer Guettner.



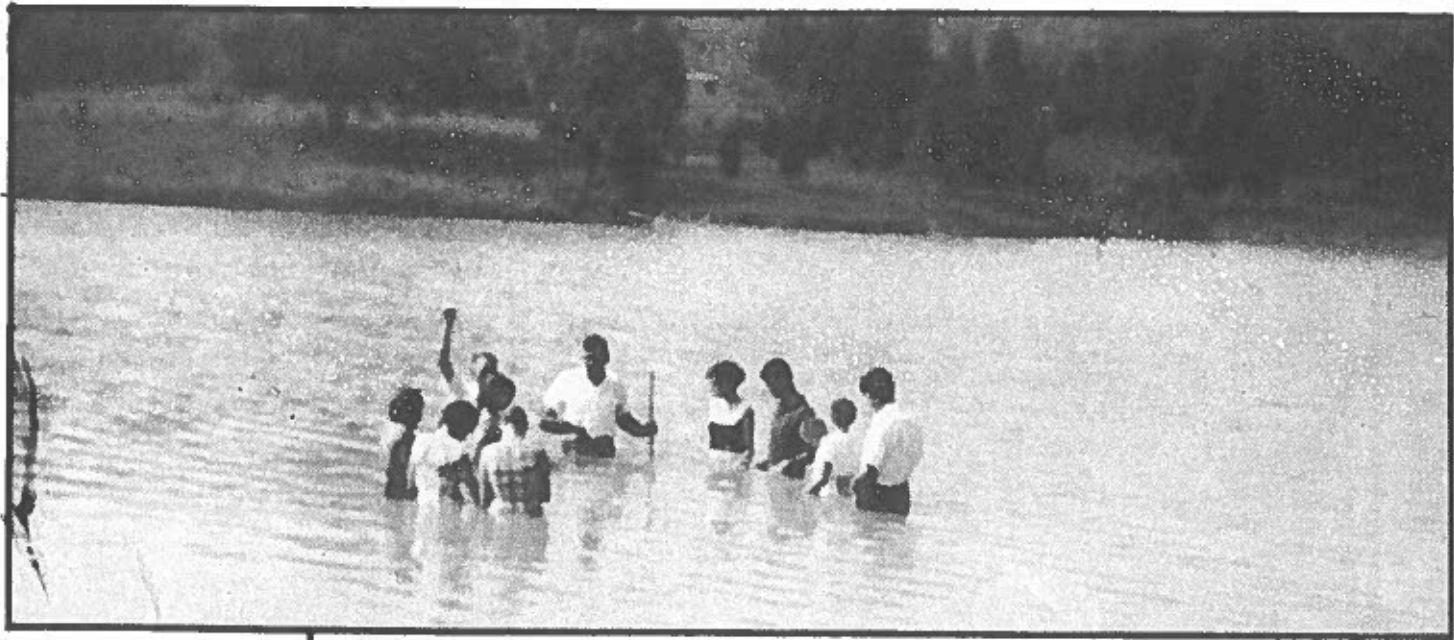
Baptizing At The Lake



**Wendy Rains
Age 10
Baptized By
J.D. Blair**

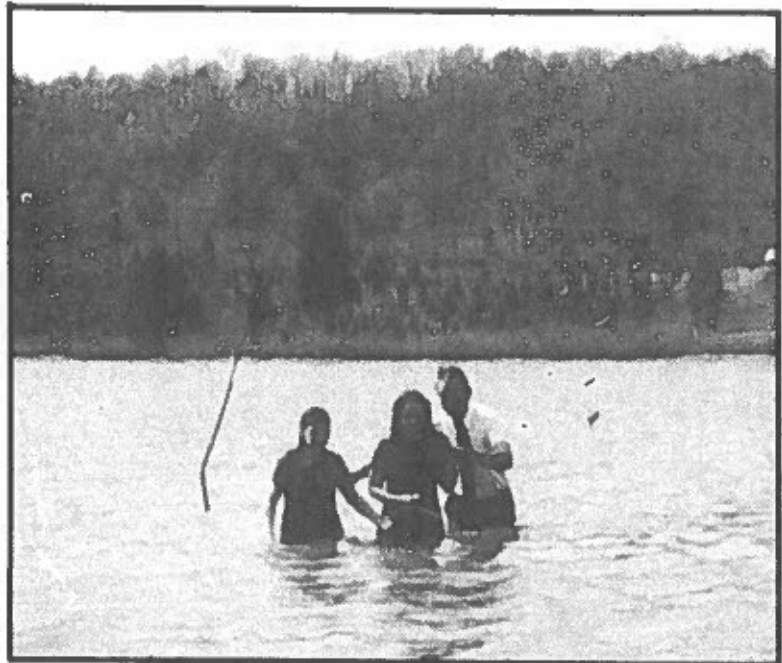


Crowds At Baptizing



Those Being Baptized Are:

- Vibert Kitts
 - Ernest Crowe
 - Sue Speers
 - Wanda Crowe
 - Dorene Bailey
 - Betty Brown
 - Eva Jean Speers
 - Ray Crowe
 - Calvin Guettner
 - Avery Ladd
 - Fred Speers
- By Ivie McGhee



