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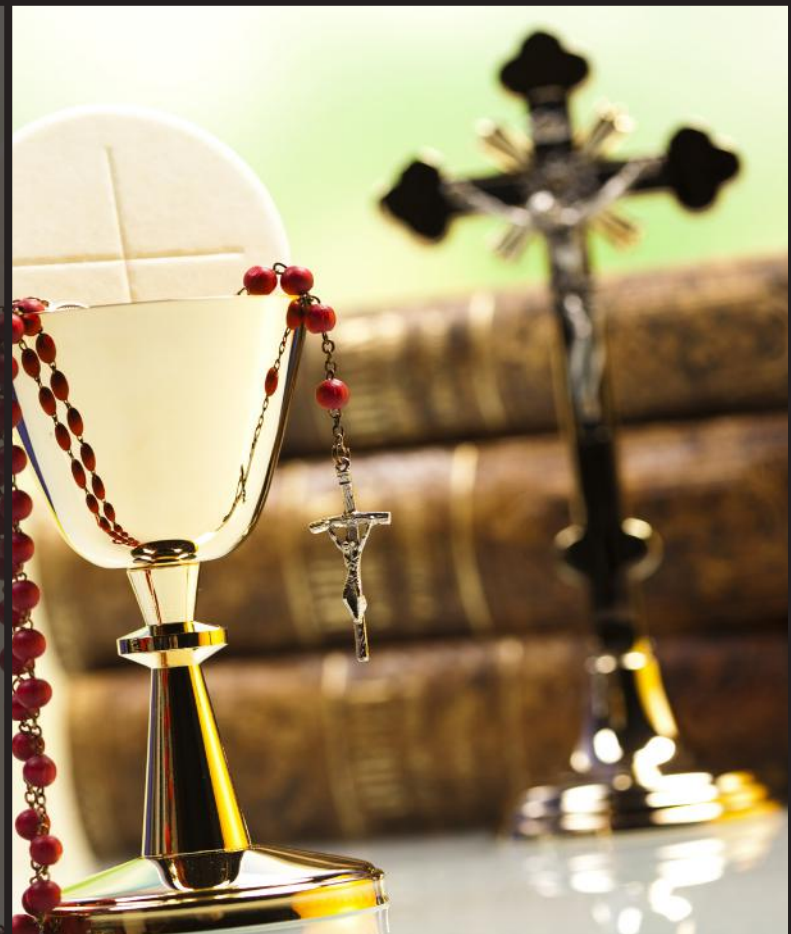
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We hope you enjoy this guide to our area's rich history of religion!

From Maryland to Kentucky and Beyond

A Catholic Odyssey



by

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In the mid-1500s, Henry the 8th broke with the Pope of Rome and took control of the English Catholic Church, placing himself as head of the Church of England. Other Protestant reformations were soon underway and perfected throughout Europe, aided in part by the Gutenberg printing press. In Germany, Austria, France, the Baltic and Nordic countries religious thought, heightened by the expansion of literacy, led to the establishment of new faiths. The cause was in part due to the perception of theological abuses by the Catholic church, but perhaps most troublesome to Kings and Queens was the ability of the Church to excommunicate and sentence the excommunicated to hell if they did not obey. King Henry was especially angry over the Pope's refusal to condone his divorce. Then there were political and financial concerns each sovereign was expected to adhere to and provide. In this turbulent era of kingly discontent, the urge for

reform took hold.

Early on Protestant factions were persecuted by the Catholics because of the charge of heresy, but as time went on, Catholics became persecuted by Protestants, and then sects of Protestants persecuted other Protestants. For nearly 100 years, political, theological and civil battles over religion took place until both factions at last began to coexist, more or less peacefully. It also led some minority Protestants and Catholics in England to migrate to the New World on grounds of religious freedom. This is typified by the "Voyage of the Ark and Dove," a ship carrying 250 Catholic and Protestant pilgrims from England to settle the Catholic Colony of Maryland. To be sure, Catholic and Protestants were admonished to be good to each other and act honorably on the two-month trek. They were and they did.

On June 20th, 1632 Charles the 1st, King of England, gave a charter to Cecil Calvert, the second Lord Baltimore, to settle Maryland as a Catholic Colony. Freedom of religion meant something different back then. A colony could

get a Church charter, and that church would not be taxed; however, all other non-state churches within the colony would be taxed. Massachusetts was a Presbyterian colony, while Maryland was Catholic. Virginia was Baptist.

Our forefathers tackled the weighty problem of Freedom of Religion when the United States was formed. The idea was that no church was taxed, and no state could establish a religion. Thus, there was separation of Church and State and freedom of religion from taxation.

Author Note: Somehow this reasoning, which was designed to allow each faith to practice their religion freely of taxation, has come to mean no prayer can be said in school, no Nativity scene can be displayed, and the Ten Commandments are forbidden. How have we let the original idea become so distorted?

Jesuit Father Andrew White wrote in his diary of the Atlantic crossing of the Ark and Dove, his *Relatio Itineris Marylandiam*, "We celebrated Mass for the first time [on] the island (St. Clements), this had never been done in this part of the world, and it was the beginning of the Colony of Maryland." Soon they moved to the mainland and settled among the Indians.

On reaching the shore, they were well received by the Paxataway Indians and were given a principal village to settle in. They lived in wickiups made of

brush and bark with a central fire hearth for cooking and warmth. The priests began writing a dictionary, presumably of Native American words, and setting up village schools. Most of the Paxataway were converted as well as the Indian Princess of a neighboring tribe, the Pataxents. Most of the protestants aboard the Ark and Dove also converted. Maryland became the first New England Catholic Colony, and it originally doubled the size of Maryland today, containing the present state of Maryland, plus Delaware, and a 15-mile wide by 138-mile long area of Pennsylvania. No matter the size, now or then, the Catholic Jesuits began to spread Christ's word westwardly in the New World, as did the Baptists of Virginia. These faiths came into Kentucky and formed the religious backbone of Meade County today. Fittingly they share much of the same Kentucky history.

The first Catholics came into Kentucky in 1775 when Jane Coomes, a Catholic, formed a school for the pioneer children at Old Fort Harrod. About that time, the first doctor in Kentucky immigrated from Maryland, the Catholic George Hart. The first Catholic Church built in Kentucky was Holy Cross in Marion County. The historical marker No. 913 identifies it being established in 1792. Until parishes were established and churches were built, occasional Masses were held by itinerant priests visiting the remote settlements; however, the predominantly

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Catholic, French, and the Spanish explorers who entered the Ohio River Valley in the late 1500s or early 1600s were soldiers often accompanied by chaplains. A French trading post was erected near what is now Winchester during the late 1600s, and that served Kentucky Native Americans by supplying them with European goods, like felt, woolen and cotton cloth, beads, and the highly valued iron cookware, knives, axes and firearms they traded for beaver, deer, bear and buffalo hides. The post was called the “Indian Old Fields.” There is also a legend of a Spanish ship sunk in the Ohio River near Wolf Creek.

The American Revolution pitted the Protestant, English and their Indian allies against the American Colonists. The year 1780 was called the year of the tomahawk and knife. From the Mohawk Valley of New York throughout Kentucky, Virginia and North Carolina, the Indians attacked the forts, burned the settlements and killed, tortured or enslaved the settlers who encroached on their land, forcibly breaking the Indian treaty with the English. It was during this year an attack ensued along the banks of the Ohio, waged between a small group of settlers bound for the newly established Fort Hardin, now Hardinsburg. The six settlers were William McDaniels and his wife and child and John Bruner and his wife and slave. Their passing by of Flint Island had not gone unnoticed by the Indians, and when the settlers turned in to the mouth of Sinking Creek, possibly to camp or stretch their legs, they were attacked by a party of Indians, likely Shawnee, Mingo and Chickasaw.

McDaniels and Bruner had set out on foot to secure help from Fort Hardin to help bring their goods overland to the fort, leaving the women and child under the care of the slave. After they departed, the Indians attacked. Mrs. McDaniels’ child, a son, and the slave were killed, and Mrs. Bruner was taken prisoner, but when later released, she rejoined her husband. The Bruner name is on the rolls of the oldest Catholic congregations in the area. William McDaniels became a staunch Indian fighter and was later killed in an Indian fight. A town in Breckenridge County bears his name.

In 1785 large Catholic groups, called leagues, migrated to central Kentucky. Almost all of these were English or Britains who retained their Catholic heritage, and within 10 years, there were 300 practicing Catholics in the area of Nelson County, around Bardstown. These early Catholic pioneers fought the Indians and settled this land. Historian Martin John Spalding called them “an iron race of pioneers.” The feeling amongst these immigrants was that if enough Catholics settled, the church would have to send priests to the area. Until they

did, the Catholics were lay-gathered rather than clergy led. The earliest priests to come to Kentucky was Fr. Maurice Whalen and William de Rohan. They stayed a short while, but were followed by the first Priest to be ordained in America, 26-year old Stephen Baden. Baden prompted other priests to come in, and in 1811, Benedict Joseph Flaget immigrated to Kentucky and established a mega-diocese that was bounded by the Great Lakes to the North, the deep south, and the Allegheny Mountains on the east to the Mississippi River. Later, forty dioceses were carved out of this huge area. Meade County Catholic history followed.

The oldest Catholic Church in Meade County is St. Theresa, located two miles from Flint Island between Rhodelia and Andyville. St. Theresa was established in 1818, but the area was served by circuit priests from Bardstown before that time. In 1848, St. Martins was founded in Flaherty, Ky., followed by St. Mary of Pazzi in Payneville in 1872 and finally St. George founded in Brandenburg Nov. 15, 1892, only to come under the patronage of St. John between 1848 and 1849, when it became St John’s Catholic Church.

No more than all of the immigrants from the old country who came to America seeking religious freedom, the Catholic Community with its “Iron Race” of people helped settle, pacify and bring western civilization to this then savage land. After settlement was complete and even before, missions were established to serve the Native American populations which were often displaced by the arriving waves of immigrants. The various orders established school, missions, churches and created an organization within that could function for the benefit of their community. We don’t often think of hard-bitten, rough and tumble, buckskin-clad pioneers saying their rosary, but they did. And they helped settle Kentucky in the process.

