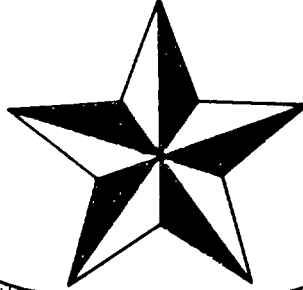


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Let us review the area southwest of Austin - out to Oak Hill then to Dripping Springs. Now almost to San Marcos back through Buda and finally home to Austin. Now cover all the inclosed acres with prairie grass - about saddle high on one's horse - This is what the early explorers and settlers saw. Can one wonder that they chose to settle in such a verdant area?

Buffalo grazed as did deer and other game - especially wild turkey - all to be had for the taking and most of the Indians had gone further west - but not the Cherokees - they had not smoked the peace pipe under our Treaty Oak and so they were not at peace. Nice streams flowed through this area most of them fed by wonderful springs - these were a great boon and so the first comers made sure that their surveys included a goodly number (Richard Hailey managed to get four on his survey). These were excellent locations for the wilderness homes - and by each one is a home today.

One would expect that such natural resources would be carefully preserved but such was not the case. Greed entered in and soon the wild game was thinned out and the grass was being over grazed - result hard times set in and early settlers moved on. But along came F.D.R. and his alphabet programs; purchase of scrub cattle, pest eradication (cedar, mesquite, and cactus); then idle acres until grass could grow again on the barren land.

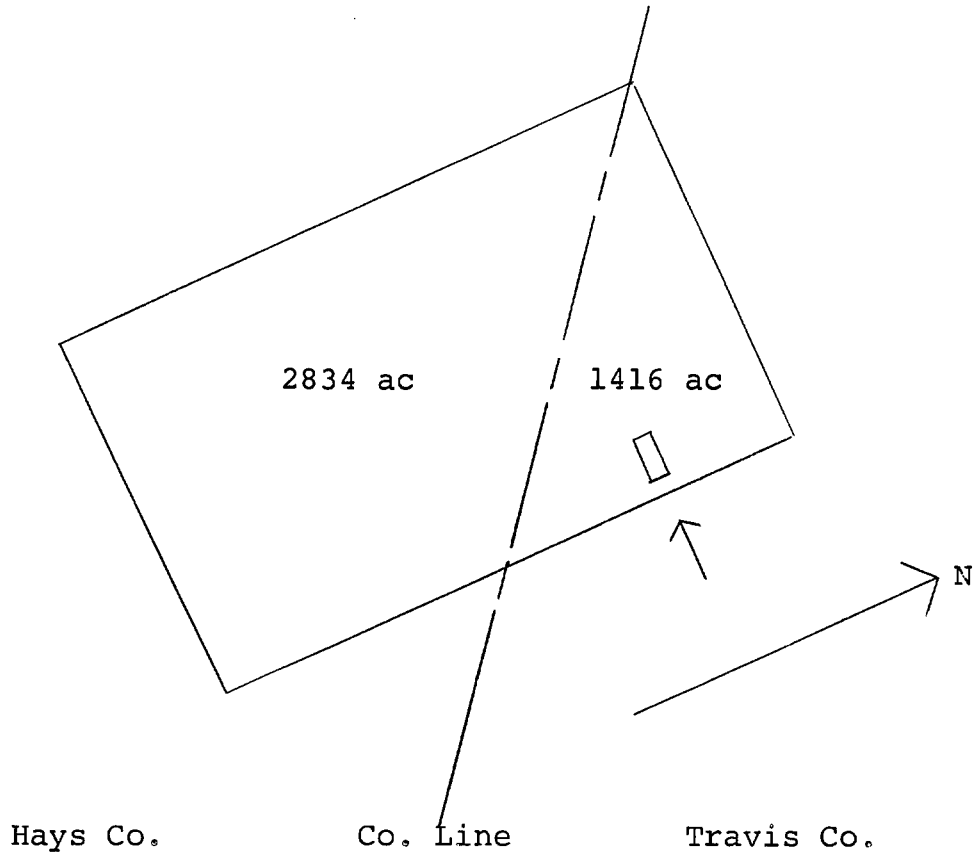
Today this area is becoming a mecca for another era. Leisure and retirement together are resettling the area. Every interest from ranches producing thorough-bred cattle and saddle horses of many types to small places for retired living or week-end enjoyment.

I so wish that each of you could enjoy these periods of history with a daughter and granddaughter of this country - Alta Mae Kemp. She loves the whole and it is to her that we extend our thanks for the records that you will enjoy in this quarterly.

Sincerely,

/s/ Annie T. Giles  
President

THE RICHARD HAILEY SURVEY



The survey included 4250 acres.

