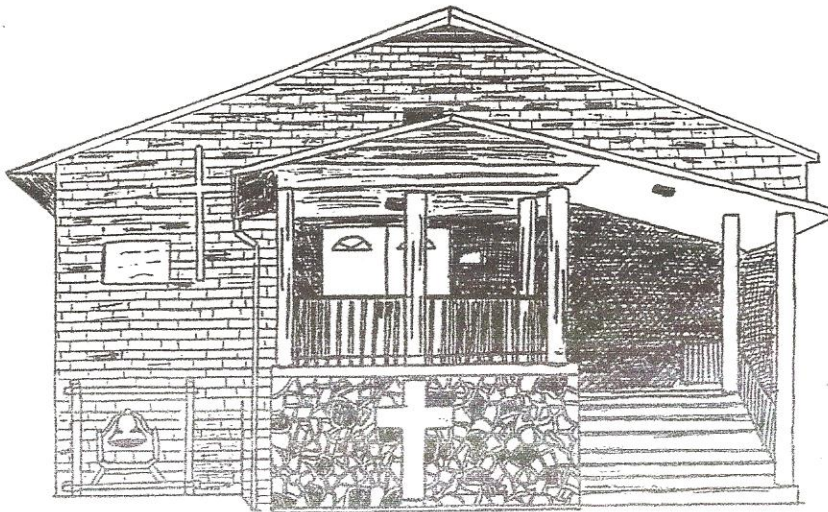


# ***KOPPERSTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH***

***50th Anniversary Homecoming  
August 18, 1996***



*May God add His richest blessings to every phase of this celebration. Let us hereby express appreciation for those who made it possible. We wish to extend a welcome to our guests and pray for their return. And may we all, with thy people everywhere grow up into a holy temple in the Lord, and be at last received into the glorious temple above, the home not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Amen*

## *A Brief History of Our Church*

*Kopperston Free Will Baptist Church was organized sometime between 1946 and 1948. The early meetings were conducted in homes in the community. The last house, used as a church, belonged to "Uncle" Denny Cook, Minister.*

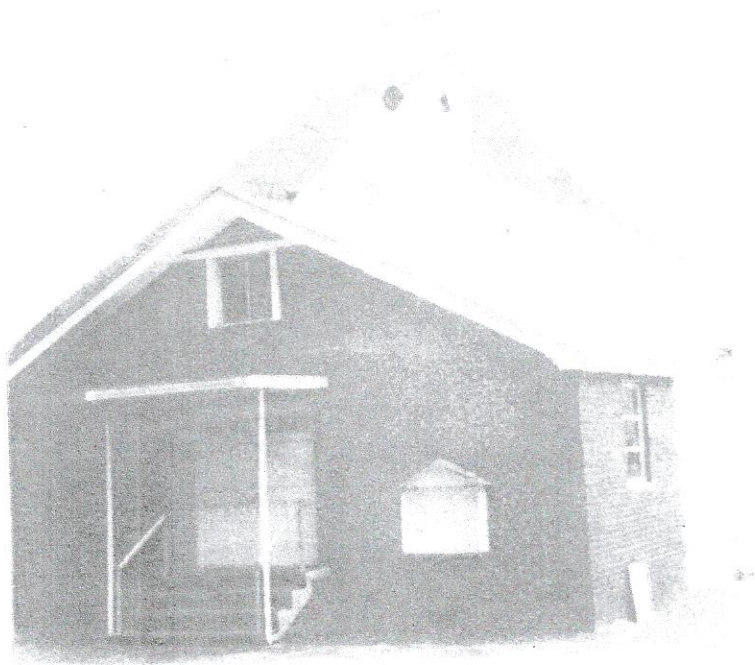
*Finally work was begun and steps were taken to construct a church. A lot was donated by Cecil Cook, father of the present pastor, Bro. Raybon Cook. Concrete blocks were made and the building erected by the early group of worshipers and friends of the church.*

*Bro. Everett Spence, husband of Sis. Maxie Spence and father of Sis. Louise Matney, was elected the first pastor.*

*After some forty years of using the original church, the group, through fellowship and love, began the construction of a new building. By the help of the Lord, property was purchased in February, 1983, ground broken and building begun. Work was finished again by the love and fellowship of worshipers and friends of the church. Thank God for a beautiful place to worship.*

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*The Original  
Kopperston Free Will Baptist  
Church*



*Original Church building with  
front addition added on in 1973.*

*I was glad when they said unto me,  
let us go into the house of the Lord.*

*Psalm 122:1*

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Ministers who have served the Kopperston Free Will Baptist Church from the beginning are to date: Everett Spence; Lawrence Miller; Jess Sneed; Frank Copley; J. W. Cooper; Roy Lester; James Vaughn; Cyril Adkins; Charles Tilley and Raybon Cook Sr.

Men who have served the church as deacons; Russell Estep; Clyde Hall; Charlie Spence; Gradie Mitchem; Everett Scalf; William Martin Jr.; Sonny Morgan; Raybon Cook Sr.; Carmie Estep Sr.; Jack Matney; and Joe Bailey.

Auxiliary building (40x80)  
finished in 1999.