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Saint Theresa of Avila Church & Graveyard

by

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Standing on the outskirts of Payneville, almost in Breckenridge County, is the beautiful gothic church called St. Theresa of Avila. This is the oldest Catholic church congregation in Meade County. St. Theresa Roman Catholic Church is located on Kentucky Route 144 and is three miles northwest of Rhodelia.

Many of the early Catholics who settled in central Kentucky made the long and arduous journey to America from England, Ireland, and Scotland. Some area pioneers migrated to the Bardstown, Kentucky area from Maryland in the late 1700s. A few of the families moved into Meade County, which was then part of Breckenridge County. The house of William Elder on Flint Island became a Catholic church station. By 1810, there were many Catholic settlers in Western Kentucky, and they were visited annually by

missionaries.

Saint Theresa of Avila Church.

Father Charles Nerinckx wrote to the Bishop of Baltimore that, "On Little Yellow Bank, 40 miles from Adam's Creek, land is here promised for a church, and a subscription to build it." However, that promised church was not built. Instead, the first Catholic church in Meade County was built of logs in 1818 and stood on Flint Island in the Ohio River not far from Yellow Bank. The church was dedicated as St. Theresa of Avila. The Spanish nun St. Theresa of Avila whom the church was named for was in the Carmelite order and was a reformer and founder of many convents.

Due to continual flooding from the Ohio River and the influx of Catholic families locating more to the east, they abandoned the church that had been built on Flint Island. The next Catholic church was also built of logs and was opened in 1826 in the Rhodelia area. It was located in what is now the old section of the St. Theresa Cem

etry where the large wooden cross stands. After the church was completed, the congregation cleared a small plot of ground adjoining the church for a cemetery.

In 1830, Father Charles I. Coomes was assigned to the missions in Meade and Hardin Counties. St. Theresa's congregation had increased until it became the largest of these missions. The members of St. Theresa built Father Coomes a home constructed of logs, and he located his headquarters there. He was the first resident pastor of the parish.

After the establishment of St. Theresa Church, several pastors ministered to the church, and the congregation grew and flourished in the faith. In 1850 the Reverend Patrick McNicholas, a native of Ireland, was appointed to St. Theresa. He soon realized that the church was in disrepair and that the old log structure could no longer meet the needs of the congregation.

Construction began on the present gothic revival style church in 1855. The materials for the church were supplied locally by the congregation. The architect was William Keely who was noted for the design of the Cathedral of the Assumption in Louisville. He was in charge of the construction, and the members of the parish built the church under his direction. Huge rocks were taken from a nearby quarry for the foundation. A brick kiln, fired by wood taken from local farms, was built near the

site of the church, and clay for the brick came from the surrounding fields. The church was in use by the summer of 1857 and was formally dedicated by Bishop Spalding on June 16, 1861.

After the completion of the new church, Father McNicholas saw that his congregation had need of a school for their expanding families. The Civil War had put a damper on his plans, but soon afterwards he renewed his plans to get a school built. The men of the congregation again came to his assistance, and under the supervision of John B. Manning, a two-story frame building was erected.

The St. Theresa Academy was built on the church grounds in 1866 and opened as a boarding and day school. The Sisters of Loretto, the first teachers at the academy, were succeeded by the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth in 1870. In 1950 a new school building was constructed to replace the aged wooden structure. A new convent building for the Sisters of Charity was constructed in 1955 over the basement of the old school building. The Meade County Board of Education took over the academy in the 1950s, but the Sisters of Charity continued teaching at the school until it closed in 1993. By that time, St. Theresa had educated children for more than 125 years.

St. Theresa's sixth pastor, Father Jule Pierre Raoux, arrived in 1872. He turned his attention to the mission church in Payneville and helped to get it

St. Theresa's Academy in Rhodelia, Kentucky.



established as a parish. He oversaw the construction of the first church building for St. Mary Magdalene of Pazzi and pastored that church until 1876.

Father Raoux also arranged to make improvements on the St. Theresa campus in Rhodelia. The old log cabin that had been built as a rectory had fallen into ruin, so the men of the church built a new rectory in 1874.

From 1883 to 1885, Father Mathias Oberlinkels pastored the church, but in 1885 Father Raoux came back to be the pastor for 26 more years. In the summer of 1896, Father Raoux visited his homeland in France, and while there, he purchased a large stained-glass window for the St. Theresa Church. The window, depicting the crucifixion of Christ, was placed above the main altar. The quality of this window and its artistic value is breathtaking.

Many improvements were made at St. Theresa's during the time when Father Joseph Odendahl pastored the church from 1922 to 1928. The altars and sanctuary were beautifully decorated and more stained-glass windows were installed in the church. The names of the donors of the windows are incorporated into the design of each window. Father Odendahl also had the cemetery enlarged. The bell next to the church building was removed and placed in a tower built behind the church, and it is there to this day.

Father Edward A. Reavy pastored the St. Theresa parish from 1932 to 1937. During that time, several major repairs were done, including the installation of a new roof for the church and a huge cistern constructed to increase the water supply. In 1933 a new paved highway was built to Rhodelia, which was a great improvement over the dirt roads that became nearly impassable for automobiles during the rainy season.

In 1947, Father Felix Johnson had a parish hall erected next to the church that was used for many



The stained glass window Father Raoux purchased for St. Theresa's while visiting his homeland in France.



years for church and community events. It now bears his name and is still in use. Father Johnson also arranged for the opening of a new cemetery across the road from the old one. The two acres of land for the cemetery were donated by the Sisters of Charity.

Since 1994, the parishes of St. Theresa and St. Mary have shared the same pastor, and that began with the arrival of Father James Schook. The current

The new St. Theresa Cemetery with the Meade-Breck Center, old school building, and St. Theresa Church in the background.

pastor for both St. Theresa and St. Mary is Father George Illikkal. Father George has been the Administrator of St. Theresa of Avila in Rhodelia and St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi in Payneville since June 22, 2016. Father George was ordained on January 2, 2005, is a native of Kerala, India, and a member of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate.

The graveyards across Rhodelia Road from the grounds of St. Theresa Church are the final resting place for many former parishioners. The newer cemetery lies between Rhodelia Road and Barr-Greenwell Road and sits on a rise. The older cemetery is on the west side of Barr-Greenwell Road and is surrounded by woods.

An interesting feature in the old graveyard is a section surrounded by an iron fence, containing an iron fashioned cross adorned with brass markers. The brass placards have the name and dates recorded on them of the members of the Egart family who are buried in that plot. The parents, George Jean and Frances Jane Brown Egart are there, along with four of their sons. The patriarch of the family was born in Alsace, France in 1835 and, with his uncle, immigrated to America when he was ten years old. He became a skilled carpenter and excelled in cabinetry. He had worked with William Keely, the architect of the St. Theresa Church, in Louisville. Mr. Keely convinced Egart to come to Rhodelia and work on the St. Theresa's church building as the master carpenter. During the construction of the church, Egart met and married a local girl, Frances Jane Brown from Breckenridge County; and they and their 10 children became devout parishioners at St. Theresa. George

Grave marker for Reverend Henry Lee Egart.



Egart constructed much of the cabinetry and altar work in St. Theresa Church.

At the entrance to the new cemetery, a tall metal cross looms above a stone marker with the inscription: "St. Theresa Cemetery, Established 1827, More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

St. Theresa hosts programs that help those in the community and also provides various programs that meet the needs of their own members. They have collected food for the needy, worked as volunteers at the Clothes Closet Food Pantry in Brandenburg, participated in the Knights of Columbus annual Coat Drive, supported the St. Joseph Children's Home in Louisville, and contributed to Catholic Charities. Each summer, they hold a Vacation Bible School that is open to all children. Their Christmas Mass Pageant is presented every year and is thoroughly enjoyed by members of the community.

The church sponsors a variety of support groups for those within their congregation, such as a ministry to those who are homebound and also a nursing home ministry. Those involved in the ministries are encouraged to visit shut-ins when possible, call them to assess their needs, and send cards of encouragement. The congregations of St. Theresa and St. Mary share a strong bond that began at the formation of St. Mary. The two churches share the

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same pastor, office manager, deacons, and other offices. One ministry that involves members of both parishes is the Wisdom Keepers. This recently formed group ministers to women and men who are age 50 and over. They gather one Tuesday morning each month in Johnson Hall at St. Theresa. The members enjoy the fellowship at their meetings and also go on day trips to places of interest.

On October 14, 2018, St. Theresa of Avila Church celebrated their bicentennial. They had an all day celebration that included a mass presided over by Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz from the Louisville Archdiocese, special choral music, and speeches by Father Ron Knott and his cousin Father Bob Ray, who were both raised in the congregation of St. Theresa. The festivities culminated with a parish dinner at the Meade-Breck Community Center. During the program, the sanctuary was filled to capacity, and the overflow seating in the parish hall had a live feed. It was recounted that in the 200-year history of the parish, 45 men and women went on to dedicate their lives to serving the people of God through a religious vocation. There have been nine priests, twenty-two Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, five Sisters of Loretto, four Ursuline Sisters of

Mount St. Joseph, three Dominican Sisters of Peace, and one Sister of Mercy. At the mass, the archbishop blessed a time capsule which contains a number of artifacts related to the parish's 200-year history. It was placed behind one of the side altars and will be opened in 2068 on the occasion of the parish's 250th anniversary.

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Altar & side altars in St. Theresa of Avila Church.





Baptist Settlement of Kentucky and Meade County

by

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The Baptist settlement of Kentucky and Meade County was made easier than those of the Catholic, Presbyterian and Episcopal churches. Their stricter stance toward a trained ministry prohibited them from meeting the religious needs of the frontier people. The Baptists, Methodist and others were better positioned to fill that need. The establishment of early Christianity in Kentucky was largely due to the Baptist immigration from Virginia. As early as 1776, Thomas Tinsley conducted Baptist services at Fort Harrod, established just two years before. In that same year, Squire Boone and William Hickman were both serving as itinerant Baptist preachers in Kentucky. Interestingly, Daniel Boone, brother to Squire, was a Quaker.

Although Baptist ministers were relatively slow to organize congregations, it was in 1781 when a band of 18 Baptists under the shade of a maple tree established the first congregation in Kentucky, Severns Valley Baptist Church. Its first Pastor, John Garrard served until he was captured and killed by Indians.

