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In the month of March, 1843, a goodly portion of the members of Middle Creek Church, residing south of Gunpowder Creek, met and resolved that a petition be presented to the Middle Creek Church, asking that they might be permitted to enter into the constitution of a separate church near General Wallace's place.

In the month of April of the same year, in pursuance of the foregoing resolution, a petition was presented to the Middle Creek Church and the request was granted that such a constitution might be entered into; an order to that effect was spread on the minutes of that church.

These members of Middle Creek Church residing south of Gunpowder Creek convened at Wallace School-house for the purpose of further consultation, touching the subject of constituting themselves into a separate and distinct body. The meeting was organized by the appointment of Brother Robert Kirtley as Moderator and Randall Latimer as Clerk.

The Baptist Churches of the North Bend Association and the Church at Burlington were asked to assist in carrying into effect this most desirable organization. The Churches participating in the organization were as follows:

Middle Creek	Bullitsburgh
East Bend	Sand Run
Burlington	Dry Creek
Covington, First	

The following committee was appointed to draw up the proposed church articles of faith:

Robert Kirtley	William Huey
Lewis Webb	James R. Hawkins
Randall Latimer	Sam Huey
William Carnet	Mason Huey
Robert Huey	

The Articles of Faith which these nine Brethern drew up, constitute the doctrine and the plan of salvation which this church teaches, and is as follows:

ARTICLES OF FAITH

"The Baptist Church at Big Bone hold the doctrine of the universal depravity of man, believing that all men are sinners, and that the recovery of any from that state is by the grace of God in Christ Jesus, wherein such as are saved, are effectually called by Holy Spirit, justified by faith in the imputed righteousness of Christ, and that they will finally persevere through grace to glory."

The day set apart for the purpose of constituting the said proposed church was May 25, 1843; the organization was given the name of Big Bone Baptist Church due to the fact that it was located in the vicinity of the natural saline sulphur waters of the Big Bone Springs.

The organization was set going with forty-four members, drawn mainly from the Middle Creek Baptist Church and the East Bend Baptist Church. Three members are recorded with only the given name listed, which the records show as colored people. On through the early part of the history we find that colored people were received into the church from time to time.

A list of the charter members is given on the following page:

CHARTER MEMBERS

ROBERT HUEY	MATILDA HUEY
JAMES HAWKINS	SARAH HAWKINS
THOMAS HUEY	HENRIETTA HUEY
RICHARD B. JOHNSON	MARY JANE MASON
JOHN JOHNSON	CYNTHIA JOHNSON
WILLIAM MASON	SARAH MASON
JAMES T. MASON	CAROLIN McMANAMA
SAM MASON	LUCINDA MASON
THOMAS MASON	NANCY MASON
ROBERT FOWLER	ISABELLA ALLEN
GEORGE G. JOHNSON	ELIZABETH ALLEN
WASHINGTON HUEY	JANE HUEY
JOHN MASON	NANCY MASON
HENDERSON DAVIS	ELIZABETH DAVIS
JOHN RILEY	MARY JANE HUEY
ELISHA WELLS	NANCY KEENAN
OSCAR W. HUEY	ELIZABETH ALLEN
JOHN McHATTON	ELVIRA JOHNSON
JACOB HARDESTY	NANCY McHATTON
SAM HUEY	ELVIRA HUEY
Robert *	EMILY McHATTON
Jane *	
Margaret *	

* Colored

General Wallace sold five acres of land to this organization at \$7.00 per acre and donated two acres for the church building, by deed dated November 23, 1843.

The brick building which now stands, quaint, serene and beautiful, nestled among the many stately maples, was completed in February, 1845, at a cost of \$1200.00.

Under the leadership of Rev. James A. Kirtley, Sunday school was organized in the Big Bone Church in June 1879; Sunday School rooms were suggested by a later pastor, Rev. T.E. Mangum, and they were completed and dedicated May 29, 1921.

The fourth Saturday and Lord's Day following in each month were set apart for the regular monthly meetings. Sometime in the year 1843 it was decided and agreed upon to hold worship service on Sunday following the first Saturday of each month, in addition to the regular fourth Saturday and Sunday meetings.

PASTORS

Rev. Robert Kirtley..... (Assisted by Rev. George Scott)	1843	-	1852
Rev. James A. Kirtley.....	1852	-	1900
Rev. W. S. Taylor.....	1901	-	1903
Rev. Layton Maddox.....	1904	-	1906
Rev. J. T. Betts.....	1906	-	1907
Rev. Wm. McMillan.....	1908	-	1914
Rev. Albert McMillan.....	1914	-	1917
Rev. T. E. Mangum.....	1918	-	1919
Rev. G. C. Peyton.....	1919	-	1920
Rev. J. A. Miller.....	1920	-	1923
Rev. O. G. Tillman.....	1923	-	1924
Rev. C. J. Avery.....	1924	-	1926
Rev. R. A. Johnson.....	1926	-	1941
Rev. Sam L. Branham.....	1941	-	

DEACONS

A list of the deacons from time of the organization
of this Church until the present time is as follows:

Thomas Huey	Nathan Clements
John C. Riley	Joseph Weaver
B. M. Allen	J. T. Edwards
G. W. Huey	R. W. Allen
David Clements	B. C. Allen
James G. Mason	J. W. Aylor
Malcolm Neal	J. L. Jones, Jr.
G. M. Allen	Len Hubbard
J. P. Johnson	Thomas Huff
R. L. Huey	Everett Jones
James Taylor	Harry House

Robert Wood

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Below are listed six members of this Church
who have been ordained to the Gospel ministry:

George H. Scott	Dec. 1848
T. L. Utz	Jan. 1889
S. M. Adams	July 1889
O. M. Huey	July 1890
W. S. Taylor	July 1901
R. C. McNeely	July 1916

PROGRESS

The records show that this historical old church has ever made steps upward and onward. Beginning on quarter time, she labored on until half-time preaching was attained, and in March, 1927, she went to full-time, a very commendable step. She has never slipped back from this high standard, but has ever since remained at full time.

We find that this church has never been a self-satisfied or selfish church during her history, but has been ever on the alert to assist in establishing churches in other communities. She assisted in constituting the Florence Baptist Church in May 1855; she established and built the Church in Union, Ky., in 1871; she assisted in organizing Walton and Beaver Lick Churches in 1883.

In looking back over the pages of time, we can readily see the great attainments and achievements of this glorious old Church. The Lord has richly blessed the efforts of the membership of this church since her organization. The membership has grown from forty-four to three hundred and fifty, which is exceedingly good for a rural church where the population is scattered.

As already noted, six of her members have been ordained as ministers of the Gospel, who have gone into fields to sow and reap for the Master.

When we consider the number of converts within her own walls, the ordained ministers sent out into other districts and the good accomplished by them there, the churches she has assisted in organizing and the work they have done for the Master, and the mighty influence she has had in this community, we can see that she was not organized in vain but that the hand of God was in it all.

DEDICATION

We dedicate this book, the History of Big Bone Baptist Church, not only to those brave soldiers of the cross who launched out in the Ship of Faith and founded this local organization, but also to those loyal followers of Christ who have fostered and nurtured this institution through the one hundred years of her existence. May she always measure up to the ideals of her forefathers, and ever be found faithful to that trust which the Lord Jesus Christ has committed to His Church.