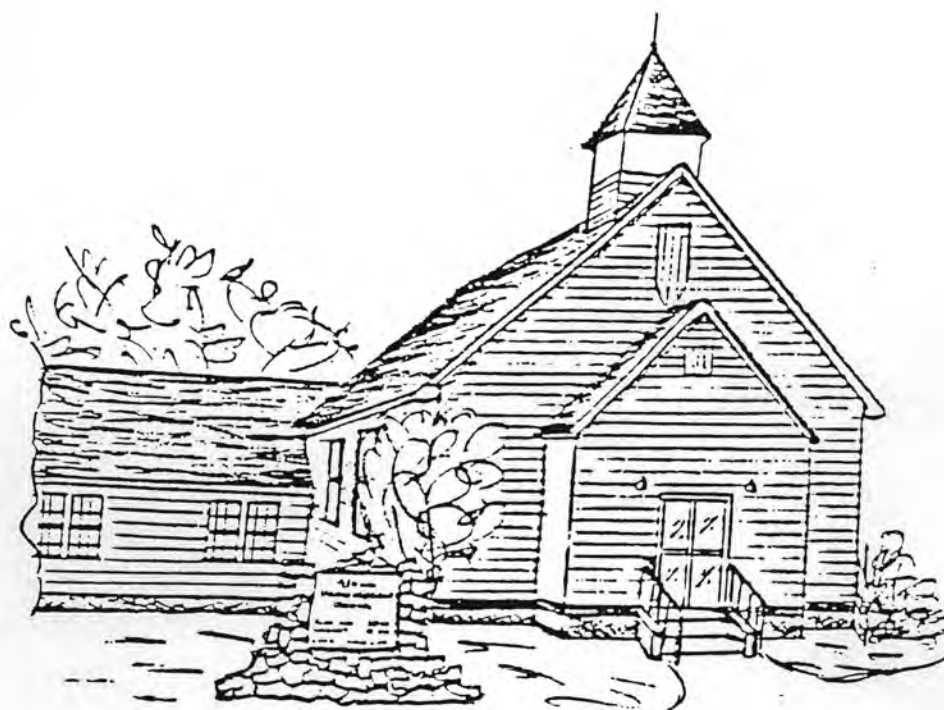


# *Pelham United Methodist Church*

*Established in Tennessee 1823*



## *A History & Remembrance in 2001*

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## Memories of Pelham United Methodist Church

### **Mary Elizabeth Shelton**

"We moved to Pelham in 1953 as newly weds. I taught preschool Sunday School. I remember Susie Sartain, Vergie Gllagher's grandchildren, Jerry and Darlene; and my own Larry and Charlie were in my class. We probably had three of the small primary tables in use each Sunday.

In 1965, we moved to Bell's Cove and went to Providence for 30 years. After Wayne's illness began in 1995, I have enjoyed seeing Larry's family participate in this church."

### **Larry Shelton**

"As a small child I remember loving to come to Sunday School every Sunday. I remember that having preaching every other Sunday was just too much preaching. The first time I took up the offering I remember feeling really grown up.

When I got married that was the most people I had ever seen in church. That was also the hottest I had ever been in church. The more closely I listened to the words and the closer I got to say, "I do" the more I perspired. Marrying Reeda Kaye was the best thing I ever did.

One night at a revival I decided it was time to get baptized and join the church. I remembered going to a baptism at Bell's Mill as a small child and seeing members of this church baptized. I wanted to be baptized just like that.

I went and checked the river out. It was in the fall, and the river was very shallow, much too shallow. Charles Jacobs and his front-end loader fixed that for me. Charles Jacobs was a man that walked the extra mile with me many times.

Many things that have happened in this old building have been a blessing in my life. They are things that I will not leave in this old building, but things I will carry in my heart wherever I may go, forever. As long as we carry God in our hearts, new and good things will happen wherever we go."

### **Reeda Kaye Shelton**

"I guess I'll have to say the memory that I have that has left the biggest mark on my life besides accepting Christ and being baptized is singing with Wayne Cooper and his "group". It was Mrs. Sula Edwards and Georgia Lee Simmons who taught me to sing alto. They knew how it was done. 'Cooper' would practice with me playing the piano 'til I'd finally get the timing right. He loved to sing and gladly shared that love with us. I remember on night he took us kids somewhere to sing and it lasted so long that M.E. called the church to check on us. We were fine, just tired.

I guess I should tell the prelude part to this story. When I was in the 6th grade, one of the school teachers was going to give piano lessons. I was thrilled! Of course, we had no piano. My only hope was the church piano I went to Mr. Kenneth Wilson to get

permission to practice every day on the church piano. He said, 'Sure thing'. As Paul Harvey would say, 'And now you know the rest of the story'.

Other memories I treasure are my wedding and our children's baptisms. My most life changing events have almost all occurred here.

I can't leave out all the wonderful teachers and pillars of this church that I remember fondly: Emma Jean & Ralph White, Maxine Sartain Wade, Henrietta Ray, & Janelle Coats. I can just envision Mrs. Fannie Roberts, Mrs. Marjorie Burnett, and Mrs. Willie Mae Henson smiling as they hand out snacks at Vacation Bible School."

**Kenneth Wilson** - "I remember Miss Liza Henson as my Sunday School teacher when I was 9 or 10 years old. Also later, Mrs. P.T. Gilliam then Miss Eula Brashear were teachers as I became a teenager. Rupert Payne was the last teacher I had as a teen.

On cold winter Sundays, the congregation would sit around the pot belly stove with the pews forming a square. Miss Eula Brashear played piano and Sumner Bell led singing.

The ceiling of the church was lowered about 15" by volunteers from the congregation sometime between 1945 and 1950.

Kenneth and Narcia Wilson donated the ceiling lights. Henry and Clara White's heirs donated the vestibule.

Elsie White was treasurer

Miss Blanche Payne directed Vacation Bible School."

**Ellis Clay** - "One of the fondest memories of the old Methodist Church in Pelham was the two huge oak trees near the church. People would get to church or Sunday School before time to start services and would gather under the trees, sit on the roots that extended outward from the trees. A lot of big stories, some true stories, were told under these two big trees."

**Tim Rieder** - "Baptism, joining in membership services, and the children's programs are always special memories for me.

Kelley's baptism service was on August 22, 1993. I also became a member of PUMC on that day. Brother Eugene Green conducted the service.

Kelley's first line in a program was special. She managed to say her part, but she did not want to let the microphone go for Autumn Floyd, who was the next person to speak. Norma or Reeda had to work with Kelley a little before she would put the microphone back on the stand. In fact, Kelley still seems to enjoy using a microphone."

**Jewell Hamby Goodman** - "Mrs. Ethel Winton loved flowers and saw to it that there were flowers planted in the old rock church sign. She watered the flowers religiously. My delivery man called her the "flower lady" because he would see her almost every day watering those flowers. She liked taking care of flowers so much that she sometimes was carried away in the duty and even admitted mistakenly watering the silk flowers in the vases in the sanctuary."



### **Inez Carden Winton**

"My Memories of this church are very vivid. This is the only church I knew until I moved away. I was sad when I heard there was to be a new church, but the old always has to give way to the new. Just as we took the place of our parents and grandparents, our children and grandchildren will take our place. Time marches on.

I lived with my grandparents, Edd and Tavie Henson Conry because my mother Gladys Conry Carden was an invalid, semi-invalid, and back to an invalid again.

I remember the big oak tree on the side that was blown down by the tornado. The roots formed a hole and in the summer time, we had our classes outside. There was always a scramble for this area as a seat. My brother, Billy, Bill Gunn, or Orin 'Pewee' Crouch usually won out.

I remember my grandfather, Dr. L.A. Carden, who always rang the old bell on Sunday morning. He would sometimes send his grandchildren to do the job. He taught Sunday School for many years.

I remember Mr. John Gallagher as Sunday School Superintendent. I can hear him now leading us in "*The Church in the Wildwood*".

I remember Sunday School picnics at Martin Springs and Bell's Mill. We traveled in the back of Mabel and Hulen Martin's truck.

I remember Easter egg hunts at the home of Blanton and Dena Willis & revivals with services morning and night. At the day time service, school would turn out and we would march to the church.

I remember when I was very young, an Easter play was put on by the Epworth League. They each would choose what cross to bear. I only remember, a tiny white cross and a big rugged cross, but what I remember most was Lillie Mae Henson singing, "*The Old Rugged Cross*". It really touched me as a child.

I remember how devout Aunt Sallie Crouch Roberts was. Her husband J.C. Roberts died before I was born, but he was a Methodist circuit rider. He was born in 1853 in Grundy County, TN, joined the Church 10 July 1870, was admitted to the Tennessee Conference in 1884, and served for 42 years.

I can show you exactly where I knelt when I became a Christian.

I remember how my grandmother Conry would work hard preparing breakfast and a big Sunday dinner on a wood stove before we left for church.

My mother taught Sunday School as did her sister, Marjorie Conry Burnett. Aunt Marjorie was devoted to this church all the days of her life.

Uncle Tom White was a Methodist minister and for many years would preach when called on to do so. He was old and almost blind when one Sunday he took his coat from the hall and headed out to Pelham to preach. It was a warm day and when he was preaching, he reached in his pocket for his handkerchief. What he felt, he didn't recognize. He pulled it out, and it was a pistol. He had on his son's coat. He calmly replaced it in his pocket and continued preaching.

I remember my grandmother Carden planting crepe myrtle just outside the door. They are still here although she is gone.

My son, Steve, and his bride, Peggy, attended PUMC. They, too, loved this church. He is now a Methodist minister in Opp, Alabama.

My memories go on and on, but I pray for the new church. May it flourish in the Lord.

**Rev. James Rippy**

My fondest memory is the time when we did the play, "The Long Wait", with the youth group. There were youth from the whole charge involved, and we had a full house all 3 nights. That was a very inspiring time for me.

**Rev. Lee Medley**

On January 1, 1946, Lee Medley returned from the Army and lived at Pelham near where Jack White now lives. He worked at the Cowan Shoe Factory and attended the Pelham Methodist Church for two years.

While here, he was called to the ministry. Maxie Jarman, General Shoe Factory President, told him that when he wanted to, he could return to making soles for him instead of trying to save souls for God.

Lee talked to J. Dallas Bass, Murfreesboro District Superintendent, about entering the ministry. He asked, "Will the Pelham congregation recommend you?" Lee thought they would, and they did!

J. Dallas Bass got Lee into Martin Methodist College immediately. He was appointed to the Marble Plains charge of 6 churches in four counties.

Lee preached as a student pastor and attended Athens Alabama College and Vanderbilt University. He earned a B.A. degree, a B.D. and Master's of Divinity.

He was in active ministry for thirty-six years. After retiring, he served Altamont and Beersheba for nine years. He now serves Providence as a lay speaker. He figures he has driven a million miles serving the Lord.

He is still trying to understand more fully about the Lord. He thinks he will learn more and more until he is in a box covered with dust.

Submitted by Mary Elizabeth Shelton

### Penny Wilson Tankersley

I have only the warmest memories of my time at the Pelham Methodist Church. I can remember being a little girl going to Sunday School with my mother. Mother always sat at front pews, but my dad would sit on the back pews, and I would sneak to the back to lay down on my dad. What a wonderful warm feeling.

I can remember the birthday bank on the alter. I believe the bank was one Daddy had in his toys.

My family and I shall never forget the kindness and warmth shown us by the loving congregation in the deaths of our aunt and uncle Joe & Edwena Gallagher.

There is an expression that says you can't go home again. In Pelham, it's as if you never left in the first place.

### Ray and Janie Gallagher Hines

The stage at the front of the sanctuary has been enlarged two times. David Howard and Ellis Brashear enlarged it one time. Mr. J.Q. Brashear made the pulpit and chancel rail. The stage used to have only 1 chair and the pulpit. There was a Sunday School class up there.

Janie- "The first class I remember was my card class with Eliza Henson as my teacher. She was Oscar Henson's aunt, never married, and was a good teacher. Margie Burnett was her niece. Miss Liza stayed with Margie until she died. I remember going to Margie's to see her. The church was one big room with no doors to Sunday School classes. There was a big hat rack. Dr. Carden had a Sunday School class, but we could see them. When we saw Dr. Carden go get his hat off that rack, we knew that somebody was sick and had sent for the doctor.

There was a class back in the corner where Dad's name is on the window. Across from them was a younger class.

The Epworth League was somewhat like MYF. It was a good program and went on for many years. We would go to Decherd, and they would come here. I remember one program was presented at Wonder Cave. Lillard Goodman came to Epworth. I talked a lot. One day he said to me, 'Janie, I'll give you a penny if you'll just shut up.'