Depiction of Jesus being baptised by John.

The early Baptists were regularly meeting when Lewis Craig and William Ellis, and his Traveling Church, moved from Spotsylvania, Virginia to Gilberts Creek, Kentucky. In 1783 Lewis Craig organized another congregation five-miles south of Lexington, near the largest fort in Kentucky, Bryant's Station. Both were located on the south fork of Elkhorn Creek, just 9 years after William and Morgan Bryant established their station. These early Baptists generally followed the Philadelphia Convention, but soon after the Elkhorn Convention was established, and in the areas further west, the Salem Convention was organized.

The most famous Baptist Preacher in Kentucky and later Indiana, Squire Boone, first came to Kentucky to find and bring home his more noteworthy big brother Daniel. Squire Boone performed weddings in Louisville, conducted the first marriage in Kentucky at Boonesborough, and founded Shelbyville, Ky., when he established Painted Stone Fort on Clear Creek. Though Squire was a Baptist, his brother Daniel was a Pennsylvania Quaker. Both men explored and moved into Meade County. In 1778, Squire Boone entered and explored the Doe

Run area, and in 1780, he entered for Joseph Helm 1,000 acres at this place.

Squire preached in Wolf Creek, Kentucky back when it was called "After Ohio" and later just "Ohio." The meetings were held once a month back then when they could be. Small groups would form weekly for a prayer service, sometimes combined with social gatherings such as "Quilting Bees." When it was safe to hold a real "Baptist Come to Meeting," they were more often Brush Arbor meetings. They would be held in a vale or glen, situated in a holler and surrounded by hills where look-outs, armed men sporting Kentucky Long Rifles, kept an eye out. These men would not take part in the service, but would have their backs turned to it so they could watch for hostile Indians. When spotted, they would sound the alarm, and the armed congregation would huddle and secret the women and children while the men and boys defended them from impending attack. In those days, to be a Christian took a lot of guts.

Brush arbor meetings were always out of doors. Logs and stumps would serve as pews and wild grape vines or ivy would be draped around a log stand over which saplings were bent over and tied together, under which the reverend would preach from the stand, sometimes for hours. In the warm spring when the flowers and trees burst forth in bloom, the sight must have been glorious. This location being on the river led to the establishment of a fort and the first church building in Meade County.

Later, "Ohio" was changed to Wolf Creek, becoming a prosperous river port town and pathway to the interior.

Years later, Squire Boone fell on hard times, but never gave up his religion nor his belief in God. He was thrown in Jail in Louisville for non-payment of debts, and were it not for his friends and those he helped, who paid his debts, most of which were taxes on land he no longer owned, he would have remained there. When released, Squire left Kentucky for good, just as Daniel had done when he was robbed of his land holdings in lawsuits over "shingled" surveys and relocated permanently to Missouri. Squire moved to Indiana.

Indiana was still Indian territory that he had once explored with his brother Daniel. It was up several miles east along Buck Creek where he found a big free flowing spring associated with a cave and in the back of his mind thought it would be a good place for a mill. Now with Daniel in Missouri and no reason to remain in Kentucky and, in his mind, every reason to leave, he came back to find that spring. He could not get the hillside spring and cave out of his mind and determined he would settle there on land he could have as his very own.

However, Squire's own history caught up with him. On the trek to Indiana, he was close to the site he sought when a party of Indians gave chase. Alone and in grave danger of the Wyandotte (Huron) Indians, he ran as he had never run before. He saw a chance to get farther along and maybe escape when he came to a large



Isaiah 40:31

but those who hope in the LORD

will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;

they will run and not grow weary,

they will walk and not be faint



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Old Goshen Church.

grapevine hanging from a tree. He grabbed the vine and swung away from the pursuing Indians, and when he let go of the vine, he fell into the cave near the spring he had been seeking. The vines and undergrowth partially hid the cave mouth, and by raking in some limbs and forest debris, Squire was completely hidden. As was his nature, he had been earnestly praying to God to save him from a sure death. And God did. He could hear the Indians scouring the land, trying to find where this frontiersman had seemingly disappeared into thin air. Though they came very near, Squire went undiscovered and was safe. He determined that God had provided this cave for his refuge, and here, he would live and be buried. Upon his death, he had his sons set his coffin in the cave and bury him there. It remained a legend until some cave explorers found his skeleton in the 1960s. His body lies in the cave even until today, but in a more permanent casket.

Squire settled this site he considered his Holy Ground. He meditated at the cave and returned there often to pray. In 1804 he moved his wife Jane, daughter Sarah and sons, Johnathan, Moses, Isaiah, and Enoch. His cousin Samuel and his family built a village, where Squire lived out his life. It was located at what became known as "Boone's Mill." On the east and north side of this property, Squire built the first Baptist Church in Indiana, the Old Goshen Church, dedicating 2 acres of land for the church and grave yard. The church has been restored, and a statue of Squire Boone stands in front of it. He has a Bible in one hand and a Kentucky long rifle in the crook of his arm, a very appropriate way to depict Squire.



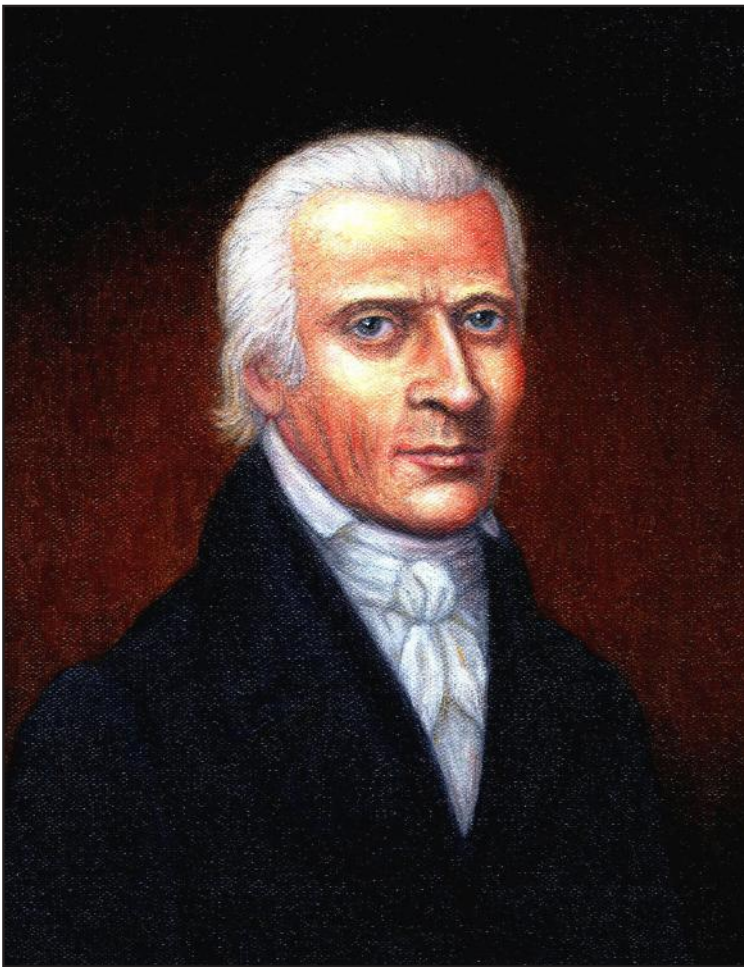
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Squire Boone painted by Hal Sherman.

DID YOU KNOW?

Squire Boone was never as historically prominent as was his elder brother Daniel. He probably was as good, or maybe a better, woodsman and Indian fighter than Daniel. Daniel Boone was captured by the Shawnee several times and even adopted into the tribe as Chief Black Fish's son. Squire was never captured, and when badly wounded at Painted Stone Fort, he managed to elude the night attack by the Indians and the renegade Simon Girty and rescue himself, while Daniel had been similarly wounded at Boonesborough, but had to be rescued by Simon Kenton. And that was during a daylight battle with the Shawnee. When a very young man, Squire went seeking Boone's party in Kentucky with no idea where the six men were located, but miraculously found them. Of that now eight-man party, only Squire and Daniel were alive a year later, making the trek home to the Yadkin Valley of North Carolina. The rest were killed.

The mindset of Squire shows in a short story about a time he and two other settlers, were farming a field outside the fort walls. Four Indians attacked the three white settlers, killing one of them. The second man and Squire each killed an Indian, and then the second man was shot by the fourth Indian attacker. Their rifles empty, the last Indian ran at Squire with a raised tomahawk. Squire carried a short sword, which had been broken in two, and he

used it as a general-purpose knife. Squire drew his blade, and each grabbed the hand of the other one, holding the weapon. They wrestled this way and that, with the Indian pushing Squire steadily backward until he was backed into a "snake rail fence." The Indian tripped, and Squire spun him around and stabbed him in the right side, pinning him to one of the wooden rails. They struggled while so engaged, each holding the other fast, until Squire could feel the Indian's strength waning as he lost blood. Finally, Squire's opponent succumbed to his wound and died. Years later, a newspaper reporter asked Squire if the legend about that fight was true. Squire smiled and said, "Yes. That was the best little Indian fight I was ever in." What a preacher! What a man!

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Wolf Creek Baptist Church

The old Wolf Creek Baptist Church. Picture provided by Shirley Brown.

by

TRISH TURNER

One of the earliest settlements in what is now Meade County was Wolf Creek. In 1785 William Preston patented the land there and a station, or fort, was built. The fort was later abandoned, but the area became a larger settlement. The location off of the Ohio River was chosen because the riverbank was level, not high banked like most of Meade County. At that time, the Ohio River was the major source of transportation. Most goods for the region were floated down the river and off loaded there at Wolf Creek.

Wolf Creek Baptist Church was one of the first

church congregations organized in Meade County. It was located in the community of Wolf Creek, near Battletown. Wolf Creek Baptist Church was started as a “brush arbor” church. A brush arbor is a rough, open-sided shelter constructed of vertical poles driven into the ground with additional long poles laid across the top as support for a roof of brush, cut branches, or hay. Leafy branches overlaid the pole structure, blocking the hot summer sun and most rainfall. A pulpit was set up in the center front. When the crowds overwhelmed the space under the arbor, extensions could be built to accommodate them. Appearing in the 1700s and early 1800s, brush arbors were used by some churches to protect worshipers from the weather during lengthy revival meetings. Brush arbor

revivals began in the late 1700s and were held regularly through the mid-1900s. These “protracted meetings” could last for days or even weeks, with many people traveling for miles to attend and staying to camp on the grounds. During a brush arbor meeting, sentries were located on nearby hilltops to give an alarm if they perceived any danger. It is believed that the Wolf Creek Baptist brush arbor meetings were held on the hillside at the current site of the Parr-Fran cemetery.

