

Barnett's Creek Baptist Church

Ohio County, KY

By Jerry Long, Owensboro, Ky.



Located north of Hartford. On Highway 231 at foot of Hoover Hill turn east onto Highway 1414. Go about 3 miles and turn left onto Barnett's Creek Church Road. Church is out about one-half mile. Church was founded in 1839. Jerry Long, of Owensboro, KY, copied the cemetery on 11 June 1988.

Country church celebrates 150 years

By Steve Thomas
Messenger-Inquirer

The small, red-brick church is surrounded on both sides by old graves and headstones that hint of a long past.

The mid-1800s dates on some of the markers indicate the long history of Barnett's Creek Baptist Church in northwestern Ohio County.

In 1840, a group of parishioners broke from Bells Run Baptist Church after a dispute about how to fund missionary activities. They started another church near the banks of Barnett's Creek.

"It's been around ever since," the Rev. Larry Craig said.

The congregation will celebrate

its 150th anniversary Sunday with William Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, as guest speaker during the 11 a.m. worship. The Rev. Tom Shelton, director of missions for the Ohio County Baptist Association, and Judge-Executive Dudley Cooper also will participate.

Gospel music and a picnic will follow on the church grounds.

The original building was replaced around 1890 by the one that stands now — its white weatherboard exterior having since been covered by modern bricks in 1965 for \$3,450. In 1907, church members raised \$3.10 to paint the church.

A basement was dug in 1952, and

Sunday school rooms were added in 1976.

"It's a country church with a faithful flock that has gone through a lot of good times and hard times but has persevered," he said. "It's a people-oriented church. Most people live in the area."

About 60 to 75 people attend services each Sunday; 40 are in Sunday school.

"There's a respectful informality," he said. "Nobody gets hung up on whether somebody is dressed a certain way. If you want to wear overalls, nobody says anything about it."

"Aug. 26 will be a day of praise and a time of reflection on the sacrifices and progress made over the

past century and a half," Craig said.

That day will be one of rejoicing for Howard Whittaker, 54, a life-long member of the church and its treasurer, who has been involved in the church's renovation during the past few months.

The 17 pews have been refinished and padded, new front doors have been added, new carpeting has been put in the auditorium and Sunday school rooms.

"More or less, this is where my roots are," Whittaker said. "I just live down the road a couple of miles."

Being part of something that's lasted for 150 years "makes you feel good," he said.

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A History of the Daviess – McLean Baptist Association in Kentucky, 1844-1943, Rev. Wendell H. Rone (1943, p227):

BARNETT'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

This Church was organized out of an anti-mission faction from the Bell's Run Church, in Ohio County, Ky., by Elder Jasper Bristow in the year 1839. She became a member of the Panther Creek Association of United Baptists (Anti-Missionary) 1843 and remained as such until the year 1899 when she petitioned the Daviess County Association for membership as she had decided to accept the missionary program of the Association. She was duly received and her Messenger, J. M. Hoover, invited to a seat in the body. She was represented by Messengers J. P. Fuqua and James Ralph in 1900. In 1901 she reported no letter or messengers. On September 28, 1901, she became a constituent member of the newly formed Ohio County Baptist Association and has remained as a member of that body to the present time. She reported Elder P. Farris as pastor in 1899 and again in 1900, and Elder G. Hawcking as pastor in 1901. Her clerk for the three years of her representation in this Association is reported as being Bro. G. H. Patton.

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I copied the cemetery in two sections – new section on the south side of church and old section on north side of church. The oldest death date on a monument in the new section is 1910 and the oldest death date in the old section is 1852. A listing of monuments in the Barnett's Creek Baptist Church Cemetery was published in the book, Ohio County, Kentucky Cemeteries, Volume V (Ohio County Historical Society, Utica, KY: McDowell Publications, 1994, pp7-17) contained several errors including the omission of 45 individuals. Those indented below were on the same monument as the preceding person.