I started up the Epworth League the second time, but when I went down to the church there were only two in attendance- Marshall Winton and Billy Conry. I told them that there was not enough interest, so we didn't meet any more for a while. The third time the League was attempted was by Ray & me, but movies and people getting older soon brought an end to it.

We used to be able to get anything in Pelham. Gilliam's store on the corner where the fruit market was most recently had anything from a suit of clothes to farm machinery. Margaret Partin, George Partin's sister from near Rutledge Hill, had a milliner's shop where she sold ladies' hats. I spent a lot of time in that shop."

Ray- "John Gallagher was superintendent of the Sunday School. There was a pot belly stove in the center of the room. It was taken out when the storm blew the tree down on the church March 18, 1963. There were some locust trees that were blown down on the other side of the building that faces Jewell's store. We had a tornado before that on April 2, 1959, when Mr. Dave and Mrs. Ruth Wilson's house was blown away and Buford and Cam Conry's houses were



damaged. Mr. John Gallagher said he'd only seen one tornado here before, and it hit in the same path as the one in 1959.

Miss Annie Thomas got the choir started. The choir sang "*Whispering Hope*" at Emmett Clay's funeral. Afterward, Miss Annie said, 'I will pay for a teacher to come and teach you people to sing.' She hired Homer Crabtree from Greenhaw. He came to Alto first, then to Pelham. Wayne Cooper became the charge choir director. Early choir members included Wayne Shelton, Ray Hines, Clifton Medley, Vernon Bonner, Louella Bonner, Joe & Ruby Sartain. Ruth Ann Henley, Caldwell Henley's daughter, played piano. We learned do, re, me...

The picture of Jesus at the communion table were presented to the church by Earl & Lavona Tipps and me and Janie."

Janie - "The men all got on their knees to pray. There was a little shouting in earlier times. People were asked to come forward and sing, but there was no choir at first.

This church was built by Miss Annie Thomas' father. He was a carpenter and built the Church of Christ as well. You know there was a Baptist church up behind Eddie Patton's where the cemetery is. I can't remember it, but my mother talked about it.

My class got up in front of everybody and said the books of the Bible. Mrs. Dena Willis' father, Mr. Sain from Viola, gave everybody fifty cents who did that. It was a lot of money for that time. I remember Lell Gilliam Crouch, Ophelia Jones Walker, and Johnnie Patton Burnett from that class. We were just children then."

Ray - "I found an old record where Charles F. Bell was minister. He was Sumner Bell's brother. He gave his farewell sermon October 7, 1917. This and other information about the congregation, the collections, etc. are in an old book that was kept by Alma Brashear Henley"

### Judy Patton Rickner

When I was asked to share my memories of Pelham United Methodist Church, my mind began to wander from when I was very young to this day.

My first memory was a sad one. At age 10, my Dad's funeral service was here December 7, 1945. The church was filled with family and friends, including two benches at the back of the church with black folks who lived in Pelham at the time.

When we walked to church, we passed the home of Ms. Clara Bell and Mr. Edd Williams. Their children would wave and speak with us. And there was Mr. George Hayworth and his daughter Jo Ellen. Later I would work with Jo Ellen in Sewanee. Mr. Hayworth informed me he knew my dad. I remember as a child wondering why the blacks and whites had separate churches. Later I realized why! I am so happy that the United Methodists are inclusive of all people, no matter the color, sex, or creed.

I remember when the church had revivals, how the evangelists would preach LOUD- most of the time louder!. I would bury my head on Mom's shoulder because it was scary.

Sunday School, MYF, and programs for the youth were given by our leaders. Their support for the young people needs to be remembered. Teachers- Mrs. Elsie White, Miss Esther Brashear, and Mrs. Margie Burnett were special. I remember my Bible was becoming worn. I

told Mrs. Margie it looked kinda bad. She told me, "Don't worry about it. That is a sign it is being used."

Our family moved! We became neighbors with Mrs. Clara and Mr. Henry White, and their children Laura Ann and Ralph. My sister and I would ride to church with them. I would visit Mrs. Clara. She attempted to teach me about sewing. It was not her fault, but I never learned to sew. She spoke of her love of God and how she valued His church. This I have learned.

Many Sundays I would go home after church with Helen Medley Meeks. Cecil would always feed us. I would visit with her, Mr. Bo, and their children. This really became an after-church ritual.

Helen and I got the idea we could sing together. Some of our duets were good. Some could have been much better. Aunt Etter Aylor would ask us to sing at her church. Of course, we would walk from Pelham to Valley Home. As we walked, we would practice our songs. We had every dog from Pelham to Valley Home howling by the time we got there.

The church leadership instilled in us what God and Jesus Christ meant in our lives. The first minister I remember was Rev. Mitchell Sawyer with his bright red hair. He is still special to me today. Mother spoke of his first message that morning. It was regarding God's wonderful love. I know love is available to us, not only from family and friends, but also from a Greater Source.

After high school, I moved out of state for thirty-seven years. On my return, I did not attend church. My friend Pack Medley talked with me each time I saw him. I saw the change in my life, so I came to church. I gave my life to Christ, was baptized, and became a member of this church.

Memories began anew- teaching the older adult Sunday School Class, remembering the challenge they gave me to study harder and learn.

I remember when I was certified as a lay speaker. The Sunday afternoon I received my certification and presented my short message, seventeen people came to Manchester First United Methodist Church to show their support.

I remember when I answered God's call to continue in the ministry. I was the second person, Rev. Lee Medley was the first, to have Pelham United Methodist Church as my home church.

I was appointed to Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church and started, with God's help, to serve. The director of this church's choir, Reeda Kaye Shelton, and members came and supported Mount Pleasant many times.

Shrove Tuesday each year begins our Lenten season. The choir always has a waffle supper with proceeds going to someone who is overwhelmed with medical bills during the year. I received help from this program. The Pelham congregation believes in giving a hand-up to people of the community who need help.

We all have special memories. I could continue for hours, but I will hush. May God be with us all as we move to a new building where new memories will be made. Let us all remember it is not the building. It is God's spirit that is present in us as a people who have Him as the center of the church and our lives.

There is one more thing I would like to share with you.

This dear ole' saint of a United Methodist Church's dog died. She went to the minister and informed him her dog had died. She wanted him to do a service for the dog and to have the dog buried in the cemetery next to the church. The pastor told the lady, "We do not do services for animals".

She said, "Well, I had \$10,00 set aside for this!"



The pastor said, "Wait a minute. You did not tell me your dog was Methodist."

### Janice Burnett White

Janice was born to Jim and Louvina Meeks Burnett. She started attending Pelham Methodist Church regularly as a young adult. In fact, that is where she met and married her husband, Jack. "Shortly after I began attending Pelham United Methodist Church, Jack came home from service and faithfully attended church with his father, Emmett. He sat behind me, and we began dating. Eventually we were married at PUMC."

Janice has served many years at various levels as a Sunday School teacher. She has served on the administrative board, in Vacation Bible School, and as play director. Her testimony in her own words follows: "God has richly blessed me starting with godly ancestors and continuing with a godly husband and three talented and religious daughters. Each day brings fulfillment and new hope for His continuing blessings." Janice's favorite hymn is "*Because He Lives*", and her favorite scripture is Joshua 24:15 ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

### Charles Emmett "Jack" White

Charles Emmett "Jack" White was born to Emmett and Elsie Haynes White and has from childhood been a member of Pelham Methodist Church. He is manager of the Grundy Farmers' Coop in Pelham and resides with his wife, Janice Burnette White and his 3 daughters, Lisa, Lydia, & Carol, at the base of the Tom White Ridge in Pelham at a location where his uncle Homer White lived formerly.

Jack has served as Sunday School superintendent, Church Administrative Board member, Finance & Parsonage Committee member, and Sunday School teacher. His favorite hymn is "*How Great Thou Art*" and his favorite scripture is Psalm 121. Some of his fondest memories of church are those of the night that Lydia, Lisa, and Carol, his daughters, were saved and later of their baptism in Elk River. Jack's testimony follows: "God has blessed me throughout my entire life by giving me good parents; helping me through the military safely; giving me a kind, loving wife, three wonderful daughters; and providing me with a good job."

Jack's paternal ancestry is found in the section labeled **WHITE**

### Haynes

Horatio Prentis Haynes married Texan C. Patton. Their 3 children were George who married Lula Parmley, Jim who married Joe (female) Cox, and Horatio Prentis, Jr who married Dora Idella Hamby. Horatio & Dora were the parents of Cora Elizabeth Haynes who married Maurice Warren and Holbert Haynes who married Maggie Kennedy Keel. Holbert and Maggie Haynes had \*Prentis who died at age 8, \*George Haynes, Sr. who married 1st Elizabeth Raulston & 2nd Sharon Robison \* Jim Haynes who married Juanita Lockhart \* John Haynes who married Mary Roper \* Charles Haynes who married Sandra Scruggs. (Charles was killed in a robbery at a

Florida motel.) \* Larry Lewis Haynes who married 1st Linda Bohannon and 2nd Martha Haynes (Her maiden name was Haynes.)

Jo Cox and Jim Haynes had 2 children: Buford who married Lula Rollins and Elsie who married Emmett White. Emmett & Elsie had 2 children: Betty who married Bruce Sloan and had Susan Lynn Sloan and Andrea Gayle Sloan and Charles Emmett "Jack" White who married Janice Burnette. Jack & Janice have 3 daughters Lydia Ann & Lisa Marie who are twins and Carol Lynette. Lydia & Lisa were valedictorian and salutatorian of their senior class at Central High School in Manchester and are currently enrolled at UT Knoxville. Carol graduated from Central High in Manchester in May 2001.

### Lydia Ann White

Lydia is a very talented musician who plays both piano and organ. She and her sisters Lisa & Carol play and sing on occasion for church services as well as for weddings. She states that her favorite hymn is "*Amazing Grace*" and that she has too many special scripture verses to pick just one, but two favorites are Joshua 1:9 and Matthew 6: 25-34.

Lydia's most vivid memory of church events is the night that she was saved during a revival and her subsequent baptism in the Elk River. Even though Lydia is attending college at present, she continues to be active in the youth group, music program, and as a teacher in Vacation Bible School. Currently Lydia is studying to become a pediatrician.

### Lisa Marie White

Lisa, like her twin sister, also has much musical talent. She also plays both piano and organ for church, weddings, and special occasions. Her favorite hymn is "*Amazing Grace*" and her clearest, best memory of church was the time that she was saved and later baptized in the river. Her favorite scripture changes from time to time depending on the situation she is in. Lisa has been involved with the youth choir from her early childhood. She substitutes as her school schedule will allow as church pianist, has been a teacher in Vacation Bible School, and a member of the Charge Youth Group. Her current plans are to attend medical school and become a doctor. She is now a junior at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

### Carol Lynette White

Carol has been involved extensively with church activities even though she is still in high school. She has been a teacher for Vacation Bible School, a member of the Charge Youth Group, a member of the youth choir, and a member of the Pastor Parish Committee. Carol says that her best memory of church activities was her baptism. "When I came out of the river, I saw God's love shining in each person's eyes." Her favorite hymn is "*Precious Memories*", and her favorite scripture is Hebrews 11:1. Carol is also a talented musician and provides the alto voice

for the trio of sisters. Carol graduated in May 2001 from Coffee County Central High School in Manchester, TN, as valedictorian of her senior class.

### Laura Ann White

Laura Ann was born to Henry White & Clara Brashear White on December 12, 1924, in Pelham, Tennessee. She has been a lifelong member of Pelham Methodist Church. She seldomly misses either Sunday School or Church and is a regular for Wednesday night Bible study. Her cakes and goodies, ever-present at community dinners, Bible school, and when someone needs a helping hand, are unsurpassed. Presently she is retired from many years as a service person at Lanier Clothes. She lives at the family home place of her parents on Highway 50 or the Burrows' Cove Road.

Laura Ann comes from a long line of Methodists. Her great grandparents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Her great grandfather Charles T. White was a steward, class leader, and trustee of the church.

Laura Ann's personal church favorites are the hymn "*Amazing Grace*" and the Bible verse, John 3:16.

Her family histories follow:

#### WHITE

Charles T. White was born in Rutherford County, Tennessee, on January 26, 1826, and died January 27, 1897. His wife Mary Caroline Elliot was born in Danville, Virginia, October 3, 1839, and died October 29, 1896. Charles T. White had three brothers in the Confederate Army. They were Haul, Robert L., and Walter. Walter was killed at the Battle of Missionary Ridge in Chattanooga, TN. Haul died during the Civil War at Shelbyville, TN.