Mary Nichols
Patty Phillips
By
Walter Nichols



Interesting facts about past and present members of Poplar Springs Church:

Charles Washington Roberts, grandson of Wright L. and Elizabeth Roberts, fought in the Civil War. He died in 1898 at the age of 61, leaving his widow, Mary Amos Roberts and 5 children, Martha, John, David, Robert and Charles. Martha and John are known to have been members of Poplar Springs Church. Martha married John Crowder and joined a church at Kingston. John became a doctor and was the well known Dr. John Roberts of Kingston. He married Ada Goodwin and also joined a church at Kingston. Dr. John was the father of the late Judge Sterling Roberts. By Sterling's own request, he is buried in Poplar Springs Cemetery, where his grandparents are buried. Mary Amos Roberts remained a member until her death in 1920. She had a beautiful horse which she rode to church on Saturday and Sunday when she was able. The tree beside the church which was cut down in 1984, was her "hitching post".

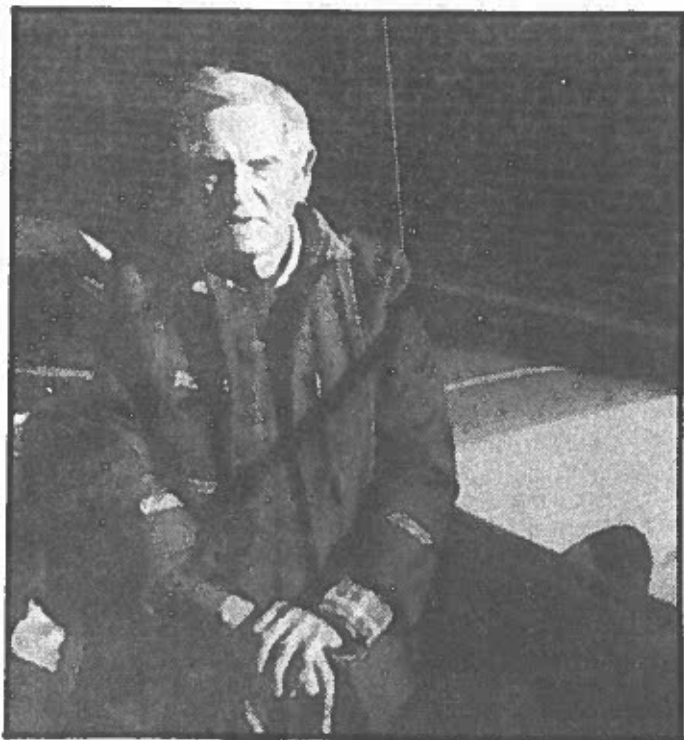
Elder John H. Henry, pastor of Poplar Springs Church in 1888, married Richard Ladd and Rosannah Andrew, July 20, 1888, and they celebrated their 62nd anniversary before her death, January 20, 1951. Rosannah was already a member of Poplar Springs Church, having joined in 1877 when she was 10 years old. Richard was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Lawnville. On June 23, 1894, he joined Poplar Springs Church and in 1895, he was ordained a deacon and remained so until his death October 20, 1956. He was also a trustee of the church. Elder John H. Abbott baptized 7 of their 9 children, two of their children are still active members of Poplar Springs Church.

Minnie Briggs, daughter of the man who hauled the logs to the mill for the church building, is next to the oldest member and was 91 years old on August 10, 1984. She joined Poplar Springs Church when she was 10 years old and was baptized by the pastor, John H. Abbott. She lives at Harriman, Tennessee. Due to ill health, she has been unable to attend church services for many years, but her love and loyalty is still with Poplar Springs Primitive Baptist Church.

Mary Ladd Wade, who was 87 on July 20, 1984, joined Poplar Springs Church in 1907, making her a member for 77 years. Although she lived in Birmingham, Alabama for 41 years, she never moved her membership. She is an active member now, having moved back to Tennessee in 1975. She is the third oldest member and is the daughter of Rosannah and Richard Ladd.

James Jenkins, a member for many years before his death on April 6, 1958, is still represented in the church by four of his children and their families. All twelve of his children have been members of Poplar Springs Primitive Baptist Church. All but four have moved their membership elsewhere. Those still members are: Roy Jenkins, Virgle Jenkins, Laura Belle Wright and Betty Clark. Jeff Jenkins, a grandson, attends regularly.

The oldest and the youngest living members of Poplar Springs Primitive Baptist Church.



Floyd Andrew, 92, Member 81 yrs.



Minnie Briggs, 91, Member 80 yrs.



Mary L. Wade, 87, Member 77 yrs.



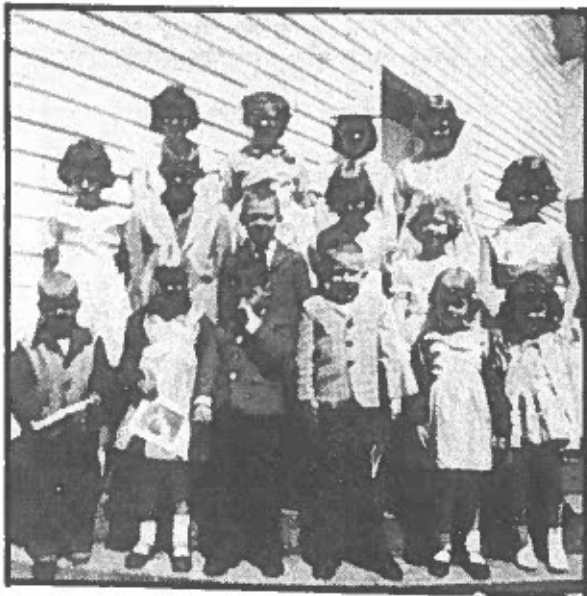
Wendy Rains, 10, Member 4 mo.