New Section:

Allen, W. L.	25 Apr 1871	14 Dec 1950
Elizabeth	4 Mar 1875	8 Jun 1915
Bartlett, Alva D. (Pvt US Army World War II)	6 Jan 1927	21 Jul 1978
Bartlett, Bennie H.	1 Oct 1877	2 Aug 1966
Donnie E.	12 Feb 1880	18 Sep 1968
Bartlett, Ernest	7 Jun 1893	19 Apr 1971
Lola Kate (his wife)	23 Jul 1892	12 Apr 1926
Bartlett, Harlen D.	14 Dec 1924	14 Dec 1924
Bartlett, Kenneth E.	25 May 1939	
Abbey C.	1 Jul 1934	2 Jun 1980
Bartlett, Larry A.	25 Nov 1940	13 Mar 1969
Margaret A.	10 Sep 1942	
Bartlett, Lena E. (d/o Ernest & Lola K.)	6 Apr 1925	15 Feb 1934
Bartlett, Mabel B. (w/o Ernest; married 30 Dec 1926)	9 Apr 1906	
Bartlett, Richard Wilson (s/o Clarence & Lorene)	12 May 1918	13 May 1918
Bartlett, William Franklin (Dad)	28 Mar 1916	
Emogene Hinton (Mom; married 20 Oct 1935)	19 Aug 1919	23 Feb 1988
Bartlett, Zelma L. (d/o E. & L. K.)	born & died	30 Mar 1926
Bear, James W. (husband)	7 May 1838	
Rosa W. (wife)	15 Feb 1887	18 Mar 1961
Belcher, Hubert	1903	1976
Hazel	1907	1963
Belcher, Timothy Kent (s/o H. F. & B. J.)	2 Feb 1957	8 Dec 1962
Brooks, Arabelle (w/o E. L.)	16 Apr 1872	7 Nov 1921
Brooks, Artist M.	22 Mar 1908	7 Aug 1981
Lueleanor	26 Mar 1913	10 Feb 1980
Brooks, B. L.	13 Aug 1869	15 Mar 1945
Brooks, Diamond O. (Indiana Tec 5 Co B 125 Inf WWII)	23 Nov 1919	27 Jan 1966
Chapman, Alva Joe (KY Pvt US Army World War I)	23 Feb 1895	20 Nov 1967
Chapman, James M.	1886	1958
Viola	1886	1965
Chapman, Jesse L.	24 Sep 1848	4 Aug 1920
Mary E. (his wife)	20 Nov 1850	21 Apr 1930
Chapman, Jewell P.	27 May 1910	
Lois F.	25 Nov 1910	15 Aug 1976
Hazelrigg, Earl Don (Mason)	3 Mar 1925	7 May 1977
Bonnie	28 Apr 1928	
Hazelrigg, William H.	3 Jun 1955	7 Jun 1955
Hoover, Alonzo	1869	1932
Luella	1874	1955

