

Meadorville Missionary Baptist Church

150th Anniversary
1869 - 2019



Church History

Meadorville Missionary Baptist Church is located 4 miles south of Lafayette, Tennessee just off Highway 10 overlooking the waters of East Fork of Goose Creek in Macon county. By reference to the history of Hillsdale Church, it will be saying that this section was occupied by the East Fork of Goose Creek Church for about a half century. After the Civil War, a majority of East Fork members wanted to move their place of worship to Hillsdale. The church voted May 26, 1866 to relocate to Hillsdale. The majority ruled. They appointed Brother Jacob Eller building superintendent. The school was used until a new church was built in 1869. (On September 24, 1870 East Fork changed its name to Hillsdale.) It was then soon thought best to reoccupy the Meadorville community with a church. On December 25, 1869 twenty members of East Fork of Goose Creek Missionary Baptist Church asked for letters of dismissal for the purpose of organizing a new church at their old meeting house near Meadorville. Letters were granted to all of them on Saturday, January 22, 1870. Then they went back to old East Fork Church house and organized Meadorville Missionary Baptist Church on Saturday, March 19, 1870. The church worshiped here first, 1 mile up Dry Fork Creek on Old Bottom Road near the Floyd Mathis farm. The church was situated in the lower West end of the bottom near the creek. They then moved down on Goose Creek near the boundary between the Dick Wright farm and the Sue Meador farm. They held meetings here until this church burned on Saturday night January 17, 1885. Services were then moved to Hillsdale Church for a short time before moving to the Meadorville school. A new one-room church building with two front doors was constructed around 1900 at the lower end of the Sue Meador bottom on Ford

Branch Road. Here the church worshiped for about 50 years, meeting once a month on the 3rd Sunday. Another church was built of brick veneer construction and was completed in 1949 at a cost of \$16,000, all of which was paid for by the church on completion. The land was donated by Jim and Ella Meador. The new church house was built by Willard Bohannon and the church pews were built by JD Ballou, with the first church services in the new building held in January 1950. The church represented in the Enon Association for many years. Later they represented in the Wiseman Association until 1989, when the majority of the churches of that body withdrew. Currently, Meadorville Missionary Baptist Church consists of approximately 225 members. The church continues to worship in the building constructed in 1949.

20 CHARTER MEMBERS OF 1869

Stephen Holland, Sabra Taylor (Morgan) Holland,

Peyton Smith Dixon, Eli Frank Gammons,

Mary Jane (Ellis) Gammons,

Jeremiah Brawner, Duncan McFarlin Cox, Louisa Dixon,

Lucrecia Edons, Mary V. Mills, Isabella (McDaniel) Gaulden,

Elizabeth Shrum, Mary Jane (Wilburn) Shrum, Rachel Willis,

Elendor E. Day, Mary (Day) Wilson, Martha (Patsy) Willis,

Mary Thomason, Elizabeth Nichols, Alvira (Cothron) Nichols.