Little Jeff



**James Jenkins
Father of 12 Children
All Living**

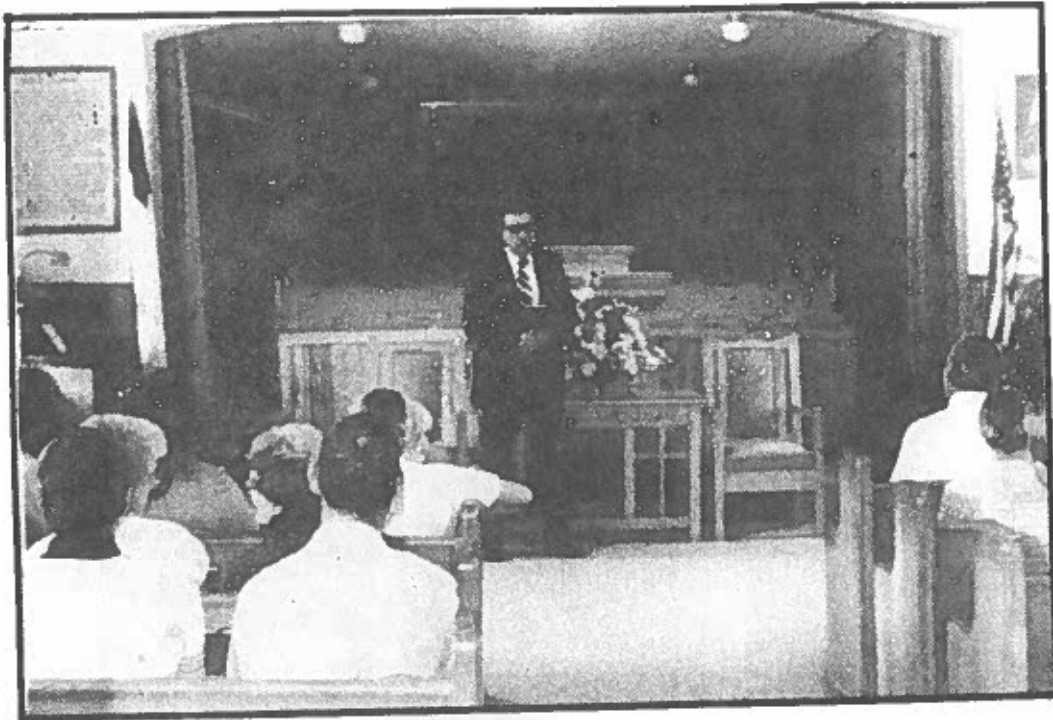


Left to Right:

Row 1 - Wallace Bailey, Patricia Bailey, Rodney Wright, Mike Shannon, Brenda Bohannon, Kathy Pickard.

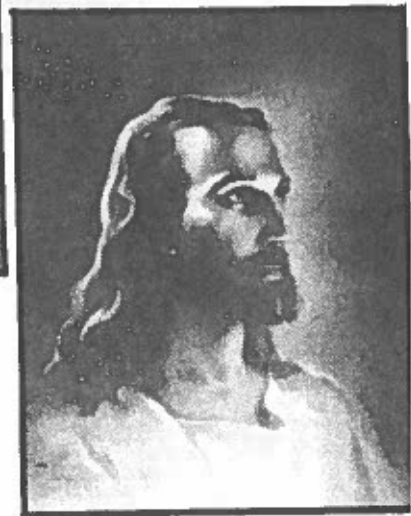
Row 2 - Brenda Crowe, Richard Bailey, Gary Ragsdale, Wanda Jenkins, June Wright, Nancy Duncan.

Row 3 - Rita Speers, Glenda Guettner, Susan Rains, Trixie Duncan.



Inside view of church with Elder J.D. Blair and part of congregation.

Picture of Christ
In the Church



Interesting fashions of yesteryear worn by church members
Roxie Ladd, Dora Ladd, Ernest Ladd and Mary Ladd.

**OUR YOUTH OF TODAY
AND
OUR HOPE FOR TOMORROW**



Left - Right: Marsha Ownby, Renee Ownby, Wendy Rains, Melissa Rains, Paula Ownby.