Hoover, Catherine	25 Dec 1841	31 Jan 1915
Hoover, Charlie A. Hattie S.	10 Nov 1888 7 Dec 1894	24 May 1962 12 Jul 1969
Hoover, Clifton (Mason) Zelphia	1879 1885	1954
Hoover, Eunice D. Mary I. Allen (wed 29 Oct 1927)	17 Jun 1902 1 Apr 1906	17 May 1987
Hoover, Homer Hazel		
Hoover, Hubert T.	11 Feb 1914	4 Dec 1948
Hoover, James Thomas Lucinda	29 Jun 1864 22 Nov 1871	19 Jul 1954 14 Jan 1947
Hoover, John M. Percillie J. (his wife)	5 Apr 1865 14 Feb 1876	3 Jun 1951 27 Sep 1912
Hoover, Lewis Sallie H. (his wife)	15 Dec 1866 8 Feb 1869	1 Jul 1922
Hoover, Martha Anna (w/o Ona)	11 Feb 1895	3 Feb 1921
Hoover, Ona S. Bessie A.	10 Jun 1886 18 Sep 1885	11 Apr 1962 29 Nov 1967
Hoover, William F. Annie (his wife)	9 Aug 1861 11 Apr 1864	9 Jan 1924 16 May 1937
Hoover, Wm. Elvis Lena N.	1899 1899	1960
Hoover, Zylpha D.	7 Jan 1918	6 Jun 1979
Huff, Carol Dene (d/o Darrel & Glenda)	28 Sep 1980	28 Sep 1980
Huff, Megan Ann (d/o Darrel & Glenda)	2 Sep 1987	2 Sep 1987
Massie, Ada Belle [funeral home marker]		no dates
Paris, Corrina C. (w/o J. M.)	11 Oct 1875	6 May 1909
Parker, Rev. John L. Ruth G.	2 Feb 1889 6 Feb 1893	14 Jan 1969 9 Dec 1972
Pate, Agnes H. (mother)	28 May 1823	17 Dec 1910
Patton, Clarence Jessie	1884 1883	1971 1916
Patton, Ernest J. Lula	16 Aug 1888 19 Dec 1886	12 Aug 1969 19 Dec 1963
Patton, Everett J. (s/o Ernest & Lula)	19 Jan 1910	17 Nov 1979
Patton, George W. Lousia	18 Nov 1866 1 Jul 1879	22 May 1949 9 May 1938
Patton, Granvill H. (Father) Melissa J. (Mother)	1856 1858	1943 1938
Patton, James E. Beulah Mae	1905 1909	1986
Patton, James T. Sallie N. (his wife)	13 May 1854 22 Dec 1854	11 May 1931 8 Mar 1905
Patton, Ortra (s/o Geo. & Louisa)	6 Jun 1914	8 Jun 1914

Patton, Ruby Grey (d/o John & Mittie Felty)	23 Sep 1913	27 Apr 1985
Reagan, Carl J.	13 Jun 1913	19 Jun 1913
Reagan, Margaret Catherine ("Granny")	24 Apr 1843	17 Aug 1936
Rhoades, Brandy Michelle [funeral home marker]	1977	1977
Rhoades, Cheryl A. (twin d/o L. & O. B.)	24 Jan 1960	17 Mar 1960
Barbara J. (twin d/o L. & O. B.)	24 Jan 1960	25 Jan 1960
Rhoades, David Lewis	3 Aug 1953	7 Mar 1965
Rhoades, Dora D.	17 Dec 1898	30 Jan 1964
Rhoades, James Lewis (PFC US Army World War II)	5 May 1923	7 Apr 1983
Ova Bartlett (wed 19 Jun 1946; parents of Judy, Peggy, David, Cheryl, Barbara, Mischelle)	23 Apr 1921	
Rhoades, Junior Dean [funeral home marker]	1929	1988
Simmons, Ruby Carol	26 Jul 1938	30 Oct 1968
Smiley, Clyde	19 Apr 1897	15 Aug 1917
Smiley, J. W. Delia (his wife)	18 May 1870 10 Jan 1869	19 Apr 1917
Stewart, Artemas E.	12 Mar 1883	22 Jun 1951
Stewart, Berry Lynn		3 Oct 1954
Stewart, G. J. Effie K.	6 Oct 1879 30 Mar 1880	9 Nov 1968 10 Oct 1969
Stewart, Gleason (SSgt US Army World War II)	28 Nov 1912	14 Sep 1983
Wendoline	6 May 1923	
Stewart, Jimmy Leon (s/o R. A. & C. E.)	27 Jun 1945	16 Aug 1948
Stewart, Milton T. Eula Mae	28 Feb 1906 10 Mar 1903	4 Apr 1965
Trogden, Clyner (Sgt US Army World War II)	10 Sep 1917	26 Sep 1979
Artie M.	8 Mar 1928	
Trogden, L. T. (Father) Ernesteen (Mother, married 20 May 1950)	10 Dec 1925 22 Jun 1929	27 Sep 1977
Trogden, Roger L.	4 Aug 1952	6 Aug 1952
Trogdon, Shelby (Dad) Ethel (Mom)	18 Nov 1898 20 Jul 1901	19 Aug 1981 16 May 1980
Vincent, Grace Allen	22 Jan 1901	7 Feb 1962
Wade, Lydia Bell (w/o Cicero)	1882	1929
Westerfield, Cecil W. Lora V.	24 Apr 1899 11 Sep 1902	5 Apr 1960 21 Sep 1977
Westerfield, Cora L. [c/o Cecil & Lora]		1939
Westerfield, Dermon N. [do Cecil & Lora]		1926
Westerfield, Mary B. [c/o Cecil & Lora]		1933
Westerfield, Marion Lee (Pvt US Army)	27 Apr 1922	8 Jul 1974
Whittaker, Dolphus C. (KY Tec 4 SUC Btry 114 Fld Arty World War II)	9 Jan 1915	1 Mar 1958
Whittaker, Francis Marion (SI US Navy World War II)	1923	1979