The Salem Baptist Association met in Rudes Creek Meeting House in Hardin County, Kentucky on September 28, 1821. During that meeting, delegates Richard Willet and Madison Frans petitioned to form a new church in Wolf Creek. The Association granted their petition, and the new church was named Ohio and located in what was then Breckenridge County. There were 23 charter members of the church.

The first pastor for the newly formed Ohio Baptist church was Reverend Simeon Buchanan. Reverend Buchanan was a circuit preacher and also served the members of the Mt. Pleasant, Dorrits Creek, Hill Grove, and Walnut Grove churches for about 22 years, beginning in 1822.

On September 23, 1859, the 45 members of the congregation notified the Salem Baptist Association that the name of the church was changed from Ohio United Baptist Church to Wolf Creek United Baptist Church. In 1861 the members called upon Reverend H.J. Coffman to be their pastor, and he led the church to a revival. Within four years, the church membership had grown to 98 members. Although Reverend Coffman took leave of his pastoral duties at Wolf Creek around 1865, he left behind a legacy of revival and the importance of increasing and adding to the church.

Following the departure of Reverend Coffman, the church looked within their own congregation for a pastoral replacement. John S. Willett was ordained in 1867 and served as their pastor until 1879. He continued the spirit of revival, and by 1869, the membership had increased to 138. Reverend H. J. Coffman returned to pastor the church for the years of 1880 to 1887. During that time, they were finally able to construct a church building. Until that time, the members met either in private homes, temporary tent structures, or the old

The current Wolf Creek Baptist Church.

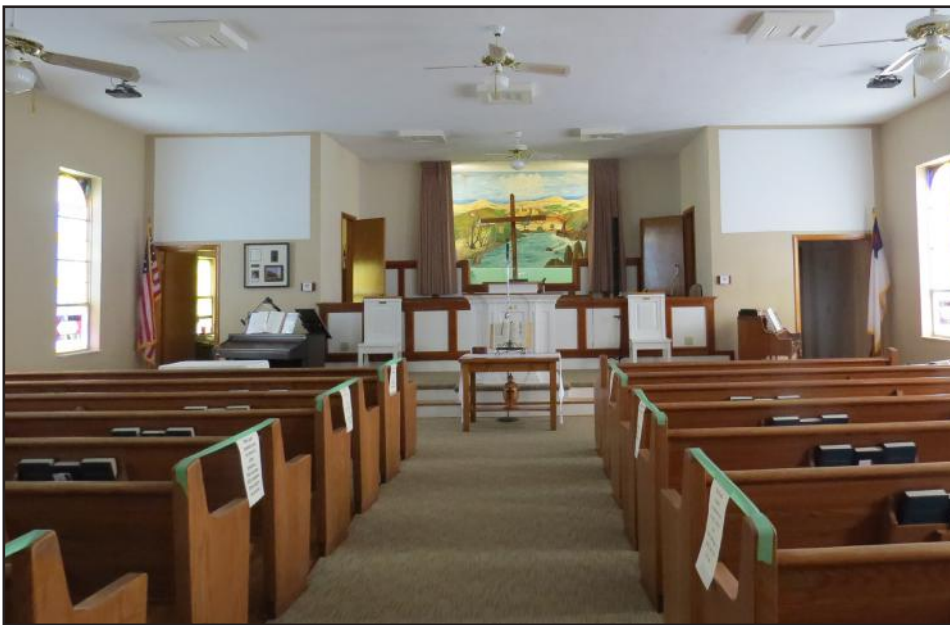
Wolf Creek school building. The church building was erected near the mouth of Wolf Creek on property purchased from church member James W. Elder for \$130.00. The construction of the church itself cost \$1,200.

Times were tough as the twentieth century dawned. The Wolf Creek congregation maintained a steady membership but struggled to pay the pastors’ salaries. However, funds were collected to purchase a church bell that was brought down the Ohio River from Louisville. It is still in use today on the current church property.

In the early 1900s, the church maintained a steady level of membership and at times shared a pastor with other local congregations. One such pastor was Reverend W. S. Dart. The story is told about a winter around 1909 when it got so cold that it was below zero. Reverend Dart and his associate Reverend Kirby Pollock rode their horses 22 miles from Brandenburg one Sunday. The steam coming off the horse from under the saddle froze Reverend Dart’s legs to the saddle. The church members had to thaw him out so he could conduct their services. Then he rode back the 22 miles to Brandenburg. Times were hard in those days, but stories like that speak of the hardiness of those pastors and their dedication to their parishioners.

In the 1930s, the church building underwent some renovations and was wired for electricity. John Henry Daily, who had been a member of the Wolf Creek Baptist Church, died in 1934 and left his estate to the church. They were able to use those funds for much needed renovations. John Henry Daily is buried on the grounds of the original Wolf Creek Baptist Church. There is only one other person buried in that cem





The sanctuary at Wolf Creek Baptist Church.

purchased from Mrs. Patty Parr for a larger church to be built in the future. In 1956 there was a groundbreaking ceremony at the present church site at 4494 Wolf Creek Road. In 1960 the congregation, numbering over 200, moved into the present church building. The structure was not complete, due to lack of funds, so the services were held in the basement. After many fundraisers and donations of pews, the pulpit, memorial windows, hymnals, and other essential items, the upstairs sanctuary was opened in the late 1960s. Most of the construction was done by members of the church.

Shirley Vandiver Brown, who is the church clerk and historian for the Wolf Creek Baptist church, gave me a tour of the church and told me about its history.

etry, which is listed as Wolf Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. The other grave belongs to Robert Smith, a wealthy farmer from Wolf Creek who died in a tragic accident in 1894.

In 1946 the church membership had grown to 141, a building fund was established, and the membership voted to build a parsonage. A parcel of land was

She also drove me down to the old church building near the Ohio River. It is now a private residence. Shirley has been a member of Wolf Creek Baptist Church since 1956.

One of the community outreach programs of the church is the annual Vacation Bible School program that is open to any child who is interested in coming.

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The graves of Madison Frans and his wives.

Other events open to all community members are ice cream socials, the annual Christmas plays, a covered dish Thanksgiving dinner, and hayrides. The church has a benevolent committee that does their best to help those in need and also distributes food baskets during the holiday season.

As mentioned earlier, only 2 graves are present in the Wolf Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. They are located on the grounds of the old Wolf Creek Baptist Church, close to the Ohio River. There was not enough land on that property for a proper graveyard to be associated with the church. The new church property on Wolf Creek Road does not have enough land to be designated for a graveyard, either. Many of the members of the Wolf Creek Baptist Church have opted to be buried in the Parr-Frans Cemetery, located about 3 miles south of the church on Wolf Creek Road. Madison Frans was one of the original owners of the land where the Parr-Frans Cemetery is located. He was one of the delegates who petitioned the Salem Baptist Association to grant a charter for a Baptist church in Wolf Creek in 1821. Madison Frans' first wife, Mary Ann Rentfro Frans, was the first person buried in that cemetery in 1835. Madison is also buried there, between his first wife Mary Ann and his second wife America, who was his first wife's sister. Madison and America Frans sold their property that included the cemetery to their son-in-law's brother, Bloom Parr. When Bloom Parr died in 1864, the land was auctioned, and the new owner became Mary Ann Frans Parr, Madison Frans' daughter, and her husband Isham. In 1886 Isham and Mary Ann Parr deeded the land to H.D. Parr, John B. Parr, and S.A. Philpott, who were to be the trustees of the public cemetery. The deed states: "In consideration of the love and affection party of the first part has for his deceased relatives buried in said graveyard to be used for a Public burying ground and nothing else whatsoever." Isham and Mary Ann Parr are buried in the Parr-Frans Cemetery, as well as many of their relatives.

The Parr-Frans Cemetery is situated on a hill that overlooks several farms in the valley. It is a peace-

ful cemetery in a beautiful setting. The Parr-Frans Cemetery Association holds a community bake sale every year to raise funds for upkeep of the cemetery. The sale is usually held around May at Stulls Country Store in Andyville. A catfish tournament at the Wolf Creek boat ramp is also held every year in August, with participation fees going towards maintenance of the cemetery.

Wolf Creek Baptist church, known to the community as the little church with the big heart, will be celebrating their bicentennial in September 2021. Plans are being made to make that an incredibly special event to past and present members, as well as the Meade County community.



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Trish looks forward to getting more involved at the Meade County History Museum and covering more local events.

Kasey Cemetery



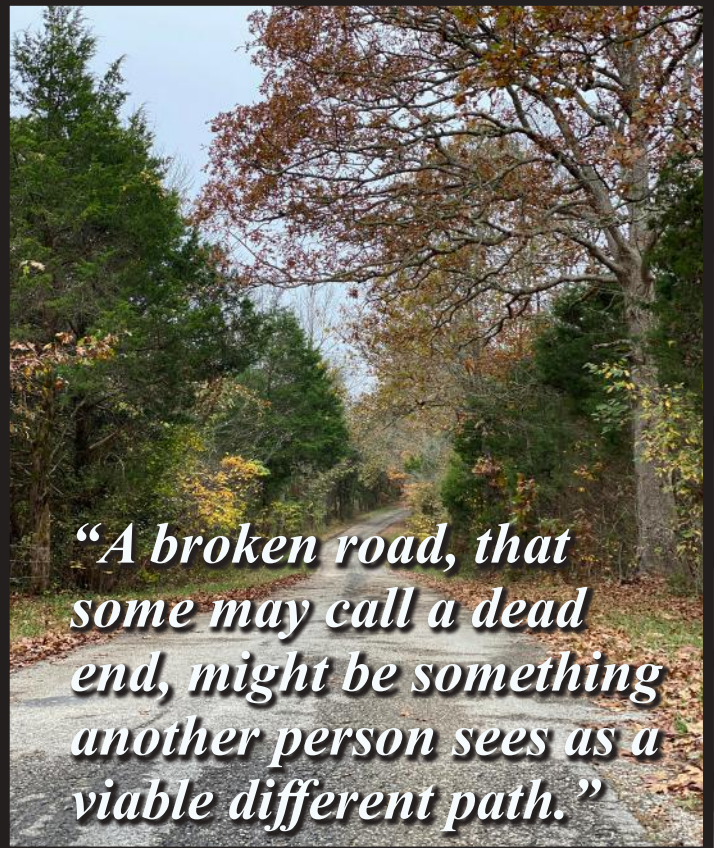
A Broken Road

by

ALICIA TYREE

Slowly going down a broken road, you see what seems to be an abandoned route leading to a dead end. This passage is tightly wrapped in a blanket of woods. Crisp leaves with colors that pop out in orange, yellow, maroon, burgundy, browns, and greens hover over the asphalt. The atmosphere alone has a sense of calm. Immediately, there is no other feeling than the reality of fall setting in, unlocking all five senses.

