

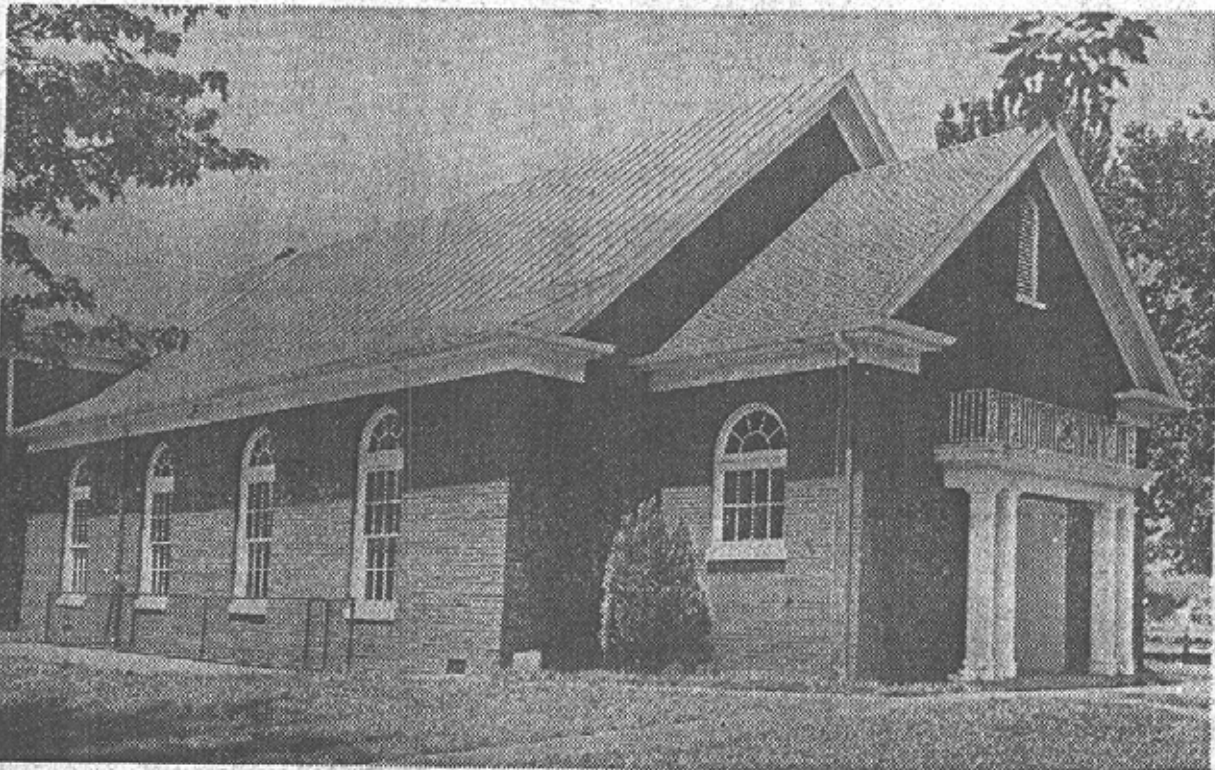
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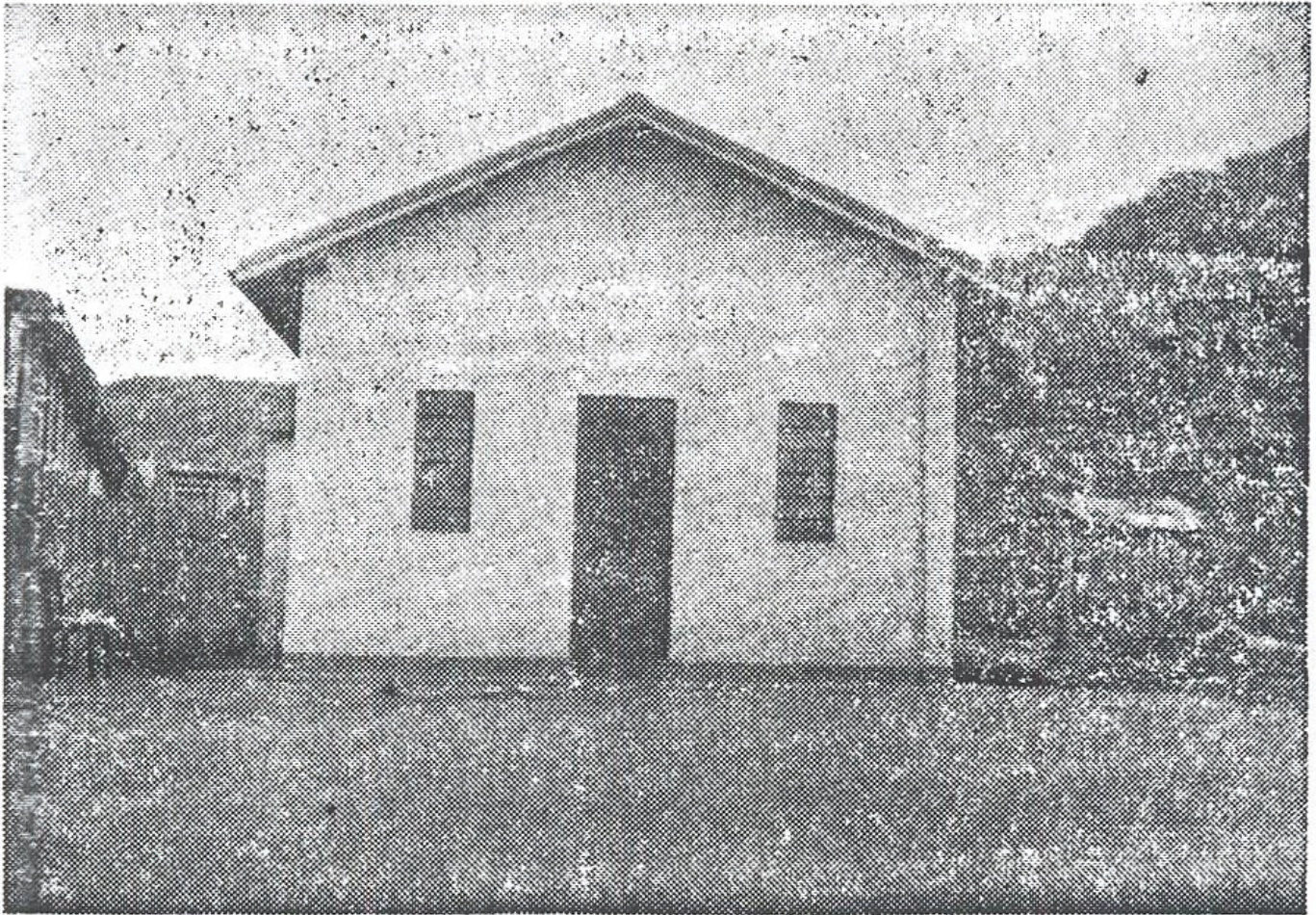
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UNION CITY BAPTIST CHURCH, MADISON COUNTY—Eight miles from Richmond in the village of Union City, stands this country church organized April 30, 1812, as the "Baptist Church of Christ" by Elders Andrew Tribble, David Chenault, Christopher Harris and 18 members. Robert Frier, the first pastor, served from 1812 through 1819, followed by Elder David Chenault, 1820-21; Thomas Jarman, 1822-28; James E. Duvul, 1829; Frederick Shoots, 1829-30, and Thomas Ballou, 1830-32. The church's first house of worship was a small log building across the road from the present church. In October, 1830, a split occurred in the church when a majority "went over to Campbellism," leaving only 15 members. Each faction continued to meet in the building on alternate Sundays; later the Baptists bought out the "Reformers," and held title to the property. Ante-bellum preachers were Peter Tribble, 1841-46; Joseph Ambrose, 1846-52; Smith V. Potts, 1855-59; Nathan Edmonson, 1859-60, and J. J. Edwards, 1863-69. The present brick church was erected

