

## **GLADES LEBANON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

Lebanon Baptist Church was organized in 1816 in the Glades near Gatlinburg. Earliest records burned in a fire that destroyed the clerk's house and remaining records begin in 1866.

It was in the year, 1866 that the church agreed to have regular services. Reverend Robert S. Atchley served as pastor with deacons Aaron Ownby and William Ogle. H. Whaley was church clerk. Members at that time were Jack Evans, William Maples, John Watson, Marion Ownby, Harkless Ogle, Ephraim Ogle, Martha Evans, Saphire Ownby, Mary Ownby, Elviry Whaley, Sarah Whaley, Nancy Whaley, Martha Ogle, Mary Watson, Jane Watson, Lucinda Maples, Hannah McCarter, Mary Jane McCarter, Jane Nations, Sarah Ogle, John Whaley, Eleander Ownby, Sarah Ownby, John Ownby, Martha Ownby, and Viny Ann Maples.

Lebanon helped to establish "arms" in other areas such as Greenbrier Cove, Grassy Branch, and Johnson's Chapel.

In 1886, the church agreed to obtain a letter of dismission from the East Tennessee Baptist Association in order to join the Association that would be serving Sevier County. Lebanon was one of the organizing churches of the Sevier County Baptist Association in November of 1886. Messengers to the Association were J. W. Ownby, O. R. Ownby, R. B. Hickam, and E. N. Johnson.

In 1889, James and Mary Proffitt gave a parcel of land on which a church building would be erected. B. S. Ogle, Joel Williams, and E. I Proffitt served as members of the building committee. The building was completed in 1890 and is still being used in the year 1989, with extensive improvements being made.

The church organized a Sunday School in 1898 with Reverend T. S. Williams serving as superintendent and J. M. Williams as secretary. Reverend J. W. Trentham was pastor and B. A. Ogle was church clerk. Membership at that time was 114.

The church ordained three deacons in 1899: Joel Williams, Lawson Proffitt, and J. M. Williams. In 1900, at the request of the school representatives of the Second District, the church agreed to allow them to build a school house on church property. The provision was that the school would not interfere with church services at any time. When the building ceased to be used for public school, it would become property of Lebanon Baptist Church.

In 1904, the church bought and installed a bell and in 1976, Verlis and Cora Morton gave property to be used for enlarging the parking lot. Now, in 1989, Lebanon is in a building program. The new building will stand near the present church site. Ground is to be broken and the new building started this spring.

Lebanon Baptist Church membership in 1989 is 294, 204 of whom are resident members. Reverend Jimmy McGill is pastor.

Pastor, Reverend Jimmy McGill, 1989.

Information came from Nella Hill.