Becky Breazeale



Debbie Phillips

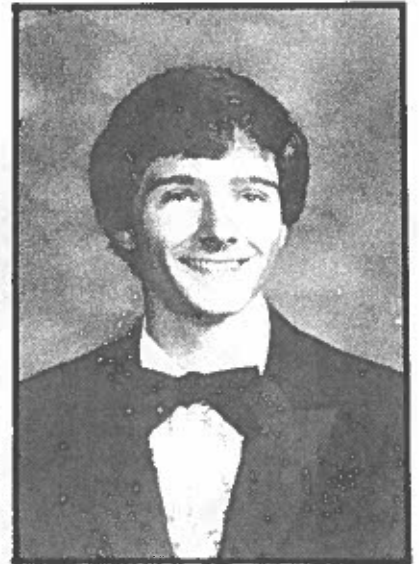
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Tracey Inman



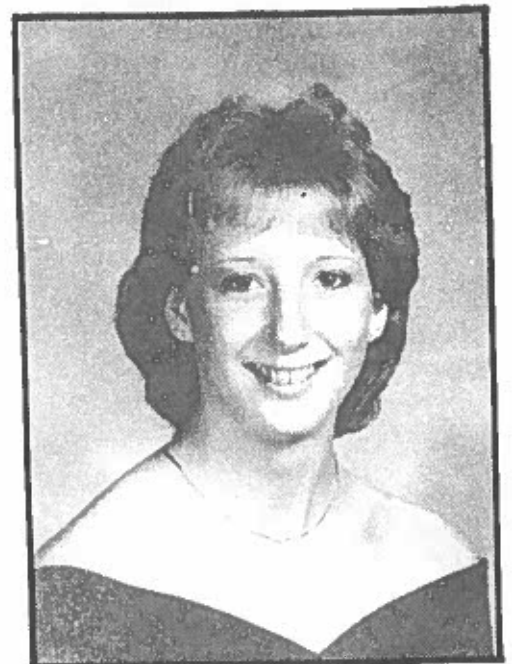
Steve Phillips



Ronald Inman, Jr.



Jeff Jenkins



Susan Lail

We honor the Service Men who lived in the community or attended church at Poplar Springs:

CIVIL WAR

Richard Driskill
Samuel T. Briggs
Charles Washington Roberts

WORLD WAR I

James Young Wright
John J. Rayburn
William Bailey
Ernest Ladd
Arthur Thomas
Alfred Farmer
John Andrew

WORLD WAR II

Robert Bailey
Anderson Brown
Carson Simpson
Harold Speers
Clarence Ladd
Hoyt Robinette
James Perry Guettner
Frank Guettner
Leonard Guettner
William Guettner
Walter Andrew
Albert Andrew
William Hyatt
Arthur Farmer

Floyd Farmer
Ralph Prichard
Foster Speers
Ransom Speers
Kenneth Speers
Barney Speers
Robert Simpson
Wesley Simpson
Howard Caudle
Clarence Caudle
Grover Robinette
J.R. Robinette
Robert Allan Robinette
Edgar Guettner
Edward Guy

KOREAN WAR

J.C. Bailey
Robert Prichard
Franklin Wright
Frank Phillips

VIETNAM WAR

Michael Rains
James Avery Ladd
Calvin Guettner
Lamar Childress
Frank Decker
Richard Bailey