in 1848 on ground given by John Winn, a member. Following the close of the Civil War, the following held pastorates: W. E. Chambliss, 1869-72; John C. Wray, 1872-78; John G. Pond, 1878-86; John I. Wills, 1887-96; Richard French, 1897; Dr. Thomas C. Ecton, 1898-1902, and William McMillan, 1903. Latter-day ministers include Robert L. Brandenburg, 1904-06; J. A. Davis, 1906-08; David J. Hunt, 1908-09; J. N. Vandiver, 1909-10; W. S. Taylor, 1910-13; E. W. Summers, 1913-16; Elmer Lucas, 1916-17; Charles S. Ellis, 1917-18; Filmore A. Bone, 1919; A. T. Ross, 1920-23; V. E. Duncan, 1924-25; E. L. Spivey, 1925-28; C. R. Barrack, 1929-30; A. Ben Oliver, 1931-35; Dr. Joseph Stiles, 1937-41; Marvin Ashlock, 1942-43; Dr. Wayne C. Oates, 1944; Dr. George Willis Bennett, 1945-50; William H. Slagle, 1951-53; William B. Craig, 1954-55; William Tucker, 1957-58; Ronald Kerr, 1960-62, and the Rev. Ted Huckaby, present pastor, since June, 1963. Union City Church, a member of the Tates Creek Association, now serves a congregation of around 250 members.

Brazilian Missionary Thanks Union City Church for Help



UNION CITY, Ky. — The Union City Baptist Church has received a letter of appreciation from Missionary Walter B. McNealy of Estado Do Rio, Brazil.

The local church, of which W. H. Slagle is pastor, made a donation, along with others in Boone's Creek Association, toward erecting a small house of worship in Brazil. The total amount contributed was, we are informed, something like \$300.

Missionary McNealy extends an invitation to the pastor to come down on

a preaching mission, offering to act as interpreter. He also states that the little school in his mission territory has grown to be a college. The range of instruction extends all the way from kindergarden through college work and 400 students attend. There are 250 students on the waiting list.

The new church building, erected largely through the gifts from the Union City Church, is shown in the accompanying picture and is named "Union Memorial."

Madison's heritage

Old church still exists

By FRED ALLEN ENGLE

Rev. Andrew Tribble helped found three Baptist churches in Madison County. Information of this busy preacher has been gathered from several sources by his descendant, James J. Neale, Richmond. Many thanks to M. Neale for sharing.

One of the earliest church organizations formed in Madison County (and still in existence today) is the Bates Creek Church of Separate Baptists, organized by Rev. Tribble in 1786. Tribble was the church's first pastor and continued as its minister almost until the time of his death in 1827. The church flourished, having a membership of 200 in 1790. The meeting house was of stone and stood on Shallow Ford where the stream crossed the old driveway, three and a half miles northwest of Richmond. This first church building was located on the Sam Fox place, later owned by B.M. Igo and later by Mrs. Lavrence Myers. It was reached via Jacks Creek Pike.

In 1849 this building was destroyed by fire and the membership in 1852 built what was known for a while as the Republican Baptist Church, located one mile from the Lexington Road on the old Boonesborough Road. The church is still at this spot on the main road from I-75 to Boonesborough, State Highway 627. The membership later reinstated the name Bates Creek Baptist. Among those shown on the earliest record of membership were John Turner, Isaac Newland, George Boone, Archibald Woods, Edward Turner, Ezekiel Field, Abraham Newland, Squire Boone, Thomas Shelton, Samuel Phelps, David Crews, Joseph Jones, Byrd Deatherage, and Anderson Chenault.

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Rev. Tribble was also one of the organizers of the Union City Baptist Church in this county on April 30, 1812, under the name "The Baptist Church of Christ." His brother-in-law, Rev. James Quisenberry, was a co-organizer of the Cane Springs Church near College Hill in 1803. Tribble's daughter, Nancy, married Elder David Chenault, who served as pastor of the old Cane Springs Church for 50 years. It has been estimated that Rev. Tribble baptized around 2,000 persons during his Kentucky ministry. He was a first cousin of the Kentucky pioneer and Revolutionary War hero, Gen. George Rogers Clark, who also lived in Albemarle County, Virginia, at one time.

The third church which Rev. Tribble was instrumental in organizing in Madison County, was the Viney Fork Baptist Church near Speedwell, which was formed in 1797 with the assistance of Elder Isaac Newland.

Union City happenings

By LEONA TRIBBLE

There is a line in a song that says, "When you live in the country everybody is your neighbor." That certainly is true in my little corner of the world, Union City. Nowhere will you find nicer, friendlier neighbors. Robert C. Thomas, affectionately called Uncle Bob, is one such friend and neighbor.

One of the most familiar sights in the fields around Union City is Uncle Bob and his crew baling hay. When I asked him how long he had been baling hay, he told me, "My daddy bought me my first baler when I was sixteen-years-old and I have baled hay every year since. It was a horse baler and cost \$225, which was a lot of money then." He has owned four balers since then, his latest one is a big roll baler.

Robert C. Thomas was born July 28, 1896, within "hollerin' distance" of his present home on the Walker Park Road. He was one of five children born to Enos and Mary Eliza Covington

Thomas. He had one brother, Spencer, "deceased" and three sisters, Mrs. Bill (Ada) Parks, Suda Thomas and Mary Thomas, who live in Richmond. He received his education at the Doyleville and Brookstown Schools.

On April 23, 1923, he and Miss Lura Oldham, of Waco, Kentucky, were united in marriage at the home of the officiating minister in Richmond. Mrs. Thomas taught school at Waco and Estil County before her marriage. Three children were born to this union, Mrs. Daniel (Effie Marie) Wells, of Route 6, Richmond, Mrs. Herschel (Margaret) Shoptaw of Russelville, Arkansas, and Billy Enos of Route 6, Richmond, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

For the first nine years of their marriage, Uncle Bob and Lura lived at the old "Lanter Place." In 1932 he bought 171 acres of land and built the house where he still lives. Of course, there have been improvements

made through the years and the 171 acres have grown to 480. He helped pioneer the breed of Domino Hereford cattle in Madison County. Farmers used to raise a lot of sheep, and for about 32 years, Uncle Bob had a sheep shearing crew. He and his son, Billy, are still engaged in farming and Uncle Bob still manages his own farm.

The oldest deacon and man in the Union City Baptist Church, where he became a member at the age of sixteen, he never misses Sunday School or church.

An avid baseball fan, he and Lura always enjoyed going to the local games to watch their grandchildren and great-grandchildren play. But this year Uncle Bob lost his companion of almost sixty years with the death of Lura on July 27.

When I asked my husband, who has lived around Union all of his life, what he thought of Bob Thomas, he voiced the opinion of all the community when he said, "A fine fellow. They don't come any better." +

Union City: Full of friends and neighbors

by REBECCA MULLINS
Register Staff Writer

UNION CITY — People in Union City, like pastor Tim Jones, can tell you what being a neighbor is all about.

It's bringing someone a cold drink when they're working outside in 95-degree heat. It's owning the local grocery and giving someone credit until pay day.

It's holding a community together with friends and family when the town's economy is slowly dying.

Around half a century ago in Union City, located in the northeast end of the county near Muddy Creek, there were a couple of stores, a post office, a mill, a blacksmith shop, a

Founded: Early 1800s
Population: About 100
Main Intersection: Union City Road and Doyleville Road
Special sites: Union City Cash Store, est. 1950; Union City Grocery, 1984; Tribbles Grocery and Grill, 1830; J.D. Hamilton Lodge, est. 1876; Union City Ruritan Club, est. 1971

school, churches and community spirit that bonded it all.

