

**A HISTORY OF THE PLEASANT VALLEY
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
725 FUDGES CREEK
Barboursville, WV 25504**

Pleasant Valley Church was founded between 1897-1899, and was organized by a group of farmers from the Chapman Creek Area.

The land for the Church building was donated by Elijah Chapman, in 1897. The building was originally constructed with logs, which were hewed out with axes by the farmers.

The building was heated by a wood stove. The seats, which were about 8 feet long, with no backs, were built by the farmers. The Church was used as a School for a while until the new School was completed.

The Church was originally lighted by kerosene lamps, which sat on stand tables and later fastened on the wall, afterward they had gasoline lights hung from the ceiling with chains. Many wonderful services were held and souls were saved in the old church until the last service on April 14, 1965.

In March, 1964, property on Fudges Creek Road was purchased from Mr. John Childers. A new Church was built, and the first service was held on Easter Morning, April 18, 1965, were we currently hold our services.

To the best of our ability, these are the Pastors of the Pleasant Valley Free Will Baptist Church since its beginning.

Jim W. Cremeans -- First Pastor
Tom Hall
John Hensley
Rev. Swartzwood
Rev. Nance
Asa King
Earl Gillenwater
Oat Ellis
Lewis W. Ellis
James Harvey
John Henson
Ernest F. Bias
Elden Pauley
James O. Sizemore
Eldon Browning
Donald Masters

Basil Delbart
Ernest McKenzie
Carl Cooper
Caudle Adkins
Herman Bias
Charles Faulkner
William Plybon
C.J. Adkins
Bobby Jude
Allan Sowards
Millard Morrison
Larry Sanders
Ricky Mayes -- current