

## **EVERGREEN HILLS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

August 20, 1960

The Church body was organized in the home of Rev. Wilburn H. Lucas, Pastor at Cottageville, W.V., with 14 members present. At that time the Church was under the direction of the Bethlehem Association.

On August 27, 1960

The ground breaking ceremony was held in the presence of W. L. Pinnell, who donated the one and one half acre of land on which the Church stands.

July of 1961

The basement, 60'x80', was ready to use, and served as " The Church" while the rest of the building was being completed.

May 1965

The upstairs was ready for services, also the Church became affiliated with the Ohio Valley Association of United Baptist.

We as the Church are very proud of 3 of our young men who have gone into the Ministry, they were Brother John Hensley, Brother Mark Snyder and Brother Mark A. Price.

During the first 13 years much prayers, work and money had gone into building of the Church. The estimated amount paid on the building materials were \$ 48,551.08. The mortgage was paid in full in March 1973. The mortgage burning ceremony and dedication was celebrated on May 20, 1973.

In 1976 the parking lot was paved with concrete, this was done by volunteer labor by the men of the Church. The same year our first central air-conditioners were installed.



**Burning The Mortgage**  
Rev. Frye, Rev. Akers  
Trustees, Darrell Drust, Eugene Bailes, Billy Caudill

April 1978

The construction began on our Auxiliary building, which gave us a nice place for our homecoming, ramp dinners, receptions, and many other functions.

Oct. 20, 1990

The Church moved from the Ohio Valley Association of United Baptist to the Free Will Baptist Association of Churches, and became a member of the Upper Ohio Valley Conference, at that time our Pastor was John L. Price.

Nov. 1993

We are blessed to have Rev. Mark A. Price as our Pastor, he was converted during a Vacation Bible School held at the Church when he was almost 8 years old. We as a Church was blessed by him growing up in this Church and the community. Later married Mary Lou and has a daughter Cortney.



August 1998

There was a steeple and musical chimes installed on the Church building  
The community has enjoyed this system very much, as it can be heard for miles.



**Evergreen Hills Free Will Baptist Church and Auxiliary Building**

2000 thru 2005

There has been much remodeling and adding to the interior and exterior of the Church, the Lord just keeps on blessing us, we are blessed to have Rev. Mark A. Price still with us as our Pastor.

James and Mary Stanley are the only Charter members still present, The Lord has called many of our Pastors and members to their heavenly home. They left behind a good testimony for us to recall and be proud of.

Ministers who have pastored the Evergreen Hills Free Will Baptist Church are as follows:

Rev. Wilburn H. Lucas	7-8-60 to 4-30-66
Rev. Holly Hoover	7-2-66 to 2-4-67
Rev. Clovis Simpkins	2-4-67 to 6-22-68
Rev. Emil Martin	11-2-68 to 6-3-69
Rev. Clyde Syner	8-18-69 to 7-6-72
Rev. Hubert Akers	7-6-72 to 9-28-74
Rev. Donald Napier	1-4-75 to 10-5-75
Rev. Charles Cavender	11-20-75 to 7-2-77
Rev. Stanley Skeen	9-3-77 to 10-29-78
Rev. Hubert Akers	11-27-78 to 1-2-82
Rev. Michael Hays	6-12-82 to 5-13-83
Rev. Gilmer Dorsey	6-18-83 to 1-2-88
Rev. John L. Price	1-7-89 to 9-16-90
Rev. John L. Price	11-3-90 to 1-4-92
Rev. Tomas Cox	2-1-92 to 11-2-93
Rev. Marl A. Price	11-3-93 to present

Deacons who have served the Evergreen Hills Free Will Baptist Church are as follows:

James F. Stanley	8-20-60 to present
William Bill McDaniel	8-20-60 to 3-16-63
Wandell Emmitt Adkins	8-22-60 to 10-2-65
Lloyd Coleman	4-15-62 to 10-8-65
Raymond Hazelette	3-15-65 to 2-67
Ralph Hensley	7-24-65 to 7-2-88
Frank Hensley	5-11-69 to 3-9-72
Elton White	5-31-67 to 4-25-87
Roland Price	5-11-69 to 4-3-76
Walter Mann	12-11-77 to 7-7-93
Raymond Sonny Cossin	12-11-77 to 1-5-85
Wilbur Pete Hilton	6-13-79 to 7-10-93

The Church belongs to the Liberty Conference of Free Will Baptist, the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist, and the National Association of Free Will Baptist.

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**NOTE:** *This information was given to the Historical Committee of the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist, by Mary E. Stanley, Church Clerk in January 2006.*

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