Now, there are churches and only one store, with a few home businesses.

Economic life is slowly becoming extinct.

But not Union City. Why?



The Register/ d'Art Lykins

The Union City Baptist Church rests in the heart of Union City. It was established in 1812.

Jones, a weekly columnist for The Richmond Register, told why in one of his articles last February.

"What kind of place is Union City?" Jones wrote. "Well, it is not really a city but a crossroads in northern Madison County. It is not just a place, but a neighborhood. We have neighbors who want to be neighborly ..."

Some neighbors he recalled were James William Harris, who plows his garden. And Bill Johnson, "who loans me his tractor when I need it." Monroe Young, Gary Reams, and the samaritan with the cold drink for someone who needed it — Jones — was Jesse Robinson.

Jones has lived in Union City for about 18 years, work-

ing up until last year as a pastor at the Union City Christian Church aside from his job at the Lexington Computer Store.

In that time, there's been little if any development. A store opened up a decade ago, but that's about it.

Farming, an important part of the Union City economy years ago, isn't the sole occupation of many there now. Only about two or three are full-time farmers, Jones said.

But many still farm in their spare time.

"It was a farming culture for years. It's changed through the years. But there's still a strong core of farming people," Jones said. Many, like him, work out of town.

And many in Union City are retired. A good way to figure that out is to go to the Christian or Baptist church.

"The church is broken down

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ROUND OF APPLAUSE—Willis Bennett (right), provost at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, leads well-wishers in hearty applause for Mary and Henry Huff at a reception in their honor last week in Louisville. The Huffs have retired and moved to North Carolina after a long career of lay leadership in the Kentucky and Southern Baptist conventions. He has been Sunday school teacher and deacon at Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville, moderator of Long Run Baptist Association, president of the Kentucky convention, vice president of the national convention and trustee of three schools. See "Time turns ...," page 4. (WR photo)

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Pastoral care pioneer Wayne Oates dies at 82

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LOUISVILLE — Wayne Oates, a pioneer in the field of pastoral care and counseling, died at Baptist East Hospital. He was 82.

Mr. Oates, who died Thursday, was credited most often for the integration of theology with psychology and psychiatry.

He wrote more than 50 books on the relationship between faith and healing and established the Wayne E. Oates Institute in Louisville in 1993.

The institute promotes dialogue among the medical, religious, social work and various therapeutic communities.

"I grew up in poverty in the cotton mill area of South Carolina," Mr. Oates once said. "None of my people went past the sixth grade."

Mr. Oates said he realized

education offered him a way out. He said he got through eighth grade and then was appointed a page for Congress in Washington.

He completed high school and returned to the South Carolina mills for two years before earning an undergraduate degree from Wake Forest University.

He attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, obtaining a master's degree and a doctorate. He taught from 1948-1974 at the seminary, and then at the University of Louisville School of Medicine.

Surviving are his wife, Pauline Oates, and a son, Dr. Charles Oates.

There will be a private burial at Cave Hill Cemetery, with a memorial service Monday at 4 p.m. at St. Matthew's Baptist Church.

NEVER TOO LATE...



Uncle Dick Parks, left, and the Rev. T. L. McSwain, both of Richmond, enjoy a laugh while checking the itinerary for a three-week trip to Europe. Mr. Parks is the oldest traveler on the group tour, but says he'll "keep up with the young ones."

By DON EDWARDS

RICHMOND, Ky. — "Uncle Dick" Parks has never lived more than seven miles from where he was born here in Madison County—but he's boarding a jet plane Monday to fly to Europe.

He is among 34 persons joining the Rev. T. L. McSwain, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Richmond, on a 21-day trip to seven European countries.

The tour will take the group to Denmark, Sweden, Norway, France, England, Scotland and Ireland, but the best part of the journey isn't the travel, according to Parks.

"What I like best is the chance to meet these nice folks I'm going with," he said. "They'll spoil me, but we'll have a good time. I have a good time every day, anyway."

There is one bit of hesitation, however—he's never been on an airplane.

"I'm going to do whatever they tell me to do," he said. "I've never ridden a mule."

He walks two to four miles each day, and believes he's in shape for the hiking usually associated with sightseeing.

"I'll keep up with the young ones," avowed Uncle Dick, "but I don't think they'll keep up with me."

And, he's in perfect health. He attributes his good condition to "living for the Lord." He was converted to Christianity at age 16 and has always abstained from tobacco and alcohol.

"The Lord took care of me," he said. "I believe in hard work and no worries."

The hard work included a lifetime of farming, carpentry and a stint as a rural mail

carrier near his home of Union City, a tiny settlement in the eastern part of Madison County.

"Good health" emphasized Parks, "is worth all the money in the world. Some people spend everything they've got to get their health back—then some go out and take a gun and kill themselves."

Like most American tourists, Uncle Dick is headed for Europe armed with a camera and 20 rolls of film, along with a box of address stickers to send back postcards to the folks at home.

One of his daughters is paying for the tour, and he hinted that he might take up a family collection "for spending money."

That should be ample in his case. Despite his chuckle and a remark of "I didn't believe in a large family," he has 14 sons and daughters.

They are:

Mrs. Anna R. Christen, Bellevue; Mrs. Ethelcen W. Cahill, Butler; Dr. Paul Parks, Bowling Green; Andrew Parks, Irvine; Harold Parks, Goose Creek, S.C.; Mrs. Sue Slagle, Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Mary Lee Webb, Bybee; Dr. Clay C. Parks, Dry Ridge; Mariel Parks, Cottage Hill; Mrs. Lucy F. Reams, Red House; Charles S. Parks, Charlotte, N.C., and John S., James E. and Eugene Parks, all of Richmond.

Uncle Dick plans to be back in the U.S. in time for his birthday celebration.

That birthday, by the way, is Sept. 24, 1883.

That's right—it's never too late to see that part of the world you've missed. After all, he's only 82.

"And," he confided, "I'm aiming to live the rest of my life."

Kathleen Parks Powell Parke

Richmond

Kathleen Parks Powell Parke, of Richmond, died Monday, December 12, 2005, in University of Kentucky Hospital at the age of 83.

Kathleen was born on May 9, 1922, in Madison County to Boyd and Nancy Powell. She was a lifelong resident of Madison County. Kathleen was dedicated to her family, friends and church. A lifelong member of Union City Baptist Church, Kathleen was a woman of deep faith. She was selfless in all her actions and treated everyone she met with respect and fairness.

She is survived by her loving husband, Edward Ellis Parke. Ellis and

Kathleen were married on June 17, 1945, and spent 60 years devoted to one another.

She is also survived by: three sons, Boyd (Sally) Parke, Raymond (Von) Parke and Lewis (Jean) Park; one daughter, Elleen (Jimmy) Webb, all of Richmond. Other survivors include: a sister-in-law, Katherine Powell of Richmond; 10 grandchildren, Michelle (Brian) Doty, Scott (Stephanie) Parke, Sara Beth (Brandon) Perry, Mary Leslie Parke, Autumnne (John) Wright, Natalie Parke, Dawn (Bobby) Brumfield, Darrin Day, Maggie Thurman and Ashley Thurman; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews; and a special caregiver, Julia Lowery. She was preceded in death by a brother, William Boyd Powell.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, December 15, 2005, at the Turpin Funeral Home by Brother William Smith and the Rev. Rod Stringer assisting. Burial will follow in Madison County Memorial Gardens.

Active casket bearers will be Scott Parke, Burt Ray Turpin, Robert Ellis Parke, Douglas Parke, William Hendricks, Ronnie Reams, Joel Taylor and Bill Partin.