World War I Veterans



James Young Wright

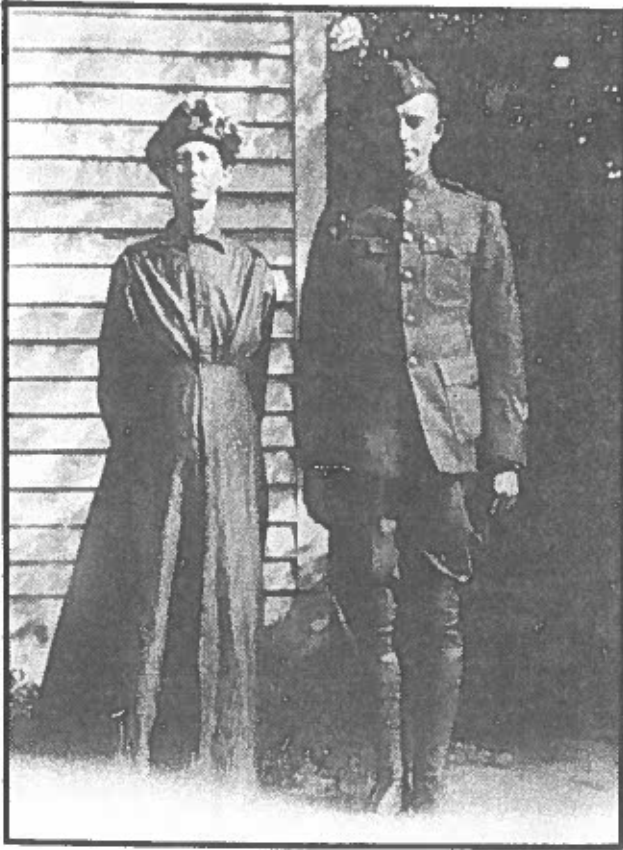


Arthur Thomas



William Bailey

Ladd Veterans



Ernest
W.W. I
With
Mother
Rosannah Ladd



James Avery
Vietnam



Clarence
W.W. II

World War
II



Anderson Brown



Bill Hyatt



Foster Speers



Carson Simpson

FARMER
World War I
And
World War II
Veterans



Alfred
World War I



Arthur
World War II



Floyd
World War II

WORLD WAR II

**Sons of
Christie and Nannie
Guettner**



Frank



Leonard



Bill



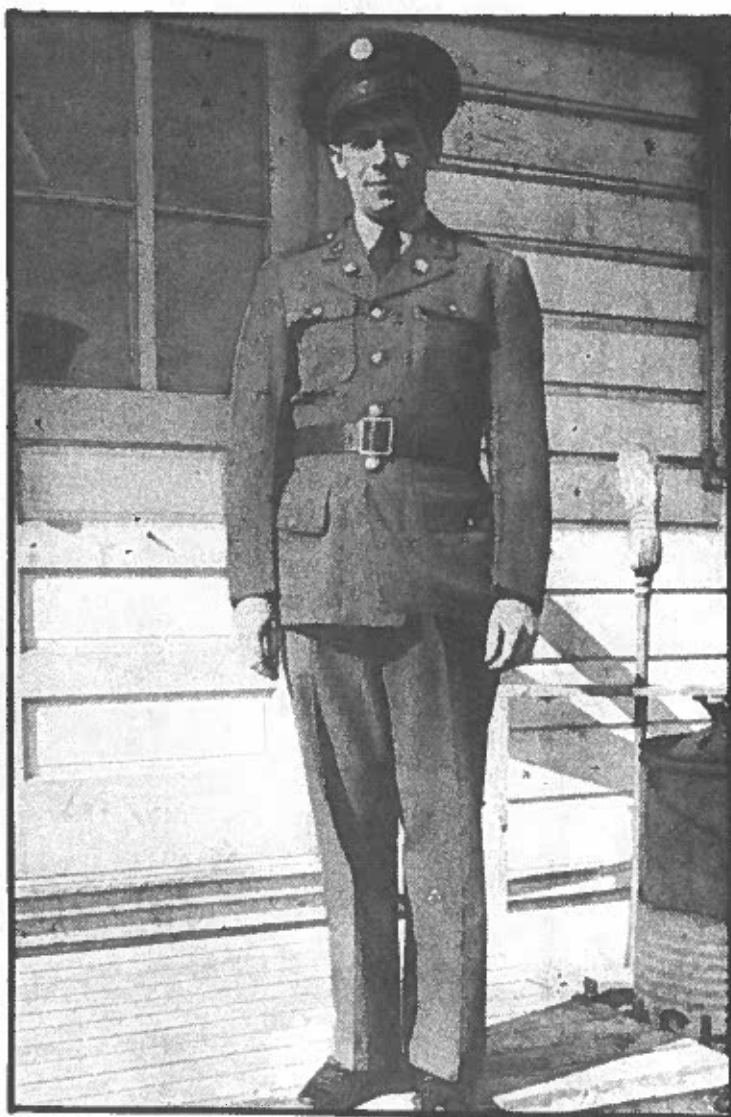
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Perry



Hoyt Robinette



Clarence Caudle



Howard Caudle

World War
II



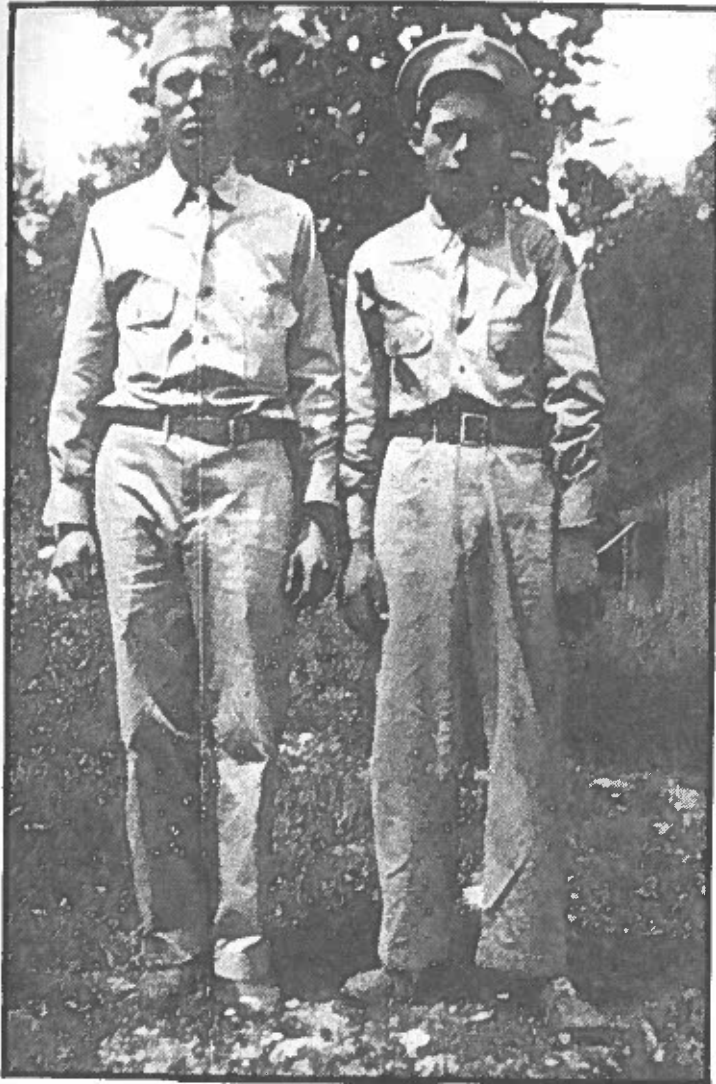
**World War II
Veterans**

Sons Of

Isaiah and Velma Robinette

Upper Left - R. Allan Upper Right - Grover

Lower Right - J.R.

