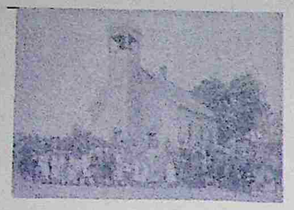
Flag Springs Baptist Church

by Becki Steiner







You have heard of the church in the wild wood
And the one where they hung Paul Revere's lamps,

God's people have met in the great cathedrals
And around humble little camps.

But I'd like to tell you about the church of my childhood
And if a voice for singing I had, I would
Of the lovely little church at Flag Springs,
When I think of it my heart often sings.

Marching onward with Christian soldiers in the summers of my youth,
Singing songs, playing games, and learning about the Truth.

I can still smell the grape Kool-Aid and fresh cookies as up the steps we'd trod,
After making crafts and hearing stories of the love of God.

The boys would have fun with a lizard found on the basement floor,
And there might just be a snake above the outhouse door.

There was no air conditioning or even a fan as I recall,
Just those wide open windows so big and oh so tall.

I'm so blessed to have grandparents who made sure to church we had a ride,
And each Sunday morning I would sit by Grandma's side.

With help to reach the rope we could all ring the bell,
It was such a special time and I remember it well.

The seats were not covered with cushion or pad;
Just plain wooden pews are what we had.
Grandma and Grandpa, Kenneth and Naomi, and Sanford and Josie were sure to be there
Each and every Sunday morning their love to share.

In Donald Gay's pocket the children were sure to find
A piece of candy of some kind.

The Bashors, the Saunders, and Mrs. Abbott too
Were all part of the family, just to name a few.

Many pastors have been here to shepherd the flock.
They had different styles but all stood on the same Rock.

There have been whisperers and shouters, weepers and teachers, jumpers, kneelers and pacers;
But all of them have been truth facers.

The building twice moved on its foundation I'm told
By two different tornadoes was the story of old.

That church building now has long since been gone
Lost to a fire one snowy dawn.

A newer more modern building now stands in its place
But it's still the same church, just a different face.

Over the years many dear ones have entered in
Learning of Jesus and being cleansed from their sins.

Now many of the names and faces have changed
But there are a few who still remain.

Oh how I miss those who have gone on before
And I look forward to meeting them on that other shore.

God has preserved this church it seems to me
And a lighthouse to the community I believe He wants it to be.

Yes, there are churches with much greater fame
And many with more familiar a name.

But no matter where life takes me or how far I roam
I'm happy to call Flag Springs my church home.

History of the Flag Springs Baptist Church

Elders Lewis Allen and J.H. Miller were called upon by some brethren to meet with them March 3, 1855 on the propriety of forming them into a United Baptist Church.

The group met at the Boyles schoolhouse, which was located about ¾ mile south of the present church building.

Charter members were John Clark, Oliver Jesse, William W. Clark, Elisha Jesse, David F. Moody, John Breeding, Fielden C. Shaw, John White, James Y. Moody, Elijah T. Clark, Katharine Shaw, Elisabeth C. Clark, Susannah Breeding, Nancy W. Clark, Celia Ann Clark, Jane Clark, Nancy J. Jesse, Elisabeth White, Rebecca Moody and Sally J. Moody.

Johnathan H. Miller was the first pastor. Oliver Jesse and James Y. Moody were the first deacons. David F. Moody was the first clerk.

On the first Saturday of August 1855 the church voted to petition the Platt River Association for admittance into her body at her next meeting.

January 1859 the church members received a letter from the Union Grove church for consideration of building a house of worship.

February 1870 a committee was appointed to select a site at or near Flag Springs to build a church and if aided sufficiently to secure a site. Jasper A. Boyles, John Miller and John White were appointed as the committee.

February 1872 William W. Clark, Jasper A. Boyles and John Miller were appointed to take a deed in their names to build a church house for the use and benefit of the Platt River Church. The land was deeded by John White.

June 1873 the name was changed to Flag Springs Baptist Church.

August 1875 delegates were appointed to meet with the St. Joseph Association when they convened with the Whitesville church for the purpose of becoming a member of her body.

January 1878 a resolution was passed to organize a Sabbath school.

May 1879 the Sabbath school bought an organ for use in the church.

January 1882 a protracted meeting was held for eleven days and nights. Thirteen precious souls were saved.

February 1906 ice was cut on the creek and twenty-eight people were baptised.

August 1949 the church went to the river after evening services and sixteen were baptised under a full moon.

February 1950 the church voted to proceed with the plans to put a basement under the church building.

January 1955 the church voted to put a hardwood floor in the auditorium.

The church observed it's 100th Anniversary May 22, 1955.

July 1958 the church voted to lower the ceiling in the auditorium, and March 1962 the church voted to panel the front of the auditorium.

January 10, 1982 the church building burned to the ground. August 1982 a new building was started. Services were held in the new building September 19, 1982.

June 6, 1983 the church was dedicated.

In May 1992 Bible School was started again.

An addition was began in 1999. The Savannah Baptist Church helped the members finish the inside.

On March 5, 2000 the dedication of the addition and the 145th Anniversary of the church was celebrated. A revival beginning Sunday, March 5 to March 12 with former pastors as speakers was planned by the congregation.

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Old Salt River Church

Book.

March Sixth

1855

Dan'l P. Moody Clerk.

$1.50 cts.

BOOK

Void

Fits to the Old Salt River Church Book, & may the Lord Record Such Names to be Recorded in this Book as shall be Recorded in the Lambs Book of life &c.

March 3d 1855

Constitution

March 3rd 1855 1855

State of Missouri Audrain County, We united Baptis of Jesus Christ being persuaded of the need of the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ in faith and gospel order and to promote Christian fellowship and the welfare of Zion to secure the blessings of Religion we do agree to keep and to maintain the following Articles of Faith

Substantiation

Substantiation, March 1855

We the undersigned being called on by Some brethren of the United Baptist Church to meet with them at Boyless School house in Audrain County Missouri to consult with them on the propriety of forming them into a united Baptist Church of Jesus christ And we do hereby certify that on the 3d of March 1855

We met with said Brethren and according to baptist Customs set them apart as a united Baptist Church of Jesus Christ Given our hands this the 3d of March A.D. 1855

Attest Louis Allen
J. Fa Miller
Presbyter

Articles of Faith

Article 1st We believe there is but one only true and living god and in the god head there are Father Son and holy ghost

Art 2d That the Scriptures of the old and New testament are the infallable word of god and the only Rule of Faith and practice

Art 3d We believe in the total Depravity of the human hart and the necessity of a change effected By the divine spirit as the efficient agent

Art 4th That by the grace of god Christ tasted Death for every man and that Salvation Regenesation Sanctification and justification are By the life Death Resurrection and assension of Jesus Christ

Art 5th That all Such as are born of the Spirit are kept by the power of god through faith unto Salvation

Art 6th That Believers Baptism by Emersion is necessary to Receiving the Lords Supper and that no Minister hath a right to Administer the ordinance of Baptism and the Lords Supper but those who have been Legaly Baptised and Ordained

Art 7th That the Salvation of the Righteous and Punishment of the Wicked are eternal

Art 8th That it is our duty to tenderly and affectionately to each other and study the happiness of the people of god in General and to be engaged Singly to promote the honor of God: Amd

March the 3d 1833

John Clark
Oliver Jesse
William M. Clark
Elisha Jesse
Elijah M. Clark
John Breding
F[illegible] G. Shaw
John White
James G. Moody
David F. Moody

Katharine Shaw
Elisabeth [illegible]
Susanah Br[illegible]
Nancy M. Clark
Celiarann Clark
Jane Clark
Nancy J. Jesse
Elisabeth White
Rebecca Moody
Sally J. Moody

Church Covenant

We unanimously agree where as we hope we have long Since given our Selves to the lord and to one another do this day in compact give to each other our hands in Covenant to like togt together in Brotherly affection and to keep up a godly Dissiplin and to keep up the worship of god in a decency and watch over each other for good indeavering to keep the unity of the Spirit in the Bond of peace to raise up the heads that hang down and Strengthen the feble knee making Straight paths for our feet least that which is lame be turned out of the way

And as it is necessary to have a name to distinguish this Church from other Churches our future Style or appelation Shall be the United Baptis Church of Jesus Christ Called

Platt River

March the 3d 1833

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Rules of Decoram

Rule 1st Church Meetings Shall Upon and close by Prayer

Rule 2nd A moderator Shall be appointed, whose duty it Shall be, to call the Church to order to Preside during the business of the church.

Rule 3rd The minister having the Pastorial care of this church, Shall be considered the Legal moderator. But in case of his absence, or (at) his request the Church Shall appoint a moderator Protem.

Rule 4th A Clerk Shall be appointed by the church whose duty it Shall be to keep a true Record of all the business transacted in the church. to keep the names of the members Enrolled.

Rule 5th Every Motion made and Second Shall be taken into consideration by the church unless withdrawn by the member makeing it

Rule 6th A majority of the members present Shall be Sufficient to deside on all Business wich may Come before the church. Except Receiving members into the filowship of the church in which case the consent of all present is necessary.

Rule 7th If the Vote of the church (is) Equally divided the Moderator may give the casting Vote

Rule 8th No member Shall be allowed to Speak more than three times to one Subject without Leave of the church. the Moderator Shall have the Same Priviledge of Speaking as any Brother Provided his Place be filled

Rule 9th No Brother Shall absent himself from his Seat during church business without Leave of the Moderator

Rules of Decorum. concluded.

Rule 10th A member wishing to Speak Shall arise from his Seat and address the moderator and Shall attend to the Business before the church, and Shall not make any Remarks on the Slips failurs or imperfections of any Brother who Spoke before him.

Rule 11th The application of members in Conference to Each other Shall be Brother and Sister

Rule 12th The cause of missions that is the becoming or not becoming a member of a missionary Society, or any benevolent Society, that has for its object the Spred of or support of the gospel, the promotion of morality, Shall be no bar to membership nor test of fellowship in this Church

Rule 13th A majority of this Church may alter or amend the above Rules Except Rule the twelfth Which Shall not be altered without Consent of All the Members of this church.

Rules of Decorum Concluded

March 1st Saturday 1855

The Brethren and Sisters met and after Divine Servis proceeded 1st to call Elder Louis Allen to the chair. 2d appointed James G Moody Clerk for the day. after which the presbytry proceeded to examin all the papers and went into the constitution of the church.

3d Resolvd that Brother Brethren Oliver Grace and James G. Moody Shall Be the Deacons of this church as Recomended in their Letters of Dismision from their former churches as being Regularly ordained and set apart for that purpose.

4th Appointed Brother David F. Moody Clerk to Serve this church for the future

James G. Moody Clk protem

Louis Allen and Jonathan Mc. Mills Presbytery

1855 — April 1st Saturday 1855

The church met and prayer by Brother Miller
Delivered a Sermon from 4th Salm.
The church was then called to order
1st Chose Brother Miller moderator for the day
2nd Opened a door for the Reception of members.
3rd Brethren John White, John Clark, and Fielden L. Shaw
was appointed a committee to form out Rules of
Decorum for this church to be governed by and
present them at our next meeting for inspection
4th Agreed to make choise of a pastor to attend this church
the next twelve months. where upon Elder
Jonathan H. Miller was unanimously chosen and
gave a grant to attend us and take the pastorial
Care of this church for twelve months

David F. Moody C.C. Jonathan H. Miller Moderator

Sabath preaching By J.H. Miller
after which an opertunity was extend for the Reception
of members and Recvd Lucinda K. Moody By
Experience and Baptism

David F. Moody C.C. Jonathan H. Miller
moderator protem

1855 — May 1st Saturday 1855

The church met and after divine Servis proceeded to
Busines 1st Opened a door for the Reception of members
2nd The Committee appointed to Draft Rules of Decorum
presented the following Rules which was

— Carried over

Unanimously adopted and ordered to be Recorded

Sabbath preaching by J.H. Miller
after which an opertunity was extended for
the Reception of members and Recvd.
Brother Anderd C. Wages and Sarah Wages his wife
By Letter

Jonathan H. Miller
Moderator

David F. Moody C.C.

— June 1st Saturday 1855 —

The church met and after Preaching by
Jonathan H. Miller proceeded to Business
1st Opend a door for the Reception of members
And Recvd Sister Mary Allen By letter

David F. Moody C.C. Jonathan H. Miller
Moderator

Sabbath, Brother Miller
preached from Joshua 24 & 14 Now therefor
fear the Lord and serve &c. —
after which an opertunity was Extended
for the Reception of members and Recvd
Robert White By Experience

D. F. Moody C.C.

Sabbath Morning Elder
William Peter preached from Hebrews 2nd & 3
how shal we escape &c. after which an oper-
-tunity was Extended for the Reception of
Members and Recvd Sarah Meek By
Experience

D. F. Moody C.C.

Platte River baptist Church

Saturday befor Second Sunday in february 1868 Church met pursuing to adjournment Sermon by Elder J A obrien

first proceeded to business by opening door for the reception of members

Second a motion and second that we appoint committee of three as building committee for to sollicit aid for building baptist Church house at or near flag Spring for Platte river Church and if aided sufficient to secure site for building and to proceed to getting material as best seem to them for the interest of the church and report pro grefs at our next regular meeting

third Jasper A Boyles John miller and John white were appointed committe

adjourned to meet Saturday before second Sunday in march

J A obrien mod | J John white CC | first Secr

Platte River baptist church

March Saturday before second Sunday 1868

Church met pursuent to adjournment

Sermon by Elder J A obrien

proceeded to business by inviting visiting brethren to seats

first opened door for the reception of members | first Secr

Second received the minute of preceding meeting as recorded

no further business adjourned to meet Saturday before second Sunday in april | third

John white CC } J A obrien mod

Saturday March 1872
Platte River ... Elder J E ...
and after ... opened ...
Church then ... opened the
Doors of the Church ...
for the reception of members
Sister Mary Stokes ...
Relation Brother Charles Taylor
and Sister Mary Taylor were ...
...
D. E. ... Moderator | L J White Clk
All References continued until
next Meeting

June 3rd Sunday 1873
Elder ... administered
the ordinance of baptism to
Brother Charles Taylor & Sister Taylor
then proceeded to administer the
Supper.
L. J. White

July Saturday before 3rd Sunday

1873 flag Spring baptist church met Prayer by Elder H C A Dunigan proceeded to preach from Luke 18th and after which the door of the church was opened and brother Thomas Smith related to the church his christian experiance and was received by the church for baptism

2 refference called for

3rd laid over til Saturday before 3rd Sunday in august

4th a committee of three were appointed to wait on brother boyle

5 brother wm clark J A boyles J bateman were said committee

Saturday before Second Sunday in Feb 1872

Arcadia river Baptist Church met
by letter as moderator present
first proceeded to elect brother Wm Hardisty
moderator pro tem
Second proceeded to business prayer by moderator
third received brethren invited into seats
fourth that we ask for three trustees
to take in their name deeds for the Land
to build church house on said Land to
be deeded by John White for the use and
benefit of Arcadia river Baptist church and
that William M Clark Jasper C Boyles
and John Miller be said trustees
fifth prayer by brother was closed
adjourned to meet sat before second
Sunday in march

Moderator C C J. Hall W M Clark moderator pro tem

Saturday before

1872 first proceeded to choose moderator
brother Wm M Clark was appointed
protem no further business
adjourned prayer by
brother Clarke

John White Clk

Second Sunday
in march prayer meeting held
pursuant to by the brethren
and others
John White Clk