Honorary casket bearers are the Union City Baptist Adult III Women's Sunday School Class and all her nieces and nephews. Friends may call at the Turpin Funeral Home from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. Contributions are suggested to the Union City Baptist Church. Visit www.turpinfuneralhome.com

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Harvey Brown Parke

Harvey Brown Parke, 74, of Oakley Wells Road, Richmond, widower of Ruby Ramsey Parke, died Sunday, February 14, 1999 at his home. He was a native of Madison County and the son of Walker Jonah and Stella H. Parke. He was a land owner and a life long farmer and a member of the Union City Baptist Church.

He is survived by two sons, David Brown (Linda) Parke, of Richmond, and Stephen Wayne (Peggy) Parke, of Richmond; three grandchildren, Stephanie Parke, of Richmond, Ashley Parke, of Richmond, and Daniel Parke, of Richmond; one sister, Maude Ella (Forniss) Park, of Richmond; and two nieces, Estelle Bayer and Timi May.

Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday, February

16, 1999 at 1 p.m. at Union City Baptist Church with Rev. Rick Brown officiating. Burial will follow in the Richmond Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. at Turpin Funeral Home on Monday, February 15, 1999.

Pallbearers will be Billy Grise, Gary Fritz, Cliff Winkler, John D. Covington, Butch Adkins and Don Baker. Honorary pallbearers will be Cordell Russell, Frank Wilson, Carvell Allen, Bryan Winkler, Dwight Wells, Donald Wells, Billy Thomas and Carl Perkins.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Hospice Care Plus (210 St. George St., Richmond, KY 40475) or the Union City Baptist Church (2502 Doyesville Road, Richmond, KY 40475).

Union City got name from church

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is another in a series of stories on the smaller communities of Madison County.)

By RUTHIE MASLIN
Register Staff Writer

UNION CITY — It's 8 a.m. on a Monday morning, and already May Schroeder has been busy at work for two hours in her Union City Cash Store.

As people start heading out to work, they stop by May's store to buy gas or cigarettes or maybe a soft drink. Every customer is greeted with a cheery "good morning" from the woman who has become as much an area tradition as the store itself.

Born in Union City in 1910, Schroeder has spent some 37 years of her life in the picturesque village situated in the northeastern part of the county.

Union City got its name from the Union Church which was established in 1812. Schroeder said when the church itself was built in 1848, the Baptists and the Christians shared the building.

"One would have services one Sunday, the other would have it the next Sunday," she explained.

A major focus of community life was the Union City High



Tribble's Grocery & Grill, built in 1830, was one of the oldest businesses in Union City until it recently went out of business. (Register photo by Ruthie Maslin).

School. Built in 1913, the four-room school housed students in grades 1-12.

When Schroeder graduated from there, she said there were about 10 in her class. Some of the teachers she remembers include Mrs. A.C. Sharp, Miss Cora Dunbar, also principals J.D. Hamilton and Leo Perry. Some of the members of the first class that graduated from Union City High School were Ann Noland, Louisa Risk Ruppert, and Halley Parks.

She said the children played the "usual games," but even then basketball was what they loved best.

"Basketball was a big thing," she explained, "both boys and girls."

Another important tradition in Union City through the years has been voting. "The Polls," as the voting place was called, was a busy site on election day, recalled Schroeder.

"Everybody got out and

voted," she said. "Even when I was a child, I remember them stressing voting."

However, there were no big celebrations or other election day festivities.

"They took their voting seriously," Schroeder added.

Union City has always been an agricultural community and the gently rolling hills that frame the area make it an ideal spot for crops and livestock.

Schroeder recalled the scales which used to be located across the street from her store. Farmers from all over the area would bring their stock in to be weighed. She said they still raise a lot of cattle there, although not as much as they used to.

The Union City post office was established in 1852. Schroeder said some of the former postmasters were Thomas Shelton, W.C. Griggs (Please see Union City on Page 2)

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and John Denham. Schroeder herself was postmaster for 25 years until the post office went out in 1975.

As with many other small towns in the area, Union City had its blacksmith shop. Through the years, it was run by Tom York, John Eades, and Robert Miller.

Schroeder said there was also a grist mill, run by W.C. Griggs, which was located beside her store. The mill went out of business in the early 1900s.

There were also the town doctors who took care of the sick as well as delivering most of the babies in the area. In particular, Schroeder remembered Drs. Jefferson and Bosley. She said Dr. Phelps was the last last permanent doctor in the town.

However, unlike some of the small Madison County towns, Union City at one time boasted a casket maker, the county poor farm, one of the oldest Masonic Lodges in the county, and, for awhile, the oldest county resident, Robert Oliver, who died in 1974 at the age of 104.

Back in the early 1900s, John Jones, father of the late M.G. Jones, ran a casket business. And although it's not one of the things Union City residents want their town to be known for, it was an important aspect of economic life there.

The county poor farm, which Schroeder said was "a home for people who had no home," ended in the 1960s.

Clubs and lodges also have played an important role in the area for many years. The J.D. Hamilton lodge was established in 1876. The village today boasts an active Ruritan club.

The Union City of today is not the same village Schroeder remembers as a child.

"It's changed," she said. "We're getting new people into the area."

But no matter how much the town changes, the residents still take pride in their rich heritage. And they still take time to pause at May Schroeder's store to pass the time of day or buy a loaf of bread or some ham and cheese.

Perhaps it is this atmosphere, combining the old with the new, that makes Union City special.

Or maybe it's because, as Schroeder put it, Union City "is home."

—Breckville. This crossroads hamlet with a recently discontinued post office on KY 1986, five miles northeast of Richmond, was first called Breckville. At least it was the first post office established with this name on August 15, 1851 with Alsolom B. Stiners, post master. This post office was discontinued in 1855 and reestablished in 1857 as Union Meeting House, which closed in 1859. The Union City post office was established in 1876 with William Powell, post master. Thenceforth both Union and Union city identified the community, with latter name probably in use to distinguish from Union Meeting House which had given it its name.

Willis Bennett dies of apparent heart attack

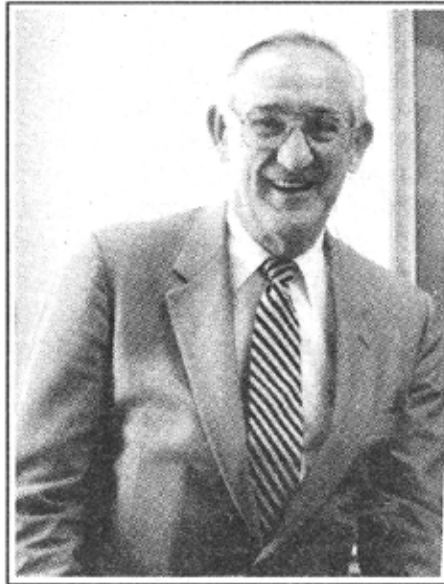
LOUISVILLE (BP)—Willis Bennett, retired provost at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, died Jan. 5 of an apparent heart attack.

Bennett, 74, joined the faculty of the Louisville school in 1959 as an associate professor of Christian ethics. He was named professor of church and community in 1969, a position he held until 1990.

Prior to becoming provost in 1987, Bennett served the seminary in a variety of administrative capacities including dean of the school of theology, director of graduate studies, director of advanced professional studies and director of field education. He retired as provost in 1991 but continued to teach.