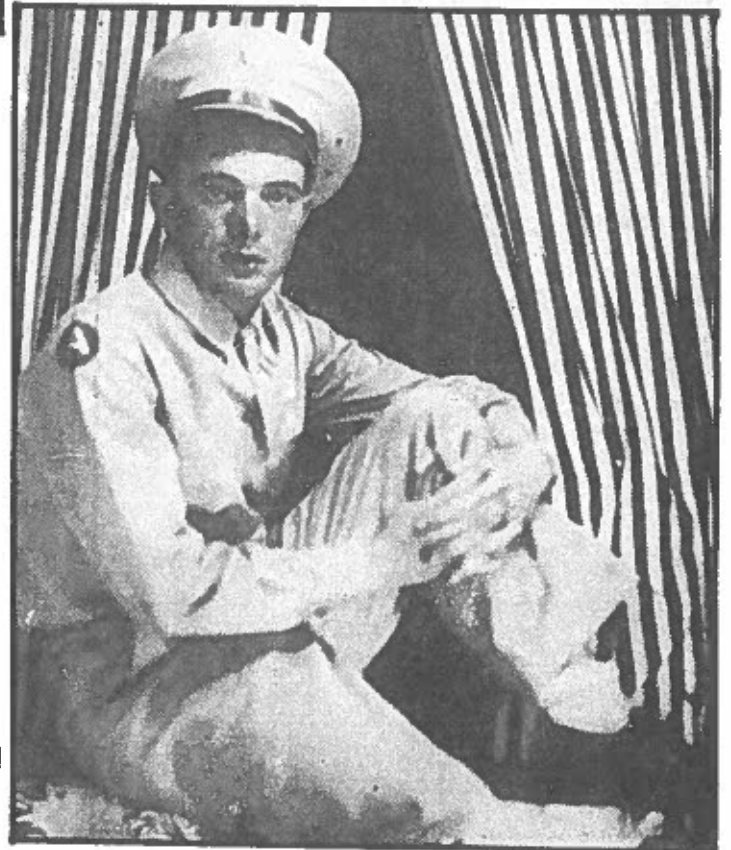


Left - Albert Andrew
Right - Walter Andrew
W.W. II



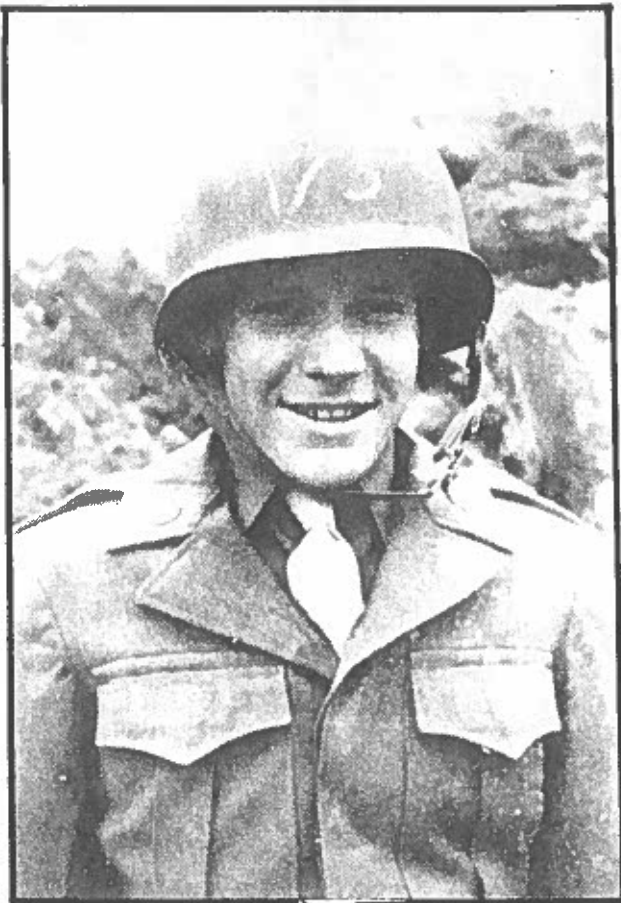
Franklin Wright Korean War

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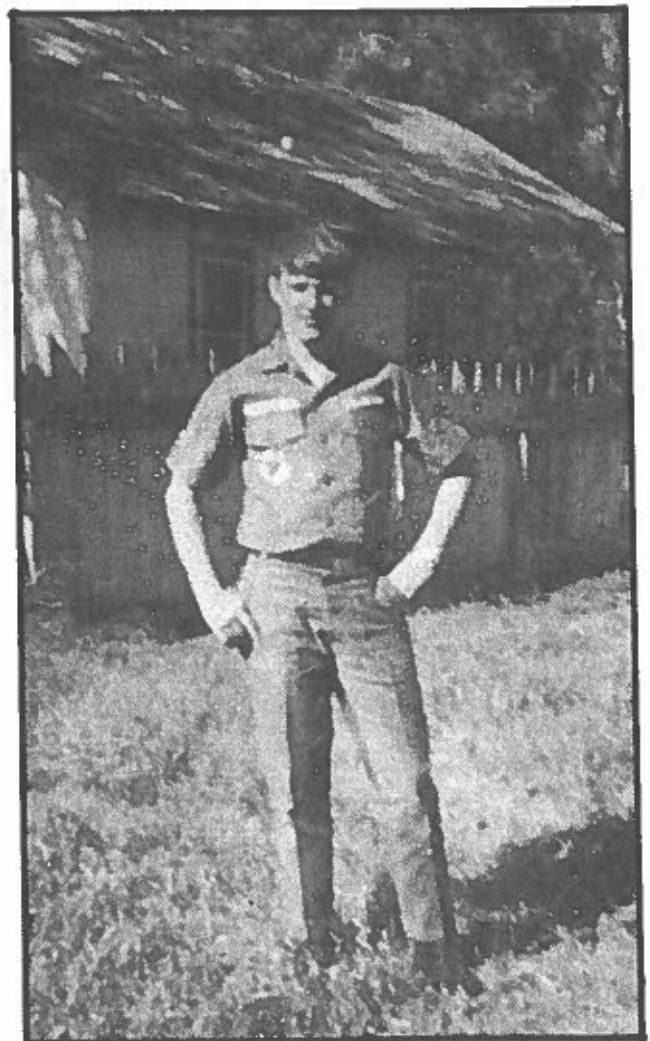


Mike Rains

**Vietnam
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Richard Bailey



Calvin Guettner

We pay tribute to the men who made the supreme sacrifice while in service for our country:

WORLD WAR I

James Young Wright, born December, 1891, and died October 17, 1918. He was drafted into the United States Army, Company 11, on July 23, 1918, and went to Camp Gordon, Georgia, then to New Jersey where he was shipped to France. He died in a hospital there with influenza and pneumonia.

John J. (Jack) Rayburn, born May 28, 1895, and died February 18, 1919. He was drafted into the United States Army, Battery D, 12 Infantry FA in 1917 or 1918. He died of pneumonia in France on February 18, 1919.

James Young Wright's and John J. Rayburn's bodies were shipped back from overseas and a double funeral was held for them at Poplar Springs. The crowd was so great that the funeral was held in the churchyard. Burial followed in Poplar Springs Cemetery.

WORLD WAR II

