

CURRIE'S RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

Is situated eight miles west of Indiana, in Armstrong township. Rev. R. Johnston and Rev. J. Reed were appointed as a committee, by the Presbytery of Blairsville, to organize it, during the winter of 1837. But Mr. Reed failing to attend, their appointment was renewed in April, and organization was consummated in May, 1838. The organization took place in the church building, which was not finished. The following list included the names of the original members: Mr. R. M. Walker, Mrs. Jane Walker, Mr. John Robinson, Mrs. Jane Robinson, Mr. R. T. Robinson, Mrs. Nancy Robinson, Mr. Samuel Bathel, Mrs. Elizabeth Bathel, Mr. Alexander Beatty, Mrs. Deborah Beatty, Mr. Robert Beatty, Mrs. Nancy Beatty, Mr. Reuben Jewell, Mrs. Jemima Jewell, Mr. David Anthony, Mrs. Floranna Anthony, Mr. James McElhose, Mrs. Nancy McElhose, Mr. Thomas Lucas, Mrs. Mary Lucas, Mr. Joseph Peelor, Mrs. Nancy Peelor, Mr. Wm. Anthony, Mrs. Nancy Anthony, Mr. John Lucas, Mrs. Susanna Lucas, Margaret Anthony, Sarah Beatty, Jane E. Anthony – in all, twenty-nine members.

Mr. A. Donaldson preached there on the second Sabbath of June, 1838. Then after it had been supplied three months by Rev. Mr. Geary, Mr. Donaldson fully assumed its responsibilities in September, preaching one-third of the time for six months. On the 20th of June, 1839, he was ordained, and for one-half of his time, was installed as pastor. He continued to serve the congregation with great acceptance for fourteen years. "Then, with warm affection subsisting between the pastor and every member of the flock, because the field of labor was too large, and the other part of the charge wanted all the time, the relation was dissolved in the spring of 1853."

Rev. Franklin Orr was called the same year, and accepting the call, was installed for one-half of his time. His pastorate continued for five years, when he resigned, in order to give his whole time to the field covered by the other part of his charge. He was followed by Mr. M. M. Shirley, who preached as a supply for some time, and was then called and ordained, and for two-thirds of his time, was installed on the 30th day of June, 1859. On account of serious opposition arising, he resigned in 1863.

Its next pastor was Rev. George K. Scott, who was installed in May, 1869. After a brief pastorate, he resigned in 1871.

At a congregational meeting in July, 1872, an unanimous call was made out for Mr. Jacob L. Thompson, who had been supplying the church for some time. He accepted the call and was ordained, and for one-half of his time installed in 1873. In April, 1876, he tendered his resignation to the Presbytery, which was accepted, his pastorate closing the 1st of May.

Mr. Lycurgus Mechlin preached as a supply from May, 1876, to May, 1877. The congregation gave him an unanimous call, which he accepted, and in June he was ordained, and on the 6th day of September, 1877, installed for one-half of the time, and continues to serve them with acceptance at the time of this writing.

The elders at the time of the organization were: Mr. William Anthony and Mr. Robert M. Walker.

The present session is composed of five members, namely: R. McChesney, M. D., <r. Hugh Miller, Mr. Samuel Fiscus, Mr. J. L. Lewis and Mr. Joseph Cribbs.

The board of Deacons consists of six Members: Mr. Samuel C. Henderson, Mr. David W. Fleming, Mr. R. M. Fleming, Mr. Thomas M. Fleming, F. L. Morehead, Esq., and David Campbell.

There have been six hundred and thirty-one names registered in its roll book since the organization. Over one hundred of this number died in communion with the congregation. Its present membership numbers one hundred and sixth. The Sabbath school grew out of a pastor's Bible class, and was organized in 1845, with perhaps forty scholars. At present it numbers one hundred and forty-one.

The first church building is still standing, and is occupied as the house of worship. The cost of erection was \$1,400.