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THE GREENUP FORK BAPTIST CHURCH

On July 27, 1822 the Greenup Fork Baptist Church was constituted and organized by Elder John H. Ficklin and Elder Mardicia Boulivar. The following brethren and sisters enrolled in the constitution were: Cornelius Duvall, Polly Duvall, David Shelton, Henrietta Shelton, Jesse Threlkeld, Peter Shelton, Sara Eades, Austin Shelton, Sarah Shipp. The first church was of log construction, date when built unknown. The present church was built in 1833, two-story high. The second story was used as lodge rooms. In 1901, this church was remodeled, ceiling lowered, and new floors laid and stained glass windows put in. Cornelius Duvall was the first pastor of the church, one of the number that constituted the church. He pastored the church from 1822 to 1827. The pastors that served the Lord at Greenup Fork from 1827 to 1857: James Banter, Andrew Suter, James Duvall, Elijah Cobb, P. H. Todd, Henry Ballard, B. O. Branham, and Josiah Razor.

#### Converted Jew

Lewis Henry Salin was called as pastor of Greenup Fork Church March 1857 and preached there for twenty-one years and eleven months. (Feb. 1879) He is well known in the county, a converted Jew from Barvaria, Germany. He lived in the community and built the house owned and lived in by Herbert Lee Smith now. The pastors that served the Lord 1879 to 1905: H. T. Daniel, J. Pike Powers, J. W. Wald-roppe, J. J. Porter, W. J. Agee, E. G. Townsend, Baker Wheatley, Wm. McMilliam, W. E. Brittian. Other pastors 1905-1965: J. S. Ransdell, W. L. Shearer, E. J. Weller, R. C. Goldsmith, C. D. Boozer, J. Neil, O. P. Jackson, I. E. Rouse, J. E. Fulton, J. C. Jefries, O. L. Walker, Otis C. Williams, Paul Turner, Millard Brown,

Wayne Slaton, Joe Tackett, James Isaac Brown, Kenneth Bryan, John L. Bledsoe, Robert Whitten, Norval L. Bard, Micheal Watts, William J. Viel, pastor at the present time. In the year 1914, the church went full time with W. L. Shearer as pastor, but was unable to remain so because finances fell short and the parsonage was sold. The church again went full time in 1951 under the pastorate of Joe Tackett and has remained so ever since. In 1950 the church was remodeled again. Sunday School rooms built, new floors laid, and oil heating system installed.

To learn of the many sacrifices of our forefathers, we learn to appreciate this great heritage they have preserved for us. J. Cooper Johnson has given us much of this church history since he is the oldest member living of the Greenup Fork Church. He is ninety-three (93) years old. He has been a member of this church for eighty years. Our forefathers have planted a garden of life, we each have a row to hoe. Let us work faithfully at our task, knowing that God will have His hour and that hour will be more joyous for us because we have been faithful in a small way.

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