This moment was definitely not something one would want to explore by car any farther. My best friend Tim Gaubatz is my driver at the time. Knowing me so well, he stops the car and tells me to go ahead so I can walk this experience. This just seems appropriate and logical at the time, being so in tune with nature, seeing everything as an aura. You have that curiosity of if you were to follow till you got to the end, what would you find?



“A broken road, that some may call a dead end, might be something another person sees as a viable different path.”

Chances are, this very course could be the moment that could change your life forever.

Even though I know exactly where this beautiful path leads, who could actually say they would explore it? But many will wonder where this road will lead to. Are we curious yet? Where is she going, you ask? Well, my friends, this is where the story begins.

This beautiful road takes you to a place called Kasey Cemetery in Elizabethtown, Ky. Some may know the popular name of “Hell’s Gates” or Grandview Cemetery. As soon as you turn on St. John Rd. in Elizabethtown, KY, drive till you meet the end. The cemetery is near Bethlehem Academy. Right before you get to the broken asphalt, you will pass Grandview Baptist Church. Then the journey begins.

You will not meet something that could necessarily be called a dead end. It will be part of history, just within your reach. The day my friend and I decide to go just so happens to put us in the perfect place at the right time.

On October 25, 2020, I did not want to go for the purpose of this article. So much negativity has been brought upon this cemetery from the alleged acts of witchcraft, vandalism, and sacrificing of animals. Extreme paranormal activity legends and stories of this place make me realize that the poor souls of this cemetery cannot possibly rest.

You have gravesites dating back to the 1800s and stretching into the early to mid-1900s. This sanctuary for the departed has made it one of the oldest cemeteries in the state of Kentucky. The history has only been pessimistic, empowering these souls to not rest. Although doing countless hours of research on this cemetery, very little history other than that is found. As a result, choosing this day to go was for the purpose of bringing positivity to a burial ground in hopes of changing such a sad history and praying to create a new one, creating light somewhere that you hear stories of only darkness.

Finally approaching the destination with eagerness and a slight bit of anxiety, I am not too sure what to expect of this place. On top of the hill sits the graves of Kasey Cemetery. To my surprise, this is a fairly busy place.

As we pull up, there is a group of friends walking out of the area to their car. We meet them immediately. After introductions, my energy clicks with a young lady by the name of Alexandria Edelen. She seems to have so much excitement to share about what she and her friends experienced the night before and why they had to come back the next day. They had to come back to cleanse this ground of the sadness and grief they felt the night before.

I explain to them after they allow me to record her paranormal experience that I would not be able to use it for this article. But, I am extremely thankful and share with the group what I am hoping to bring to this cemetery, hoping to change a little of the history of the place. This just thrills them. They decide to stay, walking with my friend and me to help us get more acquainted with the graves and more familiar with the etchings of each stone.

Upon entering, to the right of the ground, I see a stone with the words “Kasey Cemetery”. Several toys surround it. From my research I know that the superstition is if you bring a gift, you will leave the cemetery with a pragmatic experience, so I place a toy of my own there. I can’t help but notice that the site is extremely quiet. Even being surrounded by nature, there is absolutely no sound. Headstones have been tipped over, and a lot of trash demolishes the location. This just saddens me. The next thing you know, Alexandria and her group start picking up trash around the plot. This is exactly what needs to be done to change the bad karma of the departed.

It is then that I know I have to capture this moment to share with everyone. To show what a little act of kindness does for a place such as Kasey Cemetery.





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Alexandria and her group agree to take a picture with me and I feel blessed to have met them. In fact, I have been keeping in contact with her still to this day, and she has said October 25, 2020 changed her life. She has never felt better and would love to continue to do such things in the near future, respecting the deceased just as you would the living. She and her group went from having a sad experience the night before to just in one day having destiny change their whole outlook on life, leaving the burial ground with a different insight.

It is a broken road that does not come to a dead end. It opens a whole new passage, leading to unknown possibilities. As a result, I would love to thank Alexandria and her friends, my best friend Tim, and the Meade County Messenger for making this a day where we could change such a cynical history into a whole new admirable history. This day will not be forgotten.

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Journey Church



Service in progress at Journey Church.

by

SETH DUKES

Though relatively new to the community, it hasn't taken Journey Church long to make waves, with approximately 600 people calling it their church home.

Ryan and Tristan Franks, lead pastors at Journey Church in Brandenburg, both originate from Kansas. They met through the athletic department at Central Bible College. They came to Brandenburg from Chicago nearly 5 years ago because they felt the Lord was calling them to the state of Kentucky.

"My prayer moving here was for the Lord to allow Tristan and I to pastor a place that can grow, not just numerically, but grown and be a positive influence in the community," said Ryan.

They chose the name "Journey" because, the more people they interacted with, the more they realized that everyone is on their own unique journey.

"The more we began to invest in people and hear their stories, and the more time we spent in prayer, the word 'journey' just came to our minds," Ryan said.

In addition to providing a judgement-free church that hosts a wide variety of demographics, the Franks and their team have provided other resources to the community.

In October of 2019, the church announced that they would be partnering with a non-profit Christian organization called Adult and Teen Challenge. This faith-based organization seeks to help those struggling with addiction and other life-controlling issues through Christ-centered solutions. The church agreed to provide land directly behind their facility at 515 Bypass Road in Brandenburg and provide the first \$50,000 in funding for the approximately \$250,000 facility.

The church is also active in distributing food to those in need. Their food outreach program is available every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Those being aided must bring a driver's license, proof of Meade County residence and government assistance paperwork.

Journey also recently launched Journey School, a Christian school for grades K-8. The staff consists of Christian certified teachers who have worked in schools, and school is in session on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Ryan says that they really want to teach the Bible as a love letter from God rather than a book of rules.

"We want you to be the absolute best that God has created you to be, and he has created you to be a certain kind of a person, a child of God. We can help you learn and understand what that means here," said Ryan. "This is your journey."



A greeter enthusiastically welcomes members at Journey Church.

Leadership at Journey also posts a variety of devotional content online, making it easy for worshipers to always have access to God's message. Content is regularly posted to the church's Facebook page as well as their YouTube page. In the long term, Ryan says that he wants the church to continue to build on their outreach missions and, ultimately, be a safe place and a place of resources for the community.

Sunday mornings begin with Bible classes at 9 a.m. Sunday morning service follows at 10:45 a.m. The church also hosts a Wednesday night worship at 7 p.m., as well as prayer on Thursday evenings at

6 p.m. For more information on Journey Church, visit their website at journeychurchag.org.

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St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi Catholic Church

St. Mary's Church and graveyard.

by

TRISH TURNER

There are two prominent churches in the center of Payneville. Facing each other on Highway 376 are St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi Catholic Church and Payneville Baptist Church. The churches are located about one-tenth of a mile from the intersection of Highway 144 (Payneville Road) and Highway 376.

I met with a St. Mary's parishioner, Peggy Greenwell, a couple of times, and she gave me copies of old newspaper clippings, church directories, and a photocopy of the book *The First Hundred Years, 1876-1976*, compiled by Rita Adkisson Thompson. I found these to be invaluable tools while writing this article. We met on St. Mary's church grounds in order for me to walk through the cemetery with her while she pointed out items of interest. Peggy also arranged for us to meet at the church one Monday morning with Shirley Beavin,

wife of Deacon Greg Beavin. Shirley opened the church so that I could view the sanctuary and ask more questions. I am very grateful for all the information they shared with me.

Priests riding the Mission Circuit in the early 1800s visited the scattered Catholic families in Meade County about once a year. In 1824, one of the circuit riders, Reverend Elisha J. Durbin, began a monthly attendance at the congregation of St. Theresa of Avila, near Rhodelia. The parish for this church was extensive and included the Rhodelia area, Payneville, and on into Brandenburg. The next pastor of St. Theresa, Reverend Eugene Martin Crane, took the first steps to form the Payneville mission into a separate congregation. On October 21, 1871, approximately two acres of land in Payneville were purchased for the future church from William W. and Matilda A. Wright, at a cost of \$30.

Father Crane was succeeded by the Reverend Jule Pierre Raoux, who took a keen interest in the



The nave and sanctuary of St. Mary's.

little mission in Payneville and began to erect a small frame church there in 1872. The church was a simple structure with panes of plain glass in the windows and basic furnishings within. Father Raoux pastored the Payneville congregation until 1876, when it was formed as a mission church from St. Theresa in Rhodelia and Holy Guardian Angel in Mount Merino, near Irvington. The church in Payneville was named St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi.

St. Mary Magdalen, under whose special protection the church and congregation were placed, was born in Pazzi, Italy in 1566. As a young girl, she became a nun at the Carmelite convent in Florence. St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi died in 1601 at the age of 41 and was canonized in 1668.

Bishop William G. McCloskey came to Payneville on May 27, 1879 and officially blessed the church, and 50 people received the Sacrament of Confirmation. On June 24, 1883 the Reverend John Thomas O'Connor became the first resident pastor of the St. Mary's congregation. In 1883 land was purchased for \$70 from Robert F. Pollock and his wife Millie to enlarge the church property. After constructing a rectory, Father O'Connor expanded the church building for the growing congregation and made many improvements. Additional acreage was purchased later for the cemetery and picnic area.