Sgt. Carson K. Simpson, age 20, of Company E, 16 Infantry, gave his life on Normandy Beach on June 6, 1944, that others might have freedom. His body was brought back and laid to rest in Lawnville Cemetery.

Anderson Brown, Seaman 2nd Class, age 17 years, gave his life in the battle of Samar Island on October 25, 1944. He was aboard the Destroyer Joel Johnson when it was sunk by the Japanese. He was married to Virginia Bailey.

Harold Speers, in the service of his country, contracted Meningitis while aboard ship in the Panama Canal and died on March 25, 1936. Funeral and burial was at Bradbury.

Over the years many improvements and additions have been made:

1947 Coal burning stove.

1948 Wired the church for electricity and installed electric lights.

1955 Bought Ashley wood burning circulator.

1957 Panelling and ceiltex were put on walls and ceiling to make it warmer.

1960 New pews, Communion table and chairs were bought.

1961 New piano.

1962 Choir and Sunday school rooms were built.

1966 Water system and rest rooms.

1972 Air conditioning and heating system installed.

1974 Fellowship Hall was enclosed and a fully equipped kitchen was added.

1976 Cushions for pews.

1980 Complete carpeting.

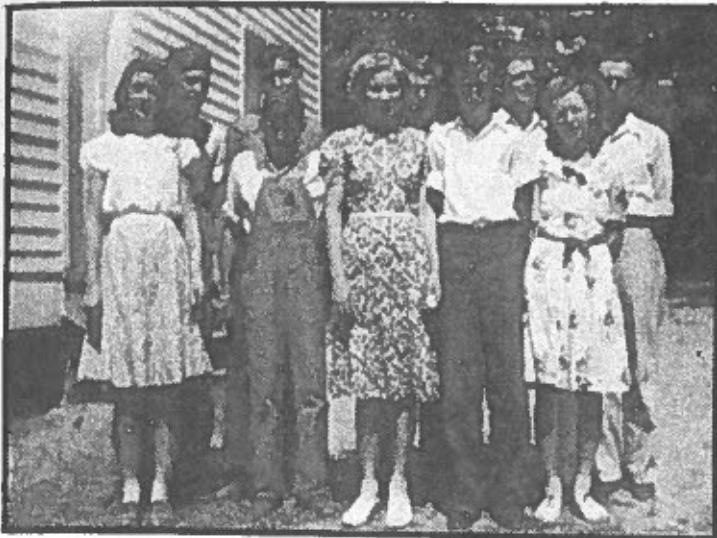
1982 New siding was put on the outside.

