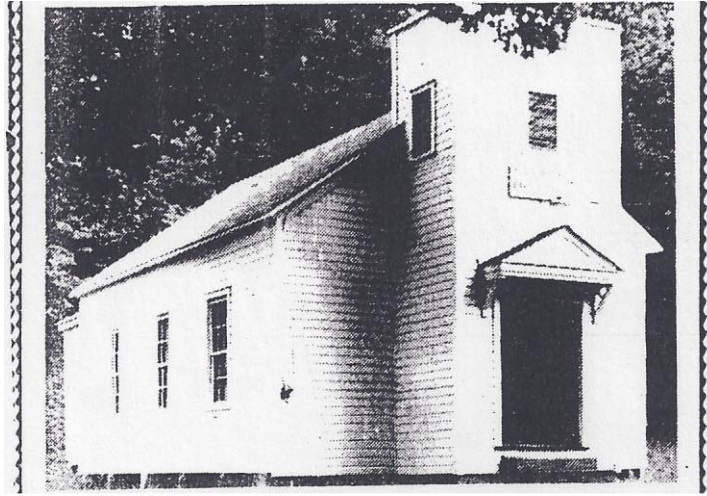


**YOUNG'S CHAPLE
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**



Young's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church



Once a little country church
Stood alone and still
Across the creek spread fields of grain
With flowers sweet as silk
With air of dignity it stands
On Bridge Creeks richest sod
That tanners plowing their great land
May not forget their God

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Young's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church on Bridge Creek Road near Hurricane West Virginia was organized in 1887 and later built and completed by 1889. A beautiful and sacred country church; a light in the community to welcome all who entered its doors.

Thompson Young, A Free Will Baptist minister of the Mount Union Conference in Lincoln County, came to the vicinity and held a three week revival in an old school house called Beach Grove, and had many conversions for Jesus Christ. This was early winter of 1886. Rev. Young visited the new converts one a month through the winter and in March of 1888 held a two week revival and at the close, he organized the church.

Brother Mosera Jordan hand carved the rock steps and they are still in use at the church today. Brother Jordan served as deacon in later years. He was blessed with many talents from God .

. Tom Howard was the first clerk and Floyd Adkins was the first deacon.

In 1887 in respect for the one that got the church started, it was named Young's Chapel. They then elected Thompson Young as the first pastor. He served three years and passed on to his reward. They then elected I.F.Roberts who served faithfully for twelve years having great success.

The following is a record of the pastors and the years they served up to this date

1902 W.R. Roberts	1903 J.R. Gillispie
1904 H.K. Freeman	1906 Jeff Thomas
1906 H.C. McNealy	1907 T. Murphy
1910 E.S. Myers	1912 E.S. Guthrie
1915 Lee Stanley	1915 Cecil Foster
1918 Lee Stanley	1920 W.D. Wade
1932 Herman Carpenter	1934 W.D. Wade
1936 W.T. Marlow	1937 John Henson
1939 Orvillie Berry	1943 Walter Wood
1944 W.T. Marlow	1945 G.B: Pauley
1947 Orville Berry	1948 Arnold Mallett
1950 John Henson	1952 Richard Cremeans
1953 Earl Maze	1959 D.S. Thomas
1962 Earl Maze	1964 Richard Cremeans
1965 Oscar Young (15 years)	1980 Tony Cooper
1994 Daymond Eastep	

The church has undergone several changes. For many years there was a large Byrnside pot belly stove in the aisle. A very special Brother Otis Grass was in charge of the fire carrying in coal and wood. There was a pit outside toilet and kerosene lamps. Later on Ed Parsons donated free gas. Thank the Good Lord for that. In 1945 a choir loft was added to the back of the church. In 1950 it was wired for electricity. Later, the inside was remodeled with new pews, carpet and piano. New windows in 1970, new furnace in 1982, air conditioning in 1985 and concrete walks in 1990. New roof was put on in 1994, built a picnic shelter in 2001. We used the pit toilets until 2001 and got city water then and built nice restrooms

Elsa Beverage granddaughter of Floyd Adkins donated money for a church bell. We built a Sunday School room in 1990.

Like the song Brother Jerry Sheets sang, All The Wagon Tracks are gone. We don't set on board seats now, we sit on foam, but, in our memory we see Brother Woodrow Parsons and his wife Eula Wood Parsons daughter of Walter Wood walking to church with five daughters over a mile up and down hills carrying lanterns. One daughter Shirley married Burchell Edwards a trustee and Sunday School superintendent for thirty years. Shirley was the clerk and secretary for forty three years until her eyesight diminished. Shirley's sisters were Ruby, Delores, Wanda and Velma. Velma is married to Preston Sheets. He is a deacon and went to Point Pleasant and got the church bell from Earnest Tucker. Preston and Burchell hung the bell in the bell tower. What a blessing these two hard workers are for the Lord. Preston is our Sunday School adult class teacher. Darlene Belcher, the daughter of Preston and Velma teaches the young class. She has two children, Rachel and Matthew. Darlene married Robbie Belcher. She is the piano player.