Charles T. White, a farmer, came to Grundy County in about 1854 after his marriage. Here, he and his wife became members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South where he was steward, class leader, and trustee. He was also a Mason, a member of Felix Grundy Lodge Number 284. Mrs. Betty Crouch, mother of Mrs. Mattie Carden, was Charles T. White's sister.

Charles T. and Mary Caroline Elliot White had nine children: (1) Tom M. White who married Tennie Clendennon from Viola, TN. (2) Robert H. who never married but was a teacher and superintendent of Grundy County Schools 1888-1890. (3) J.C. "Jim" who married Lizzie Hill (4) H. Haul who married Laura Burnett (5) Charles W. who married Lydia Summers (6) Mary R. who died young (7) W.B. who was born in 1866 and died in 1892 (8) William D. who died in childhood and (9) another child who died.

"Tom" T.M. White and Tennie Clendennon lived just out of Pelham at the base of the ridge now called the Tom White Ridge near where the old silo stands just past Janelle Coats' house on the right of Highway 50. Tom was a preacher. In fact, he preached at Pelham Methodist Church for a time. The old, multi-gabled Tom White house stood until it burned in the late 1970's. It had a stairway just as you entered the front door, and the bedrooms were upstairs. It was told that Tom White didn't want his daughter Ida to get married, so he began sleeping at the foot of the stairway to keep her from eloping during the night. Sleep naturally overtook Tom, and Ida did slip away by walking right over him. She eloped and married her beau Dee Smartt. Tom & Tennie's children were (1) Horace "Mutt" White who married Eliza Byrd. Mutt & Eliza



had no children. (2) Bulah White who married Ben Burks of Chapel Hill, TN (3) Ida "Sis" who married Dee Smartt (Their 3 children were \*Tom Smartt who never married, \*Georgia Lee Smartt who married Taft Campbell and had Bernice who married Robert Gipson and Vernice Mae Campbell who married James Elbert Gipson, and \*Pauline ) (4) J.C. "Jim" who had these children: Bascom White who married twice, Yancey who married Bessie Roberts. Yancey & Bessie were the parents of (a) Haskell, (b) Alfred "Al" of Al White Motors in Manchester who married Pauline \_\_\_\_\_, (c) Mary Elizabeth who married Buck Hannah and had \*Brenda who married Dennis Bryan and had two sons, Jon Bryan & \_\_\_\_\_ Bryan, \*Jan Hannah, & \*Mindy Hannah Young and (d) Raymond. (5) Victor White (6) Charlie White who married Edna Sisk (7) Rosco White (8) Erma who married Claude Miller.

Haul White and Laura Burnett White's 3 children were (1) Allen and (2) Mary who were unmarried. The siblings shared a residence where Carlton and Angie Burnett family now lives. (3) Henry who married Clara Brashear. Henry and Clara's children were Laura Ann, Fred, Ralph, and Alton.

Charles W. White and Lydia Summers had these children (1) Homer who never married was a long time mail carrier and lived in the old White home place where Jack and Janice White now live. (2) Mary Bell who was killed in a car accident at Camp Forrest (3) Lena who married Earl Crouch and had two children: Linda Kay and Van Crouch (4) Emmett who married Elsie Haynes. Emmett & Elsie's children were (1) Betty who married Bruce Sloan and had 2 daughters and (2) Charles Emmett "Jack" who married Janice Burnett. Jack and Janice have 3 daughters: Lisa & Lydia who are twins and Carol White.

The ancestral White home place was of logs and was located near where Alf Barnes now lives. Later the Whites moved to a brick home located on the site where the Jack and Janice White family now lives. The brick used in the earlier brick house on this site was made of native red clays present at the base of the Tom White Ridge.

### **BRASHEAR**

Valina Hart Brashear came from France. He was a school teacher who died while teaching near Oak Grove in Franklin County, Tennessee. He & his wife Louise were the parents of 4 children: James, Robert, Dixie Abernathy, and John Quincy Adams Brashear. J.Q.A. Brashear was a man of great ability and many interests. Among Mr. Brashear's enterprises were a lumber mill and logging operation, a spoke factory, and the International Harvester dealership at Pelham. His daughter Esther Brashear was for many years a school teacher at Pelham and after that at Sewanee Elementary.

Valina Hart Brashear and Mary Louise Stevens had another child called "Suckie" who died as a young child when she was accidentally hit in the head with a hoe while she and several others were in the field hoeing.

John Quincy Adams Brashear was born in Illinois and moved into Pelham Valley in the late 1800's where he married Martha Lusk. They lived in Alabama for a while. Martha Lusk was the step child of William Ooley. John (JQA) and Martha bought the Ooley place where their daughter Esther Brashear lived for many years. (The land is the cleared lot just across Highway 41 from David & Peggy Gallagher's house. The cemetery in the very back corner of that lot is the Ooley Cemetery.) JQA & Martha's children were: (1) Eldora who died when she was 17 years old (2) Samuel Jones Brashear who married Ethel Hale. The couple had no children (3) Eula Louise who was never married. Miss Eula was pianist at Pelham Methodist Church for

many years. (4) Willie Lena who married Claude Preston Givens. They moved to Springfield, TN, and had 6 daughters: Johnny, Esther who married Bill Barnes, Everett Catherine who married Paul Yates, Claudia Louise who married Carl Anderson, Lena Elizabeth who married Al Folsom, Sarah Grace who married Otto Doris, Martha Ruth who married Thomas F. Chambliss (5) Sallie Clara who married Henry White. Clara & Henry had 4 children: Alton who married Hazel Stinnett, Fred who married twice (a) Juanita Patterson (b) Irene Harris, Ralph who married Emma Jean Parks. (Ralph & Emma Jean had Deborah White.) and Laura Ann who has never married. (6) Alma Catherine Brashear married Horace Aubrey Henley. This family lived at Crossroads and had the following 8 children: 1. Anna White Henley who married John Estill Roper and had Mary, Judy, Dwight, & Anthony Roper. 2. Mary Helena Henley who married Raymond Smith and had Kathy who married David Hulon Smith & they had Russell, Ricky, & Troy Smith who married Rhonda Magouirk and had Katie and Tori Smith, June who married Michael Layne and had Shannon and Michael Smith, Raylene, Billy, Roger who married Diana Rose and had Vicki Smith who married David Hill and had sons Trevor & Travis Hill, & Lawrence "Peanut" Smith who married Linda Rogers. 3. John Burwell Henley who married Dorothy Mae Ray, 4. Dora Elosie Henley who married Olice Henry Goodman, 5. Vivian June Henley who married Clay Myrtus Fults, 6. Horace Upton Henley who married Betty Jean Gilliam, 7. William Everett "Bill" Henley who married first Nancy Arlene Partin and had a son Jerry Wayne Henley. (Jerry Wayne, in turn, had a daughter, Angela Henley) and married second Fay Layne Partin and had 2 daughters: Amy who has a son, Jarrett Burt & Ashley Henley, 8. James Donald Henley who was never married and who died at a young age. (7) Mary Esther Brashear never married and lived at the Brashear home place for years (8) John Ellis Brashear who married Pauline Green and moved to Dalton, Georgia. John & Pauline had 4 children: Diana, Joan(twin) married Jack Huggins, Jeanett (twin) married Charles Cooper, & Dorothy Olivene married Ralph Godfried.

### **Narcia Brazile Wilson**

Narcia was born to William Norris "Bee" Brazile and his wife Biddie Kilgore on August 1, 1929, in Burrows' Cove, Grundy County, Tennessee. Narcia is a hairdresser with her salon adjacent to her home on Highway 41 just north of the intersection with Highway 50. Narcia has served in numerous capacities on the church board and has served as church treasurer. Her favorite hymns are "*Ivory Towers*" and "*Rock of Ages*" and her favorite scriptures are John 3:16 and the 23rd Psalm.

Narcia's words to live by are "Keep the Ten Commandments. Always treat other people with love and kindness, and always remember that there can be different opinions, but still be unity."

### **Brazile**

The Brazile/Braseel family probably arrived in Burrows' Cove between 1870 and 1880. Three families with the Brazile name were living in the area in 1880 when the census was taken. These were the families of William, Elias, and Benjamin Brazile.

William L Brazile b. 1851 in Alabama m. Sarah E. Hamby b. 1857. To this union 7 children were born. (1) James Thomas Edward Brazile b. 1876 m. Jose McCaula (Their children were James, Leona, and Zelma Brazile.) (2) William Lawrence Brazile b. 1880 m. Martha Ann



Sanders and had a son Bufford. After Martha Ann died in 1911, William Lawrence married Julie Sanders. (Bufford Brazile had a son Jerry Brazile who lives in Madison, Alabama.) (3) Mary Emma Brazile b. 1885 m. \_\_\_\_\_ Tendrill. (4) James Marlee Brazile m. \_\_\_\_\_ and had a child named Clara (5) Elzie Brazile m. Ruth Lassater and had a daughter, Evelyn who m. Paul Williams (6) Henry "Toby" Brazile m. Eva Parsons (They had no children.) (7) John Brazile m. Alie Hayes and together they had four children: Elmer, Eules, Floyd, and Lorraine Hayes.

Elias Brazile b. 1820 in Alabama had these people in his household in 1880: Matilda, 56; Sarah E., 21; wife of Hiram F., 19; Isaac, 16; & John H., 4 (grandson of Elias and Matilda).

Benjamin Brazile b. Alabama was in this area in 1880. Living with him were the following: Clementine "Clemma", 40 born in Alabama; Katherine, 9; Ida C.; Franklin P. 2; Matilda, 3 months. Living with the family were boarders, Sarah Dickerson, 91; and Margaret Hawk, 65. After 1880, Benjamin and Clementine had two other daughters, Nin & Bertha. Benjamin Brazile was married twice. By his first wife, Bertha, he had Katherine and Ida C. The remaining children were by his second wife Clementine.

Clementine had been married previously to Burwell Blanton and had a daughter, Katherine Blanton, who was listed as Katherine Brazile in the 1880 census. Katherine m. Jim Hawk. They had a daughter, Sarah Mae Clementine "Maymie" Hawk who married Herbert Sartain. Maymie and Herbert became the parents of two sons (1) L.D. who married Reba Jo Bennett and had Jimmy, Janette "Susie", Mike, Mary Kate, Carolyn Dee, and Billy Mack and (2) Jim "Red Jim" Blanton Sartain who married Maxine Partin. Jim & Maxine had a daughter, Millicent Kay who married Eddie Baker and had Jennifer Baker who married \_\_\_\_\_ Nunley and later Travis Swearington. Jennifer had 2 sons, Andrew & Caleb Swearington.

Ida C. Brazile never married.

Nin Brazile married Bob Phipps. Their only child was Wade Phipps who married Mary Sue Winton. Wade and Mary Sue had one child, Bobby Phipps, who married Katherine Hamby daughter of Horace and Nila Hamby. Bobby & Katherine had 4 children: George m. Connie McClain, Larry m. Carmen Nunley, Shirley m. Danny Roberts, and Keith m. Karen Crownover.

Bertha Brazile never married. Nothing is known of Matilda Brazile who may have died young.

Franklin P. Brazile (now Braseel) m. Vinnie Meeks. Their children were \*Nellie who died in infancy, \*Ethridge "Bud" Braseel who m. Alma Harrison. Bud and Alma's children were Frank Ethridge, Jr. who died in infancy, Mae Wanda m. William Spradling, Jerlene "Jerry" who married Jack Johnson, Frankie Edwene who married Howard Winton and Carl Breedlove, Clyde Leo m. Jean Nunley, Tom m. Selma King, Kenneth m. Hilda Meeks, and Randall David who died at three weeks of age. \*Elsie Braseel m. Blake Burrows. Elsie & Blake's children were Inez m. Joe Fred Payne; Jerry m. Melvadean Campbell, Debbie Pirtle, Ginger Tate Frederick; Jim m. Marie Sitz; Bill m. Sally Nunley; & Henrietta m. Orvall Dupree.

Silas Brazile b. May 1850 in Alabama lived in Burrows' Cove near William and Benjamin Brazile. Since their births are in close proximity, they all were born in Alabama, and they lived practically next door to one another, it is logical to assume that they were brothers. Silas and his wife Martha Jane Winton b. 1858 had a daughter Matildy who died young and a son, William Norris "Bee" Brazile who married three times (1) Sudie \_\_\_\_\_. They had a son James Brazile who died in infancy. (2) Mary Note daughter of Chris Note had a daughter Dorothy Brazile (3) Biddie Kilgore who had two daughters, Narcia who married Kenneth Wilson and Edna who married A.M. "Jack" Conn.



