

Northern Kentucky Views Presents:

History of Bethel Methodist Church

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After the Civil War, a little log church was built overlooking the Little Kentucky River. This land was donated by the Hill family. The church was built by Will Ewing (who founded Ewing Ford), Will Spillman, James Latty, and Sam Tingle. I am sure there were more.

As the membership grew, a new frame church was built on the same grounds. William Shoemith and E. B. Head held a meeting in September, 1886, at Bethel Church when 91 people were converted and 52 were added to the Church. Mrs. Dollie Hill and Mrs. Amanda Greenwood were among the number.

This church was used until 1923. They met every fourth Sunday for a number of years. The District Superintendent then decided to have services on the second and fourth Sundays every month.

In 1923 the Church was moved across the creek on the Carrollton and Bedford Road. Herman Daugherty gave the lot for the Church. At one time, this land belonged to the Houston heirs. This church was active until 1944. Services were still held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

In 1944, as many members were deceased and moved away, the Church was torn down and taken to Bedford United Methodist Church. The lumber was used to enlarge that church and add educational facilities. Most members came to Bedford; some went to Union Grove Church.

The Superintendent wanted Fred Daugherty to purchase the lot where the Church was, and Mr. Daugherty purchased the lot for \$45.00. By Gladys Ransdell.

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