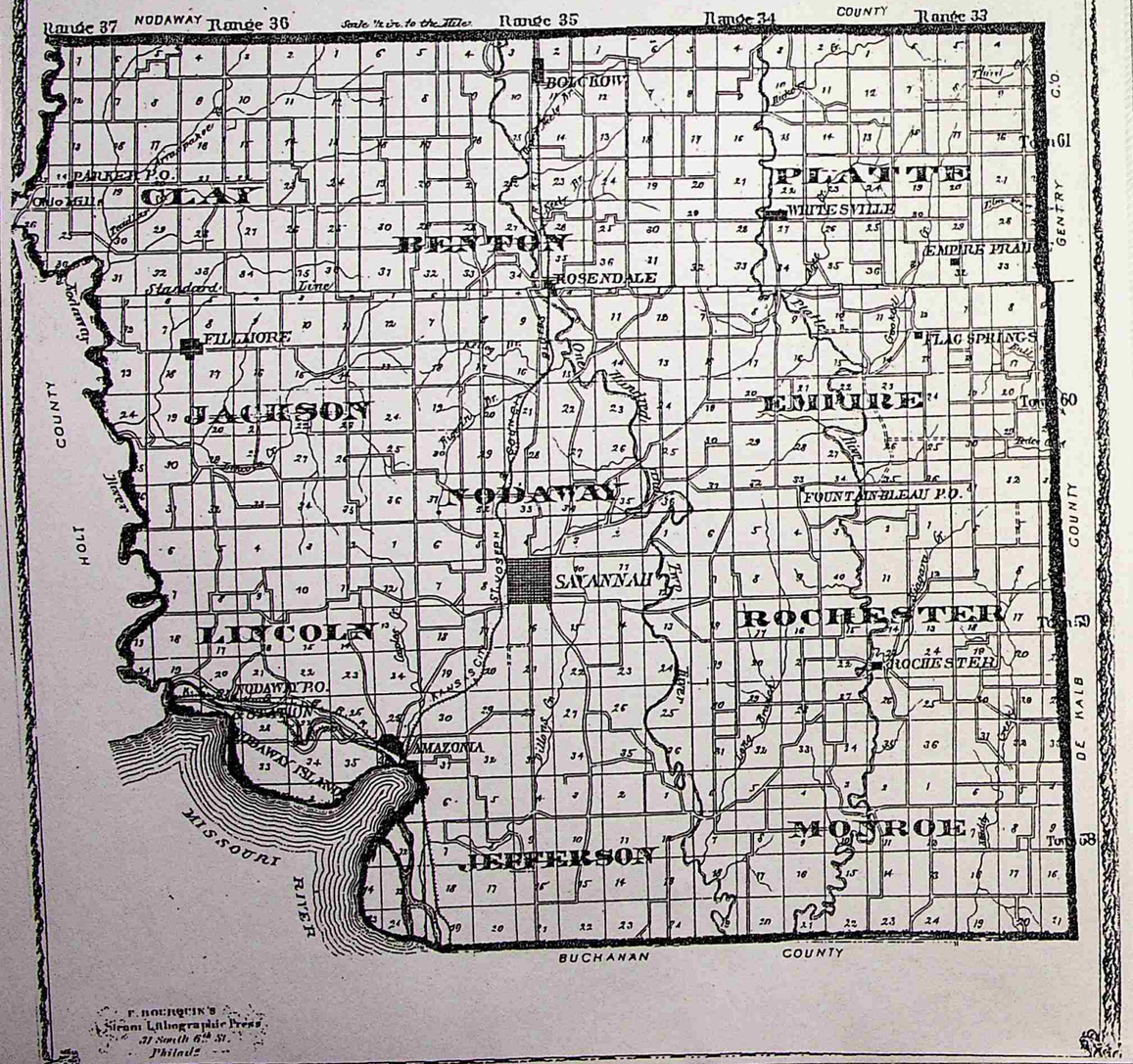
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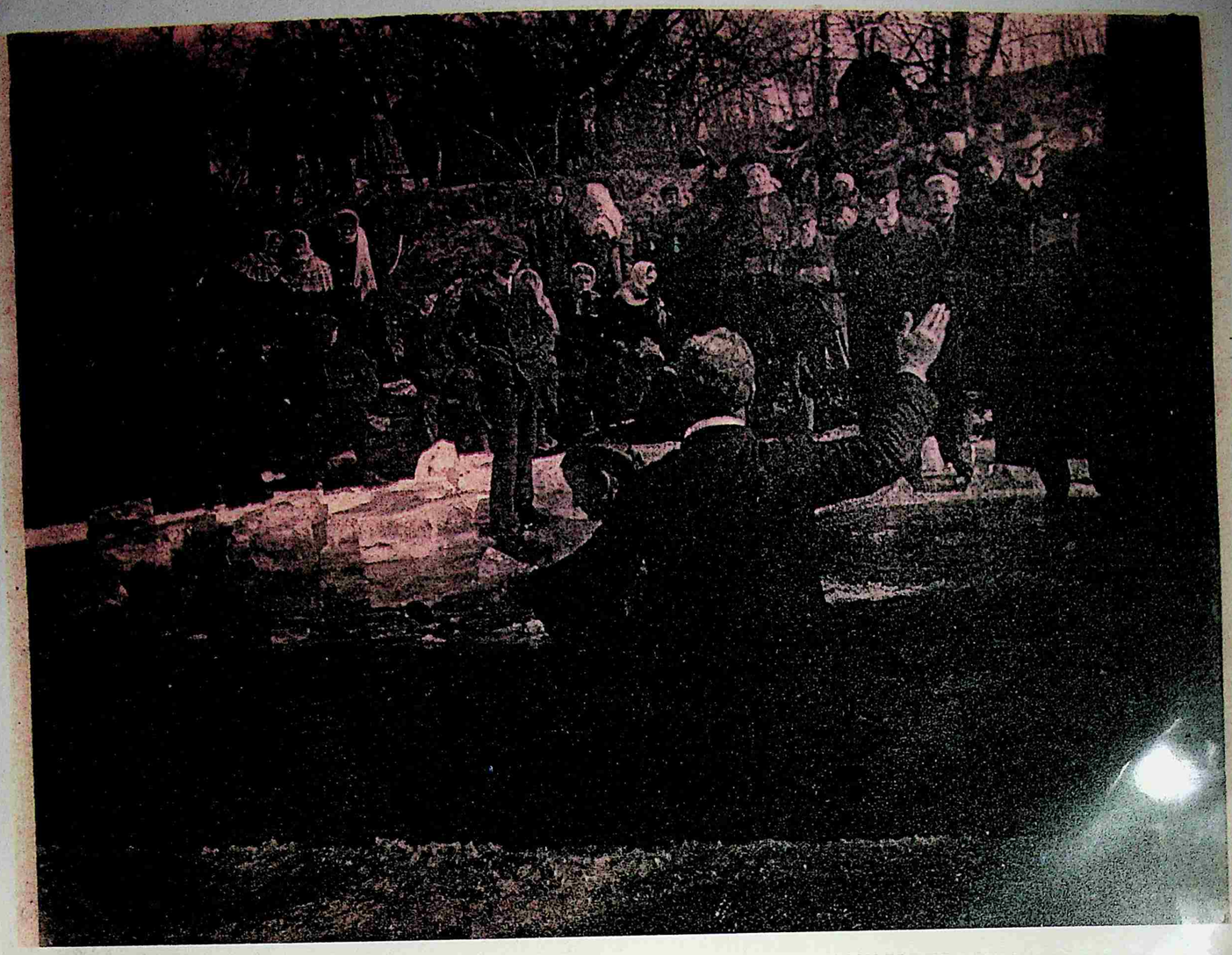
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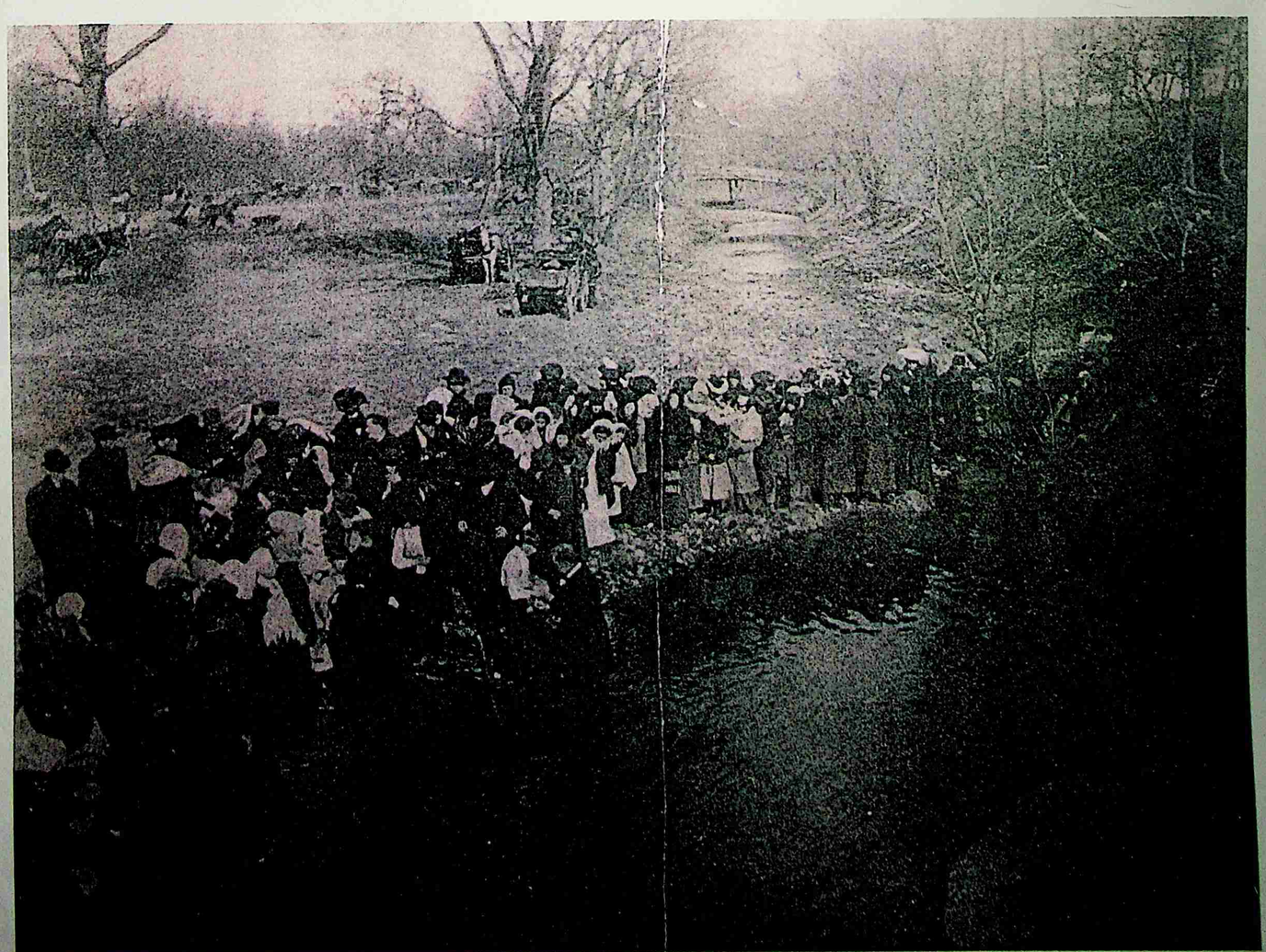
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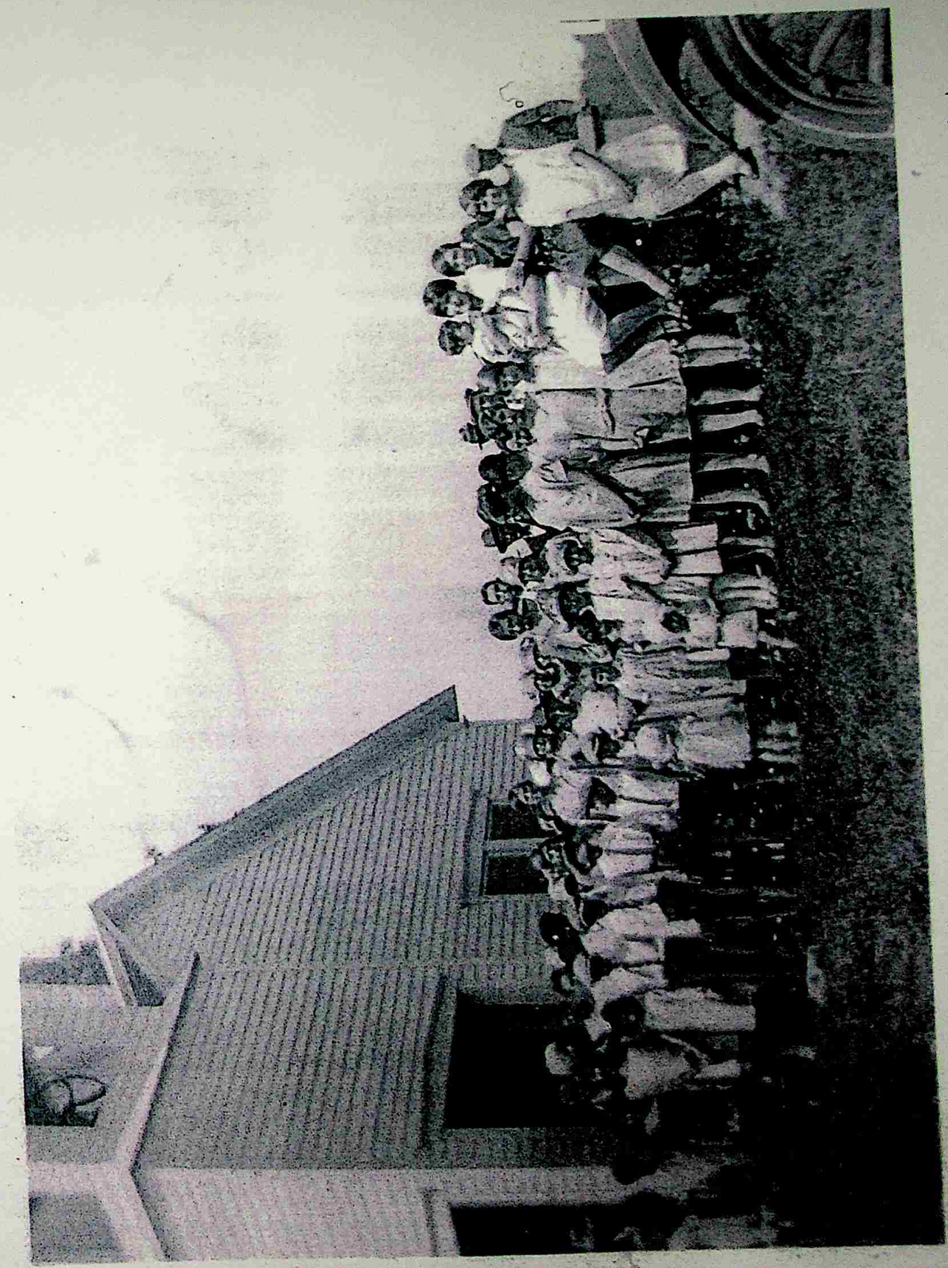
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Whitesville

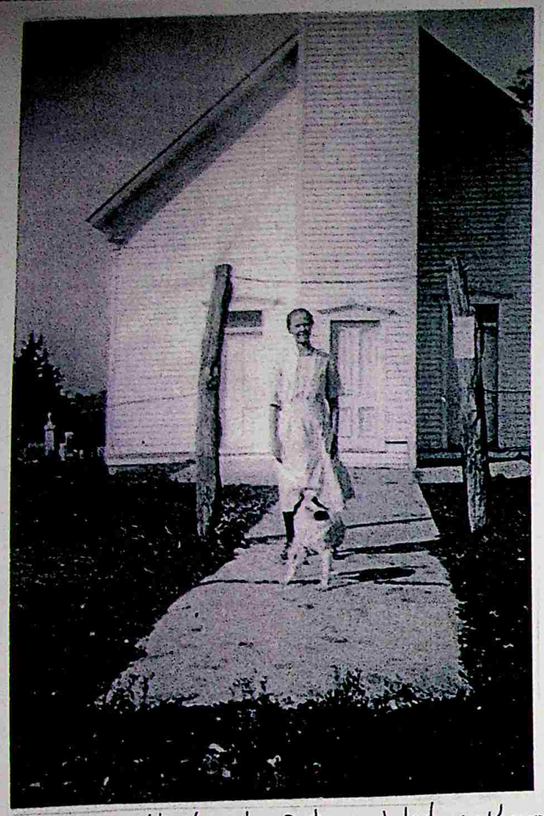
Several from here have been attending the meetings in progress at the Baptist Church in Flag Springs. The Pastor, Rev. Cooper, is being assisted by Rev. Leonard of Gentry County, and they are having a good meeting.

From the records of the Flag Springs Baptist Church February 1 and February 5, 1906

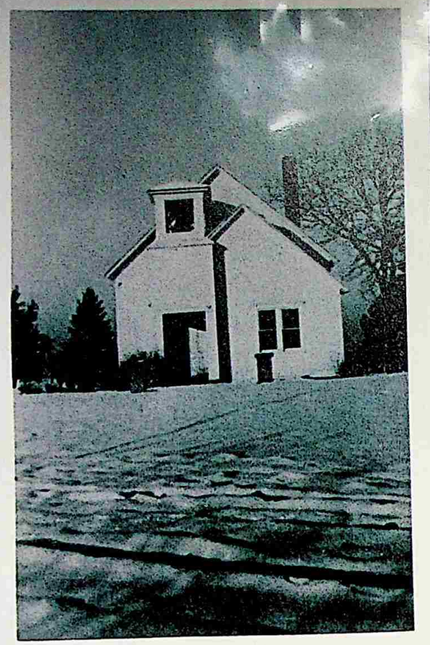
Those baptized are: Tony Smith, Tom McManus, Willie McIntire, Woodson Coil, Roy Murphy, Firman Srite, John Smith, Lee McManus, Elsie Smith, Claudia Smith, Bessie Green, Janie Smith, Rosa Abbott, Sylvia Clemens, Lennie Colvin, Ellen Srite, Lizzie Smith, Nora McManus, Archie Smith, Charlie Newman, Joe Cassidy, G.C. Parten, John Mullinix, Elmer Adams, Clarence Bentley, Larkin Miller, Grace Hartman, Elsie McManus and Mrs. W.K. Meek



Flag Springs Baptist Church. Sunday School and Church followed by a



the old Church. Date and lady unKnown



Date unKnown



Elizabeth (Smith) Coil, "Aunt Lizzie"
and some of her class



Date and participants unKnown



Date and participants unKnown

Flag Springs Items.

FLAG SPRINGS, May 6.

ED. REPORTER—Farming is progressing rapidly, most of the corn being planted. The crop prospect is very flattering for grain of all kinds.

McLain & Peters received a fine lot hogs at this place, to-day; 120 in number. They ship, this evening, four cars of hogs and one of cattle, to Chicago by way of Union Star.

There are several cases of ague in our neighborhood.

Charles Buster, who recently returned from Kansas, is going to locate in our village, this week; will occupy Wm. Elrod's house.

We acknowledge a call from J. E. McColgin, of your town, this evening. He was inquiring after the dead, as usual. Call again.

G. J. Boyles is building an addition to his house.

The members of the Baptist church are making arrangements to paint their church at this place in a short time; also, to purchase an organ.

OBSERVER.

9 May 1879

4 Aug 1933

FLAG SPRINGS HOME-COMING

Sunday 78th Anniversary Will Be Observed With Program and Roll Call.

The seventy-eighth anniversary of the founding of Flag Springs Baptist Church will be observed Sunday, Aug. 6, at an all-day social and religious service. It should be the occasion of a reunion of friends and relatives now spread widely over this section. The committee in charge is extending a cordial welcome to everybody to attend the services and to enjoy also the big basket dinner at noon.

The services will start with the regular Sunday school service at 10 a. m., followed by preaching service at 11. After the dinner there will be an informal reunion program in the afternoon and perhaps another worship service in the evening.

The Flag Springs Church is one of the oldest church organizations in this immediate territory in point of continuous existence.

At the present time Rev. L. L. Leininger of Bolckow is the minister. The deacons are Woodson Coil and Albert Bashor, the other having moved from the community and his successor has not yet been chosen. Sanford Smith is superintendent of the Sunday school and he is assisted by the following teachers who have charge of six organized classes: Mary Class, Mrs. Geneva Abbott; Men's Class, Albert Bashor; Sunshine Booster Class, Sanford Smith; True Blue Class, Ruby Shores; Intermediate Class, Miss Marie Baker; Primary Class, Mrs. Elizabeth Coil.

The Andrew county History of 1886 says:

Prior to the year 1850 there had been almost no Baptist element in the vicinity of Flag Springs. John White and his family, leading members of that denomination in what is now Rochester township, moved to Flag Springs in 1853, and through his efforts ministers of the church visited the community from time to time and conducted public worship at his residence and the Cumberland Ridge Presbyterian building south of town. In the meantime, through the earnest efforts of Mr. White, the few Baptist families living in the neighborhood were gathered together, and others moving into the community, soon led to the necessity of a permanent organization, the preliminary steps necessary to the accomplishment of which were taken in 1855. The Platte River Church was regularly constituted that year by Rev. Lewis Allen and Rev. Jonathan Miller, and at the meeting for organization the names of the following members were duly recorded: John White, Elizabeth White, James Y. Moody, Franklin Moody, Sallie Moody, Rebecca Moody, John Clark, Mrs. John Clark, Jane Clark, Celia Clark, Preston Clark, Oliver Jessy, Fielden Shaw and Catherine Shaw.

A little later the society was increased by numerous additions, among whom are remembered John Miller and wife and members of their family, the Meek family, Henry Bosworth and wife, the Scott family and many others whose names can not now be recalled. For several years succeeding its organization the church enjoyed great prosperity, and unlike nearly all religious organizations of the county the difficulties growing out of the divided sentiment during the war did not succeed in breaking up the congregation. Meetings were regularly held during the troublous period, and at its close a spirit of harmony was at once renewed, which has characterized the deliberations of the society ever since.

The little log schoolhouse on the Boyle farm south of Flag Springs was the meeting place until 1858, when the use of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church was secured for one-fourth of that term, and it was in the latter that public worship was held until about the year 1866 or 1867. The meeting place was then changed to the Miller schoolhouse, a short distance west of Mr. White's place, and at times Mr. White opened his dwelling for the accommodation of the congregations.