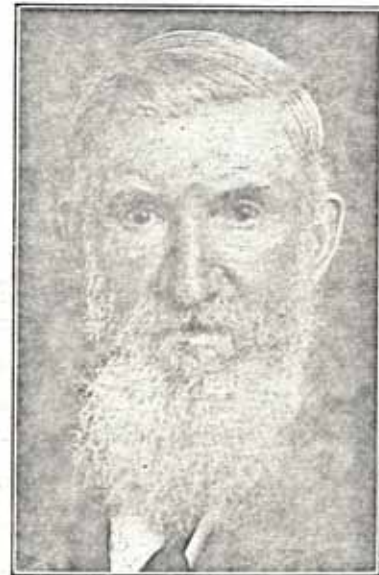
A recognized authority on urban ministry, Bennett frequently served as a consultant to the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board as well as Baptist associations in metropolitan areas. He was the author of several books and numerous journal articles.

Bennett is survived by his wife, Caroline, three daughters and six grandchildren. The family requests memorial gifts be directed to the Willis Bennett Student Scholarship Endowment Fund at Southern Seminary.



Bennett

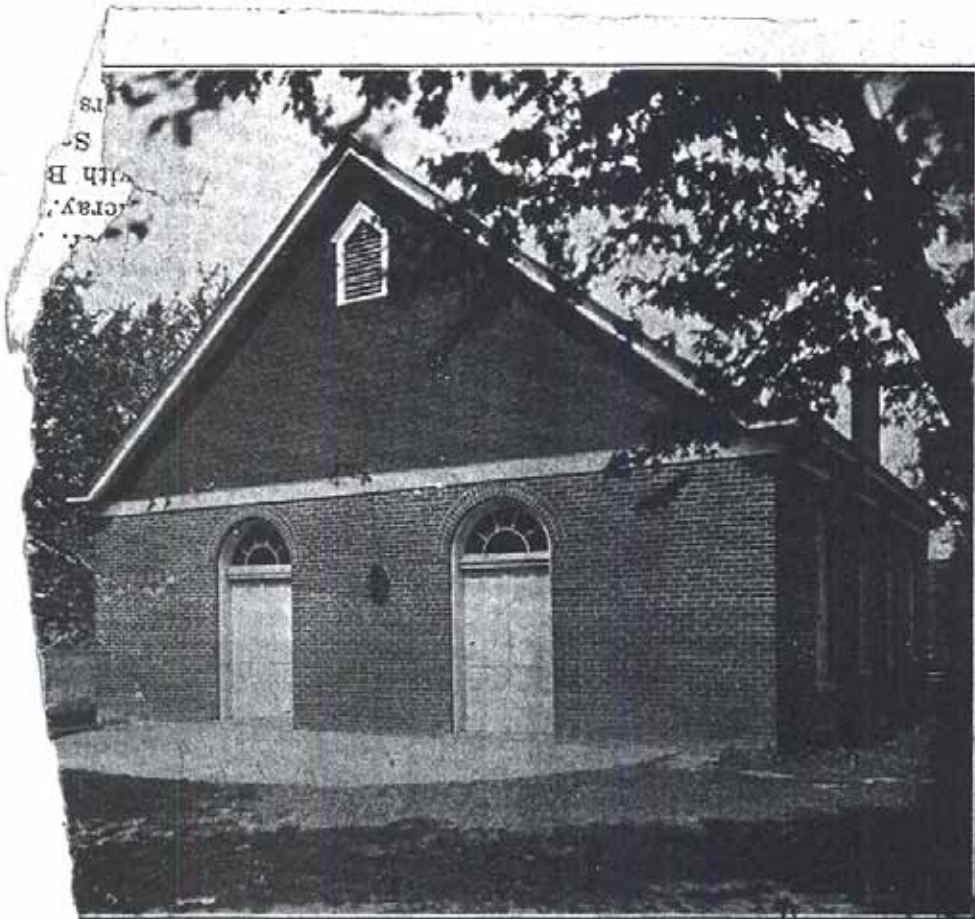
Officers Boone's Creek Association 1922



R. F. SCUDDER, Moderator-Emeritus

*Ireat - Isreat Uncle
Raised my Grany Fowler
Parks (Her father fought Civil War)*

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UNION CITY CHURCH - or church

Union City Church was not a member of the Boone's Creek Association at that time, yet the storm waves reached out far enough to encircle this little flock of fifty members, were saved from the wreck, Samuel Denny, one of the constituent members left. It will be seen from a motion made by Denny which is given further on, that he had the spirit of "Don't give up" and he and the fourteen others possessing that spirit of love and faith once for all delivered to the saints," have received their blessings and today the Union City Church is a strong and influential member of the Boone's Creek Association.

History Of The Union City Baptist Church

Today, April 25th, 1982 the Day of our Lord, have met to celebrate our one hundred and 70 th Anniversary of the Union City Baptist Church. The United Baptist Church of Christ Constituted itself at the Union Meeting House on April 30, 1812, and affiliated with the Tates Creek Baptist Association with fifteen members. One of these was a Negro woman named Jenny. In August 1813, John Winn gave the church group the deed for one and one half acres of land, on which the present church still stands. The original house of worship was a small log building located across the road from our present church.

In October, 1830 saw a division in the church with a large group going with a sect known as "reformers", followers of the doctrine of Alexander Campbell. The 15 members who held to the original faith saw fruitful results of 16 new members in December of the same year. In 1848 this brick building was erected and the bricks were made from material in this area. The "REformers" and Baptist met for Sunday Worship an alternate Sundays. This took place until 1893 when the Baptist purchased the "Reformers" share for \$200. The Church was received into the Boones Creek Association in 1857, having previously belonged to the Tates Creek Baptist Association and South Fork Association. In 1961 our Church was re-admitted into the Tates Creek Baptist Association under the Pastorate of Bro. Ronald Kerr. During Bro. T. C. Ecton the records show that in this time period of 1898-1902 they voted to have services twice monthly instead of once.

After the division of the church, the remaining members under the original Constitution, unanimously resolved that the church records belonged to them, but authorized the clerk to give seceding party a copy of any part of the records that they might desire.

Back to a few highlights. The records show the church was very strict in discipline. Every white member was required to vote on church business or give a reason why. No male member was permitted to absent himself from two meetings without being sent for. The records also show that members were not permitted to attend horse races. In 1814 a committee was appointed to call on a certain brother and request to report to the church for playing a fiddle. The first member to be excluded was a woman in 1812 for disorderly conduct.

In March 1895 the church voted to receive members from other Denominations upon their previous baptism by immersion if they claimed to have been converted before said baptism. But a few years later in 1902 the church adopted a resolution to the effect "that from this time on we would not receive members by alien immersion."

Some of our records have been lost, but to bring our history on up to date. In 1939, under the Pastorate of Bro. Joseph Stiles the educational building was constructed. The burning of the note was May 3, 1942. A parsonage was begun in 1950 under the pastorate of Bro Willis Bennett, and remodeling and additions of the Baptistry and basement were completed in 1953 under the leadership of Bro. William Slagle. In 1954-55 under the leadership of Bro William Craig a stone wall along the road and an outside bulletin board were constructed. The highest regular attendance of the church was realized under Bro William Tucker. During the leadership of Bro. Ronald Kerr 1959-63, a new constitution and By-Laws were adopted. Bro. Kerr donated ancient lamps from the Holy Land, that are on display in show case in the Hall of Educational Building. These are through the courtesy of the Archeologist Museum of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, taught by Jerry Vardaman. During the Pastorate of Bro. Ralph Benningfield, a speaker system was installed in our church. First year of Bro. William R Smith's pastorate has seen an air conditioning added to our Auditorium.

The first Sunday School was organized in October 1891 with Bro. R. F. Scudder being chosen the first Sunday School Superintendent. Today our Sunday School has an enrollment of 123 with Bro. Johnny Covington as Superintendent.