Whittaker, Gertie Hoover (w/o Cleveland)	3 Sep 1890	16 Nov 1910
Whittaker, Jesse J.	5 Aug 1889	16 Dec 1954
Ophelia L.	18 Mar 1896	16 Jul 1922
Katherine T.	21 Aug 1885	20 Jul 1951
Whittaker, Lee	21 Sep 1881	7 Apr 1962
Ina	2 Aug 1891	1 May 1974
Whittaker, Maybelle	born & died	22 May 1927
Whittaker, Squire L.	12 Nov 1883	13 Jul 1962
Flora M.	12 Oct 1896	25 Sep 1966
Prudie M.	15 Jun 1926	15 Jun 1926
Williamson, Robert C.	12 May 1913	1 Nov 1984
Zoma F. (married 23 Oct 1933)	29 Jan 1916	
Yates, Alvis O.	21 Apr 1918	23 Apr 1918
Yates, Aulton	11 Aug 1894	4 Jul 1965
Ella Bell	17 Sep 1901	29 May 1949
Yates, Mabel Kate (w/o Aulton)	2 Sep 1899	2 Feb 1919

Old Section:

Ashley, Woodford (Co A 17th KY Inf)		no dates
Ashley, James (Father; Mason)	1840	1934
Ashely, Lucinda (w/o J.)	10 Oct 1818	20 Oct 1898
Austin, Loyd T.	born & died	23 Jul 1929
Bartlett, Belle	9 Mar 1859	5 Dec 1930
Bartlett, Clarence H.	26 Oct 1882	27 Feb 1964
Bartlett, Flossie (d/o C. H. & M. L.)	born & died	29 Mar 1915
Bartlett, Frank	22 Apr 1872	1 Sep 1952
Suda	15 Nov 1873	24 Dec 1949
Bartlett, Hazel D.	30 Jun 1910	10 Mar 1930
Bartlett, Laura Allen	1879	1906
Bartlett, Lottie (w/o Clarence H.)	26 Mar 1882	12 Aug 1925
Bartlett, Mary Louise (d/o N. B. & E. B.)	30 Jan 1922	20 Jul 1924
Bartlett, Minnie F.	22 May 1884	11 Apr 1919
Bartlett, Nobel B.	28 Apr 1901	25 Aug 1951
Bartlett, Orval (s/o C. H. & M. L.)	born & died	10 Dec 1905
Bartlett, Otis (s/o J. F. & S. J.)	6 Dec 1896	30 Jul 1897
Bartlett, Susan Mary (w/o W. S.)	9 Apr 1845	19 Aug 1886
Bartlett, William Samuel	23 May 1840	17 May 1915
Boone, J. M. [fieldstone]		no dates
Boone, James W.	17 Apr 1868	15 Jul 1868
Bozarth, Johnie (s/o S. F. & L.)	1 Mar 1907	15 Feb 1908
Bozarth, S. F.	14 Feb 1867	8 Aug 1927
Lucretia A.	10 Aug 1875	31 Aug 1915
Brooks, Charles H. (s/o J. & F.)	9 Jan 1857	8 Feb 1857
Chapman, Ellen (w/o Hiram)[broken; nee Sample, Born ca 1837, died 1852-60; from listing made		

