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The Dedication of Sugar Creek Church

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SUGAR CREEK DEDICATION



On December 4, the dedication services for the new meeting house of the Sugar Creek congregation were conducted with great rejoicing and praise to God. For many years the old meeting house had been almost inaccessible at certain times during the year due to its location, and, as it was badly in need of repair, it was decided to tear it down and rebuild out on the highway. The work was begun in May of this year and went forward steadily until its completion, much of the labor being contributed by the local members.

The new building is 32 x 48 feet with two class rooms upstairs and a full basement. The auditorium was well filled with local members, friends in the community, and visitors from other congregations for this joyful occasion. Two carloads came from Lexington and three from Louisville including the Portland quartet. Brother H. N. Rutherford, who has held many meetings for the congregation and is greatly loved by them, preached the dedication sermon. Brother D. H. Friend, who has also held several meetings at Sugar Creek, spoke in the afternoon. Brother I. E. Stephenson, a local member of the congregation and minister of the gospel, gave an excellent history of the congregation since its beginning in 1853. Joyful congregational singing and several special numbers added to the blessing of the occasion.

Dinner was served to the crowd of approximately 150 in the basement by the ladies of the church and friends who had prepared a super-abundance of good things to eat. Former members of the church were present from Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. Four placed membership with the congregation at the close of the morning service.

About half the cost of the new building has already been contributed by free-will offerings. There has been no solicitation for funds made in the community, even though the present membership is quite small. A number of voluntary gifts have been made however. The brethren there are grateful for what the Lord has already done for them, and are now looking forward to the strengthening and the advancement of the cause in this area by His grace. For the past three months I have been preaching regularly for the congregation. We need your earnest prayers for this work for it will not go forward without Satan's opposition.

The meeting house is located one mile off the Louisville-Cincinnati highway on highway No. 239, five miles above Warsaw. Make a note of this location and tell your friends who may live in this vicinity. There are almost no simple churches of Christ in this area. Any visitors who may be passing through will receive a hearty welcome.

—Dennis Allen.

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