## Kilgore

The Kilgore family of Burrows' Cove sprang from William Kilgore of VA who was 60 years of age in 1860 and was living in the cove with his family, Mary Ann "Polly" 45; Marion, (male) 11; Sarah A., 6; John, 4; and Araminda, 2. In 1850 William and Polly Kilgore reported no children to the census. Since this family was apparently started when William was 50 years old, in all probability this was his second marriage.

Marion Kilgore and his family were well known in the cove because they operated a government still which specialized in the making of brandy. Local farmers brought wagon loads of apples and peaches to be used there. This still was located in a hollow just above the foot of the Cumberland Plateau on Highway 50 in Burrows' Cove. The hollow (Liz Kilgore Hollow) bears the name of Marion's first wife, Elizabeth "Liz" who lived and is buried there. Marion's second wife was Josie Meeks daughter of George Wilson "Wilse" Meeks and his wife Leucindy. The following were their 9 children: (1) Ollie Savanna Kilgore b. 1896 m. 1. Lem Dickerson 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Stacy; (2) Biddie b. 1897 m. William Norris "Bee" Brazile; (3) Emmett b. 1899 m. Estie Dickerson; (Emmett & Estie's children were \*Alfred, \*Clayton m. Alma \_\_\_\_\_, \* Oma Lee m. Howard Morris & Clyde Meeks, \*Blanton m. Ruth Johnson, \*Josephine m. J.B. Nunley, \*Harold "Big" m. Josephine Thompson, Ruth Myers, \*Delores "Cootie" m. Gene Myers, \*Frank Emmett "Shack" m. Mildred Myers.); (4) Grace b. 1901 m. Elzie Hayes. They had 3 children: Beacher, Chester, & Lester. (5) Roy b. 1903 m. Mary Bell Rogers. They had 5 children: Elihu, Ralph, Larry, Roy Benton, & Flora Lee. (6) Levoy b. 1905 m. Ethel Cunningham (7) Claude b. 1907 m. Annie Bell \_\_\_\_\_ (8) Orval b. 1910 m. 1st Lee Marcrom & 2nd Gordon Marcrom Orval and Lee's children were Jonnny m. Ann \_\_\_\_\_, Gloria m. Frank Race, and Bobbie. (9) Mildred b. 1912 m. Lish Nunley. Mildred and Lish had 6 children (1) L.J. Nunley who married twice, first to Elsie Rollings and second to Rose \_\_\_\_\_. (2) Wilson married \_\_\_\_\_ then Patty \_\_\_\_\_. (3) Bobby married Magdalene "Dale" \_\_\_\_\_. (4) Margaret married Wayne Sanders (5) Glenna Fay m. Barry Brownfield (6) Henrietta m. Jackie Meeks & Jake Moses.

## Wayne Kenneth Wilson

Kenneth is certainly one of our church fathers. He's done it all: Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, Lay Leader, Certified lay speaker, Member & Chairman of Grundy County Methodist Men's Club, delegate to annual conference, and member of the conference building committee plus mentor, advisor, and source of needed lawn equipment for all new ministers arriving at the parsonage & community leader. He was postmaster at Pelham for several years. Since his retirement, he and his wife Narcia Brazile Wilson have been avid fans of UT football and have become globe trotters traveling to such places as Alaska and the Panama Canal.

Kenneth says that he has fond memories of all his Sunday School teachers that he had through the years he was growing up in the church. It was there that he learned a rule that he lives by and advises others to do the same. "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

"*In the Garden*" is his favorite hymn and Micah 6:8, "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?", is his favorite scripture.

Kenneth is a veteran of the US Army serving in World War II. He always reminds us to remember the veterans and to give thanks for what they have done for us.

Wayne K. Wilson was born September 24, 1919, to Benjamin Franklin Wilson and Tressie Carden in Pelham, Tennessee. He married Narcia Brazile. Kenneth & Narcia have no biological children, but many who have grown up in Pelham Methodist Church might look to them as spiritual parents.

Kenneth's family histories follow:

### WILSON

Benjamin Wilson of Wartrace, Tennessee, married Malinda Tate and began the Wilson line of Pelham Valley. They had 6 children: (1) Dave Wilson, Sr. who married Zora Bell Brooks of Fairfield, Tennessee, and had Benjamin Franklin Wilson who married Tressie Carden. Ben & Tressie had 5 children (a) David Carden Wilson who married Margaret Mitchell (Their children were David Wilson, Jr. & Margaret Ann Wilson.) (b) James Pascal Wilson who married Barbara Jean English and had James Wilson, Jr. & Barbara Jean Wilson (c) Wayne Kenneth Wilson who married Narcia Brazile. They had no children. (d) Dale Wilson who married Margaret Murtaugh (Their children were Mary Ellen Wilson who married Tommy Glass, Betty Wilson, & Bennie Dale Wilson) (e) Cleora Wilson who married Benton Gallagher (Cleora & Benton's 4 children were: \*Tressie Jo Gallagher who 1st married Joey Magouirk and had Scotty who married Sonja \_\_\_\_\_, Shannon who married Mike Brown, & Shelly who married Chris Mallich and had Tyler Mallich. Shelly's 2nd marriage was to Craig Landis. Craig and Shelly have Jacob. Tressie Jo later married John Kennedy. \* Benton Robert "Bobby" Gallagher married Sheila Meeks. They have no children. \*Jerry Dale Gallagher married Karen Barnes and had Shalonda, Amanda, & Dustin \*James Kenneth "Kenny" Gallagher married Carol Myers and had Benji Gallagher who married Christy Meeks.) (2) Mattie Bell Wilson who married James Lawrence Partin and had Ora Mae Partin who married Robert Harrington & had Janice Harrington & Pam Harrington & Joe Partin who married Glenda Foster & had Joey Partin (3) Ora Wilson who married Mark Pearson and had Zora Pearson who married Wesley Raines (They had 2 children: John Raines & Gail Raines who married Winfred Lindey. Their children were Lisa and Neil.) (4) Rebecca Wilson who married Warren Andrew Jackson. Rebecca & Andrew had 7 children \* Joyce Jackson who died young \* Helen Jackson who married William Lappin who had Betty, Benny & Cindy Lappin \* Paul Jackson who married Ida Sherrill ( They had Tom, Sue, & Peggy Jackson.) (5) Exie Wilson who never married (6) David Wilson who married Ruth Stokes of Missouri (Dave & Ruth had 4 children. (a) David Allen "Bud" Wilson who married Nell Ruth Sampley. (Their children were James Allen Wilson who was a twin, however, the other twin died, and Susan Wilson.) (b) James Robert "Jim Bob" Wilson who married Theona Rogers and had James Terry Wilson who married Lisa Brown (c) Zora Marilyn Wilson who married Eddie Payne (Marilyn & Eddie's children are David Charles Payne who married Deanna Jackson and had David Keith Payne & Kasandria Payne, Jacqueline Celeste

Payne who married James Burch, & Constance Cornelia Payne who married Keith Morris and had David Allen Morris (d) Janet Ruth Wilson who married Charlie Carter (Janet & Charlie's children are Joe Wilson Carter, Janet Lynnette Carter & Charlie's son Darrel Carter.) \* Lyda Bell Jackson who married Bill Stone They had 1 son. \* Jimmy Ruth Jackson married Bill Tomes and had 4 children Rebecca, Ginger, John A., & Werner. \* Joann Jackson who married \_\_\_\_\_ and had a son, Willie. \* Johnnie Fern Jackson who married Charles Gipson and had a son, Wayne.

### Carden

Both William Carden & Sarah Charles were born in Tennessee in 1837. They were married on January 2, 1853. To this union was born 9 children: I.A., Charlie, Lynn Adalpus, A.D., & R.A., Sallie, Sudie, Alice, & Betty. Betty Carden married William Cook of Connecticut. Their child was Henry Cook who married Josie Sain daughter of Thomas and Mary Ann Adams Sain. Henry & Josie's children were Mary Cleo, Ida, Lou, Imma, and Arthur.

Dr. L.A. Carden and Cleo Cook were married January 25, 1893. Born to them were Tressie Carden in 1894 & Wayne Carden in 1898. Cleo Cook died August 25, 1899. Dr. Carden entered these remarks in his Bible November 5, 1899: "Cleo Carden, wife of L.A. Carden died August 25, 1899, at 7 P.M. in Pelham and left two little children Tressie, a girl five years old, and Wayne a boy 16 months old. May the blessings of God be sufficient." Dr. L.A. Carden later married Mattie Crouch and a son, Lynn Abbott, was born in 1902.

Tressie Carden married Ben Franklin Wilson and had five children: Their children were (1) David Carden (2) James Pascal (3) Wayne Kenneth (4) Bennie Dale, and (5) Cleora.

Wayne Carden, son of L.A. married Thelma Blasingame of Texas. She had one child, Jack William, from a previous marriage. Wayne & Thelma had Stephen Lynn, Roy Wayne, Jr., & Betty Margaret.

Lynn Abbott Carden married Gladys Conry and had two children: Billy Abbot and Sarah Inez who married Louie Winton and had Patricia, Vetron, Karen, & Steve Winton. Sarah Inez and Louie Winton currently live in Tracy City, TN.

### Patton

#### Tom Patton

Tom has served the PUMC as trustee and building committee representative as well as in many capacities such as hauling and storing our many yard sale items. He says, "All our family belonged to the United Methodist Church. Christianity was a very important part of our whole family life." His favorite hymns are "*How Great Thou Art*", "*Amazing Grace*", and really all the good old hymns, while Psalm 23 is his favorite scripture.

Vivid memories of the past are of the Epworth League when he was a child & of parents attending church regularly.

Of his testimony, beliefs, and advice, Tom says "Give your heart to God, serve Him, love your neighbor as yourself, help those who need help, be kind to everyone, live by the 10 Commandments."



### **MaryEllen Roberts Patton**

Mary Ellen taught at Pelham Elementary from the 1950's until the 1990's and is fondly known as "Miss Mary Ellen" by most Pelham residents. She has helped with Bible school, church plays, has been song leader, assisted with the Golden Age Fellowship, building fund, yard sales, and numerous other church functions. Her favorite scriptures are from the Psalms and Proverbs. One of her favorites is "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." Prov. 17:22. Her favorite hymns are "*How Great Thou Art*" and "*Because He Lives*" as well as many of the other old hymns.

Mary Ellen's beliefs include the following: "Trust God. Try to help someone who has greater needs than you do. Be grateful for the blessings you do have. Give your heart to the Lord early in life. Serve Him, and treat everyone as you would like to be treated. Live the 10 Commandments."

"I always loved to go to church and Sunday School - loved the Epworth League on Sunday nights. I walked home with Tom. Brother Hicks was the greatest preacher. He and his wife, Jessie, were like my family. They helped Mother look after me. I always had good Sunday School teachers, and I loved them all."

Tom and Mary Ellen Patton have 3 children: Dianne who married 1. Lavon Myers 2. Murphy Martin; Peggy who married 1. David Mansfield 2. Dan Heartline. She and Dan have 2 children - Meredith and Russell Heartline ; 3. Eddie who married 1. Connie Layne 2. Dottie Davidson (They are the parents of Jason Patton who married Wendy Stout. )3. Sharon Morgan Gifford

### **Dianne Patton Martin**

Dianne has helped with Sunday School classes, VBS, plays, cantatas, and other church functions. Her favorite gospel song is Elvis Presley's, "*You Gave Me A Mountain This Time*". She fondly remembers her granny, Mrs. Fannie Roberts, reading the story of Jesus healing the blind man on mornings when the family was waiting in the car for her mama, Mary Ellen Patton, to drive them to school. "Our Sunday School class is special. We have all been together since we were kids."

One of Dianne's favorite pieces of advice is "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you".

Dianne's children are Lee Don Myers and Lori Myers who married Monte McBee. They are the parents of a son, Wiley Colton McBee, and are expecting another child in July 2001.

### **Benton**

#### **Chris & Megan Coats Benton**

Megan is the daughter of Janelle Layne and Thomas Eugene Coats, Jr. She was born June 7, 1975. Her grand parents are Joseph Elbert Layne and Mary Elsie Payne. She is

married to Christopher Lee Benton, son of Wayne Benton and Wilma Warren Benton Collins of Hermitage, TN. Chris and Megan are the parents of Riley Warren Benton and Ryan Layne Benton who were born November 12, 1998.