in 1973- b.24 Feb 1831 d.29 Dec 1856]		
Chapman, G. W. (husband of S. A.)		17 Jan 1888
Chapman, Hannah H. (w/o G. W.)	5 Mar 1822	11 Nov 1878
Chapman, Jessie W.	22 Feb 1812	11 Jun 1865
Susan S. (w/o J. W.)	1 Feb 1817	16 Jun 1896
Chapman, Mary Margaret (d/o George W. & Hannah H.; aged 11 mos & 20 ds)	20 Apr 1854	10 Apr 1855
Chapman, Squire Lee (husband of Sarah O.)	7 Jan 1847	15 Jul 1872
Dawson, William H.	11 Dec 1840	28 Feb 1880
Durbin, Gladys P.	9 May 1937	1 Nov 1937
Ernsfigar, Michel [fieldstone]		no dates
Funk, Thomas H.	1811	1881
Frances F.	1811	1872
Hogland, Nobel D. (s/o J. & M. A.)	30 Nov 1902	22 Mar 1904
Hoover, Ada Chapman	12 Aug 1884	19 Nov 1907
Hoover, Archie B.	1922	1922
Hoover, Cornelius	6 Nov 1860	27 Oct 1891
Hoover, Evert D. (s/o E. & E.)	15 May 1900	11 Sep 1900
Hoover, George (Mason)	16 Nov 1816	2 Jun 1880
Hoover, Goebel		no dates
Dolly		no dates
Mintie D.		no dates
Hoover, Jacob F.	16 Jan 1849	28 Mar 1926
Avena H. (his wife)	8 Oct 1854	9 Dec 1937
Hoover, Mrs. Jessie [funeral home marker]		20 Jun 1968
Hoover, Malcolm M.	18 Dec 1879	31 Jul 1951
Myrtle Bell	10 Feb 1894	18 Aug 1925
Hoover, Margie D.	1927	1927
Hoover, Mary Prudie (w/o G. W.)	5 Jul 1864	27 Oct 1896
Hoover, Mildred G.	1923	1923
Hoover, O. H.	6 Nov 1890	26 Jul 1965
Jewell, Daniel	9 Feb 1806	15 Jan 1866
Jewell, Nancy Ann (w/o Daniel)	6 Oct 1805	25 Dec 1876
Jewel, Levi (age 22 yrs, 10 ms, 27 ds)	6 Dec 1831	3 Nov 1854
King, Mahaly F. [erected by Allen King]	21 Sep 1852	11 Jan 1920
Kirk, George N.	5 Nov 1849	22 Nov 1916
Mizella	24 Feb 1849	2 Jan 1938
McDonald, Jesse Lee (s/o D. D. & Rachel)	1 Dec 1874	12 Sep 1876
Mitchell, James K. (aged about 48 years)		7 Jun 1877
Mitchell, Jane	1830	13 Aug 1911
Moore, James	15 Dec 1815	27 Jul 1894
Izzabelle (w/o J.)	24 Aug 1821	10 Dec 1899
Moseley, Alonzo M. (s/o W. R. & E. L.)	25 Aug 1884	22 Oct 1884
Moseley, Cova (d/o W. R. & M. M.)	25 May 1903	26 Jul 1903
Moseley, Laura (w/o W. R.)	13 Oct 1868	18 Feb 1895