Reverend Bernard Ignatius Doherty came to St. Mary's in November 1902 and remained the pastor there until 1920. During his eighteen-year pastorate, Father Doherty supervised the remodeling of the church, the building of a beautiful new rectory, and

beautification of the grounds.

Tragedy struck the congregation of St. Mary's in March of 1936. During a cleanup of the grounds, a burning pile of leaves was fanned by a high wind and caught the church building on fire. The current pastor, Reverend Charles Vincent Tompkins, managed to remove the Blessed Sacrament and a few altar accessories before the fire completely destroyed the wooden structure. Thankfully, no one was injured. The congregation was determined to quickly rebuild, which was a courageous undertaking during the Great Depression. The new red-brick structure with stone trim, seating 450, was blessed by Bishop John A. Floersh on March 29, 1937. Former pastors Reverend Bernard I. Doherty and Reverend Joseph Gettelfinger were celebrants of the mass on that day.

During the tenure of Reverend Clemens John Weiker, from 1939 to 1948, World War II was raging. Several of the women of the church participated in wartime efforts at nearby Ft. Knox. One of the services they performed was to provide home cooked meals to the servicemen who were stationed there. This is just a small example of the outreach to the community that exemplifies St. Mary's.

In 1957 the Parish Hall was built by the men in the congregation of St. Mary's. This hall is used each fall during the annual Turkey Feast, where hundreds of members of the community come in to enjoy turkey and all the trimmings. It is also used during the annual Spring Picnic for indoor activities. These events provide Meade and Breckenridge Countians an opportunity to socialize with their neighbors. The Parish Hall facility can be rented out for wedding receptions, anniversary celebrations, baby showers, and the like. It is quite an asset to the church campus. A new rectory was completed in 1971, with all updated amenities for the residing pastor. Through the years following 1971, some remodeling was done at the Parish Hall, the rectory, the church building, and the grounds. Recently, all the very old trees around the grounds were removed and new redbud, dogwood trees, and holly bushes were planted.

Since the church began in 1824, there have been about 40 men who have pastored the St. Mary's congregation. The current pastor, who serves the congregation of St. Theresa of Avila in Rhodelia, as well, is Reverend George Illikkal. He has been here since 2016.

It takes more than a pastor to handle all the affairs of the church. There is the deacon, office manager, maintenance person, organist, and the heads of each ministry. The office of deacon is taken very seriously. Deacons assist priests in their parish duties by visiting the sick and providing spiritual guidance in the community. Before they begin their duties, deacons attend extensive theological and educational classes. One of the deacons for the St. Mary and St. Theresa parishes

is Greg Beavin, who was ordained in 2008. Greg's wife Shirley is by his side, as together they nurture the congregation. A new deacon, Dean Sears, was recently added to the staff of St. Mary and St. Theresa. His wife Susan will be an asset also.

The position of Parish Housekeeper was held in high esteem. The Housekeeper was responsible for maintaining the parsonage, which included doing the cleaning, laundry, and cooking for the priest in residence. One housekeeper who was beloved by the congregation was Miss Adelia "Delia"



St. Isidore, the patron saint of farmers.

Greenwell. Even today, the stained glass window in the church sanctuary that was donated by her is pointed out by parishioners as evidence of her love for the church and her position. Miss Delia was the housekeeper for Father Tompkins and Weiker in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

Residents of the Payneville area have deep roots in farming. A statue of St. Isadore, the patron saint of farmers, stands in the foyer of the church. This statue was placed there in memory of Anthony and Matthew Pike, father and son, who were lifelong farmers in Payneville.

When St. Mary's church grounds were purchased in 1871, there was already a cemetery on the property. The part of the cemetery that is closest to the road (Hwy 376) and next to the church is called the Protestant Cemetery.

The St. Mary's graveyard has many familiar names from the Payneville area. Amongst these are the Rhodes, Hardesty, Greenwell, Mattingly, Barr, Stull, Biddle, Pollock, Fackler, Pike, and Logsdon family names. Peggy Greenwell pointed out to me some prominent features, such as the Infant Memorial and the Sacred Heart Shrine. Along the edge of the graveyard, close to the church, are the Stations of the Cross. All new stations were recently installed by the Stith family and Kevin Barr. The Infant Memorial includes a small

"For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;"
-Psalm 91:11 NIV

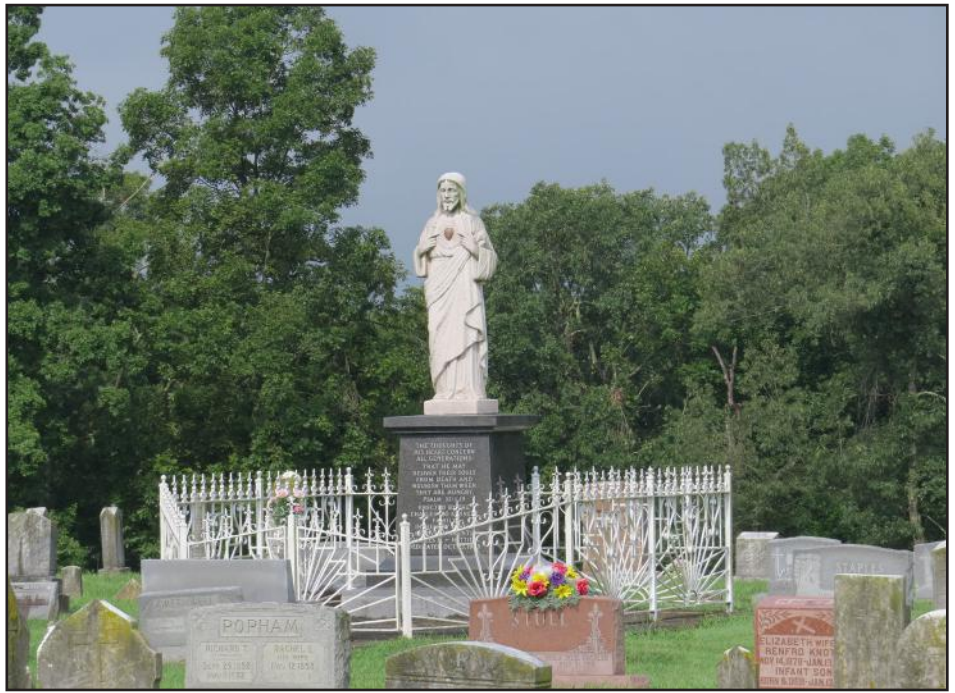
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garden and bench as a place of remembrance for infants who were lost prior to, or shortly following birth. The Sacred Heart Shrine is a large statue of Jesus with His heart depicted on the front of His garment to symbolize God's boundless and passionate love for mankind. This statue was commissioned by Charles Leo Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy had grown up in the St. Mary's congregation, but he left the area at age 19. At age 51 he was stricken with a serious illness and as he lay in his hospital bed his eyes rested upon a small statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. He prayed to the Lord to heal him and vowed that if he were healed he would erect a beautiful shrine in His honor. He was healed, and in 1983 he was able to erect the Sacred Heart Shrine in St. Mary Magdalen's cemetery.



The Sacred Heart shrine in St. Mary's graveyard.

The congregation at St. Mary's is heavily involved in the community and also provides various programs that meet the needs of their own members. They have collected food and worked at the Clothes Closet Food Pantry in Brandenburg, participated in the Knights of Columbus annual Coat Drive, and contributed to Catholic Charities, which helps all people, regardless of their church affiliation. On a local level, members recently helped a Payneville man recover his mobility by building a handicapped ramp at his home. They also have a Habitat Committee that addresses the needs of people who call the church for assistance. During Lent, men from the congregation of St. Mary assist at the Knights of Columbus fish fries at St. John's Catholic Church in Brandenburg. Funds raised from these events allow the Knights of Columbus to conduct charitable work in our community.

Within the St. Mary's congregation, a variety of support groups are sponsored, such as The Widow's Circle, Bereavement Committee, and Infant Loss group. The church also has a strong youth program. The congregations of St. Mary and St. Theresa share a strong bond, beginning at the formation of St. Mary. Many of the congregants are related, and when either church holds events, the other church's members are sure to come out in support. The two churches share the same pastor,

office manager, deacons, and other offices. St. Mary's church is an asset to the Payneville community in many ways. The church will be celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2026, and I am sure they will have a grand celebration!

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Hill Grove Baptist Church and their Associated Cemeteries

Hill Grove Baptist Church.

by

TRISH TURNER

Stith Valley was one of the first areas settled in what is now Meade County. This beautiful valley is located in the area that is on Stith Valley Road, off US 60. In 1784, Richard and Lucy Hall Stith came and settled there with some of their 12 children. Other settlers soon joined the Stith family, such as Ben and Elizabeth Ashcraft Shacklett and John Wimp and his family. These first settlers were mainly from Virginia and Pennsylvania. They soon transformed Stith Valley into productive farmlands. The area closest to U.S. 60 is known as Hill Grove.

The main means of travel around the country in the early 1800s was by horse or a horse-drawn wagon. Otter Creek, Union, and Wolf Creek were the nearest Baptist churches to Stith Valley, and to travel to either of these churches each Sunday became burdensome for the area's Baptist resi-

dents. The women had to pack their whole family and their sustenance for the day in their wagons because the nearest churches were a day's journey away. At times, the Baptists met in each other's cabins for worship services. Elizabeth (Ashcraft) Shacklett; Rachel (Ashcraft) Shacklett, who were sisters; and Sarah (Shacklett) Jenkins, their sister-in-law, kept petitioning their husbands to get a local Baptist church organized. They were tired of the preparation for and the long journey to other churches.

On June 29, 1822, the Hill Grove Baptist Church, at first named New Hope Baptist Church, was formed. The founding members were Theoderick J. Hubbard, Chloe Chinoweth, Samuel and Nancy Chinoweth, Robert and Chloe Simmons, John and Sarah Jenkins, Benjamin and Elizabeth Shacklett, John and Rachel Shacklett, Rachel Shacklett (the wife of Blancit Shacklett), and Barbara Dowell (the wife of James Dowell).