The first ordained deacons were J. Y. Moody and F. Shaw. Franklin Moody was the first church clerk. The original name of the church was dropped a few years ago, and that of the Flag Springs Baptist Church substituted. The following is a list of the pastors who have ministered to the congregation since 1855: Revs. Jonathan Miller, David Anderson, N. Roberts, Robert Vancleve, J. H. Best, T. N. O'Brian, J. E. Frazee, J. E. Moore, I. T. Williams, B. F. Rice and G. W. Ball. The membership at this date numbers about ninety, and the church is one of the prosperous societies of the St. Joseph Association. The following are the officers of the congregation for 1887: William McIntire, W. W. Clark and F. A. Smith, deacons; H. Miller, clerk; John Miller, William McIntire and W. W. Clark, trustees. The Sunday school, under the superintendency of J. K. White, has an average attendance of about thirty-four, nearly all of whom are members of families belonging to the congregation. The teachers at this time are J. J. Dungan, Annie Elrod, Martha Blevins, Mary Files and Theodosia Files.

Flag Springs Mary Class.

The Mary Class of the Flag Spring Sunday school met at the home of Mrs. Orville Howell, Dec. 18, and held their annual all-day Christmas program. Each one brought a covered dish and at the noon hour a most delicious dinner was served. After dinner a fine Christmas program was given by group No. 5 as follows: "Joy to the World," was sung by all present; Scripture reading by Mrs. Goldie Bashor; song by Mrs. Ed Kibbey and Mrs. Howell; prayer by Mrs. Frank Mullnix; reading by Mrs. Francis Howell; reading by Mrs. Ralph Campbell; a Christmas story by Mrs. Fred Abbott; a pageant "Candle Lighting Time," by Mrs. Dazey, Mrs. Staley, Mrs. Meek, Mrs. Tanyhill, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Shores, Mrs. Abernathy, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Mullnix, Mrs. Edna Shores. Then came the exchange of gifts from the nicely decorated tree prepared by Mrs. Howell. For roll call those present were Mrs. Dazey, Mrs. Mable Campbell and son, Mrs. Bashor, Mrs. Coil, Mrs. Bonham, Mrs. Mulnix, Mrs. Ada Jones and daughter, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Kibbey, Mrs. Green and daughter, Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Campbell and son, Mrs. Meek, Mrs. Ott, Mrs. Laffoon, Mrs. Mullnix, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Tanyhill, Mrs. Staley, Mrs. Abernathy and daughter, Mrs. Green and daughter, Mrs. Smith and sons and daughter. Visitors present were: Mrs. Hickox, Mrs. Bashor and son, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Simpson and son and daughter, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Hubert Smith, Mrs. Cobb and son, Mrs. Shores, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Kowitz and son and daughters.

A most enjoyable day was spent by all and will be remembered by all. The men who spent the day with Mr. Howell were: Mr. Campbell, Mr. Shores, Mr. Smith and Mr. Simpson.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lee Jones Jan. 1. The closing of the program was a prayer by Mrs. Claudia Bashor.

28 December 1934



21 June 1981, Father's Day at the church

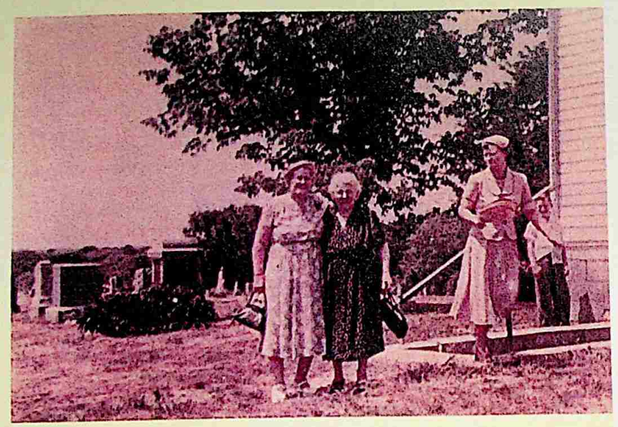
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FLAG SPRINGS CHURCH TO HAVE DEDICATION SERVICE

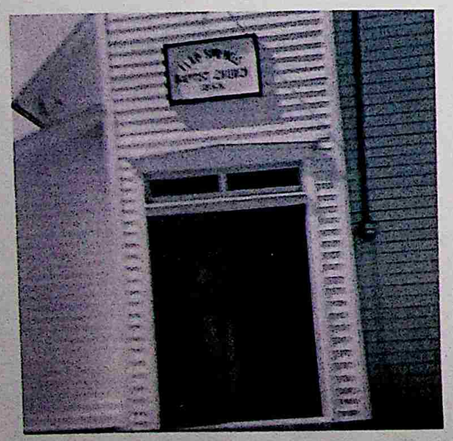
The Flag Springs Baptist church will celebrate Sunday, the building of the new church basement and the re-decoration of the interior of the entire building.

There will be an all-day service. The pastor, Rev. Bill Halliburton, will bring the morning message. A basket dinner will be served at noon. For the afternoon program, Rev. J. W. Meede of King City, Rev. Paul Bellington of Liberty, Rev. William Pfan of Holly, Colo., Rev. John Galloway of Darlington and Rev. Elmer Mundy of Sullivan have been invited. Also there will be a speaker from Central Seminary or William Jewel College.

The evening service, with Rev. J. W. Minor of [illegible] Park Baptist church, St. Joseph, the speaker, will begin the two-week simultaneous revival. Rev. Minor will be with the church throughout the revival. 9-28-1951 Reporter

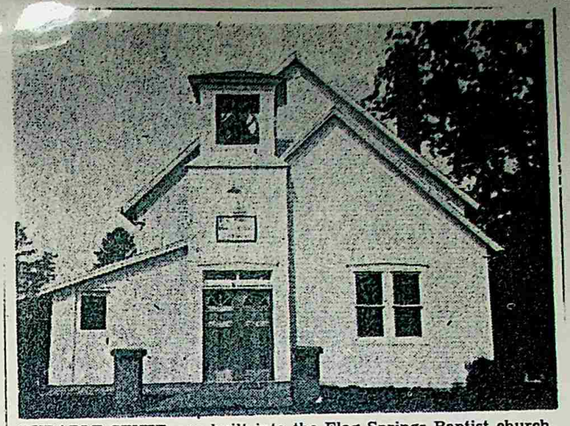


Basket Dinner
Rosa (miller) Mullinex, Ella (Caldwell) Barton,
Naomi (Gay) Armfield, Calvin Calhoun
at the Steps to the basement





Roy Davis and family
He was pastor 1958-62



DURABLE STUFF was built into the Flag Springs Baptist church, erected in the early 70s. Moved off its foundation by tornadoes in 1881 and 1913, it stands today a modern and attractive edifice in which the organization's 100th anniversary sermon will be preached Sunday afternoon by the Rev. James W. Meade of King City.

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Flag Springs Church to Celebrate Its 100th Birthday This Weekend

"How Firm a Foundation" may well be the theme song of the centennial celebration this weekend at the Flag Springs Baptist church. Twice lifted off its foundation by Sunday tornadoes, the sturdy frame edifice, twice restored and recently modernized, stands today on the site it has occupied since the early seventies, and still is the center of the Flag Springs community's religious life.

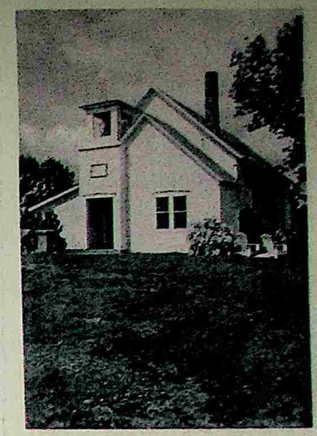
The centennial observance will start with a special praise and worship service at 8 oclock Friday night, May 20. There will be another service Saturday night, and there will be morning, afternoon and night services Sunday, May 22. The Rev. James W. Meade of King City, a former Flag Springs pastor, will deliver the 100th anniversary sermon at the Sunday afternoon service, it has been announced.

Present pastor of the 100-year-old church is Hughie Barfoot of Liberty, Mo., a recent William Jewell college graduate.

Produced 2 Preachers

The Rev. Russell Dazey, reared in the influence of the Flag Springs Baptist church and just entering the ministry, will conduct the Sunday morning worship services at 10:45 oclock. He is being graduated this year at a Baptist Bible college at Pineville, Ky. Another young Flag Springs man studying for the ministry will be home for the centennial service also. He is Lewis Barton, now a student in Moody Bible institute, Chicago.

Flag Springs Baptist church was organized March 3, 1855, with twenty charter members. Jonathan H. Miller was the first pastor, David F. Moody the first clerk. Oliver Jessee and James G. Moody were the first deacons. Services were held in the homes of members until the early 1870s, when the original church building was erected. Some of the records have been lost and the exact date the building was dedicated is debatable.



Moved by 2 Tornadoes

The tornado of June 12, 1881, which old-timers still refer to as "the big cyclone", leveled most of Flag Springs and moved the church bodily off its foundation. Shortly afterward the building was repaired and moved back to its original supporting stones, there to remain until Easter Sunday, March 23, 1913, when another tornado, traveling virtually the same path, moved it off its foundation the second time. Again the durable old structure was strapped together and moved back bodily.

In 1950 a basement was dug under the church to accommodate a modern heating plant, dining room and other facilities. Hardwood floors were laid and the entire edifice was modernized and beautified, and although it is essentially the same old structure, it appears sturdy enough to last another century.

A King City resident, John Mulnix, is a member of the present board of deacons. Serving with him are A. A. Bashor, Sanford Smith and Woodson Coil. Donald Gay is the present Sunday school superintendent.

This will be a great week-end in the Flag Springs community, nine miles southwest of King City, and the Baptists over there are inviting all former members and their families and friends to join in celebrating the anniversary of the church around which these 100 eventful years the village has huddled.

DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE

May 18, 1975



FLAG SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Harold Murray, Sr., pastor

ORDER OF ORDINATION

Pianist *Miss Terry Smith*	Song Leader *Billy Smith*
WELCOME	*Harold Murray, Sr.*
PRAYER & SCRIPTURE	*Billy Smith*
REPORT OF COMMITTEE	
HYMN 188	*"Amazing Grace"*
INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES	*Elvin Bashor* *Howard Coats*
QUESTION SESSION	
HYMN 356	*"Take My Life & Let It Be"*
CHARGE TO CANDIDATES	*S. E. Moore*
CHARGE TO CHURCH	*John C. Burnham*
PRAYER	*Howard Coats*
HYMN 366	*"Bless Be the Tie That Binds"*

Welcome

One hundred-twenty-fifth

Anniversary Celebration
of
Flag Springs
Baptist Church

Union Star, MO.

June 22, 1980

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 A.M.
WORSHIP 11 A.M.

followed by
basket lunch
on the grounds

~ In Appreciation ~

Moderator-
John Burnham, missions director,
saint joseph association

Interrogator-
Dr. S. Craig Tally, pastor,
park hill baptist church

Speaker-
J.R. Duncan, pastor,
new liberty baptist church

Music leader-
Bill Smith, chairman of deacons
flag springs baptist church

Musical accompanist-
Terry Petty, pianist
flag springs baptist church

Soloist-
Dixie Hutchraft

Ordination Service

for

Jimmy H. Wilson

by

Flag Springs Baptist

April 27, 1980

Order of Service

Prelude	Terry Petty
Welcome, Statement of Purpose, Intro. of Moderator	Bill Smith
Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:9-12 ◊ I Timothy 3:1-7	John Burnham
Congregational Hymns: Fairest Lord Jesus	#159
: Higher Ground	#319
Presentation of Canidate	Sanford Smith
Public Examination: Canidate's Statement	Jimmy H. Wilson
: Council's Inquiry	Craig Tally
Congregational Hymns: Footsteps of Jesus	#362
: Rise Up, O Men of God	#445
Council's Recommendation to the Church	John Burnham
Decision of the Church	Bill Smith
Prayer of Ordination	Craig Tally
Laying on of Hands	Ordination Council
Special Music	Dixie Hutchcraft
Charge to the Church and the Canidate	J. R. Duncan
Presentation of Ordination Certificate & Bible	Howard Coats
Benediction	Sanford Smith
Postlude	Terry Petty

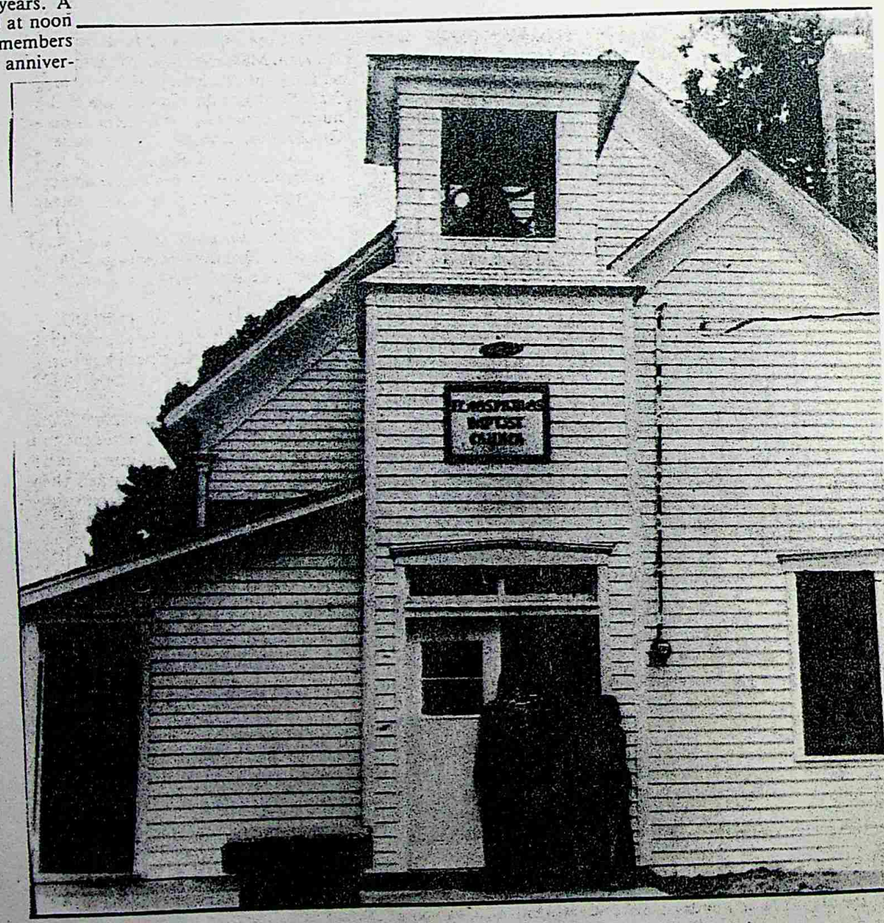
125th Anniversary

Former Member to Give Anniversary Message

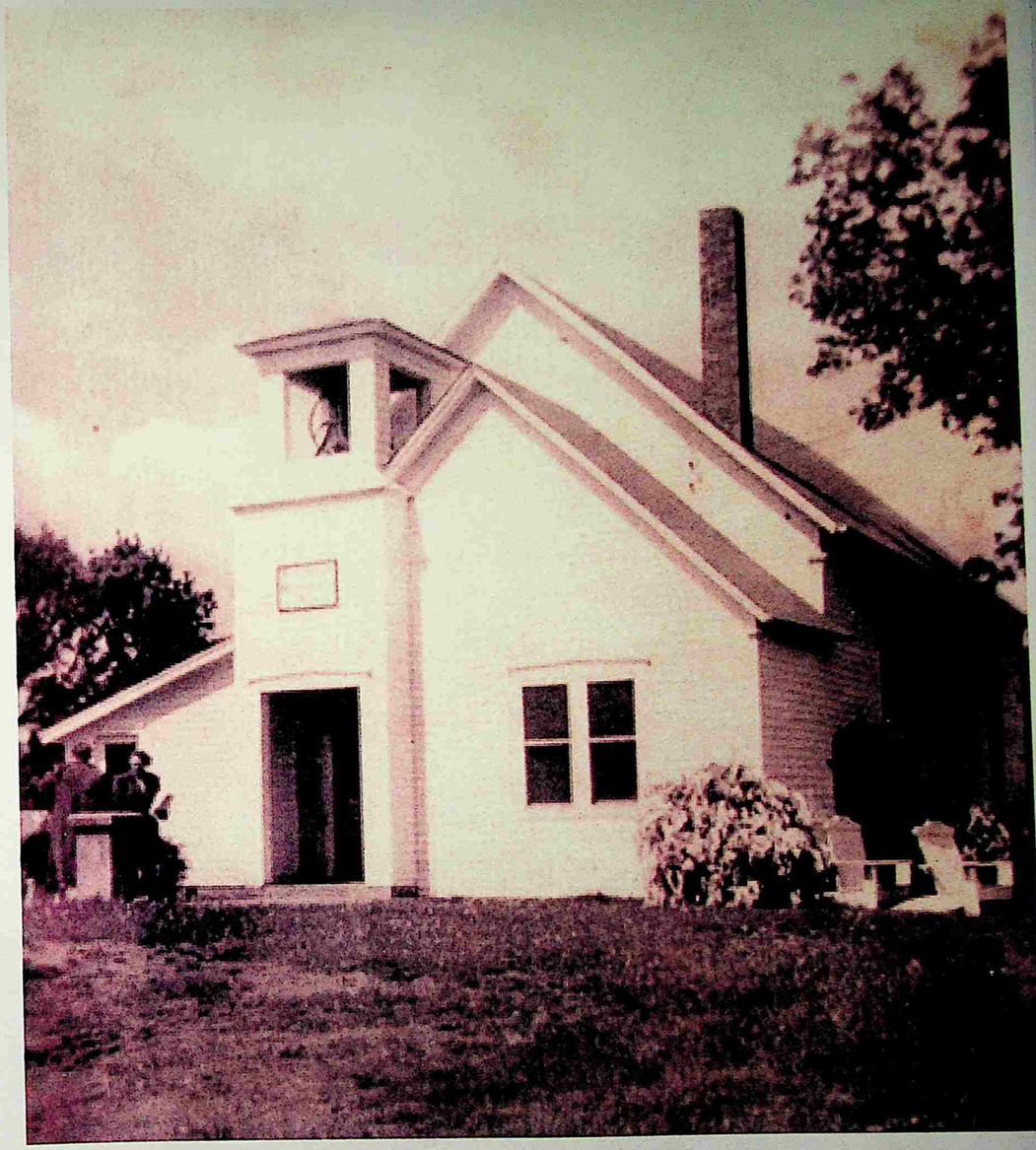
The afternoon speaker of the Flag Springs Baptist church 125th anniversary Sunday, June 22, will be Rev. Russell Dazey of Evanston, Ind. Rev. Dazey grew up in the community and went forward to become a minister while at the local Baptist church.

Sunday school will be at 10 a.m. and the worship services at 11 a.m. Rev. John Galloway of Kansas City will be the morning speaker. Rev. Galloway has been a pastor in Kansas City for several years. A basket dinner will be held at noon for all friends and former members who wish to attend the anniversary.

