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Back Row

Lucy Alexander

Elizabeth Hughes

Henry Warren

Samatha Warren

Front Row

Thomas M Keene

Richmond Sharp Keene

HISTORY OF CLAY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

ORGANIZED 3RD SATURDAY IN DECEMBER 1895

THE PRESBYTERY

1. ELD. WESLEY COLYER
2. ELD. JOHN W, BRAY
3. ELD. MARTIN SHADOOWAN
4. DEACON F M HARGIS
5. DECAON HARVEY WARREN

ELDER MARTIN SHADOWAN WAS CHOSE MODERATOR AND J.W. BRAY CLERK FOR THE DAY.

THE FOLLOWING WERE CHARTER MEMEBERS

1. F.M. HARGIS FROM PINEY GROVE (DEACON)
2. W. HARVEY WARREN FROM PIITMAN CREEK BAPT CH (DEACON)
3. J. BERRY SMITH FROM PITMAN CREEK
4. Eld. J. WESLEY COLYER FROM PITMAN CREEK
5. HENRY M. WARREN FROM PITMAN CREEK
6. R. S. "DOCK" KEENEY FROM ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
7. SAMANTHA WARREN FROM ZIO BAPITST CHURCH
8. MARY SMITH FROM PITMAN CREEK BAPITST CHURCH
9. ELLEN COLYER FROM ROCK LICK BAPTIST CHURCH

At the first business meeting Eld. John W. Bray was chosen Moderator and Henry M Warren clerk for the day. At this meeting Eld. J. Wesley Colyer was chosen Moderator for a year and Henry M. Warren clerk for a year. Rules of discipline and articles of Faith were adopted. There were 17 rules of discipline, and 13 articles of Faith. Elder J. Wesley Colyer was Pastor of this Church from its organization in 1895 until October 1918 (23 years). During his ministry the church grew from 9 members to 208 members.

Elder Jack Owens was the second pastor of Clay Hill Church chose Sept. 1918. He served one year Sept. 1919. Eld. J. Wesley Colyer was again chosen for one year Sept. 1920. Elder John E. Hudson was chosen and served till January 1922. After his resignation Eld. J. W. Harmon was chosen Feb. 1922, he served as pastor till Sept. 1922. Then Eld. H. J. Ridner was elected pastor and served till October 1962. Eld. Edward Ping was assistant pastor for H. J. Ridner for a while. Eld. H. J. Ridner became sick and was not able to serve any longer. He was pastor for 40 years. Eld. W. A. Reece was elected pastor October 1962 and served till October 1964. Elder Lester Phelps was elected pastor October 1964 and served until October 1974. Elder Edmond Vanhook was elected pastor October 1974.