

SHADY BAPTIST CHURCH

Shady Baptist Church, organized January 7, 1962, is located near the Jefferson County Line in Sevier County.

After the Shady School building was vacated, the new organization purchased that building to be used as a church. It has grown from a one-room school building to a very attractive and comfortable sanctuary with five Sunday School classrooms and rest rooms. A large cross extending from the bottom to the top of the church built into the front of the building makes the statement that this is the church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Charter members were Velma Lee, Mrs. M. M. Lane, M. M. Lane, Frances Snyder, Reverend James A. Snyder, Emma Lee Smith Lane, Herman Wilson, Margaret Wilson, Jessie Hillard, Evelyn Stallings, Orene Stallings, Ernest Stallings, Roy Stallings, and Carl Hickman.

The Reverend James A. Snyder was the first pastor, serving until April 1963. Pastors following Reverend Snyder were the Reverends James Arthur Pedigo, Ray Carr, Frank Miller, Bill Witt, Ronnie Bailey, Freddie Chandler, Roy Caldwell, and Greg Godby (1985).

Present membership is 156. Under the ministry of Reverend Freddie Chandler, three men were called to the ministry: Greg Jones, Jeff Hickman, and Herman Wilson. Herman Wilson, a former deacon and charter member, was ordained to become pastor of Pollard Hill Baptist Church. Greg Jones and Jeff Hickman are active workers in Shady.

Burl Hillard, Sam Hickman, and Glenn McGee are deacons.

Shady Baptist Church is young as compared to others in the Sevier County Baptist Association, but the Lord has already blessed the congregation with spiritual and numerical growth. Shady Baptist Church is expecting to be used of the Lord for many years to come.

Pastor, Reverend Glen Bruner.

Information from Darlene McGee.