Brother Herman Parsons came to church on several occasions when no one else came. He would kneel at the altar and pray and go back home. He is the son of Ed Parsons and also brother to Woodrow. Brother Herman passed away in 1995. In 1948 he married Ruby Adkins great granddaughter of Floyd Adkins. Herman was never alone at church again. Ruby was always by his side. She is the song leader. A very special person and a true servant of Jesus Christ - devoted to the church.

Delbert Adkins greatgrandson of Floyd Adkins married Maxine Grass. At one time they lived near Riders Creek. In the winter when the country roads were muddy and slick, they would park their car at the Griffith cemetery and walk about one mile to church carrying the three small children. Delbert is deacon and treasurer of the church. They have three children Debby, Marshall and Curtis - all good Christians.

Brother Jerry and sister Bea Sheets are a blessing to the church. Sister Bea takes care of the Christmas gifts for all in the church - also fruit baskets for guest singers, widows and elderly. Thank God for Bea and Jerry. They have two daughters Stacey Strickler and Brandy Sheets and two grandchildren Christopher and Hanna.

Most all the congregation walked the hills and hollows to church. Lottie Cyrus and Beatrice Cyrus, sisters-in-law walked across a hill to teach the card classes and worship the Lord and Savior. This was in 1936.

Edna and Mary Torman walked the hills between Brown's Creek and Bridge Creek. Very dedicated - they sang in the choir. Mary married Collins Grass several years later. Collins Grass leads the choir also. Brother Ed Grass held the kerosene lamp up close so Collins could see the song book. How many people today are that true to the Lord?

Brother Hobert Jordan, son of Moser a and Millie Jordan served as deacons for several years. They have gone home to their Heavenly Reward.

Jessie Cyrus Lavender also had a few fond memories of Young's Chapel. I walked the hills to get to church too with my mother Lottie and brother Clyde, Aunt Bea and cousin Cecil. We were all so excited when we knew a revival was starting. In 1948 in one of the revivals, I gave my heart to Jesus. We were cleaning the church for a revival and a few of us young girls wore jeans to clean in. A brother in Christ saw us and on Sunday he had scriptures' written out for us to let us know women were not supposed to wear men's clothes. They were very strict back then.

I also walked the hills with Edna and Mary Torman to church. I credit those women with my desire to be a Christian. I was saved and baptized July 1949. I married Clyde Cyrus son of Lottie and Matt (Shed) Cyrus. Clyde was saved and baptized May 1992. We have one son Scott Cyrus. Clyde is the assistant superintendent and assistant teacher..

", "; Ray Torman comes to services when he is able. A very gifted singer.

IN MEMORY OF

Cellia Jordan.....	1911-1991
Otis Grass.....	1911-1988
Rev. Walter Wood.....	1894-1967
Lena Wood.....	1897-1970
Charley Grass.....	1868-1943
Vilina Grass.....	1873-1948
Willie Rogers.....	1875-1954
Pearlie Rogers.....	1882-1972
Lottie Cyrus.....	1894-1959
Richard Adkins.....	1887-1960
Olive Adkins.....	1902-1973
Winnie Edwards.....	1896-1969
Mary Parsons.....	1894-1963
Ed Parsons	1892-1964
Elvin Adkins.....	1911-1970
Clarence Adkins.....	1870-1961
Lillie Adkins.....	1878-1940
Collin Grass.....	1892-1967
Elizabeth (Lizzie) Grass.....	1905-1952
Millie Jordan.....	1886-1968
Mosera Jordan.....	1879-1954
Lula Grass	1901-1955
Bobbie Adkins.	1940-1981
Rev. Oscar Young	1911-1980
Brodas Tacket.....	1921-1985
Nannie Edwards.....	1915-1992
Ruth Sheets	1920-1986
Beulah Mynes.	1907-1975
Lester (Shorty) Pickens.....	1906-1978
Bertha Edwards.....	1895-1979
Woodrow Parsons.....	1915-1986
Elfie Buzzard	1906-1977
Beatrice Cyrus.....	1906-1985
Edna Torman Alford.	1906-1989
Frank Edwards.....	1901-1968
Clara Edwards	1905-1964
Harmie McClure.....	1917-1976
Lena McClure	1914-????
Elverson Griffith	1875-1972
Herman Parsons	1911-1995
Mary Gross	1908-1995
Eula Parsons	1916-1997
Elmer Cyrus	1910-1995
Agnes Cyrus.....	1913-1995
Ernestine Adkins.....	1908-2002

BACK ROW: OTIS GRASS, WOODROW PARSONS,
NEXT ROW: DELBERT ADKINS, MAXINE ADKINS, BEATRICE CYRUS, RUBY PARSONS,
NEXT ROW: BETTY WOMACK, JESSIE CYRUS, DOROTHY ADKINS, LIZ'Z,IE GRASS,
LOTTIE CYRUS.
NEXT ROW: FAYE WOMACK, LINDA PARSONS, CAROL PARSONS, SHIRLEY PARSONS.
FONT ROW: LINDA PARSONS, CHARLES CYRUS, EVELYN PARSONS, SUZZIE WOMACK,
HERSHELL HEDRICK, GENE CYRUS, CALLEN GRASS.

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Thanks to Marelis Edwards, Maxine and Delbert Adkins, Jessie Cyrus Lavender and Clyde and Dorothy Cyrus.

May God Bless,
Dorothy Cyrus, Clerk
March 2005

