HISTORIES

of

TUNNEL HILL CHARGE

Tunnel Hill Church
In consequence of the loss of the records of this church, it is impossible to get a correct history from its organization, which was about the year 1848. Therefore, we commence this record on July 1, 1850.

By contacting members and old records, we find that Mrs. M.C. Emerson joined the church by certificate in July, 1850. In 1856 Mrs. Nancy E. Morelock joined the church and in 1857, Mrs. Catherine Smith joined the church by certificate as was the case of Mrs. Morelock. In the year of 1858, Miss Sofina Rodgers and Mrs. Hannah Ault joined. In 1870 Mrs. L.A. Heggie, Mr. Benjamin Stevenson, and Mrs. Elizabeth Stevenson joined by certificate. Now, in the year 1874, there joined by profession Mrs. Cora Smith, Miss Emmeline Rogers, and Miss Elizabeth Ault. Mrs. Cora Foster Murray and Mrs. Fannie Flemister joined in 1879. Mrs. Sallie Smith joined in 1883, four years after Mrs. Emily Foster joined. In 1884 Mrs. Lou Foster McClure, Mrs. Fannie E. Bates with others joined. Mr. John D. Rodgers joined Nov. 6, 1887. During the year 1885, while Rev. A.J. Hughes was pastor, Dr. I.H. Harlan, Mrs. Mary Harlan, Mrs. Annie Harlan (Miss Annie Jordan, Mrs. C. Trammel, and Mr. T.A. Eldridge joined. There were 17 that joined that year.

In 1886 Mrs. J.A. Fain joined by certificate and Mr. Joseph Rogers by profession. Mrs. Bonnie Smith Flemister and Mrs. Ruth Harlan Foster joined by profession on Oct. 1, 1888. 20 new members joined the church that year. The pastor at that time was Rev. B.T. Payne. In 1890, while J.R. Speak was pastor, Mrs. Achsee Calloway and 16 others joined the church. William Murdock, who joined by profession that year, left the church later and turned to preaching.

In the year of 1891 Miss Minnie Rogers, Miss Bonnie Stansell, and T.O. Eldridge joined. At this time F.W. McCheskey was pastor. The record shows that 20 joined the church that year. Miss Ann Moody, Lizzie Moody, and Mary Moody joined in 1895, two years after Miss Mamie Foster's sister joined in 1893. Mr. G. Quillian was pastor at this time.

W.G. Hansen, pastor; and Mrs. Addie Hansen, along with Mrs. Fannie L. Moody joined in 1896. Now in 1899, Mrs. Fleta Smith, Mrs. Tom Smith, Mrs. Jessie Foster Moody joined the church, while T.E. Davenport was pastor.

Records show that the W.M.S. ,50 years without a break, did not send to foreign missions all the time, but in later years saw the great need and began sending to foreign missions.

Miss Mayne Foster has belonged to the church longer than anyone, joining in the year 1891, when F.W. McCheskey was pastor, making it a total of 59 years to date.

Respectfully submitted

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