

## WALDEN'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Walden's Creek Baptist Church accepts the year 1894 as the organization. It was not until 1903 that they first lettered in the Sevier County Baptist Association. Sam Gibson, Eli Garner, William Kerley, and R. E. Hawn were messengers. The first pastor is not shown in the records, but the pastor registered in 1905 was Reverend D. B. Ogle. Church property was valued at \$300, and there were 36 members.

In 1907, William Kerley and Pastor J. C. McGill served as messengers to the annual Association meeting. Reverend J. E. Marine came as pastor for one year in 1908, followed by Reverend D. D. Mullendore who served two years. Membership at that time numbered 55. H. Hurst was Sunday School superintendent.

Reverend D. B. Ogle became pastor in 1911 when G. H. Kerley was church clerk and J. C. Hawn was Sunday School superintendent. Reverend D. R. Mullendore succeeded Reverend Ogle as pastor in 1913, followed by Reverend Jim Davis in 1916, who served as pastor for four years. At that time, 54 members were recorded. Reverend Seldon Ogle came as pastor in 1921 and stayed through 1924 then became Reverend R. R. Reagan in 1925 and Reverend Lewis Huskey in 1927.

In 1935, Walden's Creek called Reverend B. L. Branton, followed by Reverend Isaac Ogle as pastor in 1936. Reverends J. D. Dennis, Otha McCarter, and Levi Ogle served one year each. E. E. Price was Sunday School superintendent when the church called Reverend R. B. Bohanon in 1939. He served until 1942 when Reverend R. L. Branton accepted the pastorate. Reverend Otha Ownby began a four-year stay in 1943. His successors were Reverends Kelly Huskey in 1948, Otha Ownby in 1949 through 1951, Earl Campbell through 1953, Julius Cole in 1954, M. L. Plemons through 1957, Bethel Crisp in 1958, James Snyder in 1959.

Reverend A. C. Manning was pastor in 1961, Reverends Herbert Etherton in 1962, W. Dee King in 1963, P. J. McCarter in 1964, Dee King in 1965, Alex Adams in 1966, Clell Brackins in 1967, Alex Adams in 1968, Sidney Ogle in 1969, Alex Adams for four years in 1971, and Reverend David White in 1975.

Pastor is Reverend Bill Helton, 1989.

Information was taken from Sevier County Baptist Association books of minutes.