

Hebron Baptist Church

The Family Tree Grows

Since its founding, in 1794, God has richly blessed Bullittsburg, “the Mother Church,” with many offspring throughout Boone County. Still an active congregation, worshipping inside a building that contains the original church structure; there is much for which Bullittsburg members to be thankful.



Bullittsburg Baptist helped constitute and populate six *daughter* churches: Dry Creek (1800), Wolper’s Creek (1801), Middle Creek (1803), Mud Lick (1804), Forks of Gunpowder (1812), and Sand Run (1819). She also helped establish mission stations at the White Water (1802) and Laughery Creek (1804) settlements, in Indiana.

The *granddaughters* of Bullittsburg were established between 1819 and 1958. Middle Creek Baptist was involved in the constituting and populating of churches at East Bend (1819), Burlington (1842), and Big Bone (1843). Members dismissed from Dry Creek constituted Florence Baptist in 1855. Sand Run Baptist officially started its Hebron mission in 1958.

The *great-granddaughters* continued to expand Bullittsburg’s church-planting legacy. In the latter half of the 1800s, Big Bone Baptist helped establish churches at Walton (First Baptist, in 1866), Beaver Lick (1883), and Union (1887). In March 1961, services began at Greenview Chapel, a mission established by Florence Baptist.

Several of these churches eventually closed their doors. Dry Creek Baptist experienced a painful split, in 1840, and finally disbanded by 1900.

Wolper Creek Baptist was established by members of Bullittsburg who lived in the Wolper Creek area. The church lasted only a few months before reuniting with Bullittsburg.

Mud Lick Baptist, located near present-day US 42 and Big Bone Road, separated from the Northbend Association, in 1840, and joined the Salem Association of Predestinarian Baptists.

Forks of Gunpowder Baptist, located about 12 miles southeast of Bullittsburg, began as an outpost for preaching, was constituted a church in 1812, and closed its doors in 1936.



**August 3, 2021
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Did You Know?



The Middle Creek Baptist Church was constituted on March 12, 1803. There were twenty-three charter members, mostly from the Bullittsburg congregation.

The church relied upon visiting ministers to preach, until Elder Robert Kirtley accepted their call in 1825. He pastored Middle Creek until 1865, then was succeeded by his son, Robert E. Kirtley.

The church moved from Middle Creek to its present location in Belleview, in 1878. The name was changed to Middle Creek Baptist Church at Bellevue. In July 1885, it became known as Bellevue Baptist Church. The spelling was changed to Belleview in 1896.

Recognizing Letha Owens



Letha Owens has been a valued member of Hebron Baptist Church for 56 years. She has served in the nursery, and taught classes for the 2 & 3-year-olds and young teenage girls. She also served as our church's WMU director for one year. Letha is a faithful attender and participates in HBC activities and events.

Letha was raised in a Christian home "up Buttermilk Holler" in Gap-O-Ridge, KY – just south of Corbin. She was one of six children, including a twin sister, Retha. The twin girls were born May 13, 1936. While attending a Bible camp in Artemus, KY, Letha was saved at the age of 11.

Letha retired from DHL. She has lived in her current home 56 years and enjoys folks stopping by to visit.

Letha is a proud mother of six children, all living in the Northern KY – Cincinnati area: Terry (66), Debbie (64), Gail (61), Gary (57), Carol (51), and Jason (45). All six have made professions of faith in Jesus Christ. Letha also has 15 grandchildren and, by this October, she will have 21 great-grandchildren.



Reverend Roy A. Johnson



The Kirtley ministers were well-known and well-loved throughout Boone County in the 1800s. In the 1900s, the preacher beloved and well-regarded by the county's Southern Baptist churches was Bro. Roy Johnson.

Bro. Johnson was born, in 1892, near Walton. He fought with the U.S. Army in WWI. After surviving in the trenches of France against German gas and artillery attacks, he believed that "there was some important work God had for him to do."

He began preaching at Crescent Springs Baptist Church, in 1921, and was ordained by Southside Baptist several months later.

In 1941, at age 50, Bro. Johnson surprised his Burlington congregation by resigning and enlisting in the Army Air Corps. He returned to Burlington Baptist 18 months later.

In his 56 years of faithfully serving the Lord in Boone County, Bro. Johnson pastored at Big Bone Baptist (1925-1941), Burlington Baptist (1941; 1943-1952), Florence Baptist (1952-1957), and Sand Run Baptist (1965-1968, interim briefly, then pastor).

After leaving Florence Baptist, Bro. Johnson served as interim pastor at 12 different churches. When he passed away in 1977, Rev. Roy A. Johnson was Pastor Emeritus at Greenview and Florence Baptist Churches.