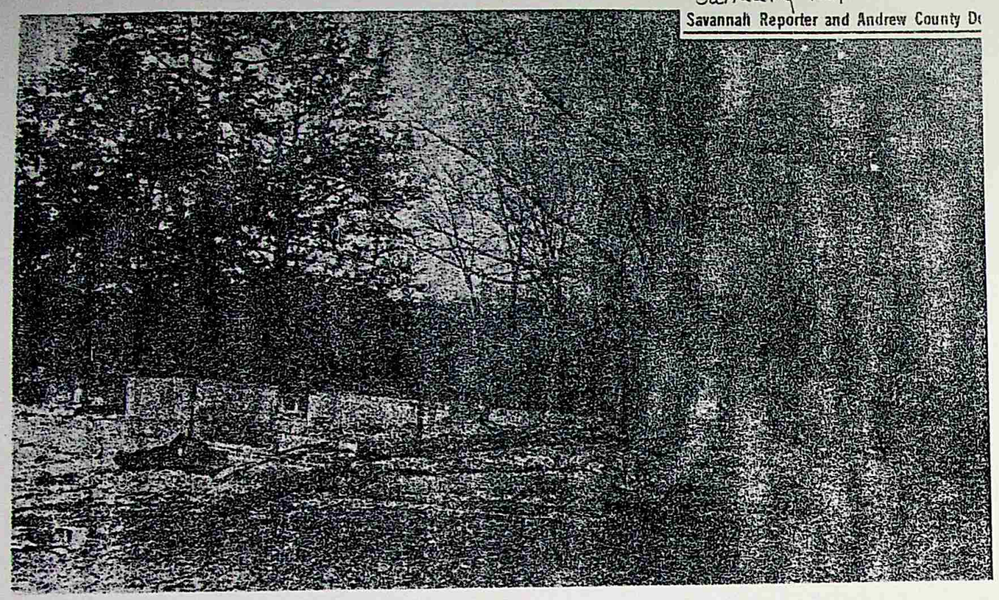
The Flag Springs church reportedly was organized by 20 residents and has gone through two tornadoes without being totally destroyed. The present structure was built in 1870 and will be the gathering place for the 125th anniversary of the Flag Springs Baptist church.



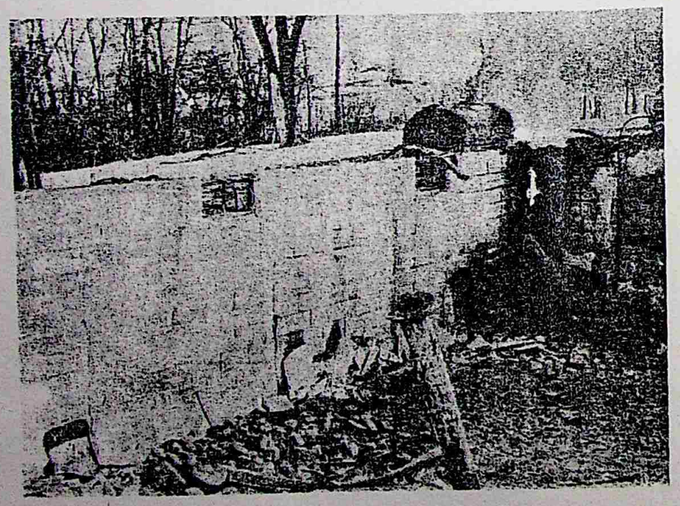
ANNIVERSARY: This past Sunday was the 125th anniversary of the Flag Springs Baptist church. It was a day of celebration and reunion for all who attended. Likewise for the afternoon speak Russell Dazey who is a Flag Springs nativ Photo-Burke)



January 12, 1982
Savannah Reporter and Andrew County D



Fire destroys Flag Springs church



One hundred twenty-six years of history literally went up in smoke Sunday morning when the Flag Springs Baptist Church burned. According to a church member, Sanford Smith, the services had been canceled because of the weather and the furnace had been turned off at 10:30 a.m.

Shortly before noon, the structure was reported to be on fire and was destroyed by the blaze before fire fighters could arrive on the scene.

Church members will meet this Sunday in a private home to discuss the next step for the congregation.

The Flag Springs Baptist Church was destroyed by fire Sunday morning. Services had been canceled because of the weather and no one was injured in the blaze. — Photos by Stephenie Harper

1982

Church Burns to Ground; Doesn't Stop Growing

The Flag Springs Church in Union Star was struck by a tornado that moved it off its foundation in 1881, but it survived. It was hit by another tornado in 1913 and it survived again. Now, after a fire leveled the church on the coldest day of last winter, the church is still surviving. 1879

On Sunday morning, Jan. 10, what is believed to be faulty wiring started a fire in the small country church. Luckily, due to the extreme sub-zero weather, church services had been cancelled. Before the fire could be extinguished, the building was completely destroyed.

But just like earlier members, that didn't stop these church members. They continued meeting at the one-room Lion's Club building in town and began making plans to rebuild.

Although the church was insured, church treasurer Ellen Coats said it was not fully insured, so much of the money needed to rebuild will come from donations — and they already have quite a few, she added.

The new building will have the same square footage as the previous one, but will not include a basement, said Mrs. Coats.

But the church isn't going to rebuild using any loans. So as not to be in debt, the church members are going to build as the money comes in. Elaine Wilson, wife of student pastor Jimmy H. Wilson, who could not be reached, said the church is expecting to pour the foundation some time this summer.

And to keep the costs down even further, the church members are going to do a lot of the work themselves "as soon as they get their crops in," Mrs. Coats explained.

Mrs. Wilson said the church will be in need of small items such as collection plates and attendance boards and said she hopes churches who have extras will donate them.

One good thing that has come out of the fire is that the church attendance has nearly doubled. "I guess the community realized what it had lost," Mrs. Wilson concluded.

Two churches hit by fire have decided to rebuild

SKIDMORE, Mo. — Two St. Joseph area congregations, left without quarters because of separate fires, are continuing as if nothing has happened.

Both congregations are making plans to rebuild churches which have been landmarks in their areas.

The congregation of Burr Oak Methodist Church, near Skidmore, has been meeting at the abandoned Elvin Anderson farm home since its church was destroyed in December of 1980.

The congregation of the Flag Springs Baptist Church, located north of Union Star, have been meeting at the Union Star Lions Hall since that church was swept by flames Jan. 10. Church members are currently considering new building plans.

The new Burr Oak Church is almost finished, and will likely be ready for occupancy by early spring.

"We have an extremely large youth group," says Burr Oak member Marcia Dowling, whose husband Gary is the superintendent of Sunday School. "So about 40 of them meet each Sunday in a farm house owned by Elvin Anderson."

Anderson made the farm home available after learning that the congregation did not have an adequate meeting facility.

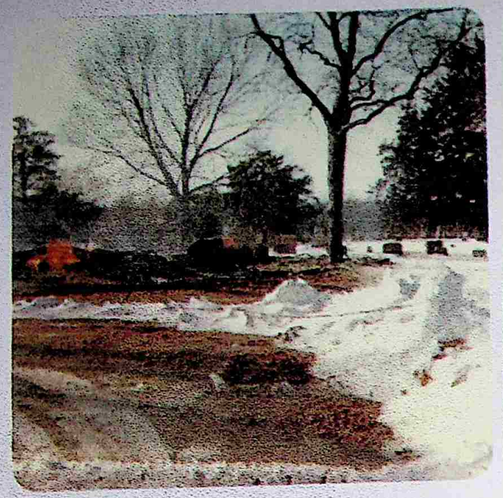
The house is heated only by a large oil burner, and is not heated at all during the week, so the congregation has been forced to cancel meetings on extremely cold weekends.

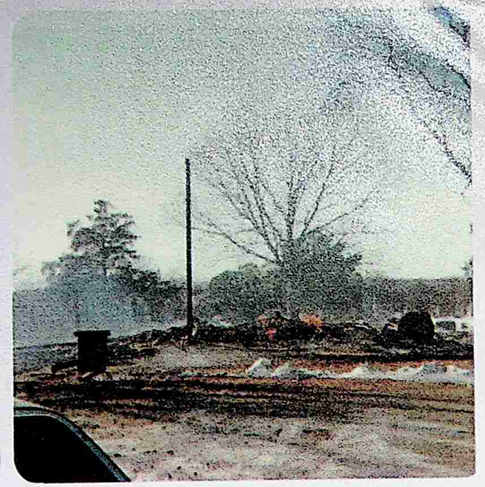
Officials are still puzzled over the cause of the fire at the Flag Springs Church, which celebrated its 125th year of existence last summer. The fire broke out on a Saturday night after the church furnace had been turned on to heat the building for Sunday service.

"The fire was either caused by the flue or by electrical wiring," says church member Merlin Osborn. The congregation is studying various floor plans to rebuild in the same location.

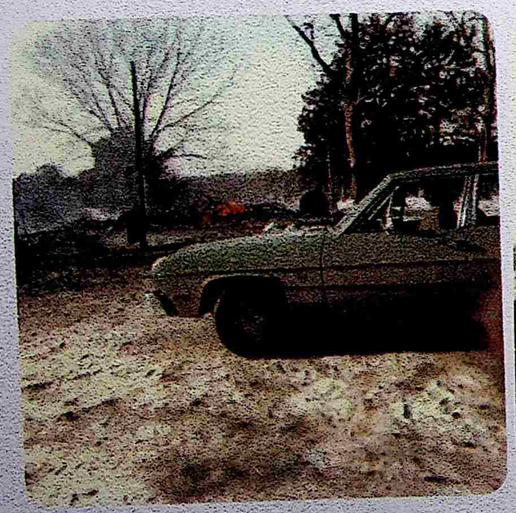
Jim Wilson, the church's regular pastor, is conducting services at the Lions' Hall, and will likely continue to do so while the new church is being constructed. The building will probably be done by parishoners contributing their time.

Most of the members of the church are long-time residents of the Flag Springs Community and the church grounds also serve as the Flag Springs cemetery.





A cold January morning 1982

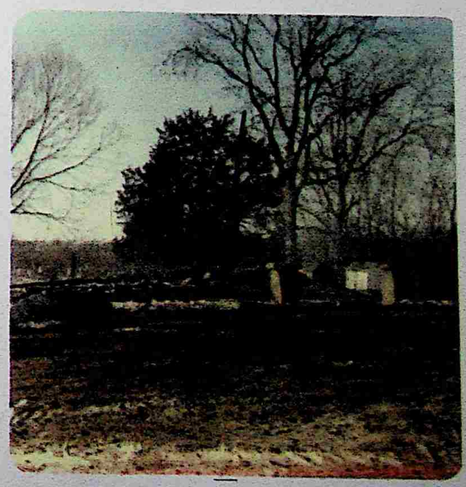


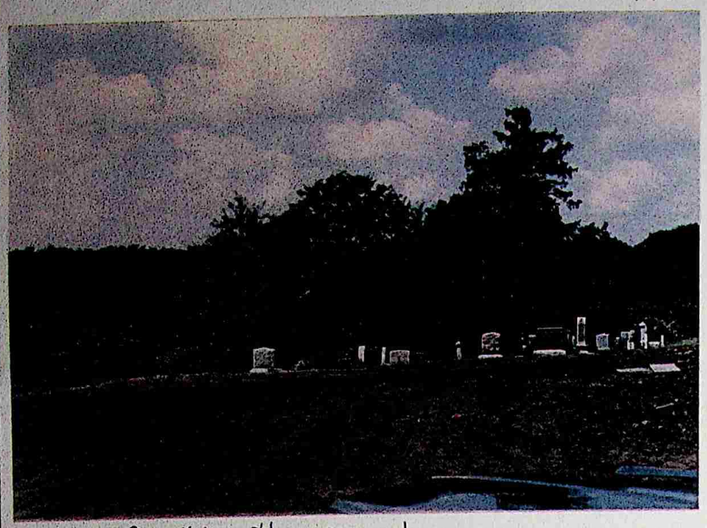




Our Lord will raise a new church
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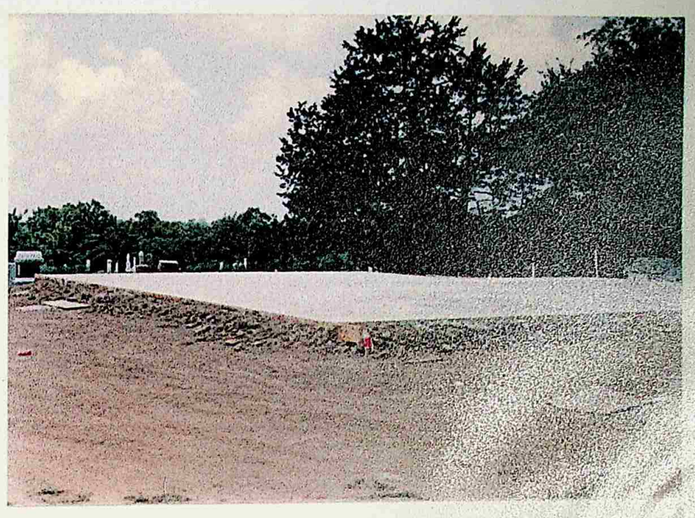




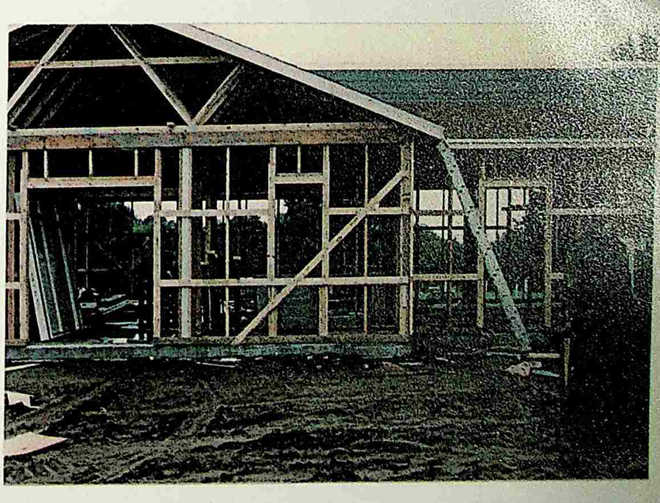


Smoothing the ground

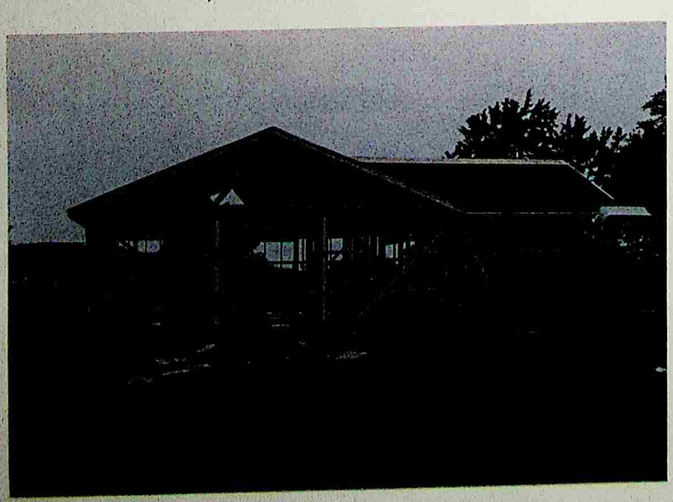


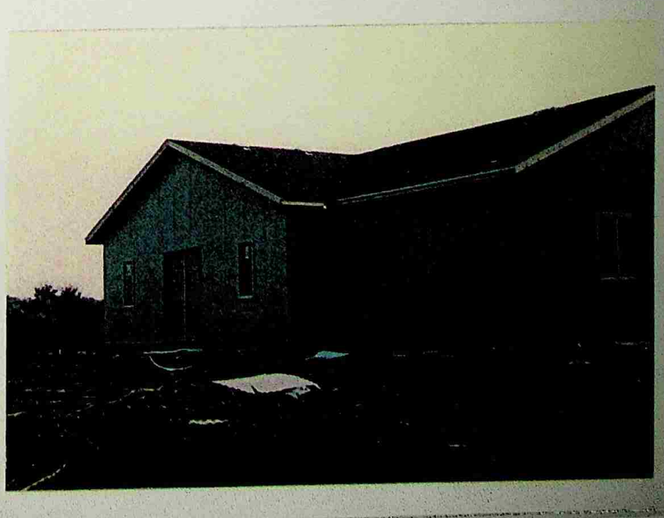


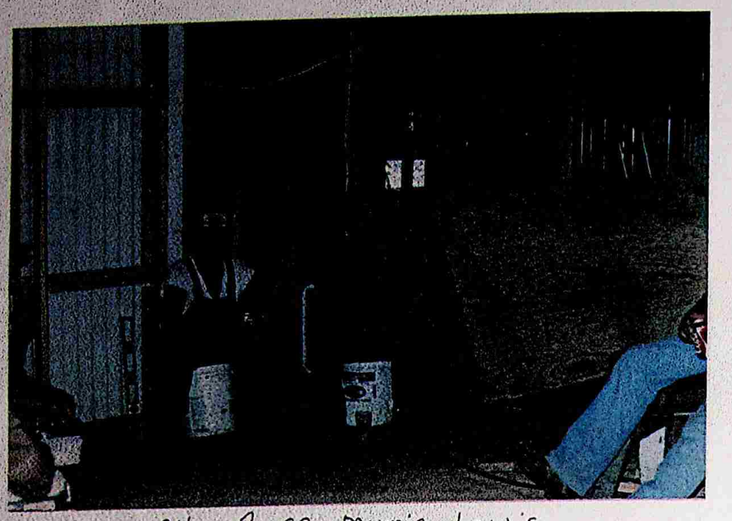




Framing the building







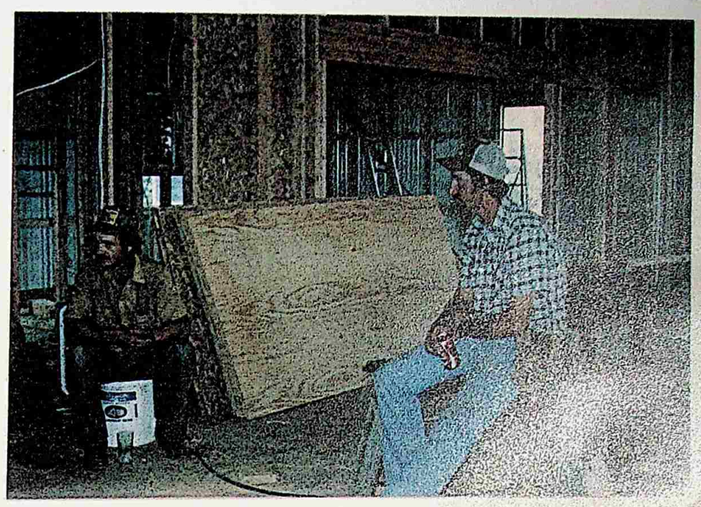
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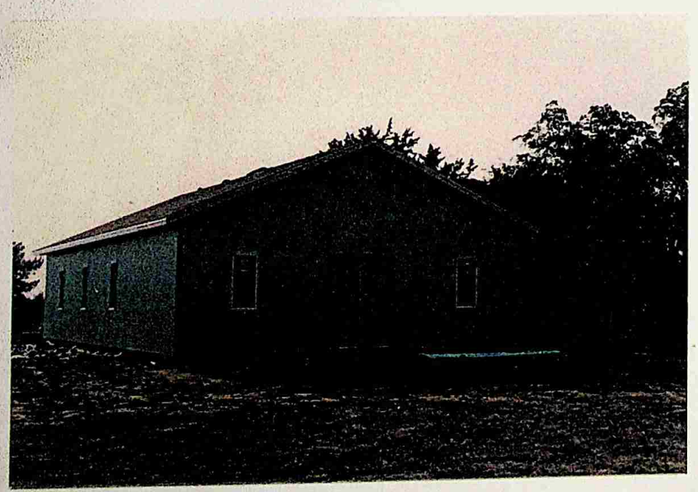
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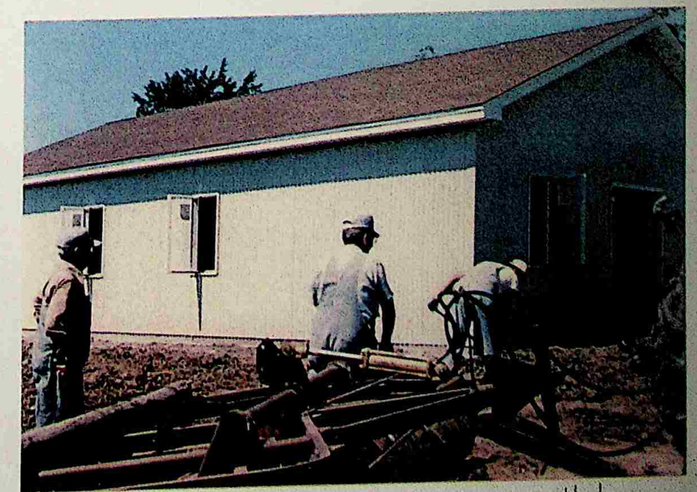