1983 The old double doors were replaced with new ones.

1984 The roof on the church building was repainted.

1984 New tables and chairs were bought for the Fellowship Hall.

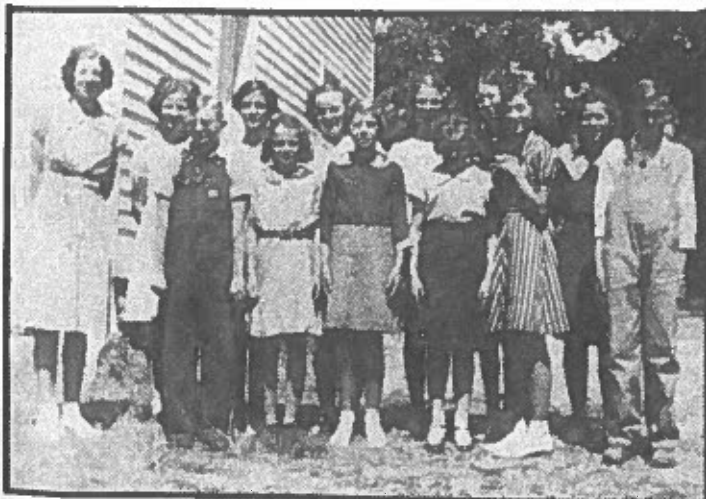
Church Groups - 1939 - 1940



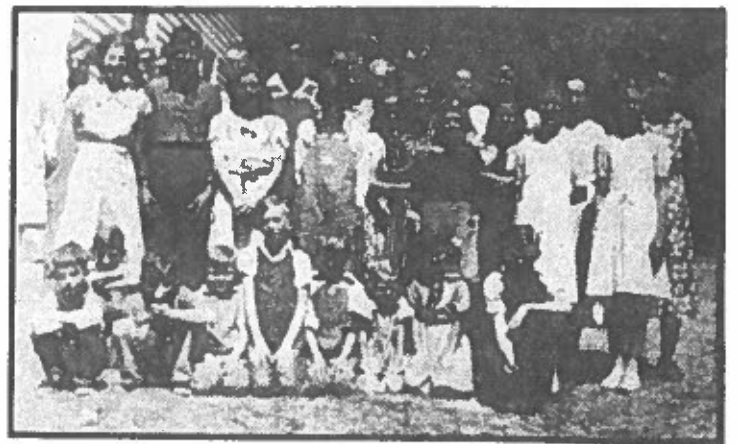
Front row, left-right: Ruth Wright, Clarence Ladd, Laura Belle Jenkins, Thelma Bailey. Back row - Arthur Farmer, J.W. Harrison, Ralph Ladd, Bob Bailey, Ernest Ladd, teacher.

Bill Guettner

Front row, left-right: Clara Wright, Othel Simpson, Boyd Ladd, Alfred Wright, Betty Ladd. Back row - Wesley Simpson, R.W. Ladd, Don Pritchard, Nettie Ladd, teacher.



Front row, left-right: J. Pritchard, Dixie Johnston, Ruth Jenkins, Mildred Vance, Imogene Ladd, Virgle Jenkins. Back row - Lydia Crowe, teacher, Vern Harrison, Nancy Wright, Lucile Pritchard, Elizabeth Wright, Gladys Guettner, Faye Simpson.



A group at the church in 1939 or 1940.

GOING HOME

Someday soon I'll be taking a voyage,
Paying my fare with the deeds I have in storage.
To a beautiful home prepared especially for me,
I'll sail far beyond that great blue sea.

Jesus as my Captain, I'll have no fear,
He'll take hold of my hand as I step from the pier.
Welcome aboard this Captain will say,
The fare of this trip you have done bought and paid.

"Cause I remember you on that bright and sunny day,"
When you bowed your head and said, "Father forgive me I pray."

Walking on deck of a bright cloud of glory,
My soul did glisten as I forgot those days of hoary.
We sailed through the gulf, that great divide,
With the face of Jesus great waves did have to hide.

Walking around the deck, I saw many faces I knew,
All were praising Jesus to whom the glory was due.
The man that had redeemed us that day on the cross,
Was taking us to that home that for years we had sought.

Onward and onward we did sail,
Until we reached home, that heavenly vale.
Upon docking, we stepped to the shore,
That precious city I did adore.

You could see the glory of God shining so precious,
We stood in amazement and we were so gracious.
The great high walls were made of pure jasper,
Seeing this, our feet began to move just a little bit faster.

Twelve gates bearing Israel's great tribes,
Brought tidings to the redeemed as we walked inside.
The peace was so great as I walked through the gate,
I knew the reward was worth all the wait.

The streets of this city were of the purest of gold,
I stared at the precious sight that my eyes did behold.

From a great white throne ran a river of life,
Bringing that peace to everyone who was walking inside.
I knew my victory had finally been won,
When face to face with God, into His arms I did run.

Composed by Donna Inman

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May 3 Sat 1907
of the Church at
Poplar Spring held
devotional services on
Sat- but held no
church session -
Sunday - Held
Communion services
after preaching - and
also engaged in the
ordinance of example
of feet washing, after which
was taken the parting
hand with great
rejoicing among the
Church and children
of God.
Eld. J. H. Abbott
Saml Andrew mod.
Clerk

***Thank you everyone who has helped in
any way to make this History possible.
May God add His Blessing.***

Velma Ladd Robinette



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