In 1873 the first mention in the records of any Missionary activities, when a committee was appointed to solicit funds for missionary work in the Boones Creek Association. The Union City Baptist Church organized their Missionary Society May 16, 1927 with 12 charter members. They were Mrs. S.O. Griggs, Mrs. Rilla Gentry, Miss Iris Jones, Mrs. Josie Keene, Mrs. Ella Parke, Mrs. Walker Parke, Mrs. Gordon Rupard, Mrs. Willie Tribble, Mrs. Enos Thomas, Miss Sudia Thomas, Mrs. Sophia Tipton, and Mrs. Portie Tipton. Of our charter members still living today are; Miss Iris Jones, Mrs. Walker Parke, Mrs. Willie Tribble and Miss Suda Thomas. Those interested in organizing a night circle, met at the church October 11, 1963, Bro. Ted Huckaby was Pastor. Mrs. Bailey Olds had been elected General President of the W.M.U., met to help organize. Eight members were present. They were as follows: Mrs. Ruby Parke, Mrs. Alice Eversole, Mrs. Maude Ella Park, Mrs. Jerry Moody, Mrs. Georgia Turpin, Mrs. Frances Allen, Mrs. Sara Huckaby, and Mrs. Delores Moody. The Circle was named for Mrs. Stella Parke, a charter member and present member of the Day Circle. To date the Stella Parke Circle has 12 members and the Day Circle has 22 members.

Of the Clerks that served the church, John L. Eades served the longest for 29 years. As far as I can search the records, your present Clerk, Mrs. Helen Blevins is the first woman to hold the position of Clerk. Bro. Alton Parke has served the longest as Treasurer, for 77 years and 9 months. Our present Treasurer is Bro. William B. Hendricks. The oldest living member is Mrs. Annie T. Tribble at the age of 92. Bro. Robert C. Thomas and Bro. Walker Covington are the oldest living Deacons. The church now consists of 12 deacons. They are: Bro. Robert Thomas, Bro. Walker Covington, ^{and Mrs. S.} Bro. Charlie Durbin, Bro. Bailey Olds, Bro. William Hendricks, Bro. Alton Parke, Bro. Forniss Park, Bro. Horace Parke, Bro. Harvey Parke, Bro. Creswell Covington, Bro. William B. Hendricks, and Bro. Johnny Covington.

On April 30, 1912 an all-day Home Coming Meeting and Centennial Celebration of the Constitution of the church was observed. A large number, a membership of 194, were present with former Pastors participating in the exercises of the day. A committee composed of John L. Eades, clerk, R. F. Scudder, and J. M. Risk were appointed to prepare a history of the church for this occasion. The history was read and ordered to be entered upon church records. In 1963, we celebrated our one hundred and fiftieth Anniversary. Today April 25, 1982 we have met to celebrate our one hundred and 70th Anniversary under the Pastorate of Bro William R. Smith, with approximately 280 members.

Forty-seven Brethern have pastored our Church with Bro. Robert Frier as first Pastor. Those pastor living today are: Bro.'s A. B. Oliver 1941-43, Joseph Stiles 1937-41, Marvin Ashlocke 1942-47, Dr. Wayne Oates 1944-45, Willis Bennett 1945-50, William Slagle 1951-53, William B. Craig 1954-55, William Tucker 1957-59, Ronald Kerr 1959-61, Ted Huckaby 1961-64, Mickael Watts 1964-69, Phillip Lee 1968-69, Ralph Benningfield 1969-73, David Johnson 1973-76, George Tucker 1977-80, and our present William R. Smith 1981-1992.

May the rich heritage that was passed down to this generation be as rewarding to our future generations as in the past. May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ forever be the Cornerstone of this Church.



READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

CHRONOLOGICAL DAILY SCHEDULE

JANUARY

1/Genesis 1, 2
2/Genesis 3-5
3/Genesis 6-9
4/Genesis 10, 11
5/Genesis 12-15
6/Genesis 16-19
7/Genesis 20-22
8/Genesis 23-26
9/Genesis 27-29
10/Genesis 30-32
11/Genesis 33-36
12/Genesis 37-39
13/Genesis 40-42
14/Genesis 43-46
15/Genesis 47-50
16/Job 1-4
17/Job 5-7
18/Job 8-10
19/Job 11-13
20/Job 14-17
21/Job 18-20
22/Job 21-24
23/Job 25-27
24/Job 28-31
25/Job 32-34
26/Job 35-37
27/Job 38-42
28/Exodus 1-4
29/Exodus 5-7
30/Exodus 8-10
31/Exodus 11-13

FEBRUARY

1/Exodus 14-17
2/Exodus 18-20
3/Exodus 21-24
4/Exodus 25-27
5/Exodus 28-31
6/Exodus 32-34
7/Exodus 35-37
8/Exodus 38-40
9/Leviticus 1-4
10/Leviticus 5-7
11/Leviticus 8-10
12/Leviticus 11-13
13/Leviticus 14-16
14/Leviticus 17-19
15/Leviticus 20-23
16/Leviticus 24-27
17/Numbers 1-3
18/Numbers 4-6
19/Numbers 7-10
20/Numbers 11-14
21/Numbers 15-17
22/Numbers 18-20
23/Numbers 21-24
24/Numbers 25-27
25/Numbers 28-30
26/Numbers 31-33
27/Numbers 34-36
28/Deuteronomy 1-3

MARCH

1/Deuteronomy 4-6
2/Deuteronomy 7-9
3/Deuteronomy 10-12
4/Deuteronomy 13-16
5/Deuteronomy 17-19
6/Deuteronomy 20-22
7/Deuteronomy 23-25
8/Deuteronomy 26-28
9/Deuteronomy 29-31
10/Deuteronomy 32-34
11/Joshua 1-3
12/Joshua 4-6
13/Joshua 7-9
14/Joshua 10-12
15/Joshua 13-15
16/Joshua 16-18
17/Joshua 19-21
18/Joshua 22-24
19/Judges 1-4
20/Judges 5-8
21/Judges 9-12
22/Judges 13-15
23/Judges 16-18
24/Judges 19-21
25/Ruth 1-4
26/1 Samuel 1-3
27/1 Samuel 4-7
28/1 Samuel 8-10
29/1 Samuel 11-13
30/1 Samuel 14-16
31/1 Samuel 17-20

APRIL

1/1 Samuel 21-24
2/1 Samuel 25-28
3/1 Samuel 29-31
4/2 Samuel 1-4
5/2 Samuel 5-8
6/2 Samuel 9-12
7/2 Samuel 13-15
8/2 Samuel 16-18
9/2 Samuel 19-21
10/2 Samuel 22-24
11/Psalms 1-3
12/Psalms 4-6
13/Psalms 7-9
14/Psalms 10-12
15/Psalms 13-15
16/Psalms 16-18
17/Psalms 19-21
18/Psalms 22-24
19/Psalms 25-27
20/Psalms 28-30
21/Psalms 31-33
22/Psalms 34-36
23/Psalms 37-39
24/Psalms 40-42
25/Psalms 43-45
26/Psalms 46-48
27/Psalms 49-51
28/Psalms 52-54

29/Psalms 55-57
30/Psalms 58-60

MAY

1/Psalms 61-63
2/Psalms 64-66
3/Psalms 67-69
4/Psalms 70-72
5/Psalms 73-75
6/Psalms 76-78
7/Psalms 79-81
8/Psalms 82-84
9/Psalms 85-87
10/Psalms 88-90
11/Psalms 91-93
12/Psalms 94-96
13/Psalms 97-99
14/Psalms 100-102
15/Psalms 103-105
16/Psalms 106-108
17/Psalms 109-111
18/Psalms 112-114
19/Psalms 115-118
20/Psalms 119
21/Psalms 120-123
22/Psalms 124-126
23/Psalms 127-129
24/Psalms 130-132
25/Psalms 133-135
26/Psalms 136-138
27/Psalms 139-141
28/Psalms 142-144
29/Psalms 145-147
30/Psalms 148-150
31/1 Kings 1-4

