

## PISGAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

A revival was conducted at Pisgah, Clay W.V. starting on June 9, 1947 by Rev. O.B. Hill, Rev. F.T. Jeffery and Deacon James F. Cox. There were 32 souls saved and 12 were baptised. On June 15, 1947 Sunday school was organized by the help of R.W. Henson the Free Will Baptist State Sunday School organizer. On June 22, 1947 the Pisgah Church was organized as a Free Will Baptist Church by Ministers O.B. Hill, F.T. Jeffery, and Deacon James F. Cox and with the word of God. Original members of the church were: Joe Sears, Cora Sears Carl Smith, Olive Smith, Myrtle Chapman, Rosie Mullins. First Pastor of the church was Rev. F.T. Jeffery.

On Wednesday July 22, 1947 prayer meeting was conducted with attendance of 21 and an offering of \$5.70. Sunday night July 6, 1947 Pastor F.T. Jeffery brought a wonderful message. On August 2, 1947 a business meeting was called to order by Pastor F.T. Jeffery, Brother Frank Legg was elected delegate to the Elk River Conference meeting on August 16, 1947 and to take the church letter. Sister Emza Legg was the alternate delegate. Brother Joe Sears was sent to the conference to have his papers examined and to be ordained as a minister. Brother Carl Smith and Brother W.A. Jones were sent to the conference to be ordained as deacons. The conference was to be held at Magazine FWB Church at Charleston W.V.

At a business meeting held on September 6, 1947 a motion was made, seconded and passed for Brother W.A. Jones to be the song leader, also at this meeting Brother Jones resigned as deacon. Rev. F.T. Jeffery was elected pastor and Rev. Joe Sears was elected assistant pastor. Sunday school was changed from 2:00 P.M. to 10:00 A.M.

At a business meeting on March 17, 1948 after a report was given on the financial state of the church Brother W.A. Jones made a motion that Pastor F. T. Jeffery be dismissed until the church could afford to pay a pastor and the church expenses. Second was made by Sister Cora Sears, motion was carried.

On May 10, 1948 Rev. J.W. Sears was elected pastor until August 1948. On August 7, 1948 he was elected for three more months. This line continued until May 8, 1949 when Rev. Clyde Dorsey was elected for three months, but he resigned on June 19, 1949. In August 1949, Rev. Joe Sears was elected pastor for another three month term and was continued until May 16, 1951. Rev. Jennings Holcomb was elected on May 16, 1951 as pastor for three months and would be paid \$10.00 a month and preach once a month. He was reelected on August 8, 1951. On November 10, 1951 Rev. Joe Sears was elected pastor again where he remained until November 14, 1952.

Pastors who have served the Pisgah Free Will Baptist Church are : Rev. F.T. Jeffery, Rev. Joe Sears (3 times), Rev. Clyde Dorsey, Rev. Jennings Holcomb, Rev. S.W. Byers, Rev. Billy Queen (from February 11, 1962 until February 26, 1962) Rev. Cecil Preast, Rev. Charles Donaldson, Rev. Basil Hershberger (3 times), Rev. Ray Nicholas, Rev. Earl Triplett, Rev. Paul Young, Rev. Hubert Graham, Rev. Ralph Lane and Rev. Dennis Vance.

Deacons who have served the church are: James Cox, W.A. Jones, Carl Smith, Carl Coulter, Hollie Shamblin, Roy Groves, Kenneth "Buck" Welch, and Robert Adkins.

true blessing to the church, we are still seeing souls saved and the Word is still being preached. The present officers of the church are: Rev. Basil Hershberger pastor, Rvw. Dennis Vance assistant pastor, Brother Robert Adkins deacon and treasurer, and Sister Lisha Adkins clerk, Sister Chessie Welch is Sunday School Secretary. May God grant that the ministry of the Pisgah Free Will Baotist Church continue until the Lord takes his Bride home.

As of March 3, 2011 church officers

Rev Dennis Vance pastor since 9/1/09

Sister Connie Kerr clerk

Brother Frank Kerr treasurer