THE HISTORY OF CENTER VALLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Soon after the establishment of "Shuck Pen" District a number of pioneers built a log church near the center of the district. The church was named "Center Valley" Methodist Church. This was prior to 1840.

For a number of years the services consisted mostly of "Class Meetings", occasionally a sermon by a Circuit Rider, one of whom was Bishop Scott, who rode the circuit in 1818. This church was destroyed by tornado on April 3, 1880. The church was rebuilt in July, 1880-1882.

The present church was started and completed in 1952. The ground breaking was in February, but due to bad weather work could not begin on the building until April. In August we had our first service, just six months from the time of the ground breaking.

Many, many wonderful pastor's have filled the pulpit of Center Valley and six (6) ministers came out of our church of which we are very proud.

We feel the church is a living monument in this beautiful valley of ours.