Megan's statement about her beliefs follows: "I have always attended church, but as a young adult I truly accepted Christ as my Savior. I believe in one God who saves us all at our asking. Attending church activities and services give me the strength to live as a Christian in a fast changing world. My calling is presently to spread the word and "Good News" of Jesus Christ to those who are without Him. Growth for God's kingdom is very important to me, and I believe at present times there are people who don't know how He can change their lives. I have worked in many aspects of the church including worship, VBS director, Sunday School teacher, building committee, and the charge's newsletter. I have loved music and have sung in church as far back as I can remember.

Joe Rutherford used to host lock-ins at Reeda & Larry's milk barn. Bro. Art Smith gave us quarters sometimes during the children's sermons. Of course, we were married at Pelham Church in 1996. Those are some of my favorite memories of church."

Megan's favorite hymn is "*Be Thou My Vision*" and Chris says that his favorite is "*Now Let Us Have A Little Talk With Jesus*". (Chris is a choir member, member of the Disciple Bible study, and a lay speaker for the Pelham Charge.) Megan states that her favorite scripture is Deuteronomy 6:4-5 "The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might"

## Coats

### Janelle Layne Coats

Janelle was born January 6, 1947, to Joseph Elbert Layne and Mary Elsie Payne. She married Thomas Eugene Coats, Jr. on Nov. 5, 1971. Their only child is Mary Megan Coats.

Janelle has worked as a Sunday School teacher, member of the administrative board, administrative board secretary, church custodian, VBS teacher, Golden Age Fellowship worker, fund raiser, and choir member. "One of my favorite scriptures is "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13) There are many songs that could be my favorite. I like the message in "*Victory In Jesus*". The music and words of "*Here I Am, Lord*" are inspiring. I love "*Spirit Song*".

"I believe that we are the children of God the Father and that we are saved through the sacrifice of his son, Jesus Christ, who died on Calvary for our sins, both past and future. I believe that God takes an active role in the affairs of people on the earth and that we are able to petition Him for our needs through prayer. I believe that God has a great overall plan that we do not totally comprehend, but that as the scripture says, 'all things work together for our good' ultimately. I am thankful for the spiritual legacy left to me by my parents who were both practicing Christians. From the time that I was a young child, I remember my daddy carrying his Bible to and from work every day. Over the years there were many of those Bibles, well marked and full of notes. Every night it was commonplace to see both my mother and father kneel by the side of the bed to say a prayer. More than once daddy placed his hands on my head and prayed for me, and more

than once I was delivered of whatever the malady happened to be. I thank God for all the blessings he has bestowed upon me. It is humbling to recount them and to realize how many there have been.

Memories of Pelham Church go back to when I was a child at daddy's Amoco Station just down the road from the church. There used to be steps leading to the outside of the building before the new Sunday School rooms were built. I used to go over there and sit on those steps and eat pears from the pear tree near Jewell's store. I also remember the giant oak tree that was on the side away from Jewell's store. There was another large oak tree in back of the church on the fence line in Mr. Hamby's barn lot. Mr. Harve Hamby had a barn that stood behind the church just across the road. We kept our Jersey cow there and went daily to milk her.

The first I can remember of being inside the church was Bible school. The crafts were my favorite things. I remember making a face of some kind out of a paper plate. It was great.

"Miss Mary Ellen" always had us acting in various plays, and Mrs. Henrietta Ray marched the "big room" of kids from Pelham School down the road to Miss Jenny Conry Rogers' funeral. She had been a nurse in WW I and is the one who purchased the chimes for the church. That was the first funeral I recall attending. Mrs. Henrietta was the Sunday School teacher that I remember best. She also was the director of my wedding which was held in the church here November 5, 1971.

A more recent memory is of the year we were having VBS and Denny Womack, a Grundy County Deputy Sheriff, came by and told us that a tornado had been spotted. We had a church full of kids with no way to evacuate them, so we crowded them into the building in one of the smaller rooms under the tables and prayed that no harm would come to anyone. Luckily the storm passed with no tornado, just a bunch of scared teachers and kids. It was then and there that we decided that the church must have a phone for emergencies such as this.

I also remember Mrs. Ethel Winton and Mr. Charles Jacobs sitting back in the pews while choir practice was going on. Mrs. Ethel would sit near the front; Mr. Charles near the back. We often called upon them to critique our performance.

## **Brothers**

### **James Robert and Elsie Harlan Brothers**

James Robert (Bob) Brothers, born 9/22/1922, in Hillsboro, TN, came to Tyree Cove, Grundy County with his wife, Elsie Harlan Brothers (b. 10/20/1925) in 1965 having moved from Knoxville, TN. They were married 5/28/1946, in Greenwood, Mississippi. Bob and Elsie have 4 children: Roxanne, b. 4/14/53, married Douglas C. Forth. Their children are Michael Edward and Rachel Elaine; Robin Gail, b. 5/6/55, married Brent Lee Shelton. Their children are Carrie Virginia Shelton Haley and Lee Matthew Shelton. Carrie has a child, Jennifer Rene Haley. Matthew Talley, b. 5/28/56, married Tina Renee Latture. Their children are James Tyler and Lauren Rene; John Mark, b. 12/2/59, married Robin Ann Ruark. Their children are Caleb Benjamin and Moriah Grace.



James Robert Brothers died 2/15/94 in St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville from bone marrow cancer. He was buried in the Hillsboro UMC Cemetery.

Elsie has served Pelham UMC as a choir member, Sunday School Superintendent 1982-1992, Sunday School Teacher WSCS President 1967-1977, Administrative Board Vice Chair, Church Secretary, church newsletter 1984-1994. Some of her memories about the church are as follows: " Bro. Norris was pastor when we started attending PUMC in 1965. One year we had no help in bailing had and Bro. Norris came and helped us get the hay bailed. He was a fine preacher. Other good pastors were Jimmy Rippy, Art Smith, Joe Rutherford, and Andy Perry.

My favorite scriptures are 2 Timothy 1:12 ...for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. and Philippians 3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. My favorite songs are "*I Know Whom I Have Believed*" and "*How Great Thou Art*"

Testimony - I was saved at the age of 12, but did not have a personal relationship with the Lord for many years. As I searched for 'something more' he drew me closer to him and, as I gave more of my time to my church and became involved in Aglow and began using my gifts and graces, I found what I was looking for.

Beliefs - I believe that God is my Father and Creator; that Jesus Christ is my Redeemer, Healer, and Lord who gives me joy and strength. I believe that the Holy Spirit is my enabler and comforter. I believe in the baptism in the Holy Spirit with evidence of speaking in tongues as the spirit of God gives utterance; that all of the gifts of the Holy Spirit should be increasingly evident in a Christian's life.

Advice - My advice is to make the right choices. By our choices we live victoriously or are miserable. Choose to accept Jesus Christ as your Savior and you will live abundantly. Then, at the end of your earthly existence, you will live eternally in Heaven.

One of my fondest memories is of the Women's Society of Christian Service which was organized at Pelham Church in April of 1966.

At our monthly meetings we studied missions, Bible prophets, books of the Bible, life in other countries, Great Christians (Helen Keller, Brother Andrew, Norman Vincent Peale, etc.), & social problems, to name a few. We sponsored and participated in the annual "Call to Prayer and Self-denial" services and the "World Day of Prayer" observances in our church.

I was so blessed to have worked alongside such godly ladies, to name a few, Marjorie Burnett, Willie Mae Henson, Fannie Roberts, Ruth Wilson, Betty Gunn, and Janie Hines.

## Women's Society of Christian Service of the Pelham Methodist Church

On October 17, 1945, a group of ladies met to organize the WSCS with dedication and determination to make the church pretty and pleasant. Officers elected were as follows: President- Kate Rowe; Vice-president - Johnnie Burnett; Recording Secretary-Della Bowden; Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer- Grace Gilliam; Secretary of Spiritual Life- Sallie Roberts. Dues were to be 10 cents per month and "a part of that would go to other fields". This group heard reports, raised money (made \$49.12 on a fish supper in April 1949), bought windows for the church, sheet-rock for the parsonage, among other projects, and Della Bowden began her history of Pelham Church, much of which has been utilized in this brief history. The record of minutes kept at the meetings indicates that the WSCS continued with numerous projects through January 1953.

The WSCS was organized a second time April 1966. Eight women of the church gathered at the church and elected Maxine Sartain as President, Elsie Brothers as Vice President, Marjorie Burnett as Secretary, and Betty Gunn as Treasurer. This group would meet monthly. Plans were made for a Grundy County Layman's Supper and to sell sandwiches and drinks at the Tate property sale.

It was reported at the May meeting that the Layman's supper netted \$53.61 and the Tate sale \$40.11. Thirteen dollars and seventy five cents was made at the Howard sale.

Members listed on the WSCS roll were Maxine Sartain, Alma Hawk, Willie Mae Henson, Janie Hines, Eunice Norris, Ethel Winton, Marjorie Burnett, Betty Gunn, Fannie Roberts, Ruth Wilson, M.E. Cooper, Florence Wilson, Pat Gunn, Elsie Brothers, Henrietta Ray, Emma Jean Keller, and Mrs. Davis.

In April 1967, Elsie Brothers was elected President. In May of that year the organization bought cabinets for the church kitchen. The October '67 meeting was hosted by Maggie Haynes. By 1967 the Viet Nam War was hot, so it was decided that a donation of \$10 would be made to send Upper Room Magazines to soldiers fighting there. In October 1968, remnants were obtained from the pajama factory in Manchester from which 40 blankets and 40 pairs of pajamas were made and sent to Viet Nam.

Fund raising projects included selling tooth brushes and ironing board covers.

Sula Edwards, Louise Nunley and Mrs. Martha Hocker joined the organization in 1970.

(Thanks to Elsie Brothers for the information about the 1966 WSCS.)

## **Pelham Methodist Church**

The Pelham Methodist Church has also been known as the Pelham Methodist Episcopal Church South and is presently known as the Pelham United Methodist Church. It is thought to be the oldest Methodist Episcopal Church in Grundy County.

According to Franklin County, TN, land records, on 19 Feb. 1823, Solomon King Goodman deeded one acre of land at the present site to the Pelham Methodist Episcopal Church. He and Aunt Poxi Neville provided the lumber for that first crude building. It is not known exactly when the first church was built there; however, it is known that the building was dedicated by Bishop John McFerrin of Nashville.

In 1856 a larger building was erected on the same site. The building was dedicated by Fountain E. Pitts of Nashville, TN.

Still another church building was erected on the same site during the four year term (1906-1910) of W.R. Wilson. J.Q. Brashear furnished the lumber and built slat seats for the new church. He also built the chancel rail that is still being used.

Over the years many additions have been made to the church. The stained glass windows were placed in memory and in honor of various members. The windows bear the names of Dr. L.A. Carden, R.H. Rogers and Lee Goodman Conry, John Gallagher, The (R.L.) Crouch Family, John David Wilder Family, Mr. & Mrs. P.T. Gilliam. Harvey Hamby paid for a window also. In 1978 new cushioned pews were bought by individuals at a cost of \$300 each. These pews bear the following inscriptions:

### **In memory of**

Tom Gallagher & Mattie Patton  
W.N. & Biddie Brazile  
Cam & Lorene Conry  
Wade & Florence Wilson  
Mrs. Betty Tate  
Dr. & Mrs. U.B. Bowden  
The Alex Gunn Family  
Mr. & Mrs. John Gallagher  
Lude C. Goodman  
Joe & Eva Payne  
Bruce Earl Bonner by his mother & father  
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Wilson  
Mr. & Mrs. Chester Morris  
Elbert & Elsie (Payne) Layne

### **In honor of**

Marjorie Burnett  
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Wright

### **Family name inscribed**

The Pattons  
The Bob Brothers Family  
The Fannie Roberts Family  
L.H. & Gladys Burnett & Family  
The Sheltons

The organ was bought by the Emmett Clay and J.E. "Bo" Medley families in their memory. In 1986 new choir robes were purchased and a new storage closet was built by Rev. Art Smith. The robes and storage facility was given by Henrietta Bowden Ray in memory of J.C. "Red" Ray & Dr. & Mrs. U.B. Bowden. The porch was enclosed to make a vestibule dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Clara Brashear White.