Simeon Buchannon was called to pastor the newly formed church on November 9, 1822. Worship services and business meetings were held once a month. Services were held in private homes and a nearby schoolhouse for several years. Simeon Buchanan was a circuit preacher, as were most preachers of that time. He served four other Baptist churches at the same time: Mt. Pleasant (now First Baptist), Dorrits Creek, Walnut Grove, and Wolf Creek. On November 8, 1823, the name of the church was changed from New Hope Baptist Church to Hill Grove Baptist Church. The location of the original church is not known.

In August 1841, the Hill Grove church members decided that they needed a new meeting house, and locations were scouted. They decided on land owned by James R. Ross, and it was purchased on April 4, 1842 for \$25. Besides mentioning the old spring near the road, the deed for the land also states, "There is also now on the land sold a new house which is nearly finished or about finishing, being a Meeting House for said church. The land so sold and hereby conveyed is for the exclusive use and benefit of the said United Church at said place (Hill Grove) and none other and to be used by them and none other without their consent." Trustees signing for the church were John Cain, John F. Williams, and Armstead Barnes. This is the land where the present church stands. The Hardinsburg Road mentioned in the deed is now Hill Grove Road. The address for the church is 55 Ammons Lane, Guston, Kentucky.

After the new church was completed in December 1897, the members were busily involved in furnishing the church and with outreach activities. Sadly, in December of 1901, the church building was destroyed by fire. The members met on December 24th at the Shumate School House in Stith Valley and voted to rebuild the Hill Grove Baptist Church on the same ground of the one burned. In the meantime, they met for worship at the Hill Grove School House.

In June 1899, the church agreed to set aside land on the east side south end of the church for a graveyard. The ground was laid out in lots 8 feet by 4½ feet. Richard Willett, Jr. was appointed superintendent of the graveyard and custodian of the map, and lots were sold at \$1.00 per lot. In 1961, it was decided to discontinue the cemetery on

the church grounds, with the exception of the Charlie Epperson lot. Charlie Epperson died on August 27, 1967, and he is the last person buried in the church's graveyard.

When Hill Grove rebuilt their church in 1904, they did not put in a baptistry. As members were added to their church by baptism, the baptisms were held in a member's pond and in Doe Run Creek. It was not unusual for 18-30 members to be baptized following a protracted meeting (a revival). The new church building at Hill Grove was completed and dedicated in July 1904.

A furnace malfunction and subsequent fire in February 1963 forced the church members to meet at the Guston Baptist Church until repairs were made. Fortunately, the fire was contained, and the damage was mainly in the Sunday School rooms and fellowship hall. The church was repaired and re-opened by May of 1963.

On June 25, 1972, a Sesquicentennial Celebration was held at the church on the anniversary of its founding 150 years earlier. The historical committee, composed of Maydee Crawford, Elizabeth Stith, Doralee Guthrie, Daphne Hicks, and Howard Hicks compiled a history of the church and had a book printed. Ralph Stith read a brief history of the church at the afternoon program. The Meade County Messenger published a story about the celebration.

In October 1976, a church addition and a baptistry were completed. Pastor Ken Milby had the honor of having the first baptismal service in the new baptistry on October 24th when 20 were baptized, with Mitchell Stith being the first one. It was a high day for the members to be able to see a baptism performed inside their own church. In January 1981, Lucille Seymour, a



Hill Grove Baptist Church and the old cemetery.



The sanctuary of Hill Grove Baptist Church.

local resident who is a Shacklette descendant, painted a mural of the Jordan River in the baptistery. In June 1994, another new addition to the church facility was completed. The new steeple and the addition were dedicated on July 3, 1994.

On June 23, 1997, Hill Grove Baptist Church celebrated their 175th anniversary. It was a special homecoming celebration for former members and pastors and included a fellowship dinner. The pastor at that time was Jerry Shacklett, who had grown up in that church. He is the 5th great grandson of two of Hill Grove's founding members, John Shacklett and his wife Rachel Wimp Shacklett. During the celebration, a time capsule was placed beneath a granite slab near the door to the fellowship hall, to be opened in 25 years.

Since the founding of Hill Grove Baptist Church, the church members have given of themselves to the community. In times of need, they assisted other churches, such as the West Point Baptist Church when it had flood

damage. Within the community, they helped families by handing out food from their food closet, giving funds to families whose houses were burned, and helping a former member who was a victim of the 1974 tornado in Brandenburg. Vacation Bible Schools were held each summer, often with attendance of at least 100 children from the area. In 1995 the church

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founded the Hill Grove Baptist Church Literacy Ministry. Conversational English classes were held for Mexican migrant workers in Meade County at Hill Grove Baptist Church, with 9 students attending. The church also has held annual Fall Festivals, special Easter services, and Hanging of the Greens at Christmas. There currently is a group that was founded by Hill Grove members called the Silver Belles. This group consists of widows from several local churches who meet to pray and enjoy fellowship with each other. They alternately meet at the Hill Grove Church and other local churches. The group members usually bring their own lunch to the meetings and often share treats. In 2019, they enjoyed a field trip together to the Kentucky State Fair, and they plan to have similar outings in the future.

Throughout the years, Hill Grove Baptist Church members were buried in the little cemetery next to



The location of the time capsule at Hill Grove Baptist Church.

the church and three other nearby cemeteries: High Grove, Meadeville, and the newest Hill Grove Baptist Cemetery across from the church. The first cemetery associated with Hill Grove members was the High Ground Cemetery. The old High Ground Cemetery is located on Hill Grove Knob near the town of Ekron, between Shumate and Stringtown Roads. The cemetery is now on private property. Some of the original

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founders of the church are buried there.

The Meadeville Cemetery is located off Hill Grove Road, a few miles from the church, and is close to what used to be the town of Meadeville. This cemetery is the final resting place for many of the early settlers of Meadeville and surrounding areas. There are several stones bearing the names of Shacklett, Willett, Kendall, and Hayden.

The Hill Grove Baptist Church Cemetery that is located on the church property holds the graves of families of church members who passed on not long after the property was purchased, and the first church was built on that land in 1897. As previously mentioned, in 1961, the church decided to discontinue burials in the graveyard on the church property. That area was prone to flooding, and because it had a limestone bedrock, it was subject to undue weathering.

After Hill Grove Baptist Church discontinued burials in the graveyard next to the church, they began burials in the cemetery across the street from the church on the hillside. The new Hill Grove Baptist Church Cemetery came into use in the 1990s.

While conducting my research for this article, I met with three wonderful ladies of the Hill Grove congregation, Patsy Gerkins, Karen Withers, and Phyllis Ballman. They confirmed that the information I had located on the Internet about their church was correct.

I had been able to access a website on Stith Valley that was originally posted by Jess B. Scott. It contained The History of Hill Grove Baptist Church 1822-1997, which included yearly church business meeting minutes. I also garnered a lot of information on cemeteries associated with that area on the Find A Grave site.

The current pastor of Hill Grove Baptist Church is Ken Willoughby, who has been there since 2016. The church will be celebrating its bicentennial on June 20, 2022. The time capsule that was placed under the granite slab in the churchyard in 1997 will be opened on that day. Be sure to look for announcements of this grand celebration so you may join the members at that beautiful little church amongst the rolling hills in Meade County.

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River of Life Church

by

SETH DUKES

Pastor Tom Jeffery, who started off in the mobile home business, had no idea he would be become a preacher. After he and his family were saved, they started having church and bible study at his father's office. Pastor Earl Dusky was traveling up to Valley Station every Saturday night to lead their bible study. Unfortunately, Dusky was unable to continue, and so the group thought they would no longer have Bible study. Jeffery says God spoke to him and told him to keep the Bible study going.

So, Jeffery decided to play cassette tapes, and after they were done, they'd have a discussion about it because he didn't think he could teach. Jeffery was running late, pulled in, and realized he had forgotten his cassette player. He decided he would just read Romans Chapters 5 and 6 since that is what the tape was going to be, and while reading, he says God spoke to him.

"He spoke through me and explained what it meant," Jeffery said. "It scared me, to be honest with you. When I got done, I knew God called me to preach. I just dropped to my knees and started crying."

Jeffery was 24 years old.

He dedicated his life to his faith, studying the word six to eight hours per night and attending a church service, regardless of denomination, every night. Approximately eight months later, they started building the River of Life Church, located in the woods off Dixie Highway in West Point in 1981. As the years went on and they expanded on the church, Jeffery says they always dreamt of building a church right on Dixie Highway.

In 1997, without asking for any kind of special offering or taking up money for building, that dream began to become a reality. The year prior, they decided to double the amount of money they donated to missionaries around the world. At the end of the year, they had \$5,000 more in their

account than they normally would have. A regular customer at Jeffery's car wash handed him a check for \$10,000 — no questions asked — after hearing he wanted to build a church. And, after answering a knock at his door, he was presented with another check for \$1,000. That gave them \$16,000 to put down on the property. They bought 28 acres of land on Dixie Highway for \$62,000.

"I believe in people's souls getting saved more than I do getting people's money," said Jeffery. "But, without asking for a dollar or taking up an offering, money just kept coming in."

As money continued to come in over the years, work on the new church also continued. Jeffery was 25 feet in the air putting up steel when he looked over at the large, approximately 10-foot deep hole in front of what would become the church.

"I thought I was going to have to put a lake there to sort of camouflage it and landscape it," said Jeffery. But, Jeffery needed a parking lot, not a lake, so he prayed.

Three days later, Jeffery says a man pulled up in a white truck, saying he was digging the foundation for LG&E's smoke towers. He asked Jeffery if he'd like to have some dirt.

He hauled dirt for a solid eight months, 7,500 loads worth. Jeffery was able to get his parking lot.

"This ground sat as a wooded area for hundreds if not thousands of years. It had nothing on it," said Jeffery. "Within three days of praying, the dirt started coming in."

In October of 2018, Jeffery decided that he wanted to finish the church so that the older members of the congregation could see it completed. "We had a lot of older people in here that wanted to see the church done, and I decided to get it done before something happened to them," said Jeffery. "My dad and my brother and my mom never got to see it. I didn't want any church members to be left out like that."

They borrowed \$300,000 from Meade County Bank to finish the church, and in December of 2019, they held their first service there.

Though they've relocated outside of the woods, Jeffery says they have long-term plans for the property where their old church sits. He hopes to transform the property into a campground and charge little to nothing for kids to attend.