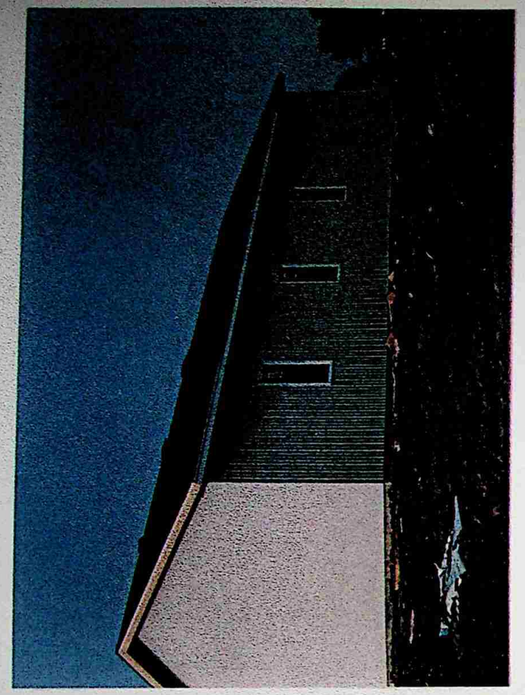
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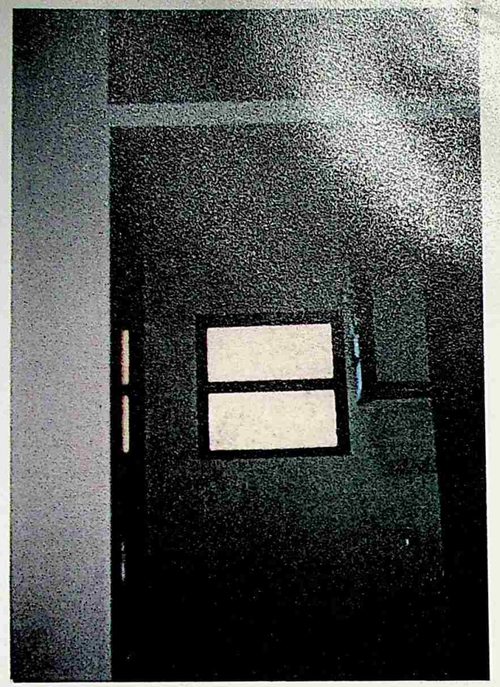


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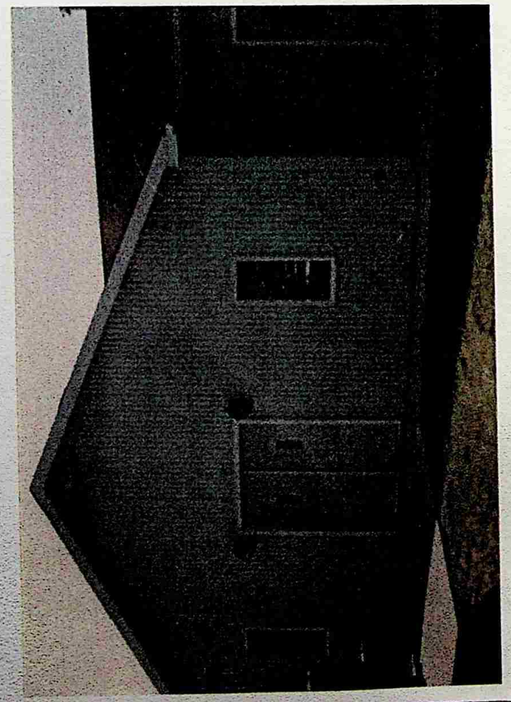


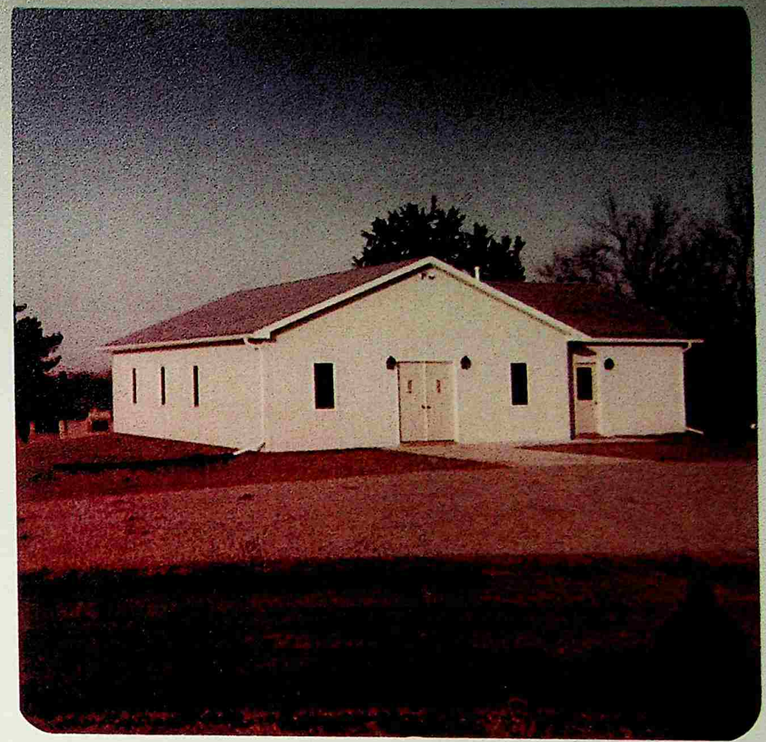
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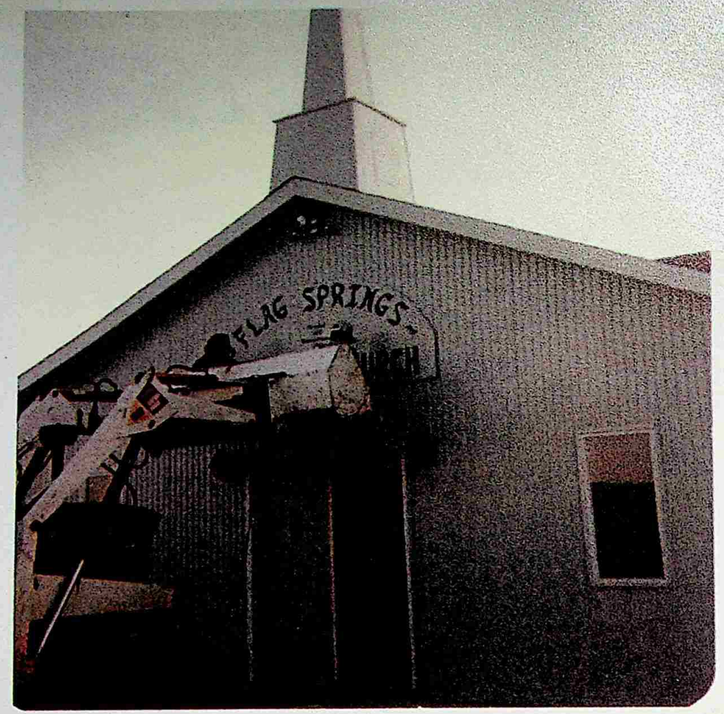












Adventure" will run from
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Fire Damages Flag ~p~ ~

Fire caused extensive heat and smoke damage to the Flag Springs Baptist Church on Friday evening.

"We got to the call reporting that the church was on fire at 6:39 p.m. Friday," said Andrew County Sheriff Gary Howard on Monday. "The Union Star Fire Department responded.

"The state fire marshal came to assist us," Sheriff Howard said. "Deputy Birdsong, the fire marshal and I met, and we ruled out that the cause was electrical. Deputy Birdsong and I followed up on the investigation. We asked a juvenile to come.

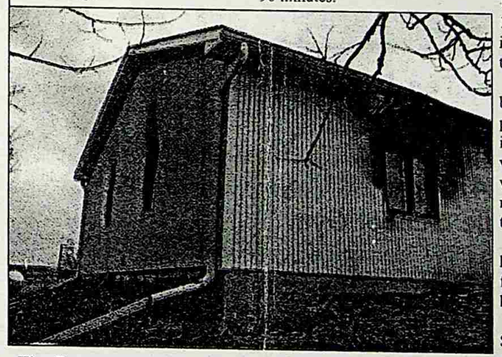
"A juvenile this morning admitted to accidentally starting the fire," Sheriff Howard said. 'The juvenile was turned over to the juvenile officer.

"The exterior and structure of the church are in good shape," he said. "The interior has a lot of damage. What isn't burned is smoked up."

"The call came in at 6:37 p.m.," said Terry Workman, co-chief of the Union Star Fire Department. "We responded with two vehicles and six people. When the firemen arrived, they saw little smoke, but a couple of windows were already broken out. The fire was under control in 30 to 45 minutes. We always call the King City Fire Department for mutual aid.

"The fire was suspicious in nature," Workman said. "We spent until 2:30 a.m. waiting for the fire marshal to finish his work."

"By the time we got there, it was all under control," said Albert Muff of the King City Fire Department. "It was Union Star's fire. We got there 15 to 20 minutes after they did. It pretty much destroyed the whole inside of the building. We were there an hour to 90 minutes."



Fire Damage remains evident at the Flag Springs Church.

"There was a lot of heat damage," said King City Fire Chief Doug Maudlin. "It was very hot."

"The fire had been burning inside for a while when it was discovered," said W.H. "Bill" Smith, chairman of the board of deacons of the church. "It was already going out through the windows.

"There was no structural damage," Smith continued. "Heat and smoke damage ruined the rest of it. We may have to gut it to get rid of the damage. The heat was tremendous in there. The windows in that section of the church were all blown out. It was mainly in the north end of the church, which is the classroom section. The main part of the sanctuary wasn't damaged, except for heat and smoke.

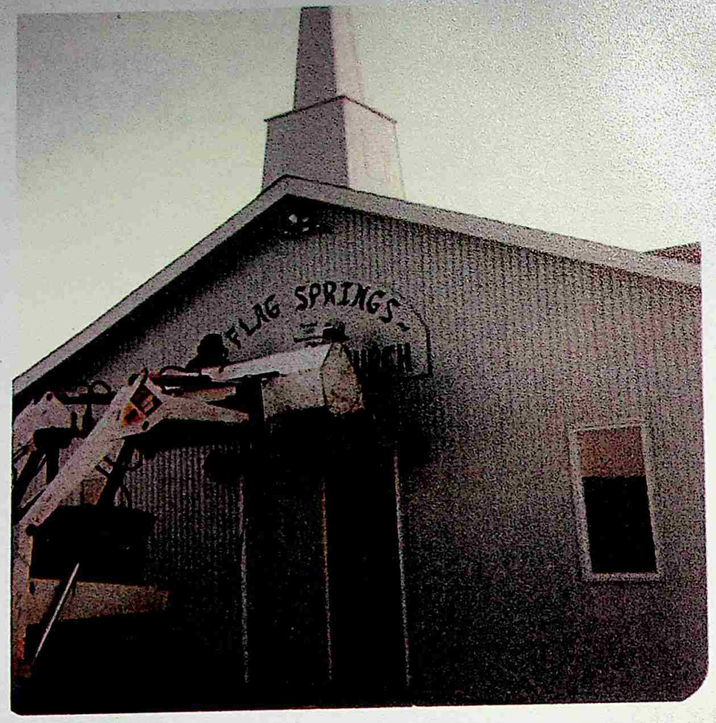
"We are planning to rebuild," he said. "We are due to have the 150th anniversary celebration in August. The original church burned in 1982 due to the furnace overheating on a very cold day. It was a total loss, and we built a new one.

"In this fire, we lost the dividers between classes, a baby bed, plastic tables, and many other items," Smith explained. "The heat was the biggest destroyer. The fire was under control in about 30 minutes. Three windows will have to be completely replaced.

"Right now, the church is holding services in the Union Star fire hall or community building," he said.

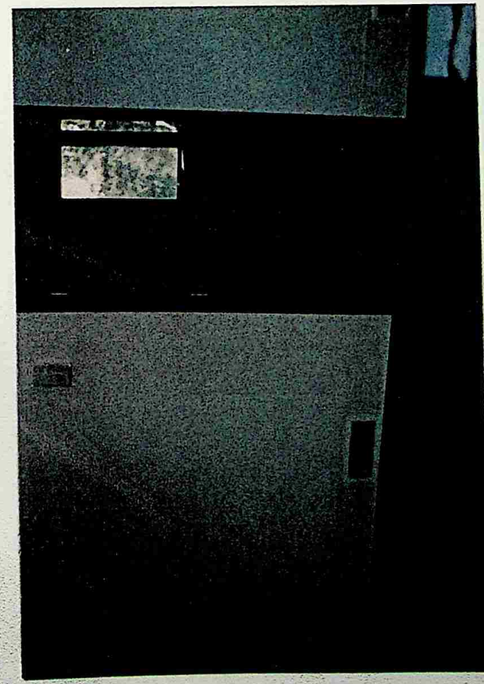
Ironically, David Miller from the State Fire Marshal's Office hit a deer east of Union Star on his way home from investigating the fire.

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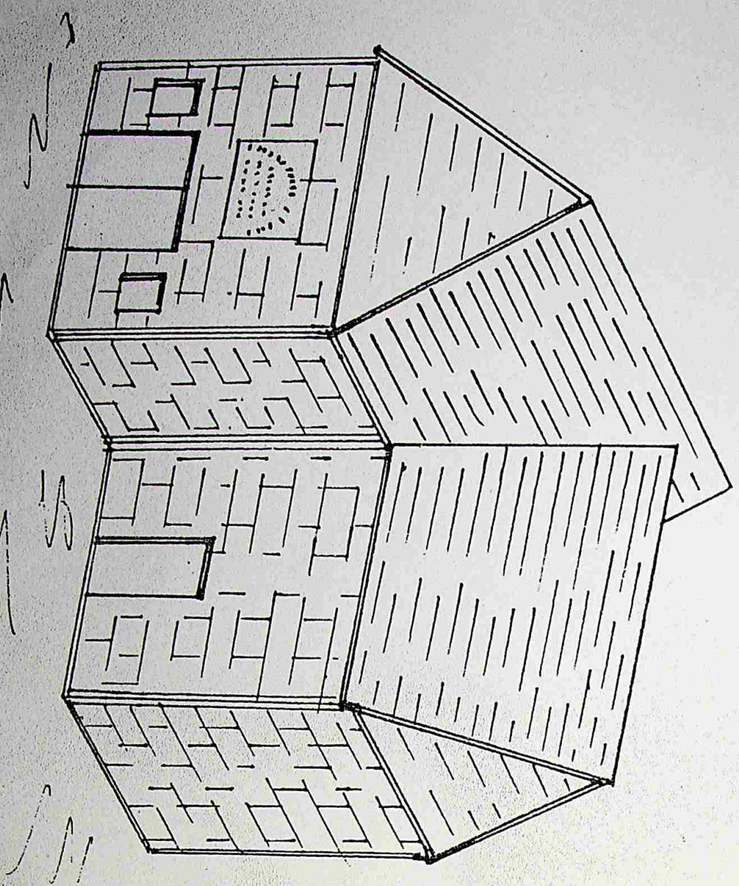




Class Room



[BUILDING DEDICATION SERVICE]



FLAG SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

FOUNDED 1855

RECONSTRUCTED 1982

REV. KEITH STONE-PASTOR

FLAG SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

BUILDING DEDICATION

JUNE 6, 1983

2:30 p.m.

Prelude		
Call to Worship	"To God Be the Glory"	Bill Smith
Invocation		Howard Coats
Welcome		Rev. Keith Stone
Hymn		Bill Smith
Scripture	Psalm 127:1 Matthew 16:13-18	Rev. Russell Dazy
Church History		Sandford Smith
Recognition of Former Pastors		
Recognition of Sister Churches		
Recognition of Building Committee		
Special Music		Charlotte Barbo
Message		Rev. Jim Wilson
Dedication		Responsive Reading

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People: We dedicate this house to God in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Dedication Prayer	Rev. John Burnham
Hymn	Bill Smith
Benediction	Rev. Russell Dazy

OPEN HOUSE TO FOLLOW





The new building was filled to capacity with members, friends and former pastors of the Flag Springs Baptist Church on Sunday, the day they dedicated the new building. The dedication service honored the previous church building which was established in 1855 and the new building which was reconstructed in 1982. The top picture shows the outside of the new building which was constructed at the same site and picture II shows the Rev. Russell Dazy, former pastor of the church, the Rev. Keith Stone, present pastor, Bill Smith and Howard Coats, leading the congregation in song in celebration of the service. — Photo by Lou Ann Mahlandt

Flag Spring Baptists dedicate new home

by Lou Ann Mahlandt

The congregation included former and present pastors, current members and members of sister churches on hand to witness the dedication of the new building of the Flag Springs Baptist Church. The church was founded in 1855 and reconstructed in 1982 after fire had destroyed the original building.

The dedication service consisted of scriptures, songs and prayers for the members of the church. The former pastors of the church who returned to the service were recognized as well as the sister churches' members who gave support to the church during their time of need after the fire destroyed the church.

Sandford Smith gave a personal history of the Flag Springs Church. "The forefathers who started this church," Smith stated, "had will and ambition. There is no record when the building was actually started but the church was founded in 1855 as the Platte River Baptist Church and then changed to the Flag Springs Church in 1873." "When the building was constructed it had two doors, the north door was for the women and the south

Church

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door was for the men."