### **Charter Members of the Pelham Methodist Episcopal Church**

|                                  |                                  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| C. T. White & wife Mary          | John Howard & wife Lucinda       |
| Polexi Neville                   | Solomon King Goodman             |
| Martha Bell                      | Elizabeth Neville                |
| Eliza Rust                       | Julia Warren                     |
| R. G. White                      | Aggie Cornelison                 |
| Billy Green & wife Mary          | Martin Gilliam & wife Clementine |
| Mollie Wilkerson                 | Tom Blair & wife Violet          |
| Mollie Duncan                    | Texarcana Haynes                 |
| Edward Green & wife Maggie       | Martha Cox                       |
| Jimmy Levan & wife Susan         | Sara Green Parks                 |
| William Green & wife Sara Elliot | Hampton Gunn & wife Josephine    |
| William Green & wife Bettie Odom |                                  |

### **Church Superintendents 1885-2001**

|                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| C.T. White                       | Charles Emmett "Jack" White    |
| John Howard                      | Larry Shelton                  |
| R. H. White                      | Elsie Brothers                 |
| Jim Brashear                     | Jack White                     |
| Dr. D. H. Bryan                  | Tim Rieder (presently serving) |
| Dr. L. A. Carden                 |                                |
| John Gallagher (served 45 years) |                                |
| Glenn Bonner                     |                                |
| Bob Cox                          |                                |
| Wayne Kenneth Wilson             |                                |
| Ray Hines                        |                                |

### **Pelham Pastors**

The dates given are dates when the pastor became either a **Deacon**, an **Elder**, or a **Pastor**. Some dates are not known. The date of the pastor's highest level in the church known is shown in the list. This, in some cases, may not be the exact year(s) that he served Pelham; however, this is believed to be the order in which these men served from earliest to latest.

William E. Doss 1846 D.  
Allen Tribble 1857-58 P.  
Sam Parks 1877 P. In 1877 the Methodist Church merged into the Protestant Methodist.  
G.D. Guinn 1882 P.  
U.N.M. Berry 1897 P.  
John M. Hadlin 1877 P.  
Tom White - local pastor not appointed by the Church

J.W. Rooker 1874 E.  
 S.J. Shasteen 1890 P.  
 Joe Martin 1893 P.  
 Abner Comer  
 J. C. Roberts 1904 P.  
 W.S. Taylor 1901 P.  
 W.H. Carter 1903 P.  
 P. D. Freeman 1904 P.  
 W.R. Wilson 1906-1910 P.  
 W.E. Couser 1911 P.  
 L.W. Stewart  
 Lonnie Freeman  
 C.F. Bell 1915 P.  
 E.F. Knowles 1919 E.  
 George M. Davenport 1919 P.  
 O.L. Green 1922 E.  
 Alvis J. Davis 1922 P.  
 Woodward Adams 1927 P.     Monteagle/Pelham Circuit  
 J.E. Trotter 1929 P.  
 William Comer Morehead 1933 P.  
 T.E. Hillard 1935 P.  
 R.D. Hill 1937 P.  
 Lawrence B. Hicks 1938 P.  
 Billy Owens (during World War II)  
 Henry Neal 1946 P.  
 Mitchell Sawyer 1948 P.  
 R.C. Reid 1953 P.  
 R.C. Woodard 1953  
 O.H. Layne 1955  
 Dorris Smotherman 1956 P.  
 Joseph "Jody" Morris 1957 P.  
 J.L. Morris 1958 P.  
 Robert Smith 1960 P.  
 Leon Norris 1963 P.  
 Ben Davis 1968 P.  
 Earl Hocker 1970 P.  
 Gary Gressmire 1973 P.  
 Willis B. Nunley 1974 P.  
 James Rippy 1975 P.  
 William Haynes III 1978 P.  
 Roy Wright 1980 P.  
 Arthur "Art" L. Smith 1983 P.  
 Eugene Green 1991-1998  
 Anthony "Andy" Perry 1998-2001  
 Don Stone is assigned to be our new pastor at the end of June 2001

### Membership from the Church Registry January 1928

| Name                    | Address   | By Whom Received      | Death/Reception/<br>Transfer            |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|---|
| Thomas M. White         |           |                       |   |
| I.M. Burnett            | Hillsboro |                       | d. Aug. 18, 1943                        |
| Caldonia Burnett        | Pelham    |                       | d. 1944                                 |
| Allie M. Blair          | Monteagle |                       |   |
| W.L. Burnett            | Pelham    |                       |   |
| A.M. Blair              |           | Allen Tribble 1857-58 | d. March 1, 1925                        |
| J.B. Burnett            | Pelham    |                       |   |
| Tennie Clendendon White |           | G.W. Guinn 1859       | d. Oct. 11, 1934                        |
| D.W. Howard             | Pelham    | J.N. Handlin 1887     | d. Jun. 23, 1951                        |
| George Howard           | Hillsboro |                       |   |
| Mrs. Lucinda Howard     |           |                       | d. Feb 8, 1924                          |
| Mrs. Mary E. Sims       | Hillsboro |                       |   |
| J.Q. Brashear           | Pelham    |                       | d. Dec. 23, 1940                        |
| Martha Brashear         | Pelham    |                       | d. July 4, 1942                         |
| Jo E. Haynes            | Pelham    |                       |   |
| Dr. L.A. Carden         |           |                       | d. Dec. 22, 1937                        |
| Mattie Carden           | Pelham    |                       | d. Oct. 11, 1966                        |
| J.D. Wilder             | Pelham    |                       | d. Oct. 31, 1943                        |
| Jennie Wilder           |           |                       |   |
| Bettie Gunn (Mrs Alec)  | Decherd   |                       |   |
| Della Bowden            | Pelham    | U.N.M. Berry 1897     | received by vows                        |
| W.P. Sims               | Hillsboro | W.S. Taylor 1901      | vows d. June 30, 1944                   |
| John Gallagher          | Pelham    | H.W. Carter 1903      | received by certificate                 |
| Ethel Patton            | Pelham    | P.D. Freeman 1904     | received by vows                        |
| Willie Patton           | Pelham    | P.D. Freeman 1904     | received by vows                        |
| Eula Brashear           | Pelham    | P.D. Freeman 1904     | received by vows                        |
| Clara White             | Pelham    | W.R. Wilson 1901?     | received by vows                        |
| Alma Henley             | Monteagle | W.R. Wilson 1906      | vows d. Nov. 21, 1983                   |
| E.J. Henson             |           | W.R. Wilson 1906      | vows d. Nov. 27, 1933                   |
| Gladys Carden           | Pelham    | W.E. Couser 1911      | vows                                    |
| Pearle Levan            |           | W.E. Couser 1911      | vows certificate to<br>Chattanooga 1932 |
| Grace Gilliam           | Pelham    | U.N.M. Berry 1897     | vows d. April 1, 1967                   |
| Nora Levan              |           | U.N.M. Berry 1897     | vows certificate to<br>Tulahoma 1935    |
| Lula Burnett            | Hillsboro | C.F. Bell 1915        | received by letter                      |
| Esther Brashear         | Pelham    | C.F. Bell 1915        | vows d. June 30, 1988                   |
| Cora Warren             | Decherd   | C.F. Bell 1915        | profession d. Dec. 5, 1986              |
| Lora Mai Barker         | Hillsboro | C. F. Bell 1915       | profession                              |
| Willie Henson Jones     | Tulahoma  | C.F. Bell 1915        | profession                              |
| Marjorie Burnett        | Hillsboro | C.F. Bell 1915        | profession d. Sept. 9, 1987             |



|                       |             |                        |   |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------------------|---|
| Elsie Haynes White    | Pelham      | C.F. Bell 1915         | profession d.Apr. 18, 1997                              |
| Dessie Patton         | Pelham      | W.R. Wilson 1906       | profession  |
| Mattie Patton         | Pelham      | W.R. Wilson 1906       | profession  |
| David Howard          | Clarksville | C.F. Bell 1915         | profession certificate to<br>Clarksville                |
| Ellis Brashear        | Chattanooga | C.F. Bell 1915         | profession certificate to<br>East Ridge Chattanooga     |
| Abbott Carden         |             | C.F. Bell 1915         | profession died 1963<br>certificate to Philadelphia, PA |
| Wayne Carden          |             | C.F. Bell 1915         | profession died 1963<br>certificate to Chattanooga      |
| Oscar Henson          | Hillsboro   | C.F. Bell 1915         | profession  |
| Lorine Conry          | Pelham      | C.F. Bell 1917         | profession  |
| Tom Gallagher         | Pelham      | C.F. Bell 1917         | profession  |
| Bell Patton Gallagher | Pelham      | W.R. Wilson 1905       | profession  |
| Mary Sue Taylor       | Tullahoma   | C.F. Bell 1917         | profession d. Jan. 2, 1997                              |
| Lilly May Henson      |             | C.F. Bell 1917         | profession d. June 1933                                 |
| T.N. Meeks            |             | C.F. Bell 1918         | profession certificate to<br>Coalmont, TN in 1933       |
| Myrtle Meeks          |             | C.F. Bell 1918         | profession certificate to<br>Coalmont, TN in 1933       |
| Eliza Henson          |             | C.F. Bell 1918         | profession certificate to<br>Coalmont, TN in 1933       |
| Dena (Sain) Willis    | Hillsboro   | C.F. Bell 1918         | received by letter                                      |
| Sally Roberts         | Pelham      | C.F. Bell 1918         | received by letter                                      |
| Hallie Farris         | Pelham      | C.F. Bell 1918         | received by profession                                  |
| Allie Henley          | Monteagle   | C.F. Bell 1918         | profession died 1940                                    |
| Edna Conry            | Pelham      | Geo. M. Davenport 1919 |   |
| Georgie Gunn          | Decherd     | Geo. M. Davenport 1919 | d. Oct. 4, 1989   |
| Lucy Howard Hamby     |             | Geo. M. Davenport 1919 | certificate to<br>Manchester Methodist                  |
| Emma Hargis           | Pelham      | W.F. Burden 1920       | received by letter                                      |
| Wade Wilson           | Sherwood    | W.F. Burden 1920       | profession  |
| Joseph Clay           |             | W.F. Burden 1920       | moved to Akron , OH                                     |
| Lee Bradford Aylor    |             | W.F. Burden 1920       | moved away  |
| Rose Howard Bonner    | Pelham      | W.F. Burden 1920       | profession  |
| Dan Patterson         | Monteagle   | Geo. M. Davenport 1921 | profession  |
| Annie Patterson       | Monteagle   | Geo. M. Davenport 1921 | certificate to<br>Nazarene                              |
| Ida Belle Meeks       |             | A.J. Davis 1922        | moved to Coalmont                                       |
| Pearle Meeks          |             | A.J. Davis 1922        | moved to Coalmont<br>in 1933                            |
| Thelma Smith          | Monteagle   | A.J. Davis 1922        | certificate to<br>Nazarene                              |
| Hazel Goodman Sanders | Sherwood    | A.J. Davis 1922        | to Providence   |

|                          |            |                      |  |
|--------------------------|------------|----------------------|--|
| Lucile Goodman           |            | A.J. Davis 1922      | to Chattanooga                               |
| Loretta Goodman          | Ripley     | A.J. Davis 1922      |  |
| Christine Rollins        |            | A.J. Davis 1922      | letter 1929                                  |
| Blanche Payne            | Pelham     | A.J. Davis 1922      |  |
| Joe Forrest Gallagher    | Cawood, KY | A.J. Davis 1922      | died Feb. 1990                               |
| Leonard Hawk             |            | A.J. Davis 1922      | moved to Detroit                             |
| Edwena Gilliam Gallagher | Kentucky   | A.J. Davis 1924      | died 1990                                    |
| Johnnie Patton Burnett   | Hillsboro  | A.J. Davis 1924      |  |
| Lell Gilliam             | Pelham     | A.J. Davis 1924      |  |
| Janie Bell Gallagher     | Pelham     | A.J. Davis 1924      |  |
| Stanley Meeks            |            | A.J. Davis 1924      | moved to Coalmont 1933                       |
| Louis Meeks              |            | A.J. Davis 1924      | moved to Coalmont 1933                       |
| Katherine Patton Grooms  | Palmer     | A.J. Davis 1924      | to Monteagle                                 |
| Melrose Gilliam Wilson   | Tracy City | A.J. Davis 1924      | to Winchester                                |
| Ellis Clay               |            | A.J. Davis 1924      | to LaFayette, TN 2/23/39                     |
| Dennis Patton            | Pelham     | A.J. Davis 1924      |  |
| Sam Patton               | Tracy City | A.J. Davis 1924      | died 12/3/1985                               |
| Paul Gallagher           | Pelham     | A.J. Davis 1924      | died 10/28/2000                              |
| Josephine Gunn Myers     | Tracy City | William C. Moorehead | to Chattanooga<br>died 5/12/87               |
| Billy Henson Conry       | Pelham     |                      | to Catholic church                           |
| Paul Rollins             |            | A.J. Davis 1924      | removed by letter 1929                       |
| Clifford Goodman         | Monteagle  | A.J. Davis 1924      |  |
| Charlie Jacobs           | Pelham     | A.J. Davis 1924      |  |
| Chas. U. Bowdin          | Morristown | A.J. Davis 1924      | certificate to Monteagle                     |
| Lucile Henley Goodman    | Monteagle  | A.J. Davis 1924      | to Valley Home died 1998                     |
| Myrtle Goodman           | Hillsboro  | A.J. Davis 1924      | to Valley Home                               |
| Garnett Smartt           | Hillsboro  | A. J. Davis 1924     | to Providence                                |
| Dora Haynes              | Decherd    | A.J. Davis 1924      |  |
| Bettie Jacobs            | Decherd    | A.J. Davis 1924      | to Valley Home                               |
| Fannie Odell Corn        |            | A.J. Davis 1924      | received by letter<br>certificate transfered |
| F.M. Rieder              | Monteagle  | A.J. Davis 1924      | received by transfer                         |
| Malinda Rieder           | Monteagle  | A.J. Davis 1924      |  |
| Fred Parks               | Monteagle  | Woodward Adams 1928  |  |
| Edgar Gunn               | Decherd    | Woodward Adams 1928  | died 10/26/91                                |
| Paschal Wilson           | Pelham     | Woodward Adams 1928  | to Philadelphia                              |
| Riley Clark              | Pelham     | Woodward Adams 1928  | to Georgia                                   |
| Ruby Partin (Long)       |            | Woodward Adams 1928  |  |
| Carden Wilson            |            | Woodward Adams 1928  | transfered to PA<br>died 4/7/89              |
| Howard Patton            |            | Woodward Adams 1928  | joined Adventists<br>died 9/6/89             |