JUNE

1/Proverbs 1-3
2/Proverbs 4-7
3/Proverbs 8-11
4/Proverbs 12-14
5/Proverbs 15-18
6/Proverbs 19-21
7/Proverbs 22-24
8/Proverbs 25-28
9/Proverbs 29-31
10/Ecclesiastes 1-3
11/Ecclesiastes 4-6
12/Ecclesiastes 7-9
13/Ecclesiastes 10
14/Songs 1-4
15/Songs 5-8
16/1 Kings 5-7
17/1 Kings 8-10
18/1 Kings 11-13
19/1 Kings 14-16
20/1 Kings 17-19
21/1 Kings 20-22
22/2 Kings 1-3
23/2 Kings 4-6
24/2 Kings 7-10
25/2 Kings 11-13

	Matt.	Mark	Luke	John
Christ begins his consolatory discourse				14
Christ, the true vine				15
Christ comforts his disciples				16
Christ's mediatory prayer				17
Christ warns his disciples of their forsaking him	26:31-35	14:27-31	22:22-39	18:1-2
Christ's agony	26:36-46	14:32-42	22:40-46	
Christ's apprehension	26:47-56	14:43-52	22:47-53	18:3-11
Christ's arraignment	26:57-68	14:53-65	22:54-65	18:12-24
Peter's denial	26:69-75	14:66-72	22:55-62	18:17-27
Christ's arraignment before the Sanhedrin, Pilate and Herod	27:1-14	15:1-5	22:66-71	18:28-38
Christ condemned by Pilate	27:15-23	15:6-19	23:13-25	18:39-40
	27:26-30			19:1-3
Judas hangs himself	27:3-10			16
Christ crucified	27:31-56	15:20-41	23:26-49	19:16-37
Christ's burial	27:57-61	15:42-47	23:50-56	19:38-42
Christ's resurrection	28:1-8	16:1-9	24:1-12	20:1-10
Christ's appearing first to Mary Magdalene, then to others	28:9-15	16:10-14	24:13-48	20:11-20
Another appearance of Christ, and his discourse with Peter				21
Christ commissions his disciples, and afterwards ascends into heaven	28:16-20	16:15-20	24:49-53	

1-20-2010

Breckville. This crossroads hamlet with a recently discontinued post office on Key 1986 five miles northeast of Richmond, Ky. was first called Breckville. At least it was the first post office established with this name on August 15, 1851 with Absalom B. Stinera, post master. This post office was discontinued in 1855 and reestablished in 1857 at Union Meeting house which closed 1859. Union City Post office was established in 1876 with William Powell Post master. Hence both both Union and Union City identified the community with Union City. The Union Meeting house gave it its name.

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1944
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Allen, Mr. Johnnie
 Allen, Mrs. Johnnie
 Benton, Mr. Robert
 Benton, Edith Mae
 Benton, Bettie
 Covington, Mr. Walker J.
 Covington, Mrs. Walker J.
 Covington, Gennie Mae
 Covington, Rosa Lee
 Covington, Mr. Willie
 Covington, Audrey
 Conner, Mr. Garley
 Conner, Mrs. Garley
 Conner, Joe Taylor
 Cox, Mr. J. Tolly
 Cox, Mrs. J. Tolly
 Cox, Anna Florence
 Cox, Mamie Lee
 Eads, Mr. Forest
 Eads, Mrs. Forest
 Eads, Clara L.
 Eads, Mr. John L.
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 Golden, Mr. Elmer
 Golden, Mrs. Elmer
 Golden, Bessie
 Golden, Mrs. Kenneth
 Golden, Christine
 Griggs, Mrs. Lloyd
 Griggs, Jamie
 Griggs, Mr. S.O.
 Griggs, Rozellen
 Griggs, Anna Frances
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 Hunter, Mr. George Donnelly
 Hunter, Mr. Earnest
 Hunter, Elizabeth
 Hunter, Maudina
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 Jones, Mr. Gibson
 Kaylor, Mrs. C.L.
 Kaylor, Mr. Charlie L.
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 Moores, Frankie
 Moore, Mrs. Floyd
 Moore, Mr. J.A.
 Moore, Mrs. J.A.
 Muliken, Mrs. Burgoyne
 Murphy, Mr. Harry
 Murphy, Mrs. Harry
 Murphy, Laura
 Nolan, Mr. Travis
 Nolan, Mrs. Travis
 Nolan, Emma Joe
 Nolan, Mr. Tom
 Nolan, Mrs. Tom
 Noland, Mrs. Margaret

Noland, Aleen
 Oates, Mr. Wayne
 Oates, Mrs. Wayne
 Olds, Phelps
 Parke, Mr. Ralph
 Parke, Mrs. Ralph
 Parke, Mr. Alton
 Parke, Mrs. Alton
 Parke, Mr. Bert
 Parke, Mrs. Bert
 Parke, Sidney Ralph
 Parke, Horace
 Parke, Mrs. Horace
 Parke, Mrs. Neville
 Parke, Douglas
 Parks, Mr. Richard F.
 Parks, Mrs. Richard F.
 Parks, Etheline
 Parks, Rebecca Sue
 Parks, Clay
 Parks, Mr. John Shearer
 Parks, Mrs. John Shearer
 Parke, Mr. Sterling
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 Parke, Mr. Walker
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 Parke, Maude Ella
 Parke, Walker Million
 Parke, Miss Maude
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 Parks, Rachel
 Parks, Evelyn
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 Reeves, Mr. Justice
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 Riley, Ruby
 Risk, Mrs. Jessie
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 Rupard, Mrs. Maggie
 Rupard, Mrs. Mossie Baber Tribble
 Simpson, Mr. Grant
 Smith, Dorothy
 Tevis, Margaret
 Thacker, Minnie
 Thomas, Mr. Enos
 Thomas, Mrs. Enos
 Thomas, Suda
 Thomas, Mary
 Thomas, Mr. Earnest
 Thomas, Mrs. Earnest
 Thomas, Mr. Robert
 Thomas, Mr. Spencer
 Thomas, Mrs. Spencer
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Tipton, Mr. Portie
Tipton, Mrs. Portie
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Tipton, Mrs. Richard
Tribble, Mr. Bonnie
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Tribble, Mr. Creswell
Tribble, Mr. James
Tribble, Mrs. James
Tribble, Willie Mae
Tribble, Alice Marie
Tribble, Mr. Willie
Tribble, Mrs. Willie
Turpin, Mr. Price
Turpin, Mr. Robert
Turpin, Mrs. Robert
Walls, Mrs. Claude
Walls, Edna Lee
Woodsley, Jennie
York, Mrs. Neville

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Jones, Madaline
Moore, Margarite
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Noland, Mrs. Raymond Roberts
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Noland, Robert
Olds, Wm. B., Jr.
Parke, Edward Ellis
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Parks, Harold
Parks, Gene
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Riley, John C.

ATTENTION - LADIES

Please consider joining us in W.M.U. - we would enjoy having you. The women's Missionary Union is important and necessary in the life of our church. WMU is involved in helping the church accomplish its purpose--reaching others for Christ and helping those in need.

For several years we've been sponsoring a little girl in Haiti--her letters indicate she is growing in her Christian faith. We are continuing to develop a ministry to the Madison County Jail--these people need our love, forgiveness, and prayers. We support the work of our state, home, and foreign missionaries with our money and our prayers. We are thankful for these opportunities to lend a helping hand.

