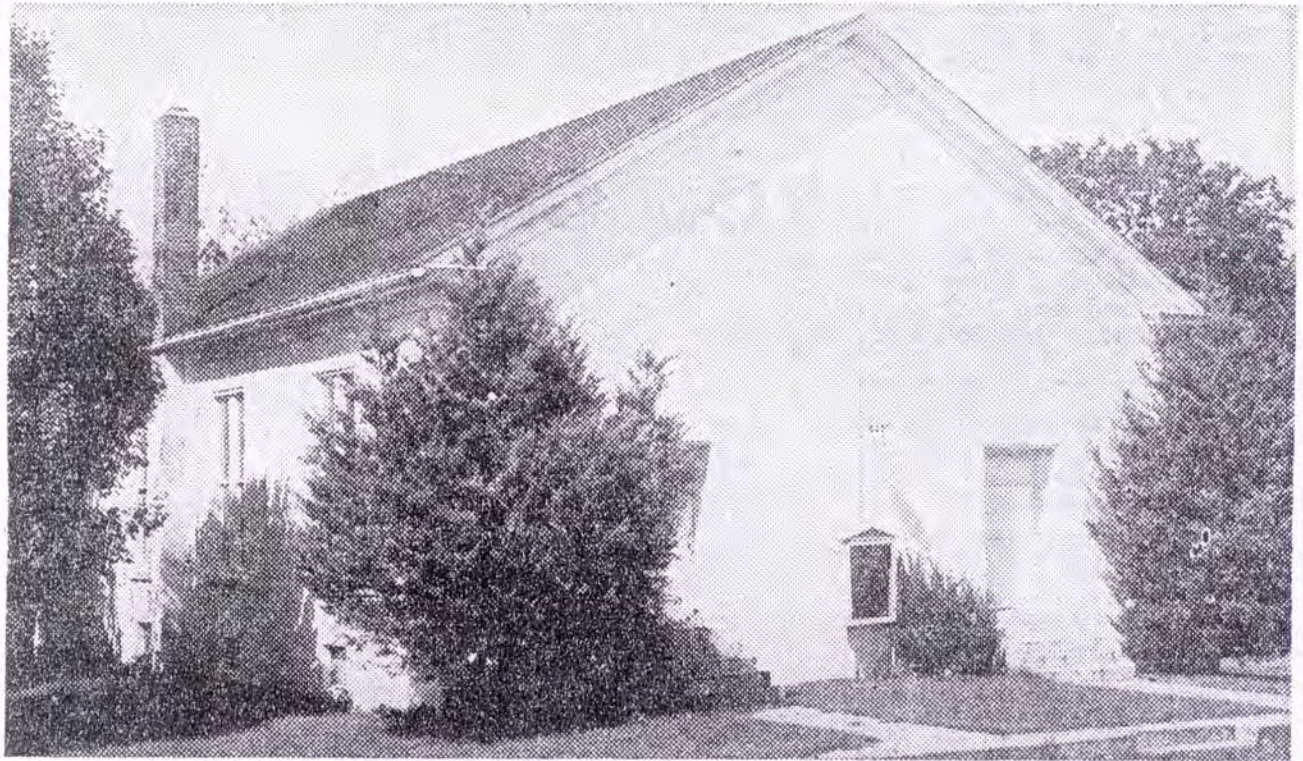


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MILL CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH, MASON COUNTY—On Ky. 11, one mile from the settlement of Wedonia and 11 miles southeast of Maysville, stands this little white brick church on the banks of Mill Creek, a tributary of the North Fork of the Licking River. Known locally as the “church by the side of the road”, it is one of the oldest houses of worship in Northern Kentucky. In 1843, a small band of the Disciples of Christ organized Mill Creek Church, first worshipping in a little log house near the site of the present church. In 1847, William T. Lindsay deeded an acre to the trustees — Perry S. Layton, Joseph Littlejohn and Charles Dobyns — for “\$100 cash in hand”. The church was erected that year and has seen continuous service since. During its early years, Mill Creek was ministered to by some noted preachers — J. W. McGarvey, founder of The College of the Bible;

Prof. I. B. Grubbs, John S. Shouse, S. M. Jefferson, Hugh McClelland, J. Boyd Jones, Emerson Grubbs, and Alvin Lamar Wills. Some outstanding ministers of the Christian Church began their preaching careers here, notably J. Leslie Finnell, 1913-1918; Hampton Adams, 1920-1923; James D. Wyker, 1926, and Paul Stauffer, 1935-1938. During the year 1950, the interior of the church was remodeled to include classrooms, kitchen, recreation hall and a beautiful sanctuary. Some of the latter-day ministers have been Francis Marshall Stroker, Hoke Smith Dickinson, Pop Mosely, Dr. Gabriel C. Banks, Charles Van Winkle, F. W. Weigmann, Elmer Freer, Walter McGowan, Glenn Routt, Raymond Kays, Cecil Brown, George Pippin, Robert Waldorf, Richard Laslo, Stanley Shippey and Allan Sharp. The Rev. James E. Compton is the present pastor.