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| Lottie Partin (Bell)           |            | Woodward Adams 1928 | joined Nazarene                  |
| Orville Jones                  |            | Woodward Adams 1928 |                                  |
| Dale Wilson                    | Pelham     | Woodward Adams 1928 |                                  |
| Lena White (Crouch)            | Pelham     | Woodward Adams 1928 | died Oct. 1990                   |
| Mable Meeks (Knox)             |            | Woodward Adams 1928 |                                  |
| Alton White                    | Pelham     | Woodward Adams 1928 | to Lewisburg                     |
| Lenora Burnett (Payne)         | Pelham     | Woodward Adams 1928 |                                  |
| Marie Jones                    |            | W.F. Burden 1920    | to Huntsville, Ala.<br>died 1998 |
| Ophelia Jones                  | Tracy City | A.J. Davis 1924     | to Georgia                       |
| Alex Gunn                      | Decherd    |                     |                                  |
| James F. Payne                 | Pelham     | Woodward Adams 1929 |                                  |
| Garner Patton                  | Pelham     | Woodward Adams 1928 |                                  |
| Mrs. M.E. Howard               |            |                     | d. Aug. 2, 1936                  |
| Lois Aylor Charles             |            | W.F. Burden 1920    | certificate to Ocala, FL         |
| Mrs. J.V. (Alice) Womack       |            | T.E. Hillard 1936   |                                  |
| Willie Mae Henson              | Hillsboro  | J.E. Trotter        | received by baptism              |
| Pete Turney Gilliam            | Pelham     | J.E. Trotter        | transfer d. 10/11/97             |
| Ann Gilliam                    | Pelham     | J.E. Trotter        | transfer to Louisiana            |
| Anna Jean Willis (Cunningham)  | Hillsboro  | J.E. Trotter        | certificate to Hillsboro         |
| Nellie Willis                  | Hillsboro  | J.E. Trotter        | certificate to Manchester        |
| Mabel Martin                   | Hillsboro  | J.E. Trotter        |                                  |
| Violet Burnett                 | Palmer     | J.E. Trotter        |                                  |
| Fannie Bell Gunn (Hood)        | Decherd    | J.E. Trotter        |                                  |
| Alien Burnett (Sartain) (Lane) | Hillsboro  | J.E. Trotter        | certificate to Hillsboro         |
| Inez Carden (Winton)           | Pelham     | J.E. Trotter        |                                  |
| Paul Parks                     | Pelham     | J.E. Trotter        | certificate to Baptist           |
| Gracie Bell Burnett            | Palmer     | J.E. Trotter        | transfer to Palmer               |
| Rachel Martin (Gaither)        | Hillsboro  | J.E. Trotter        |                                  |
| Billy A. Carden                | Pelham     | R.D. Hill           | moved to Delaware                |
| Orin Crouch                    | Decherd    | R.D. Hill           |                                  |
| Thomas Bell                    | Decherd    | R.D. Hill           | certificate to Decherd           |
| L.D. Sartain                   | Pelham     | R.D. Hill           |                                  |
| Anna Dell Levan (Taylor)       | Pelham     | R.D. Hill           | to Church of Christ              |
| Rachel Patton (Gallman)        | Pelham     | R.D. Hill           | moved to Florida                 |
| Anna White Henley (Roper)      | Monteagle  | R.D. Hill           | to Valley Home                   |
| J.Q. Summers ?                 | Decherd    | R.D. Hill           |                                  |
| Glenn Bonner                   | Pelham     | R.D. Hill           |                                  |
| Mrs. Mamie Sartain             | Pelham     | R.D. Hill           |                                  |
| Robert L. Crouch               | Decherd    | R.D. Hill           | certificate to Winchester        |
| Mrs. Robert L. Crouch          | Decherd    | R.D. Hill           | certificate to Winchester        |
| E.M. Simpson                   |            | T.E. Hillard        | * note on all Simpson names      |
| Mrs. E.M. Simpson              |            | T.E. Hillard        | These are to be carefully        |
| Roberta Simpson                |            | T.E. Hillard        | noted.                           |
| Murrell Simpson                |            | T.E. Hillard        |                                  |



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| Joe Crouch                             | Decherd | R.D. Hill         | transfer Louisiana              |
| W.D. Crouch                            | Decherd | R.D. Hill         | transfer                        |
| Robert Crouch, Jr.                     | Decherd | R.D. Hill         | transfer d. 1998                |
| Pauline Hamby                          | Pelham  | R.D. Hill         | transfer                        |
| Tom William Patton                     | Pelham  | R.D. Hill         |                                 |
| Ellis Brashear                         |         | R.D. Hill         | certificate to Rossville, Ga.   |
| Mrs. R.T. Ashburn                      | Pelham  | Lawrence B. Hicks | transfer                        |
| Tom Barnes                             |         | Lawrence B. Hicks | 1938                            |
| Doris Barnes (Adams) (Gudger) (Murphy) |         | Lawrence B. Hicks | 1938                            |
| Alfred Barnes                          |         | Lawrence B. Hicks |                                 |
| Polk Smith                             |         | Lawrence B. Hicks |                                 |
| Willodean Hamby baptized 8/25/40       |         | Lawrence B. Hicks | 1940 certificate to Chattanooga |
| Anna Dell Warren (Tate)                |         | Lawrence B. Hicks | 1940 transfer                   |
| Morris Warren                          |         | Lawrence B. Hicks | 1940 received by letter         |
| R.P. Jacobs                            |         | Lawrence B. Hicks | 1940                            |
| Elsie Mae Jacobs                       |         | Lawrence B. Hicks | 1940                            |
| Mrs. Fannie Roberts                    |         | Lawrence B. Hicks | 1940                            |
| Dee Hawk                               |         | Lawrence B. Hicks |                                 |
| Addie Hawk                             |         | Lawrence B. Hicks |                                 |
| H.H. Hamby                             |         | Lawrence B. Hicks |                                 |
| Lavona Hamby (Tipps)                   |         | Lawrence B. Hicks | transfer Dayton, TN             |
| Anna Campbell Hamby (Mrs. H.H. Hamby)  |         | Lawrence B. Hicks |                                 |
| Nell Ruth Burnett                      |         | Lawrence B. Hicks | transfer                        |
| Frances Gunn                           |         | Lawrence B. Hicks | transfer                        |
| Ella Marie Adams                       |         | Robert Smith      | 1964                            |
| Larry Adams                            |         | Robert Smith      | 1964                            |

This is a complete list of members from the 1928 register.

The following is a Constituency Roll from the next register following the 1928 one. There is no date on the front of this book. There is family information on most of these members in this book. That information is not included here. Some members who have been listed previously are also included in this list.

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| Franklin Adams |                  |
| Glenn Bonner   |                  |
| Rose Bonner    |                  |
| Joyce Bonner   |                  |
| Bruce Bonner   | W.J. Jones       |
| Eula Brashear  | Mrs. Rich Jacobs |

Esther Brashear  
 Margie Brown  
 Frank Neal Brown  
 Mrs. L.B. Burnett  
 Mrs. Gladys Burnett  
 Mary Ethel Burnett  
 Mrs. Ike Burnett  
 Mrs. Marjorie Burnett  
 Mrs. Mattie Carden  
 Mrs. Ethel Clark  
 Drucilla Clay  
 Linda Jo Clay  
 Wayne Cooper  
 M.E. Cooper  
 Mrs. Nettie Cooper  
 Lorena Conry  
 Mrs. Tavie Conry  
 Will Edwards  
 Tom Gallagher  
 Jean Ann Gallagher  
 Mrs. Grace Gilliam  
 Alex Gunn  
 Mrs. Alex Gunn  
 Mrs. Bell Gallagher  
 Mrs. Harvey Hamby  
 Mrs. Emma Hargis  
 Dee Hawk  
 Mrs. Addie Hawk  
 D. C. Hawk  
 Leona Hawk  
 Emma Jean Hawk Keller  
 Mrs. Maggie Haynes  
 Jim Haynes  
 Mrs. Dora Haynes  
 Elizabeth Haynes  
 Oscar Henson  
 Mrs. Oscar Henson  
 Ray Hines  
 Janie Hines  
 Elsie Jacobs  
 Mrs. Bulah Levan  
 Rachel Martin Gaither  
 Junior Martin

Mrs. Oda Patton  
 Mary Ellen Patton  
 Tom Patton  
 Dessie Patton  
 Mattie Patton  
 Mrs. Ethel Patton  
 Garner Patton  
 Callie Patton  
 Douglas Patton  
 Elizabeth Payne  
 Blanche Payne  
 Dave Payne  
 Annie Bell Payne (Bean)  
 Elsie Payne (Layne)  
 Mrs. Malinda Rieder  
 Maxine Rose  
 Odie Rose  
 Mrs. Jenny Conry Rogers  
 Mrs. Kate Rowe  
 Mrs. Fannie Roberts  
 Jim Sanders  
 Alma Sanders (Hawk)  
 James Sanders, Jr.  
 Albert Schlagheter  
 Willie Schlagheter  
 Maymie Sartain  
 L.D. Sartain  
 Polk Smith  
 Betty (White) Sloan  
 Anna Dell Tate (Warren)  
 Dena Willis  
 Kenneth Wilson  
 Narcia Wilson  
 Wade Wilson  
 Florence Wilson  
 Patsy Wilson (Cannon)  
 Ruth Wilson  
 Marilyn Wilson (Payne)  
 Janet Wilson  
 Bobbie Ann Wilson  
 Mrs. Inez Winton  
 Lenora Payne  
 Franklin "Buge" Payne

Jim Sartain  
 Anna Dell Taylor  
 Bob Tenney  
 Vera Ann Tenney  
 Mrs. Alice Wilkerson  
 Henry White  
 Mrs. Clara White  
 Laura Ann White  
 Ralph White  
 Emma Jean White  
 Mrs. Elsie White  
 Jack White  
 Lena White (Crouch)  
 Maurice Warren  
 Cora Warren  
 Vergie Gallagher  
 Mary Sue Taylor  
 Nora Payne  
 Carl Panter  
 Nina Panter  
 Ann Gunn  
 Tom Barnes  
 Whitman Taylor  
 Kim (Scruggs) Bonner  
 Doris Adams  
 Tommie Mae Cook  
 Joe Cook  
 Sula Edwards  
 Clifford Goodman  
 Joe Forrest Gallagher  
 Edgar Gunn  
 Melrose Wilson  
 George Wilson

**Record of Baptisms**

Complete list of names listed for baptism in Book 2

Billy Garner Burnett    All baptized 1943 by Lawrence B. Hicks  
J.D. Burnett  
Mary Ethel Burnett    Children of Willie and Johnnie Patton Burnett

Jim Sartain    Baptized in 1943 by Lawrence B. Hicks  
Child of Hub and Maymie Hawk Sartain

Bruce Bonner    Baptized January 1948 by Henry Neal  
Child of Glenn and Rose Howard Bonner

Dianne Patton    Baptized Aug. 10, 1952 by Mitchell Sawyer  
Peggy Sue Patton    Children of Tom & Mary Ellen Roberts Patton