Smith also reminded the audience about the "Amen Corner" where 10 to 12 men would sit at revivals and cry out "amen" during the preacher's sermon.

"Preachers were recruited from Kansas City," Smith said, "and would come down on Saturday night on the train to Union Star and would stay until Monday morning." For this service, the ministers would receive $12 to $15, Smith stated, but he couldn't recall if this would include the train fee or not.

The only disagreement Smith recalled was the argument over the replacing of the old pump organ. "Someone wanted a new piano for the church," Smith said, "but my uncle said he didn't want no string instrument in the church. Well, we finally got rid of the organ then or we would of probably still had it until the fire."

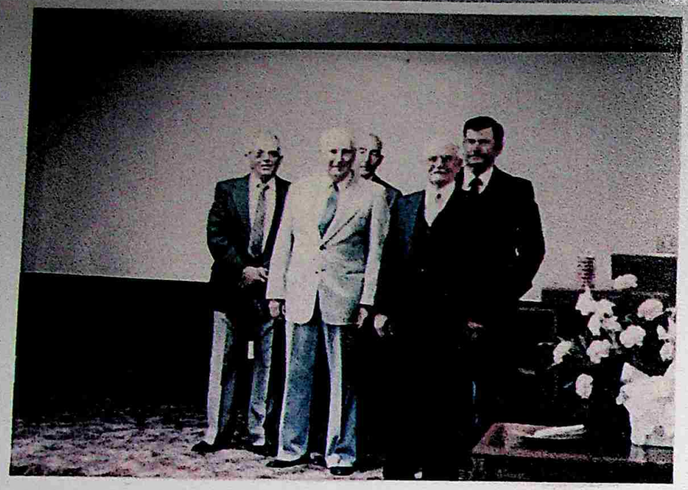
Smith recalls the revivals in the winter where several people were baptized in the creek after 17 inches of ice was broken to allow the baptizing to take place. "No one got sick after being baptized in that water," Smith added.

The church is currently being served by the Rev. Keith Stone, who stated that when the members decided to rebuild the church, the work was completed in one month from the day they started. "The structure was up and they needed to finish some things inside but these people of this church through their devotion built the church with volunteer time. When we met in here on that first Sunday, there were tears in the members' eyes as they remembered the old church and they looked forward to the many years of worship to come," Stone said.

Former pastors who returned to the dedication service were: Jim Wilson, who left in June 1982; Russell Dazy, who was from the church and was licensed to preach from it; Ray Davis, Homer Sharp and John Galloway, who stated when he was pastor of the church, the congregation voted to replace the wood stove for oil, the oil stove is the presumed cause of the fire.

Several members from area churches were also recognized with First Baptist Church of Union Star, King City, Faucett, Savannah, Whitesville, Mt. Morra as well as Empire Presbyterian Community Church in King City and King Hill Baptist Church in St. Joseph.



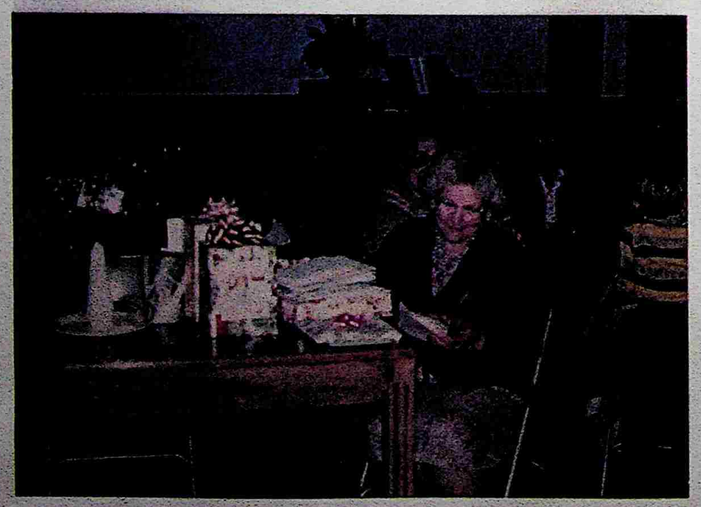


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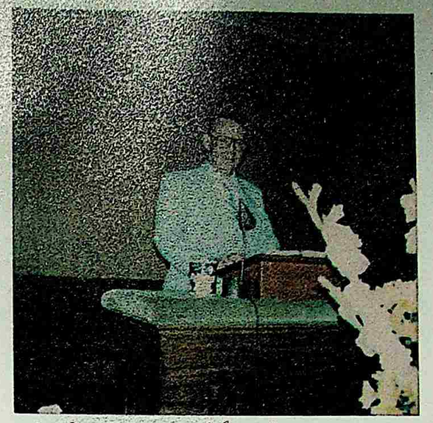
J.O. Smith, Howard Coates, Kenneth Armfield, Sandford Smith, Merl Osborn, Chairman.
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September 19, 1982



October 25, 1982
Party for Josephine's 80th birthday



John Galloway

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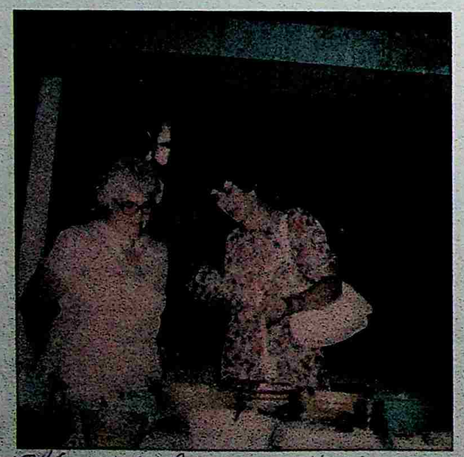
Sandy and Keith Stone and sons



Dedication June 5 1983



Terri Lynn (Smith) Pett
playing piano



Ellen Coats and Sandy Ston

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Allan Karr
unknown child
Naomi Armfield



Howard Coats
Allen Karr



Ruth Hayes
Kenneth Armfield
J.O. Smith
Bill Smith



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Some of the guests
Ida Ellen (Smith) Swink,
Hazel (Barton) Staley



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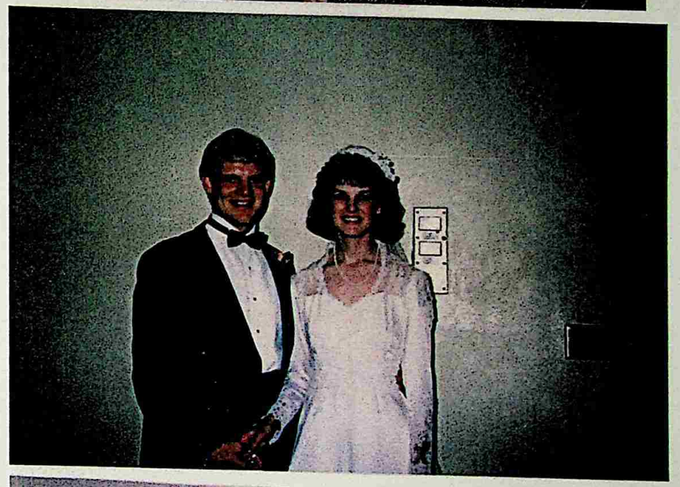


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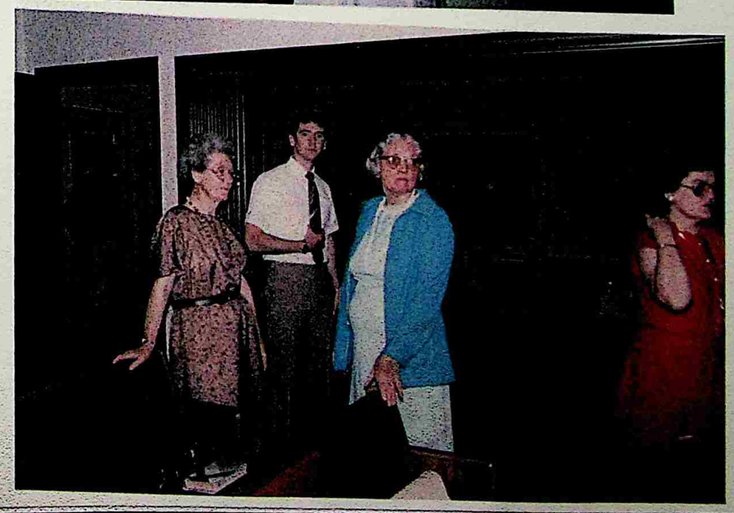


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Mary Lewis
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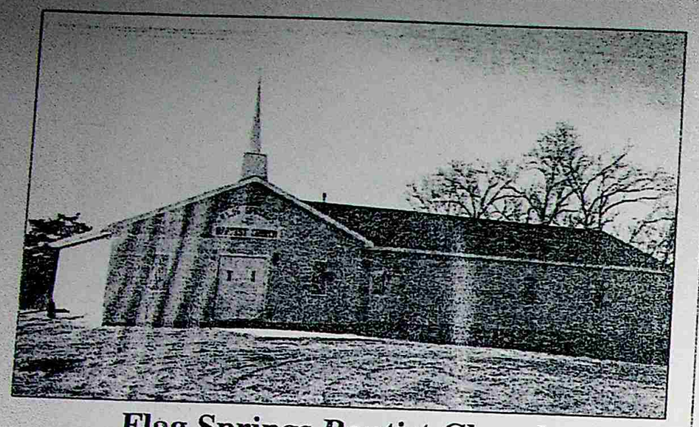


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Mabel Jones,
Rev. Gregg Gaddis
Ruth Hayes
Clara Smith



Flag Springs Baptist Church

Rt. 1, Union Star, MO 64494

"We would like to welcome you to come out and join with our fellowship to worship," said John DeLee, pastor of Flag Springs Baptist Church.

"Permit me to share our vision for this year and this millennium. If someone were to ask me to describe the mission and purpose of our church, I would do so using four words:

Evangelism — Seeking to win people to a personal relationship with God.

Missions — Seeking to touch the entire world with the gospel of Christ.

Discipleship — Seeking to establish each believer in a pattern of growth.

Worship — Seeking to experience God personally and collectively.

"We are a friendly church. We believe in God's Word from cover to cover. We love the Lord and we love people," said Pastor DeLee.

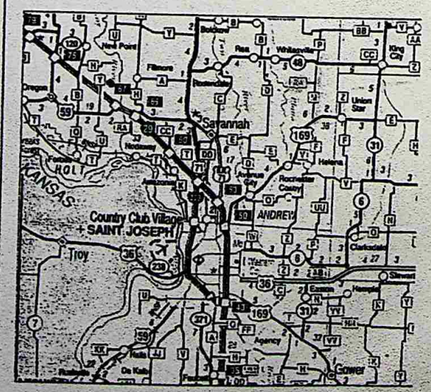
The Flag Springs Baptist Church was founded on March 1, 1855 as the Platte River Church. The first actual church building was built somewhere around 1870. It survived two tornadoes and stood for more than 100 years, but was destroyed by fire in January, 1982. It was built back that same fall. "The church has been blessed with increasing attendance, which has made it necessary to add space," said Pastor DeLee. "A new addition, almost doubling the existing area, is being finished at the time of this writing. The Flag Springs Baptist Church is one of the rural churches in Andrew County that has had to provide her own leadership and plan for her own future since those early days in 1855. It seems they have planned well, so that oncoming generations will be led in the way of right and brotherhood."

Flag Springs Baptist is a Southern Baptist congregation. Special activities include annual Vacation Bible School, usually the first week in June, for kindergarten through senior high youth; annual mission trips for youth; an annual hayride through the historic rural Flag Springs area, followed by a bonfire and cookout; and the Christmas Caroling throughout the community and in one of the nearby nursing homes, followed by a chili supper at the church. For more information contact Joy DeLee at 816-593-2230 or Gwen Nolan at 816-526-3404.

Sunday School
10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship
11:00 a.m.
Also periodically scheduled Bible studies, usually on Sunday or Wednesday evenings.

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Flag Springs Baptist Church is on AA Highway in Andrew County. From St. Joseph, take Hwy. 169 to M Highway, to AA. From Savannah, take Hwy. 71 to Hwy 48 East to Route M.



Savannah Reporter March 9, 2000

Flag Springs Revival to run through Sunday

Flag Springs Baptist Church invited former pastor Rev. Doug Delaney to speak at the first three days of their revival. Former pastor Rev. Alan Karr is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, and former pastor Rev. Bill Tritten will be the evangelist for the last days of the revival.

The evening services begin at 7 p.m.. The Sunday morning service will begin at 11 a.m., with a basket dinner afterward.

On March 5 a special dedication service was held for the recently completed Fellowship Hall, which was Phase One of a planned three phases of additions to the building.

Flag Springs Baptist Church was founded on March 3, 1855. According to the Church Covenant of that date: "And as it is necessary to have a name to distinguish this Church from other Churches of our future Style or appellation shall be the United Baptist Church of Jesus Christ called Platte River."

Charter members of the church were John Clark, Oliver Jessee, William W. Clark, Elisha Jessee, Elijah T. Clark, John Breeding, Fielden L. Shaw, John White, James Y. Moody, David F. Moody, Katherine Shaw, Elisabeth C. Clark, Nancy J Jessee, Elizabeth White, Rebecca Moody and Sally J. Moody. The first list of Platte River Church members contained 61 names of men, women and children. On the regular Saturday before the third Sunday on June 14, 1873, in very small print at the side of the minutes is written: "Saturday 14 June 1873 Motion was made and carried to change the name to Flag Springs Baptist Church."

The Flag Spring Baptist Church was destroyed by fire Sunday Jan. 8, 1982. Services had been canceled because of the weather. The members met the next Sunday to discuss the next step for the congregation. When it was decided to rebuild the church the work was completed in one month from the day they started. Many persons in the community volunteered their help and resources. The dedication was celebrated on June 6, 1983. Several students of the Baptist Seminary of Kansas City, Mo., have supplied the church. Rev. John DeLee is now the pastor.

Flag Springs Baptist Church

Church Addition Dedication
and
145th Anniversary of the Church
March 5, 2000
2:30 p.m.

Prelude		*Gwen Nolan*
Call to Worship	*"To God be the Glory" No. 31*	*Bill Smith*
Invocation		*Steve Campbell*
Welcome		*Rev. John DeLee*
Hymn	*"Majesty" No. 1*	*Bill Smith*
Scripture: Psalm 127:1,Nehemiah 3:6,Matthew 16:13-18		*J.O. Smith*
Recognition of Building Committee and the Savannah Baptist Church		*Bill Smith, Chairman*
Special Music		*Youth of the church*
Message		*Rev. Clyde Elder Director of Missions*

Dedication

Responsive Reading
Rev. John DeLee

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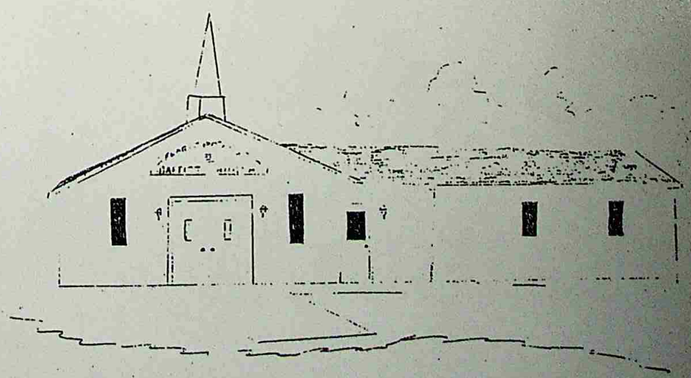
Dedication Prayer *Rev. John DeLee*

Hymn *"The Church's One Foundation" No. 331* *Bill Smith*

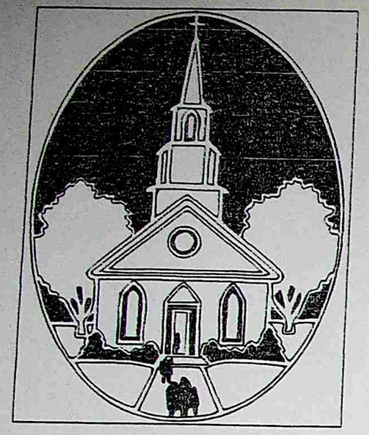
Benediction *Rev. Charlie [illegible]*

Please join us in refreshments and Open House

FLAG SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH



1855-2000



REVIVAL

FLAG SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

March 5-12, 2000

Celebrating our 145th anniversary – founded March 3, 1855

Evangelists (all former pastors at Flag Springs):

Doug Delaney (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)

Alan Karr (Wednesday, Thursday)

Bill Tritten, (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

~~Romey Keith Davis, Music Evangelist~~

Sunday morning services 11 am, Evening services nightly at 7 pm

(Basket Dinner at noon following final service March 12)

Youth Night Saturday March 11

Special Service:

Dedication of new Fellowship Hall, 2:30 pm Sunday March 5

Speaker will be Clyde Elder, Director of Missions

Please come for Revival and a special time of Worship and Praise!

John DeLee, Pastor (816) 593-2230

Flag Springs: The Story of a Missouri Town That Is No More

By TERRY DESHLER

(Written for The News-Press)

KING CITY, Mo. — John Mullinix of King City, raised his cane in his right hand and pointed off to the northwest.

"Over there was a three-story building that housed the distillery. Houses and store buildings were all along here. This was the main part of town," he said.

Today all that remains of the once thriving Flag Springs community, ten miles southwest of King City is a handful of homes, a nice church and a general store no longer open for business.

The well-known spring is overgrown with weeds, but still supplies abundant water.

Recently Mr. Mullinix, who grew up there when Flag Springs was at its zenith, visited the old community with Bob Gibson, also of King City, who spent much of his childhood there too.

Seen through the eyes of Mr. Mullinix, who is 88, the almost deserted town takes on new dimensions.

"My family moved to Flag Springs in 1884 from Elrod's Mill," Mr. Mullinix said. "At that time there was a three-room general store, operated by Leslie Yates and Billy Walker.

Did Good Business

"There was also a blacksmith and wagon shop, a casket shop, drug store, livery barn, barber shop, a three-story wool carding mill and a cheese factory."

All of the establishments except the carding mill did a good business.

The casket shop was quite different from today's mortuaries.

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The Shores brothers built up a large business and added a building across the road to make apple jack brandy.

"There were a lot of orchards around then," says Mr. Mullinix, "The Shores brothers used apples, wild plums, watermelon rinds, anything that would ferment."

It wasn't long before Flag Springs, already known for its natural spring, gained wider fame for its distillery. The Shoreses began "importing" blackberry wine from North Carolina on the side and shipped their products as far away as Des Moines.

Pedaled Wares on Bicycle

The distillery had a capacity of 100 gallons a day of 90 proof whiskey.

Shores Brothers will long be remembered by Flag Springs residents. Henry pedaled his wares on a bicycle and even rode it into Iowa. Anderson's efforts in the distillery business brought on marital difficulties at one time.

"Anderson's wife left him, so they had a big meeting at the Baptist Church," Mr. Mullinix recalled. "He got up and swore to each of the twelve elders—the twelve apostles, we called them—that he would quit making whiskey. So his wife came back and inside of ten days he was running the still again."