Nelson, Ideller A. (d/o R. L. & L. O.)	18 Apr 1885	5 Aug 1889
Nicholson, J. W. (Co D 6 KY Inf)		no dates
Paris, Noble F. (s/o J. M. & C. C.)	18 Feb 1902	1 Jan 1904
Paris, Sammie (s/o S. N. & K. B.)	12 May 1903	30 Dec 1904
Patton, Eldred W. (s/o Chellis & Carrie)	20 Mar 1904	20 Oct 1904
Patton, John T.	18 Dec 1860	1 Dec 1948
Lena F.	15 Apr 1876	20 Mar 1933
Freedman	27 Jul 1910	9 Jun 1945
Patton, Ona E. (d/o J. H.)	14 Jan 1873	9 Dec 1874
Patton, Thornton (our father)	5 Aug 1805	30 Dec 1884
Rebecca (our mother)	18 Jun 1809	29 Jan 1882
Phillips, Alfred C.	25 Jan 1831	9 Jul 1907
Millie (w/o A. C.)	24 Jul 1836	3 Jan 1903
Rayman, Ethel (s/o J. A. & J. A.)	12 Mar 1893	23 Sep 1896
Reed, Jessie L.		22 Jun 1937
Rhoades, Laverne (d/o Ott & D. D.)	born & died	11 Dec 1937
Richardson, Alvin B.	11 Nov 1918	9 Mar 1966
Richardson, B. E.	1 Apr 1857	28 Jan 1929
Richardson, James B.	25 Oct 1885	28 Mar 1961
Sallie B.	15 Apr 1895	30 Mar 1936
Richardson, Mirt D.	23 Mar 1889	21 Jan 1965
Dora A.	25 Dec 1889	5 Feb 1935
Richardson, Nathan L.	10 Jul 1925	30 Apr 1926
Richardson, Pat D. [funeral home marker]	17 Feb 1925	6 Dec 1927
Richardson, Theodore	1 Oct 1883	15 Aug 1940
Sampel, James (aged 61 yrs, 2 ms)	14 Jun 1790	14 Aug 1851
Sampel, Mary	11 Jan 1797	27 Jan 1857
Sampel, Rebecca	born & died	11 Jun 1852
Avaline	born & died	11 Jun 1852
Smiley, Casander	19 Mar 1794	22 Jun 1875
Smiley, Jennie (d/o J. W. & D.)	26 Jan 1892	6 Sep 1897
Smiley, John Wesley	20 Jan 1833	29 Dec 1869
Smiley, Martha A.	29 Aug 1828	12 Oct 1860
Smily, Eliza Jane	10 Aug 1819	2 Aug 1909
Stewart, Cecil J. (s/o G. J. & E. K.)	26 Oct 1903	11 Nov 1918
Stewart, George W.	20 Jun 1817	23 Feb 1875
Stewart, George W. (s/o G. W. & Nancy)	27 Apr 1875	10 Nov 1878
Stewart, James C.	3 Feb 1813	29 Apr 1892
Judah (w/o J. C.)	18 Nov 1817	27 Jun 1888
Stewart, R. A.	1861	1938
Bettie	1861	1900
Stewart, R. B.	16 Jun 1856	8 Jun 1896
Casander (his wife)	4 Sep 1858	30 Nov 1917
Stewart, Wilson P. (s/o G. W. & N.)	27 May 1871	13 Aug 1873

Stewart, Wm. H.	1835	1915
Susan M. (his wife)	1841	1920
Westerfield, Nancy (w/o W. H.)	1 Jan 1846	2 Aug 1887
Whittaker, Jesse W.	12 Oct 1852	8 Feb 1904
Mary F. (his wife)	21 Jul 1849	5 May 1924
George W. (their son)	6 Aug 1877	4 Jun 1901

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Monument of George Hoover (1816-1880)

—Mr. Keith, of the Cloverport Marble works, erected, on the 4th inst., a monument at Barnett's Creek Church to the grave of Mr. George Hoover that is a model of beauty and the finest piece of workmanship in this county. It stands twelve feet high, and has the family name in raised letters on the marble base, and the Masonic emblem in the center of the spire, and a beautiful urn on the pedestal. The work was done by Prof. J. M. Tebow. Mr. Hoover was a worthy man, and had acquired considerable property by industry and his heirs have shown their appreciation of his worth by the erection of this fine monument. The same firm a few weeks ago erected two fine slab monuments for Mrs. Wm. Hoover, and lately one for Mrs. Franklin Wallace, and one for Mrs. J. K. Mitchell, all giving entire satisfaction.