

## **BIG LYNN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

The Big Lynn Free Will Baptist Church was organized in June, 1963, in East Lynn, W.V. The church started out in a one story residential home that was bought and turned into a church house, which straddled a small branch (creek). The church is presently located on Big Lynn Creek Road, off Rt. 37, in East Lynn, W.V. 25512.

Charter members were: Rev. Bernie Napier and his wife Mae; Deacon Y.V. Steele and his wife Louis; Deacon Wallace Chafin and his wife Martha; Charlotte Chafin; Henry and Cloya Dingess; and two unknowns ????? Hodges and ????? Charlett.

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

Ministers who have pastored the Big Lynn Free Will Baptist Church are as follows:

Rev. Bernie Napier	-----	June 1967 to	???? 1971
Rev. Everette Perry	-----	???? 1971 to	???? 1973
Rev. Russell Watts	-----	April 1973 to	April 1974
Rev. Luther Horn	-----	???? 1974 to	???? 1976
Rev. Bernie Napier	-----	???? 1976 to	???? 1978
Rev. Y.V. Steel	-----	???? 1978 to	???? 1986
Rev. Burnie Crabtree	-----	???? 1986 to	December 2000
Rev. Greg Isaacs	-----	December 2000 to	February 2004
Rev. Tommy Staley	-----	February 2004 to	April 2015
Rev. Gordon Workman	-----	April 2015 to	present

*(next Page.....)*

Deacons who have served the Big Lynn Free Will Baptist Church are as follows:

T.V. Steele	dates unknown
Wallace Chafins	dates unknown
Les Isaacs	April 1988 to present
Tommy Staley	April 1989 to August 1994
Rodney Scott	February 1993 to present
Steve Davis	February 1996 to December 2001
Donald Berry	February 2001 to present
Gordon Workman	February 2001 to November 2014
Gary Miller	August 2008 to June 2012

Clerks who have served the Big Lynn Free Will Baptist Church are as follows:

Louis Steele	dates unknown
Alberta Elkins	April 1985 to October 1994
Martha Scott	April 1994 to April 1998
Rodney Scott	April 1998 to present

-----

**NOTE:** *Attached you will a few pictures: a picture of Mr. & Mrs. Y.V. Steele, former pastor; a picture of Tom Staley, former pastor; and a picture of the current pastor, Gordon Workman and his wife Catherine.*

-----

-----

**NOTE:** *This information was given to the Historical Committee of the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist, sometime in, or around July 2015. The information was provided by Clerk Rodney Scott.*

-----



**Picture of Mr. & Mrs. Y.V. Steele, former pastor**



**Picture of Mr. Tom Staley, former pastor**



**Picture of present pastor, Rev. Gordon Workman and his wife Catherine**