

CENTRE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWVILLE.

Application having been previously made by petition to the Presbytery of Blairsville, for the organization of Centre Church, presbytery appointed Revs. John Carothers and John Stark, and elders James Todd and Joseph Henderson, a committee to form the church. Accordingly, the organization occurred on the 3d of September, 1851, at the house of Michael Kunkle.

Thirty-five persons were received as members, and John McGara, Robert McHenry, Francis Fairman and Thomas Gibson, were elected and ordained as ruling elders. Public worship for about a year was held in Mr. Kunkle's barn. In 1852, the congregation built the present church edifice.

The pastorate of Rev. S. P. Ballman, commenced soon after the establishment of the society, and continued till in 1856. His successors were: Rev. W. Shand. 1857 and 1858; Rev. D. Christy, in 1860 and 1861; Rev. S. P. Bollman, 1863 to 1870, and Rev. Andrew Virtue, the present pastor, whose ministrations commenced in September, 1872.

The present membership is one hundred and ten. The average attendance at Sabbath school is seventy-five. The ruling elders are: William D. Stuchel, James Carrol, John Stuchel, James Hamilton and Joseph Johnston.