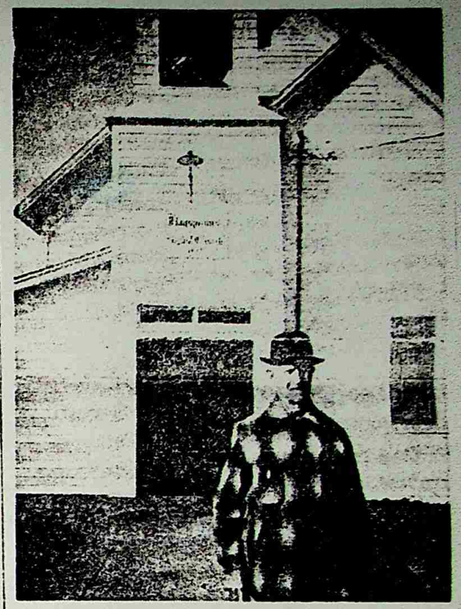
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Distillery Opened

Around 1900 two brothers, Anderson and Henry Shores, came to Flag Springs from North Carolina. They took over the mill and put in a distillery using the spring water nearby.

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"That sounds like a lie, but I was at the church at a young people's meeting when the second one hit, so I know it's true," said Mr. Mullinix. "Earl Dunigan ran outside to see what was going on and the cyclone picked him up and threw him across the road into a pile of crab apples. The windows of the church were broken out and the bell, which was on a higher steeple than now, rang like crazy."

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At the time of its largest population, Flag Springs had twenty-seven families living there. Two churches and two general stores had been added to the business community.

Over the years stories about citizens there have been told often enough to make them almost standard jokes. Bob Gibson remembered one told about Joe Gaddy, who left Flag Springs to become a judge in St. Joseph.

"Joe was at a revival at the church once," Gibson said, "and the minister asked everyone who wanted to go to heaven to stand up. Everybody did but Joe, and the minister asked him why. 'Oh,' Joe said, 'Flag Springs is good enough for me'".

Mr. Mullinix served Flag Springs in many ways. He was town constable, mail carrier and held several other jobs.

Was Correspondent

"One time when I was constable, I caught Rufus Limpp and I think it was Orin Baker with him, in a cornfield. They had a rope with a cow bell tied to it. Those boys were walking down the rows with the rope between them knocking down corn stalks and making people think a cow was doing it," Mullinix chuckled.

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Fire Damages Flag Springs Church

Fire caused extensive heat and smoke damage to the Flag Springs Baptist Church on Friday evening.

"We got to the call reporting that the church was on fire at 6:39 p.m. Friday," said Andrew County Sheriff Gary Howard on Monday. "The Union Star Fire Department responded.

"The state fire marshal came to assist us," Sheriff Howard said. "Deputy Birdsong, the fire marshal and I met, and we ruled out that the cause was electrical. Deputy Birdsong and I followed up on the investigation. We asked a juvenile to come.

"A juvenile this morning admitted to accidentally starting the fire," Sheriff Howard said. 'The juvenile was turned over to the juvenile officer.

"The exterior and structure of the church are in good shape," he said. "The interior has a lot of damage. What isn't burned is smoked up."

"The call came in at 6:37 p.m.," said Terry Workman, co-chief of the Union Star Fire Department. "We responded with two vehicles and six people. When the firemen arrived, they saw little smoke, but a couple of windows were already broken out. The fire was under control in 30 to 45 minutes. We always call the King City Fire Department for mutual aid.

"The fire was suspicious in nature," Workman said. "We spent until 2:30 a.m. waiting for the fire marshal to finish his work."

"By the time we got there, it was all under control," said Albert Muff of the King City Fire Department. "It was Union Star's fire. We got there 15 to 20 minutes after they did. It pretty much destroyed the whole inside of the building. We were there an hour to 90 minutes."

"There was a lot of heat damage," said King City Fire Chief Doug Maudlin. "It was very hot."

"The fire had been burning inside for a while when it was discovered," said W.H. "Bill" Smith, chairman of the board of deacons of the church. "It was already going out through the windows.

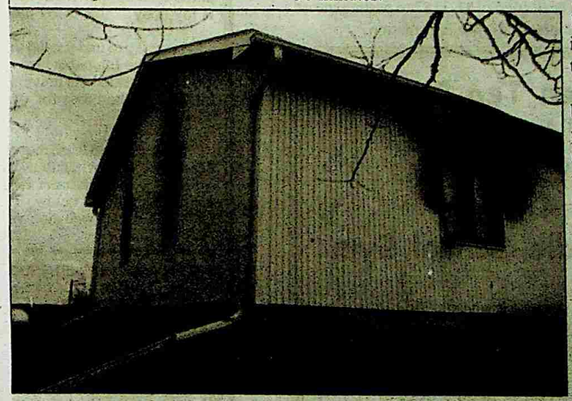
"There was no structural damage," Smith continued. "Heat and smoke damage ruined the rest of it. We may have to gut it to get rid of the damage. The heat was tremendous in there. The windows in that section of the church were all blown out. It was mainly in the north end of the church, which is the classroom section. The main part of the sanctuary wasn't damaged, except for heat and smoke.

"We are planning to rebuild," he said. "We are due to have the 150th anniversary celebration in August. The original church burned in 1982 due to the furnace overheating on a very cold day. It was a total loss, and we built a new one.

"In this fire, we lost the dividers between classes, a baby bed, plastic tables, and many other items," Smith explained. "The heat was the biggest destroyer. The fire was under control in about 30 minutes. Three windows will have to be completely replaced.

"Right now, the church is holding services in the Union Star fire hall or community building," he said.

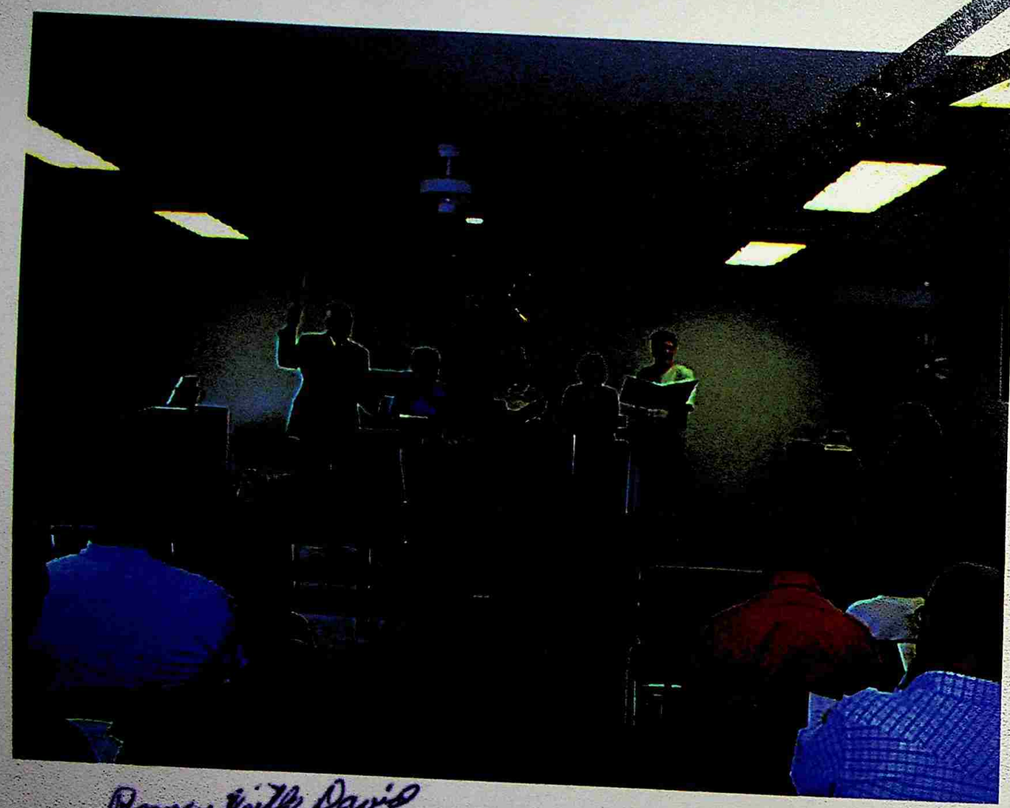
Ironically, David Miller from the State Fire Marshal's Office hit a deer east of Union Star on his way home from investigating the fire.



Fire Damage remains evident at the Flag Springs Church.

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Ronny Keith David
Marjori Ola
Terri Petty
Jay Dedeo
Lisa Skipper pianist Gwen Noland



Cake for the Church Celebration



Mary J. Marshall & Martha Porter & Terri Petty
all three Smith sisters
Viola Abbott owns this Quilt





Flag Springs Baptist Church
%Mr. Bill Smith
785 College Street,
Union Star, MO. 64494

Dear Beloved of the Flag Springs Baptist church

How I rejoice with you in the completion of the refurbishing of the church building after the tragic fire which destroyed the interior of the church building. My sister has told me also that you are celebrating the 150th birthday of the church. How marvelous! What a blessing to all who know of this church. You know I have so many wonderful memories of this church—would you allow me to indulge myself in recollecting some of those?

There were many Vacation Bible Schools—and in attendance of one in which I stepped in a nest of bumble bees and was neatly stung various times on that foot—it seems it was down near the fence separating the church yard from the cemetery. Another was a wonderful ice cream supper and the piano had been placed on the sidewalk near the parking area. I had been asked to play a piano solo—(I was around 8 yrs. of age) and if memory doesn't fail me I was going to play 'The Stars and Stripes Forever'. As I played I knew that the piano sounded funny but I was determined to go on even though my heart was pounding about as fast as the music. About that time, Bill's daddy, Mr. Sanford Smith came up and said—"Doris Jean wait just a minute" and he opened up the piano and someone had stuck a sheet of newspaper in there where the hammers hit against the strings of the piano—thus the funny sound. But those "ice cream suppers" were so wonderful and made a great impression on me AND the delicious cakes that went with it—in those days there was no store bought ice cream OR cakes……Then there was a revival, and a man who was lost (whose name I do not know) when the invitation or today we call it the appeal was given, for 2 or 3 nights in a row, (each night the church was packed)he would grip the seat in front of him until his hands would turn perfectly white—I have no idea who he was, but something to the fact that his mother had been Pentecostal and had him promise before she died, to go to the Pentecostal church, but I've always wondered if indeed he made things right with the Lord—if he was BORN AGAIN before it was too late. I've always loved this church. I loved the way you have sung the glorious Hymns of the faith. I know that from this pulpit has gone out the message we find in the Bible—that man in his natural state is lost and depraved and without Christ there is no hope. From this pulpit the message that Jesus Saves and You must be BORN AGAIN has always been preached. As long as that happens, come what may, the church will always rebound regardless of the trials and tribulations. Bless the Lord O my Soul and all that is within me Bless His Holy Name. Psalms 103:1. May God bless each member as each one strives to bring the lost to Jesus. Even though I am unable to be with you during this time, I'll surely be there in spirit.

I just want to mention some of the older members who are waiting on us in heaven that I so loved. I've already mentioned Brother Sanford Smith and his wife Josie, and of course Mr. J. O. Smith who was always so faithful. Then the Albert Bashor family who were our close neighbors—Oh how faithful they were. Then there were the Abbotts, the





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Barton families and the Gay families. Then there was Mr. John Mullinex and his dear wife Rosie and Mr. Earl Dungan and his dear wife Nellie. I have a story about Earl and his telling about when the church was picked up by a tornado and set back down on the foundation, the front door was in the back and the back door became the front door! Once when I was very small, maybe 5 years of age he was painting our house, and I wanted to get up on the ladder with him and help him and he would say "Doris Jean—run in there and play the piano for me, play that "London Bridge is Falling Down". Well I'm sure that I played that little piece of music at least 30 or 40 times a day because I'm sure after I began to raise my own children, that Mr. Dungan—"Uncle Earl" was certain that what was going to fall down was the paint, himself and the ladder as well as myself if he didn't keep me busy playing "London Bridge". I loved to hear him tell all of these "stories" that happened when he was a younger man. Then there was a family who lived where the water "the springs" ran all the time—Mr. Woodson Coil and his dear wife Lizzie. I would like to add that I am proud to be a part of the family, even though I was never a member of the church. I weep as I write this for ever so soon, those of us who were once very young and then young people, are now in the "Senior years" and will soon joining those who have gone on before us. I am so grateful for Dewey and Jennie Gibson, Dorothy's (Andrews) and my parents who before us, taught us to love Christ and the church.

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So—in closing, Congratulations for all the hard work, the long hours of toil—a labor of love. May God the Father, Bless you as only HE can do. I Peter 2:9"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: v. 10—Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

In the Sweet love of our dear Lord and Saviour……

Doris J. Bellington

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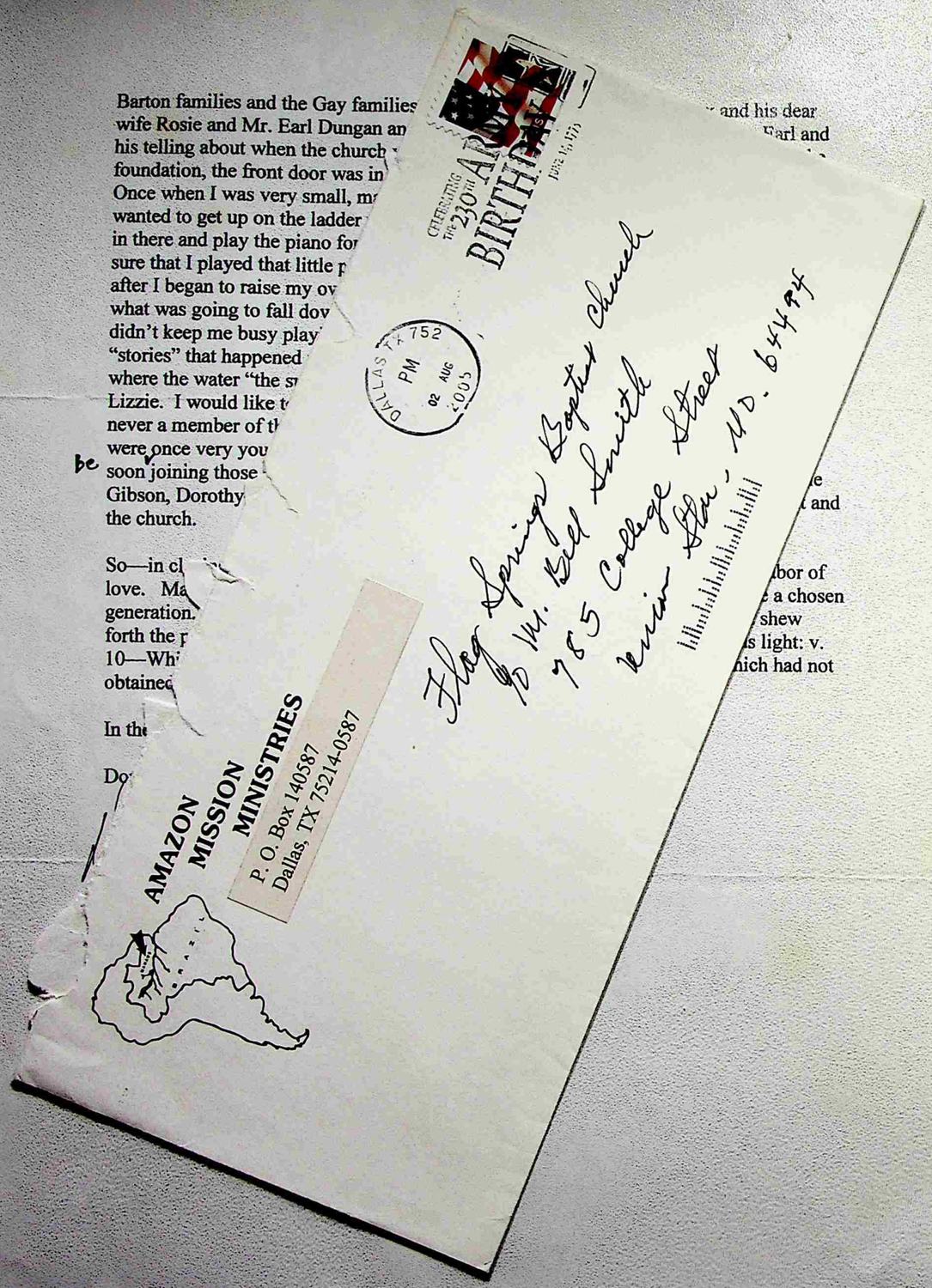
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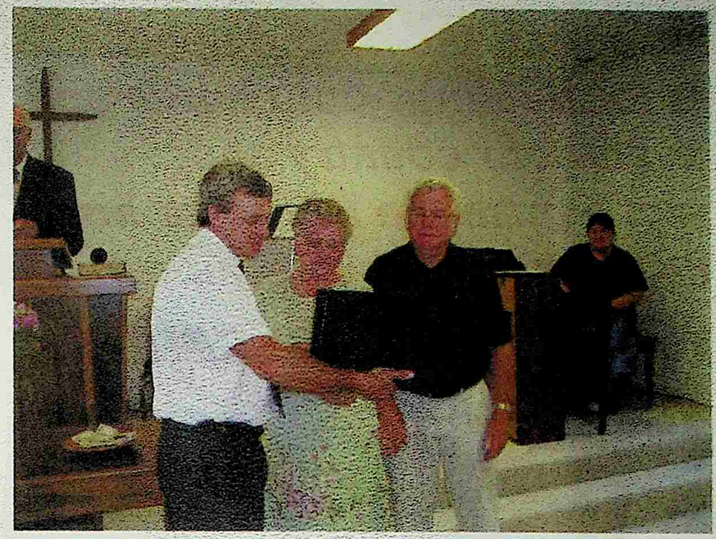
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Flag Springs Baptist Church