Coming together as Christian women, united in our efforts to help others, gives a sense of purpose and direction for our own lives. The program material for this year is directed at helping us to simplify our Christian life-style and to again ask ourselves the questions--what is a Christian life-style? and Do I need to change my life-style? Together let us grow in Christ and learn how to more fully "walk in the Spirit."

My own life has been enriched by being a member of WMU--I just know yours will be, too. Our next meeting is this Thursday, October 18, 7:30 PM at my home--

See you there!

Deloras Tucker

Book starts 10-4-57

Wm. Tucker pastor = Bro. Tucker resigned effective March 22, 1959

Ronald Kerr = ^{hired on 5-6-59} June 10, 1959 + 11-25-62

Jed Huckaby = 3-31-63 + 4-19-64

Mike Watts = 4-19-64 + 1-16-68

Phillip Lee = 4-7-68 + 4-23-69

Ralph Benningfield = 8-8-69 + 6-3-73

David Lee Johnson = 12-23-73 + 11-28-76

George Tucker = 5-22-77 +

Christmas
1949

Dear Friends,

I think the words of Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," apply particularly to the Christmas season. Yet it hardly seems appropriate for me to make such a statement when you have given to us during the year so many material gifts, while we have given none to you. We have in our hearts the deepest gratitude for your kindness.

But for what it may be worth, we do give to you. We give our sincerest good will and affection. We give our earnest interest in your well-being. Although we do not have many occasions to talk with each of you personally, we are none the less interested in the little things that count so much in all of our lives. And allow me to say again, when I can be of personal help, please call upon me.

Best wishes for a glad, meaningful Christmas and a New Year filled with blessings. May the joy of His presence bring to each the perfect peace he promised.

Cordially,

Caroline and Willis Bennett

921 Camp Dr
Waco, Tex. 76
Sept. 30, 198

Rev. W^{rs} R. Smith,
Union City Baptist Church,
2502 Douglasville Road,
Richmond, Ky. 40475

Dear Bro. Smith:

Your recent letter of Sept. 16 really was a surprise to me. I had the privilege & the pleasure of being pastor of that great church for almost five years in the early 30's. I left there to go as a missionary to Brazil, where I served for 32 glorious years, 16 which as Pres. of the So. Brazil Baptist Seminary in Rio de Janeiro. I am sure that church did far more for me than I ever did for the church. My last visit there was in 19 while on my way to Ridgecrest, N.C.

We were recently very saddened by the death of our daughter, 59 yrs. old, by cancer on Aug. 1. So for the last two months I have not felt like writing to anyone.

We were retired in Sept. 30, 1972, after 37 years of service - 32 in Brazil, & 2 in Angola, West Africa, & 3 in Waco, Tex. Publishing House in Rio, where for 9 years I was director of the Book Dept., and edited & published over 150 books.

When we came home from Brazil, my alma mater (Simmons Univ.) gave me an honorary Litt. D., & Baylor soon followed with a D.D. had earned my Th.M. ('33) and Ph.D. ('35) in the Seminary in Louisville. Our daughter, Benn May, was a missionary in Recife, Brazil for five years, and our son, Bruce, is finishing his 25 yrs. as a field missionary in North Brazil.

Now, for the main point of this letter: Yes, shall try as hard as I can to be with you for the great 175th anniversary festivities. I completed my 82 yrs. on Sept. 2, just a few days ago. My wife, Edith, will accompany me, if the Lord wills.

You did not mention whether we may expect to be guests in the home of someone who may remember us. We plan to drive our car, but the distance is somewhat over 700 miles, if my memory serves me well and that is a bit too much for me to drive in one day.

I look forward to hearing from you again as to the details of the program, etc. Rest assured that I am grateful for having been remembered over these 51 years. May the Lord richly bless you & that great church

Yours in Christian love,
A. Ben Oliver

Union City Baptist Church
185TH Celebration
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Conyers, GA 30207

Earl Clark
45 Lincoln Rd.
London, KY 40744

A hearty thanks and congratulations, for a job well done, to all who were willing to serve on the Celebration Committees, and to the Deacons for chairing the committees. It is heart warming to know we have so many of our church family who love the Lord and are willing to give of their time.

Publicity Committee: Molly Bowen Terry Bowen	Chairman	John Covington Carla Portwood Lynita Brown
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Program Committee: Rev. Rick Brown Rande Jones Bill Anderson	Chairman	Cres Covington Stacey Covington Gary Fritz
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Decorating Committee: Ron Nehila Billy Coyle Missy Covington	Chairman	Hamp Coyle Dana Hoover Georgia Turpin Jonathan Portwood
Food Committee: Carolyn Bowman Shirley Clark Tracy Hoover Martha Thurman	Chairman	Daryl Bowman Debby Whitaker Paul Clark Ann Covington Linda Thurman
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Welcoming Committee: Jill Nehila Mary Saylor Jo Anderson Jo Stephenson	Chairman	Gary Fritz Hope Jones Bill Anderson Vickie Fritz
Notification Committee: David Thurman Mike Covington Shelley Daniel Karla Southworth	Chairman	Johnny Covington Theresa Figeley Jo Anderson Helen Blevins
Transportation Committee: Tracy Hoover David Thurman	Chairman	Robert Reams Bill Stephenson Bill Anderson

Pond pastor from 1878-1886

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Madison Co Ky To the Boone Creek
Baptist Association when convened
with us Dear Brethren we are thankful
to the Lord for the happy privilege
of again meeting you in an associ-
ated capacity. And ^{we} extend to you
a fraternal & cordial welcome We
most humbly pray that all you do
may be to the honor & Glory of God
& the advancement of the cause of
our blest Redeemer among men.

Our Stated meetings are the third
Saturday & Sunday in each month

Our much esteemed Brother Eld John
S. Pond is our Pastor Our Stated
Aids are in the appended table

For further particulars we refer
you to ~~the~~ ^{our beloved} brethren we have
chosen to sit with you in council

Oct 1st Saturday 1872
The Purited Baptist of the
Church of Christ at Amherst
met for the transaction of business
1st Reading brethren & sisters of
sister Churches invited to seats
with us 2nd Minutes of last
meeting read & approved 3rd
The committee appointed at a
previous meeting to sell the old
School House report that they
have sold the same for \$200
On motion of Bro Park the
same resolution was continued on
said committee to appropriate
the proceeds of said sale as
before ordered

J. C. Gray mod

R. J. Scudder
Clerk

Aug 31st 1872

The United Baptist of the
Church of Christ at Union
met for the transaction of Church
business. Visiting brethren &
sisters invited to seats with
us 2nd Minutes of last meeting
read and approved 3rd The
letter to the association read
and approved 4th Church selected
brethren Horace Park H. Olds,
R. Powell, Wm Blackwell
and Wm J Scudder as her messen-
gers to the association on motion
Adj J G Hroy

R. Scudder
Ch Clerk

9 50
1 00
5 00
2 00

11 50

47 00
14 00

61 00
45 00

126 00

amount
25 00
30 50
9 50

65 00

17
December 15th Sunday 1830
The United Brethren Church
of Christ at Union Mills
Met for the purpose of
Annual Conference 1830
Invitations given for the addition
of members. 2 Testimony
& sisters of sisters & children were
to state within 30 minutes of
last meeting read and approved
4th Letter. Thos Harry & Samuel
were appointed to supply
sixteen for the ensuing year
On Motion Adj

1872

November 1st Sunday
The United Baptist of the
Church of Christ at
met for the transaction
of Church business 1st
Witney brethren & sisters
invited to meet with us
2nd minutes of last meeting
read & approved 3rd The church
grants sister Annilda Stone a
letter of dismission 4th
On motion Brethren H. Park &
W. Olds was appointed a committee
to solicit funds to be appropriate
as the previous minutes direct
On motion adjourned

J. C. Whoy Moderator

B. H. Scudder
Clerk