Howard Douglas Patton    Baptized Aug. 10, 1952 by Mitchell Sawyer  
Annettia Patton    Children of Douglas & Callie Patton

John Payne    Baptized Aug. 10, 1952 by Mitchell Sawyer  
Jacky Payne    Children of Dave & Lib Payne

Eddie Patton    Baptized April 10, 1955 by O.L. Layne  
Child of Tom & Mary Ellen Patton

Deborah White    Baptized April 10, 1955 by O.L. Layne  
Child of Ralph & Emma Jean Parks White

Penelope Gay Wilson    Baptized April 10, 1955 by O.L. Layne  
Child of George & Melrose Gilliam Wilson

Reeda Kaye Medley    Baptized April 10, 1955 by O.L. Layne  
Child of J.E. & Cecil Yarber Medley

Millicent Kay Sartain    Baptized April 10, 1955 by O.L. Layne  
Child of Jim & Maxine Partin Sartain

Ricky Payne    Baptized 8/16/1958 by J.L. Wilson  
Child of Dave & Elizabeth Payne

Carl Panter, Jr.    Baptized 8/24/1958 by J.L. Wilson  
Randall Regan Panter    Children of Carl & Nina Panter

Teresa Hamby    Baptized no date written  
Susan Hamby    Children of Randal & Jane Hamby



## Membership Roll Book 3 Pelham UMC

Some names may have appeared on previous rolls.

| Member name | Date of membership | * transferred |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------|
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| Rhonda Meeks Bass                  | 10/23/1983         |  |
| Patrick Meeks - preparatory member |                    |  |
| Rosalyn Holder                     | 11/1967            |  |
| Chris Benton                       | 12/14/1997         |  |
| Megan Coats Benton                 | 12/8/1985          |  |
| Riley Warren Benton                | born 11/12/1998    |  |
| Ryan Layne Benton                  | born 11/12/1998    |  |
| Myra Berube                        | 1981 *             |  |
| Bruce Bonner                       | 1953               |  |
| Joyce Bonner Perry                 | 1953 *             |  |
| Kim Scruggs Bonner                 | 3/22/1964          |  |
| Biddie Brazile                     | 1968 deceased      |  |
| Estha Brothers                     | 12/26/1965         |  |
| Matthew Brothers                   | 7/26/1998          |  |
| Rene Brothers                      | 7/26/1998          |  |
| Lauren Brothers                    | preparatory member |  |
| Tyler Brothers                     | preparatory member |  |
| James Robert Brothers              | 9/12/1965          |  |
| Elsie Harlan Brothers              | 9/12/1965          |  |
| Roxanne Brothers                   | 9/12/1965 *        |  |
| Robin Gail Brothers                | 11/13/1966 *       |  |
| John Mark Brothers                 | *                  |  |
| Gladys Burnett                     | 1953 *             |  |
| L. H. Burnett                      | 6/10/1984 *        |  |
| Patsy Wilson Cannon                | 8/13/1950          |  |
| Tom Coats                          | 12/8/1985          |  |
| Janelle Layne Coats                | 12/8/1985          |  |
| Gerald Cook                        | 4/14/1985 *        |  |
| Joe Cook                           | 8/31/1963 *        |  |
| Sarah Cook                         | 4/14/1985 *        |  |
| Tommy Gallagher Cook               | 8/31/1963 *        |  |
| Nettie Cooper                      | 8/13/1950 deceased |  |
| Wayne Cooper                       | 8/13/1950          |  |
| M.E. Cooper                        | 8/13/1950          |  |
| David Davis                        | 7/1/1968 *         |  |
| Benny Davis                        | 7/1/1968 *         |  |
| Nell Davis                         | 7/1/1968 *         |  |
| Sula Myers Edwards                 | 3/22/1964 deceased |  |
| Norma Floyd                        | 4/1998             |  |

Rebecca Floyd preparatory member  
 Andrea Floyd preparatory member  
 Autumn Floyd preparatory member  
 Jean Ann Gallagher Buckner 1953 \*  
 Paul Gallagher 1924  
 Darron Gilliam 8/24/1980 \*  
 Marsha Gilliam 8/24/1980 \*  
 Jewell Goodman 9/7/1968  
 Lude Goodman 9/7/1968 deceased  
 James Frank Gunn 8/25/1985  
 Judith Gunn 8/25/1985  
 Roscoe Gunn deceased  
 Sam Held 4/14/1985 deceased son of Sarah Cook  
 Leslie Hill 11/26/2000  
 D.C. Hawk 8/16/1958 deceased  
 Emma Jean Hawk Keller 5/30/1954 \*  
 Leona Hawk 4/2/1948 \*  
 Paul Hawk 8/30/1980 deceased  
 Tennie Hawk 8/30/1980 deceased  
 Holbert Haynes 1956 deceased  
 Maggie Haynes 7/22/1956 deceased  
 Jim Haynes 1956  
 Oscar Henson 1915 deceased  
 Willie Mae Henson 1932  
 Paula Champion Hillis 1960  
 Ray Hines 1/8/1956  
 Janie Gallagher Hines 1924  
 Melrose Hamby Holder 9/7/1968  
 Patsy Wilson Hoteling 10/4/1992  
 Zachary Wade Hoteling preparatory member  
 David Jacobs 10/1996  
 Melda Jacobs 10/1996  
 Billie Jernigan 7/28/1991  
 Morgan Jernigan 5/13/2001 preparatory member  
 Christina Jernigan 5/13/2001 preparatory member  
 Linda Jo Clay Johnson 7/31/1957 \*  
 Elsie Payne Layne 1943 deceased  
 Bulah Levan deceased  
 Robert Long 7/28/1991  
 Dianne Patton Martin 3/1965  
 Lori Ann Myers McBee 10/4/1992  
 Wiley Colton McBee preparatory member  
 Cindy Meeks McCord  
 Larry McNeese 7/10/1994  
 Lawanda McNeese 7/10/1994

Catherine McNeese preparatory member  
 Anna Marie McNeese preparatory member  
 Jeremiah McNeese preparatory member  
 Anthony Medley 8/26/1990  
 Carla Michelle Medley 8/26/1990  
 Tyler Clay Medley preparatory member  
 Cecil Medley  
 Clifton Medley 5/12/1985  
 Drucilla Clay Medley 1953  
 Daryl Medley 10/23/1983  
 Pascal Medley 10/23/1983 deceased  
 Willie Jo Sitz Medley 10/23/1983  
 Wanda Medley 9/8/1985  
 Cheatam Meeks 11/19/1969 deceased  
 Helen Medley Meeks 10/25/1998  
 Lee Don Myers  
 Eddie Patton 11/19/1967  
 David Payne - deceased  
 Edith Payne Harles \*  
 Elizabeth Payne  
 Franklin Payne 1928  
 Jacky Payne 5/10/1992 \*  
 Kaye Goodman Payne 8/24/1980 \*  
 Lenora Payne 1928  
 Tiffany Ann Payne Vaughn 10/4/1992 \*  
 Callie Patton 8/19/1944 \*  
 Jean Patton Smartt 1957 \*  
 Tom Patton 1937  
 Mary Ellen Roberts Patton 1943  
 Peggy Patton (Heartline) 3/1965  
 Rev. Anthony "Andy" Perry 11/14/1998  
 Wendi Perry 11/14/1998  
 Bradley Perry preparatory member  
 Anjanea Perry preparatory member  
 Judith Rickner 8/25/1985  
 Timothy Rieder 8/22/1993  
 Ann Cawley Rieder 8/22/1993  
 Kelley Rieder preparatory member  
 William J. "Bill" Rieder 7/18/1993  
 Fannie Roberts 1942 deceased  
 Maxine Rose 1939 \*  
 Odie Rose 7/1937 deceased  
 James Sanders, Jr. 8/13/1950 deceased  
 Jim Sartain 1943 deceased  
 L.D. Sartain 1937



Janette Elaine "Susie" Sartain 3/29/1959  
 Maxine Partin Sartain 10/24/1965 \*  
 Mark Sartain 8/25/1974  
 Larry Shelton 10/23/1983  
 Reeda Kaye Medley Shelton 10/23/1983  
 Dustin Wayne Shelton preparatory member  
 Dera Kaye Shelton preparatory member  
 Guy Simmons 7/22/1962 deceased  
 Georgia Lee Simmons 7/22/1962  
 Robert Sitz 10/22/2000  
 Brenda Rose Sitz 10/22/2000  
 Valerie Sitz 10/25/1998  
 Greg Sitz 10/23/1983  
 Arthur L. Smith 4/14/1985 \*  
 Mary Lee Smith 4/14/1985 \*  
 Arthur Lawrence Smith II 4/14/1985 \*  
 Robert Lee Smith 4/14/1985 \*  
 Robert Lynn Smith 11/9/1986 \* deceased  
 Lucy Bates Smith 11/9/1986 \*  
 Anna Dell Taylor \*  
 Billy Sam Taylor 8/1959  
 Betty White Sloan \*  
 Charles Emmett "Jack" White 7/12/1956  
 Deborah Ann White 11/1967 \*  
 Janice Burnett White 7/20/1980  
 Lisa Marie White 10/4/1992  
 Lydia Ann White 10/4/1992  
 Carol Lynette White 10/4/1992  
 Henry White 1943 deceased  
 Clara Brashear White 1906 deceased  
 Elsie White deceased  
 Emma Jean Parks White 5/22/1965 \*  
 Lena White Crouch 1928 \* deceased  
 Laura Ann White 1939  
 Ralph White 1943 \* deceased  
 Bobbie Southerland Wilson 12/30/1977  
 David "Bud" Wilson 10/24/1999  
 Nell Sampley Wilson 10/24/1999  
 James A. Wilson 12/10/2000  
 Janet Wilson Cawthorne 1953 \*  
 Kenneth Wilson 1954  
 Narcia Brazile Wilson 1954 baptized 6/9/1984 at Bell's Mill by Art Smith  
 Donna Green Wilson 7/1982  
 Florence Wilson 4/2/1945 deceased  
 Amber Lauren Wilson preparatory member

Ashley LaDell Wilson preparatory member  
 Marilyn Wilson Payne 1953 \* deceased  
 Ruth Stokes Wilson 1952 deceased  
 Wade Wilson deceased  
 Bessie Winton 9/1968 deceased  
 Ethel Bennett Winton 11/1967 deceased  
 Paul David Winton 10/23/1983  
 Eddy Woodall 5/10/1992 \*  
 Donna Partin Woodall 8/24/1980 \*  
 Patsy Payne Woodall 8/24/1980 \*



Rev. Jody Morris & Children



Kenneth Wilson & Rev. Leon Norris



Mrs. Fannie Roberts  
Choir Members l to r: Rachel  
Jacobs, Judy Rickner, Margaret  
Partin; back Wayne Shelton,  
Edd Holder, Dave Payne;  
director Reeda Shelton



Wade & Florence Wilson



Cecil Medley & Ethel Winton



Rev. Judy Rickner

below Tanjala Medley Mark Sartain, Susie Sartain, Bobbie Wilson, Donna Woodall, Ray Hines







Helen Medley Meeks, Reeda Medley Shelton, Grandma Josie Hill



Patsy Payne Woodall, Patsy Wilson Cannon, Bobbie Ann Wilson, Judy Patton Rickner



Child on front row: Betty White; 2nd row: man with glasses, Ben Wilson; 3rd row woman with necklace, Rose Bonner, Glenn Bonner, Ann Gunn; 4th row: Tom Gallagher, Virgie Gallagher, Harve Hamby, Bettie Gunn, Dee Hawk behind her; 5th row: Lillard Goodman, \_\_\_\_\_, behind him L.D. Sartain, behind him Louvina Burnett? Across isle on front: Lorene Conry, Nora Wilson



left to right:  
Henry & Clara White, Laura Ann White, Juanita White, Fred White, Alton White holding Kenneth White front: Wayne White, Ralph White, Emma Jean White, Hazel White



Bethie Howard

Dave Howard

Martha Ann Brashear

J.Q.A. Brashear

Teacher: Eliza Henson 1 to r: Lell Gilliam Crouch Johnnie Patton Burnett  
James Earl Aylor, Wilson Burnett ?, Franklin "Buge" Payne





Bettie Gunn , Marjorie Burnett, Fannie Roberts, Esther Brashear, Bro. Roy Wright

Back l to r: Denise Keller, Daryl Medley, Darren Payne front: Lee Don Myers, Melinda Wilson, Rhonda Meeks, Todd Payne, Tammy Payne, Valerie Sitz, \_\_\_\_\_ Smith