Jeffery is asked often how he managed to build the church, which their insurance values at more than \$2 million, without taking up a special offering. Jeffery says that he didn't build the church at all. "God built this thing," said Jeffery. "It had nothing to do with man; this was God."



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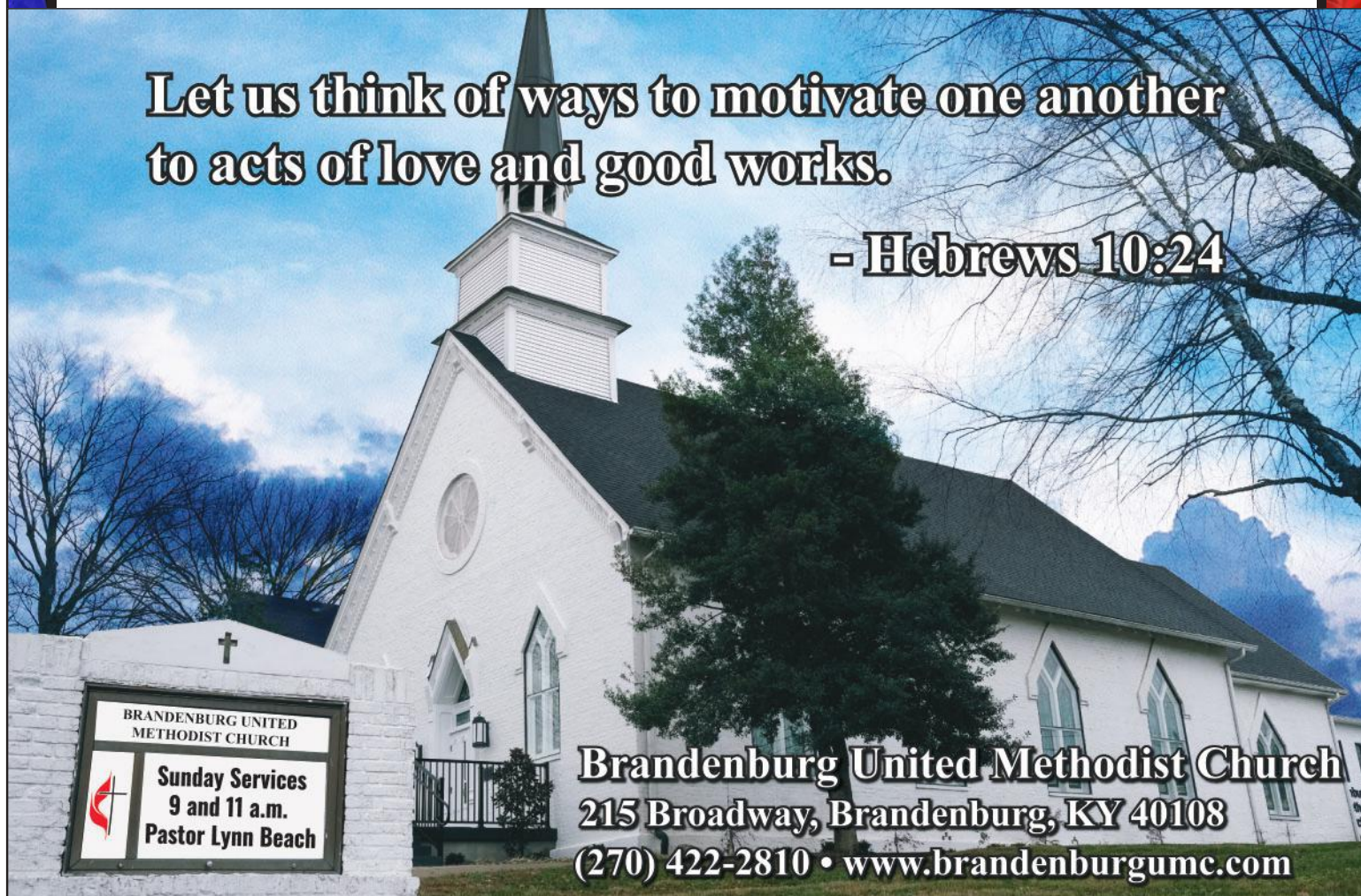
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Pastor: Chris Wilson

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married to his high school sweetheart, Lori, for 23 years and they have five daughters in elementary school through college. Payneville Baptist Church was established in 1845. The congregation had planned a big 175th anniversary celebration for this year but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they were unable to hold it. They are hoping to celebrate 176 years in 2021. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, they held Sunday morning worship services and small group Bible Study (Sunday School) for all ages as well as an adult choir, children’s activities on Wednesday evenings and special activities all year. Currently prayer meetings are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and a Ladies Prayer Group on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Both meetings are via in-person and Zoom. On Sundays, Sunday School (all ages together) is held at 9:45 a.m. and the Sunday worship service at 11:00 a.m. in-person. The Sunday worship service is also streamed on the church’s Facebook page which can be found at:

facebook.com/PaynevilleBaptistChurch. Sermon audio is also available at www.PaynevilleBaptist.sermon.net or <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/payneville-baptist-church/id599476536>. The congregation of Payneville Baptist Church love their community and would love to meet anyone who attends.”



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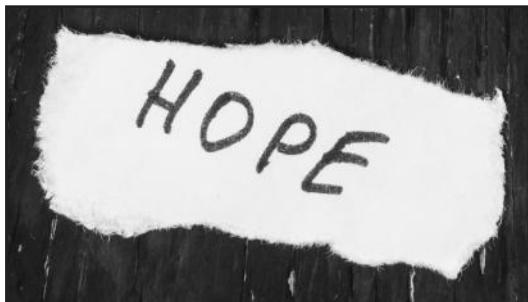
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Meade County Cemeteries Index

Listed below is a list we compiled of cemeteries in (or directly near) Meade County. Some of these cemeteries are old historical "family" cemeteries on private land. We encourage you to not visit them unless you know that they are a public cemetery or you have the land owner's permission. Please note that this list is a compilation of research mainly from the following websites: www.findagrave.com, www.americancemeteries.org/kentucky/meade-county & <https://ldsgenealogy.com/KY/Meade-County-Cemetery-Records.htm>

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| Abell and Stith Family Cemetery | Flannery Family Cemetery | Payneville Cemetery |
| Adkisson Family Cemetery | Fontaine Cemetery | Peckinpaugh Cemetery |
| Alexander Cemetery | Foster Family Cemetery | Powell Cemetery |
| Allgood-Fulton Cemetery | Full Gospel Church of God Cemetery | Prather Cemetery #2 |
| Anderson & Cundiff Family Cemetery | Garnettsville Cemetery | Raymond Baptist Church Cemetery |
| Atwill Cemetery | Graham Cemetery | Reesor Family Cemetery |
| Bald Knob Cemetery | Greer Cemetery | Richardson Cemetery |
| Bandy Cemetery | Guston Cemetery | Riddle Gravesites |
| Barr Cemetery | Haynes Cemetery | Riley Cemetery |
| Bell Knob Cemetery | High Ground Cemetery | Rock Haven Baptist Cemetery |
| Benham Family Cemetery | Highland Baptist Church Cemetery | Rock Haven Methodist Cemetery |
| Bennett Cemetery | Hill Grove Baptist Church Cemetery | Saint George Cemetery, High St,
Brandenburg, KY, 270-422-2196 |
| Bethel United Methodist Church | Hiram C. Boone Family Cemetery | Saint Patrick Cemetery |
| Big Spring Graves | Holloway Family Cemetery | Saint Stephens Cemetery |
| Bogard-Greer Cemetery,
Battletown, KY 40104 | Holloway-Allen Graveyard | Saint Theresa Cemetery, Rhodelia Rd,
Payneville, KY, 270-496-4440 |
| Boone Cemetery | Hoover Cemetery | Salem Baptist Church Cemetery |
| Buck Grove Baptist Church | Hunch Up Cemetery | Sandy Hill Cemetery |
| Bunger Cemetery | HWY 228 Graveyard | Shrewsbury Cemetery |
| Buonpastore-DiStefano Family Cemetery | Hynes Cemetery | Sirocco |
| Burnett Family Cemetery | John Bennett Cemetery | Staples Cemetery |
| Cain Family Cemetery | Johnston Cemetery | Swan Cemetery |
| Cap Anderson Cemetery, High St,
Brandenburg, KY 40108 | Little Bend Road Graves | Thacker Cemetery |
| Carr Cemetery | Livingston Family Cemetery | Thomas Cemetery |
| Cedar Grove Church Cemetery | Marve Bennett Cemetery,
Battletown, KY 40104 | Thompson Cemetery |
| Chinn Family Cemetery | McFadden Graveyard | Trent Cemetery |
| Chism Cemetery | McGehee Cemetery | Troutman-Cedar Flat Cemetery |
| Clarkson Cemetery | McIntire Cemetery | Unnamed Little Bend Cemetery |
| Cowley Cemetery | Meadeville Cemetery | VanMeter Family Cemetery |
| Crecelius Cemetery | Micajah Bennett Cemetery | Warmoth Cemetery |
| Crown Hill Cemetery | Miller Family Cemetery | Wathen Cemetery |
| Cunningham Family Cemetery | Montgomery Cemetery | Weather Cemetery |
| Darr Cemetery | Moremen Cemetery | Weldon Barn Grave |
| Dead Horse Holler Cemetery | Mount Hope Church Cemetery | Weldon Christian Church Cemetery |
| Ditto Cemetery | New Brandenburg Baptist Church Cemetery | Whitsitt Graveyard |
| Dowe Cemetery | New Highland Baptist Church Cemetery | Williams Cemetery |
| Eastlawn Cemetery | Old Brown Cemetery | Withers Cemetery |
| Ekron Baptist Church Cemetery | Old Cedar Grove Cemetery | Wolf Creek |
| Ekron Full Gospel Church Cemetery | Old Grahampton Cemetery | Woolrich Cemetery |
| Elizabeth Daily Graveyard | Ostrander Family Cemetery | Wright Family Cemetery |
| Elliott and Hardaway Cemetery | Otterbien Cemetery | Zion Grove Baptist Church Cemetery |
| Figgins Family Cemetery | Owens Cemetery | |
| Flaherty Cemetery | Paradise Valley Cemetery | |
| | Parr-Frans (Barr) Cemetery | |



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