~ Organized 1855 ~

October 16, 2005



Overwhelmed by LOVE

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

~~~Galatians 5:22



Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul;
He leadeth me into the path of righteousness
for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life; and I will

In Loving Memory of

Howard Coats

Friday, June 25, 1909 - Thursday, August 25, 2005

SERVICE
10:00 AM, Monday, August 29, 2005
Breit-Hawkins & Gladden Funeral Home
Savannah, Missouri

OFFICIATING
Rev. John DeLee
Flag Springs Baptist Church

MUSIC
"When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder"
"In The Garden"
"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"
Guitarist / Vocalist: Chris Campbell

CASKET BEARERS
Irvan Coats
Ted Coats
Joe Coats
Lee Coats
William Coats
David Coats
Tom Coats

INTERMENT
Benton Cemetery



Bill + Clara



...your kindness has made all the difference.
Thanks for such a beautiful place to worship GOD!
"from all of us"

Howard Coats, 96, Union Star, Missouri, died Thursday, August 25, 2005, in Savannah, Missouri.

Howard, a lifelong farmer, was born June 25, 1909 in Forest City, Missouri. He was a member of the Flag Springs Baptist Church, where he served as deacon; and was a former member of the I.O.O.F., Flag Springs.

Howard was a good neighbor and friend to many people.

On October 10, 1935 he married Ellen Flanagan in Savannah, Missouri. She preceded him in death May 12, 1998.

His parents, Levi and Anna Mary (Noland) Coats; three infant sons; granddaughter, Laura Sparling, an infant granddaughter; two sisters, Nellie Wallace and Cecil Overly; and 5 brothers, John and Wesley Ramsey, and Levi, Harold and Guston Coats; also preceded him in death.

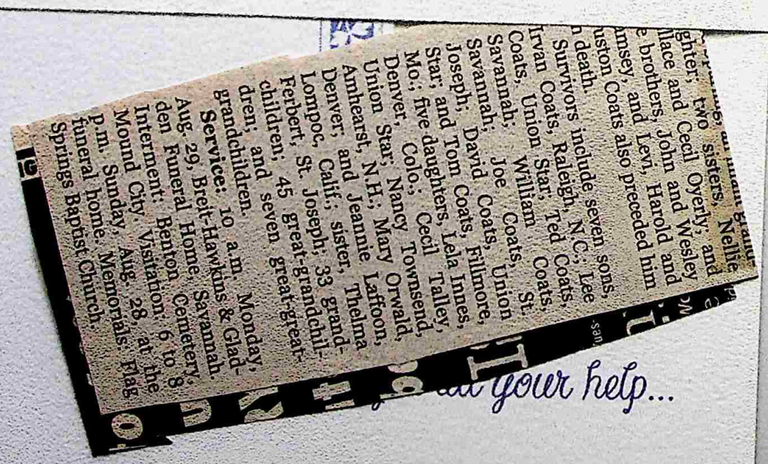
Survivors include seven sons, Irvan Coats, Raleigh, NC; Lee Coats, Union Star; Ted Coats, Savannah; William Coats, Savannah; Joe Coats, St. Joseph; David Coats, Union Star; and Tom Coats, Fillmore; five daughters, Lela Innes, Denver, CO; Cecil Talley, Union Star; Nancy Townsend, Amhearst, NH; Mary Orwald, Denver, CO; Jeannie Laffoon, Lompoc, CA; sister, Thelma Ferbert, St. Joseph; 33 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and 7 great-great-grandchildren.





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August 30, 2005

Dear Terri,

It was great to be there at Flag Springs and to see many that we had not seen for years. It was good to also see some of our family since we did not make it to the reunion this year. I appreciated it very much that the Church invited me to speak on Sunday. Thanks for the honorarium. I have enclosed a check to donate part of it to the Church. We pray that our Lord will bless Flag Springs Baptist Church in very great way. I believe that what is important to the Lord is that His Church love Him and love people. Jesus tells us in John 13:34-35, this is how all men can know that we are His disciples. I believe that this makes a great Church.

Have you received rain yet? We have gone from being dry to a little above normal on rainfall for the year. We had a storm here that gave us 5 inches of rain in just a little over five hours last Friday and we have had 3.5 inches today. The rain came so fast that several roads and streets were closed for a time. Tell Bill and Clara and the rest of your family hi for us. It was great to see all of you again.

Please tell the Church thanks for inviting us to speak. I was blessed as a result and hope that everyone was also. We continue to pray for you all. Keep us in your prayers.

In Christian love,

Russell & Josephine

Order of Service

Prelude

Congregational Hymn: There Is A Fountain

Welcome, Statement of Purpose, Intro. of Moderator

Charge to the Church

Congregational Hymns: Amazing Grace
Shall We Gather at the River

Presentation of Candidate

Public Examination

Congregational Hymn: Rise Up, O Men of God

Council's Recommendation to the Church

Decision of the Church

Prayer of Ordination

Laying On of Hands

Special Music

Charge to the Candidate

Presentation of the Ordination Certificate & Bible

Benediction

Postlude

Edythe Kirtley
#92
Bill Smith

Charles Sexton

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Howard Coats
Kenneth Lewis

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Charles Sexton, Director of Missions
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Interogator --
Kenneth Lewis, pastor,
First Baptist, Clarksdale

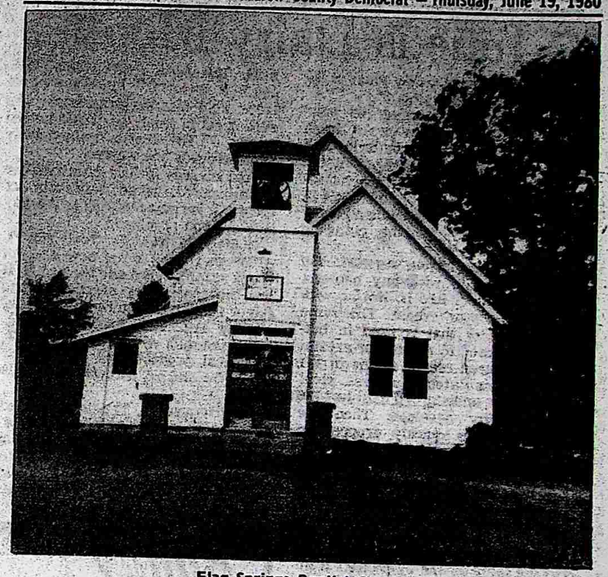
Speaker --
James Kirtley, pastor,
Darlington Baptist & Maple
Grove Baptist

Music Leader --
Romey Keith Davis
King City Baptist

Music Accompanist --
Edythe Kirtley

Special Music --
Sarah, Josiah, Jared
& Hannah DeLee

Ordination
Service
for
John Paul DeLee
by
Flag Springs Baptist
Church
October 11, 1992
2:30 p.m.



Flag Springs Baptist Church

Flag Springs Church to celebrate 125th anniversary Sunday

The Flag Springs Baptist Church will observe their 125th anniversary Sunday. Worship services begin at 11 a.m. followed by a noon basket dinner and afternoon activities at 2 p.m.

The Rev. John Galloway from the Baptist Hospital in Kansas City will hold the morning service and the Rev. Russell Dazey will be the afternoon speaker.

The church was organized in 1955 with 20 resident members. The members held their services in their homes until 1870 when the present church was built.

The Rev. Jonathan Miller was the first pastor. Some 34 pastors have followed him with Jimmy H. Wilson as the present pastor.

The church building has withstood two tornadoes. In June of 1881, the church was moved six inches off of its foundation. Then on Easter Sunday 1913, another tornado struck while services were being held. Again the church was moved six inches off its foundation.

The church is the only building left in the Village of Flag Springs.

The Killer Tornado:

Easter Sunday Night, March 23, 1913

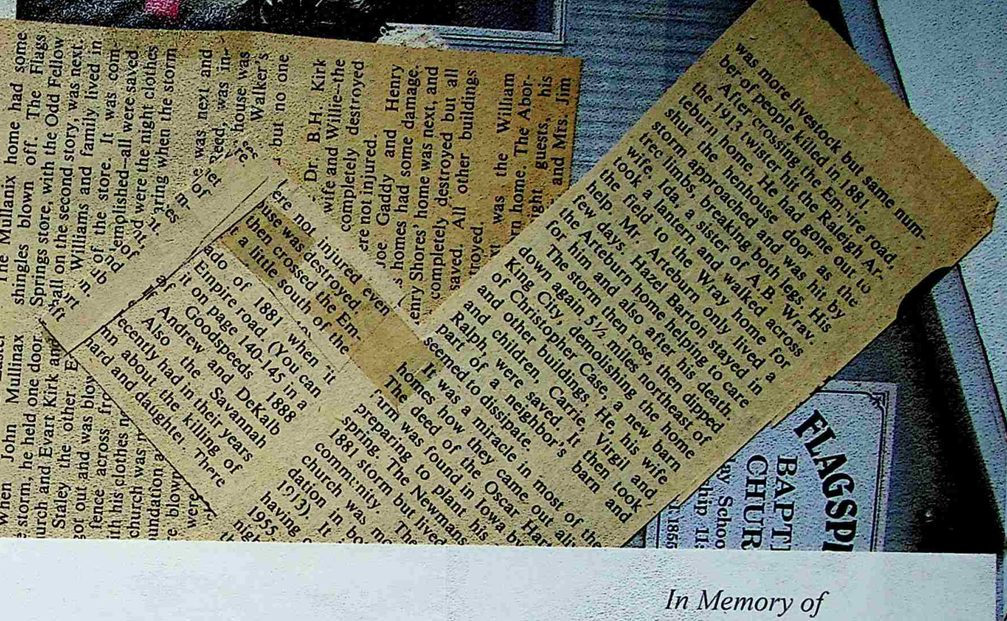
EDITOR'S NOTE: Tornadoes are a dreadful subject to everyone. Recent tragedies at Sedalia, Mo. and Grand Island, Neb. are grim reminders that twisters can strike anywhere. With this in mind, the Tri-County News offers the following article by Mrs. D.L. Gibson.

All day on Easter Sunday, high winds and low flying clouds marked a day of uneasy feeling among the people of East Andrew county and nearly all adjoining states to the south as far as Texas. That evening around 8:00 p.m. the lightning seemed to play on the ground, making the green grass look copper colored. At 8:30 p.m. a tornado touched the ground and destroyed the house of Randy Newman and all other buildings. The family was saved.

It crossed Platte River, moving in a north-easterly direction, taking all the water and mud from the river bottom where it crossed the stream. It hit the Luther Arnfield force killing Mr. and Mrs. Armfield. The 12-month-old baby boy (Kenneth) was lying at his parents' feet covered by dead chickens and their five-year-old daughter (Thelma), who was in her bed, was carried on north over a small grove of trees and turned out on top of trees in a pasture just north of the grove.

She was found crying by A.L. (Button) Coil who lived a short distance west and taken to their home. All were plastered with mud, according to the 12-year-old nephew, Fred Rierson, who was living with them. Luther was playing the harmonica and was in the kitchen with Fred when the storm hit--Luther ran to Mable in the bedroom where she had put Thelma to bed and was getting Kenneth ready for bed, too. Fred was in shock but not injured.

The six-year-old house seemed to disintegrate in air and part of it was blown over the grove of trees and burned as there were fires in the stoves at this time of year. It was two hours before the people found the bodies of Mable and Luther. The dead chickens kept Karen alive but it was several weeks before he recovered from the exposure.



was more livestock but same number of people killed in 1881.

After crossing the Empire road, the 1913 twister hit the Raleigh Arburn home. He had gone out to shut the henhouse door as the storm approached and was hit by fr[illegible] limbs, breaking both legs. His wife, Ida, a sister of A.B. Wray, took a lantern and walked across the field to the Wray home for help. Mr. Arteburn stayed in the home and also after his death a few days. Hazel Barton helping to care for him and then took down again 5½ miles northeast of King City, demolishing the new barn and other buildings. He, his wife and children, Carrie, Virgil and Ralph, were saved. It then took part of a neighbor's barn and seemed to dissipate.

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In Memory of
Elvin Albert Bashor, Sr.

November 3, 1914 - May 6, 2006

Funeral Service 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, May 9, 2006
Gibson Funeral Home
Rev. Martin Barker
Officiating

Organist — *Betty Jo Howitt*
Vocalist — *Romey Keith Davis*

Pallbearers

Amos Bashor — *Wayne Bashor*
Jim Dorrell — *Bill Smith*
Gary Calhoon — *Donnie Calhoon*

Honorary Pallbearers

Delton Munns — *Ethan Drewry* — *Troy James*
Wayne Wilmes — *Tryston Anthony*
Tyson Wilmes — *Calvin Calhoon*

Interment
Union Star Cemetery
Union Star, Mo.

God saw he was getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around him
And whispered, "Come with Me."

With tearful eyes we watched him suffer





JAN GIBSON

Completes Nursing Degree

Jan Gibson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Gibson, received her diploma degree in Nursing from the Missouri Methodist Medical Center School of Nursing at commencement exercises held on Friday evening, June 6, at the Francis Street United Methodist church in St. Joseph.

Miss Gibson was among 29 graduates receiving diplomas. She was an active member of the Missouri Student Nursing Association and served as the treasurer of the organization.

Jan is a graduate of King City high school and attended Missouri Western State College before entering the program at the Medical Center. She began work Monday at North Kansas City Memorial Hospital.

The main address to the graduates was delivered by Dr. Emerson Yoder, a member of the medical staff. The diplomas were presented by Mr. Herbert Woodbury, president of the board of trustees. Mrs. Marilyn Meinert, R.N., presented the pins.

A reception followed the ceremony for all graduates and their guests.

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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hawman attended the annual Wadsworth retired employees 50th anniversary of the VA last Friday in Wadsworth, Ks.

They were recipients of the grand prize giveaway which was a cake. Several Susan B. Anthony dollars were given away also.

Mrs. [illegible] received word this week that her granddaughter, Miss Susan Pennington, 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pennington of Casper, Wyo., had won the title of Miss Wyoming in the state contest held last Saturday evening in Casper.

Miss Pennington sang for her

Father's Day Guests

Father's Day dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Jameson were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Wagner and daughter, Ronette of Creston, Ia.; Mr. Rick Jameson and sons, Jimmy and Scotty, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Jameson, Chris, Cory and Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Jameson and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Jameson and Paul.

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Gerald Johnson was honored on Father's Day with a dinner given at the Johnson home by Mrs. Johnson.

Those present were Mrs. Forestine Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Johnson of St. Joseph, and Mrs. Lorene Standlea.

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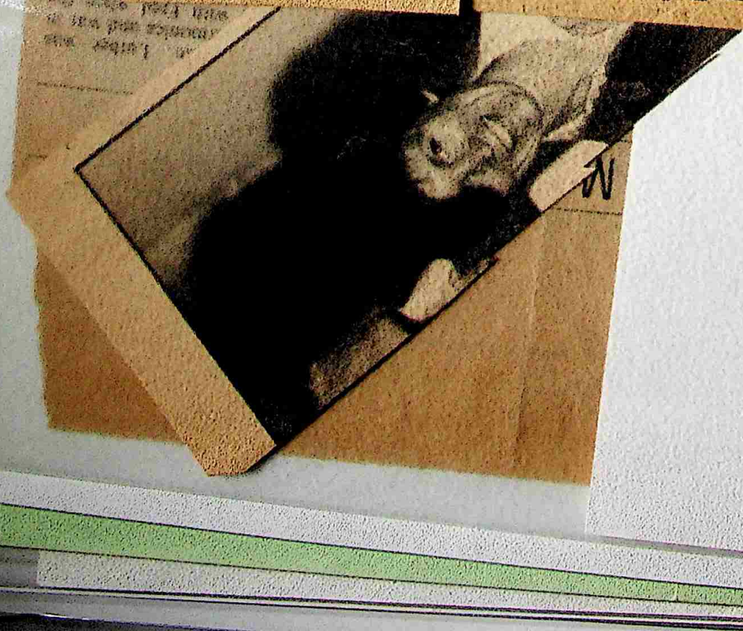
The following attended a jewelry party last Friday evening at the home of Luella Dick: Geneva Swan, Dixie Clark, Jo Darnell, Geneva Campbell, Neva Wolford, Veronica Frederick, Bev Petty, Barb Bulla, Sandra Hall, Betty Mulnix, Kathy Darnell, Jackie Wilson, Coleene Gillip, Norene Heath, Patsy Wilson and Sherry Law.

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Guests in the home of Mrs. Kathy Darnell last Monday evening for a barbecue and birthday celebration for Mrs. Curtis Wells were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Gillespie, Barb Bulla, Curtis Wells and the honor guest.

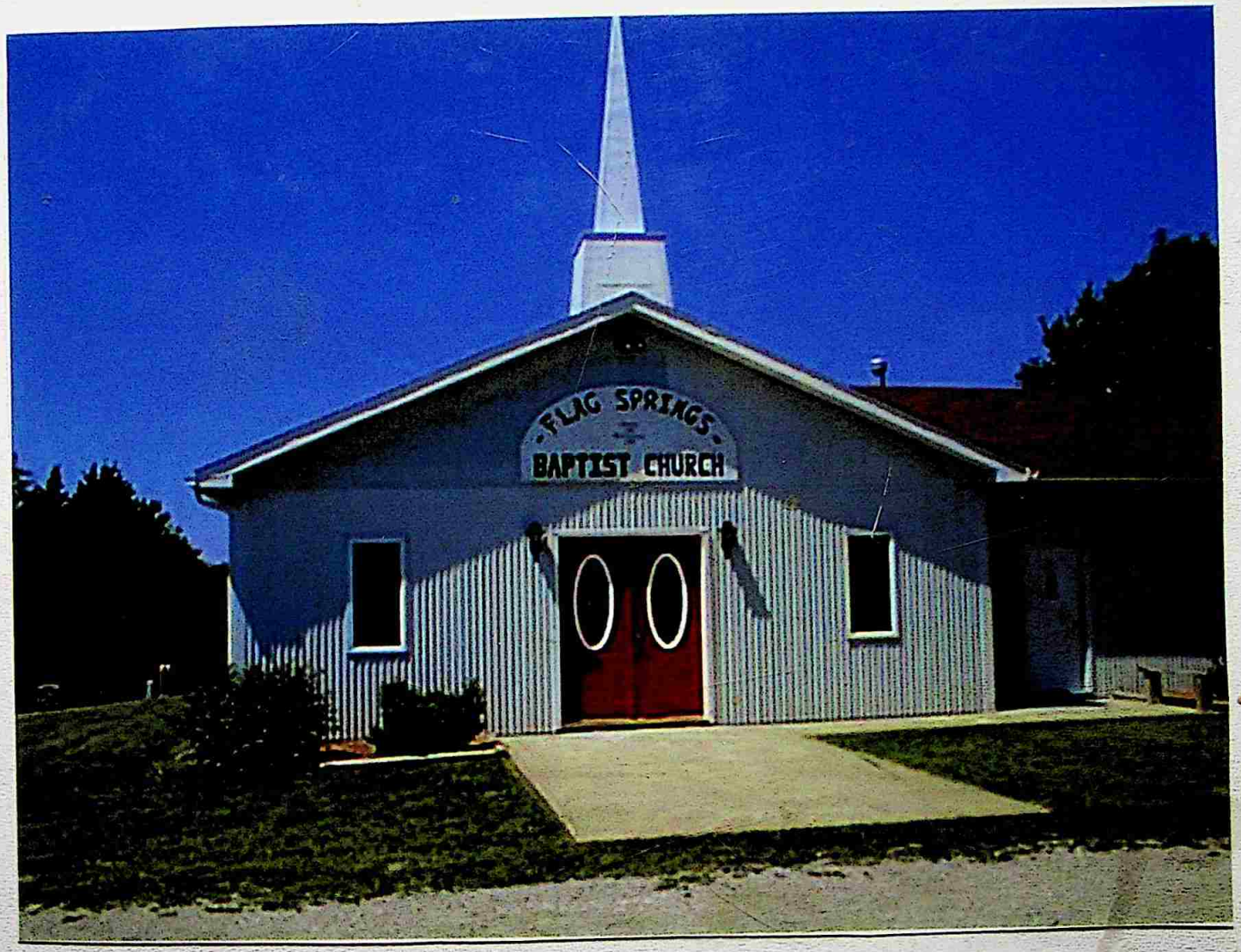
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