Small arrow points to tract dedicated to Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

DEMISE November 2, 1941

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church met in the home of Tom Kemp at 2:30 P.M. and went into Conference. Tom Kemp was elected moderator protem. The following members of good standing were present: Jim C. Townsend, Mrs. Pearl Townsend, Mrs. Katie Belle (Townsend) Puryear, Tom Kemp, May Kemp and Willie Kemp.

A motion was made and seconded that the expenses of the selling of the church building be deducted from the funds on hand, a motion was made and seconded that \$5.00 be sent to the State Mission Board, and that the balance be sent to Buckner's Home which is located in Dallas, Texas. (Both motions carried.)

A motion was made and seconded that Friendship Missionary Baptist Church be formally disbanded and that each member, now in good standing be given his/her letter. (Carried.)

Letters were granted to the following members: Jim C. Townsend, Mrs. Pearl Townsend, Francis Townsend, Katie Belle Puryear, Tom Kemp, May Kemp, Woodrow Christal, Mrs. Verdie Christal, Role Christal and Annie Christal.

Motion to adjourn carried.

Tom Kemp, Moderator  
W. Kemp, Clerk

Copy of the original deed to this church property

STATE of TEXAS COUNTY of TRAVIS

Know all men by these presents that I John H. Halford of the Said County and State aforesaid for and in Consideration of the Sum of One dollar cash in hand paid to me the whereof which is hereby acknowledged have this day Sold to James Rambo John H. Halford \_\_\_\_\_ Lawson & Deacons of the Missionary Baptist Church Known as Friendship Church situated in Travis County a certain lot of land off of the Haley League No. 35 & is a part of the tract on which I reside. Surveyed as follows. Beginning at the S.E. Corner of my said tract thence West 320 varas for a beginning corner a Stone Corner from which a Live Oak bears S 83' West 28 vrs Thence North 200 vrs a stone corner from which a Live Oak, bears S 75° W 19 vrs Then West 70 vrs a Stone a Live Oak bears S 34° E 2 vrs Thence South to my South boundary 200 varas Thence East to the beginning making two and one half acres more or less and I the said John H. Halford do Covenant with the Said Deacons to defend unto them and their Successors in office said lot of land for church purposes to be held by them in trust for the Said Friendship Church to hold transfer or use the Same for the benefit of the Said Church by her order made by any full and regular Church meeting day in regular Church Conference & I hereby bind myself, heirs, assigns, etc. to forever warrant & defend unto the Said deacons & their successors in office, a good & valid title in & to Said lot & defend them against the lawful claims of all persons whom so ever. Witness My hand & Scrawl for seal this 28th day of December 1871.

J. H. Hallford

Witness.



Filed: April 27, 1886 at 10 o'clock A. M. Frank Brown, clk.

## CHRISTIANITY IN THE WILDERNESS

By Floy Robinson

(American Statesman, Nov. 7, 1937)

The country was a wilderness. But the hearty pioneers saw in Central Texas a place to make their daily bread, a place in which to rear their children.

The roughness of its hills and the brambly bushes meant romance to them--the romance of living, of breathing, of accomplishing. The hills were beautiful, something to set this land apart from that they had seen.

And the brave pioneers who feared not the prowling redskin or the lurking wild animals had a common inspiration--the belief in the spiritual life, the belief in God.

So the settlers of the country west of Austin decided that they must have a church--a place for their own spiritual comfort and a place for their children to learn of the God they feared and loved.

Thus the Friendship Baptist church was organized--the oldest church west of the Colorado river and north of Gonzales.

It was called the Barton Creek church and was situated between Cedar Valley and Fitzhugh. Organized the third Sunday of October, 1856, which was Oct. 19, the group of founders met in the log schoolhouse on Long Branch.

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The original minutes were signed by Joseph Pickens, moderator, and A. J. Hallford, clerk. First the articles of faith, numbering 11, were drawn up. The constitution read, "We the following persons met at the schoolhouse on Barton creek in Travis county, Texas, and after worship went into the constitution of a United Baptist church, which the following members agreed to organize." The signing members were Hal Medlin, Catherine Medlin, James P. Hallford, Sarah Hallford, John H. Hallford, Malissa Hallford, Andrew J. Hallford, Rachel M. Hallford, John H. Hallford, Jesse R. Hallford, B. M. Gibson, Anna E. Bradford, Perry Malone, R. J. Rambo, Nancy Gibson, Mary Wade and Anna Rambo.

The people who formed this church were pure Americans of unmixed blood--a strong race. They all had large families. In fact, one of the deacons of the church had 22 children.

Indian raids were constant. Raiding redskins stole horses and even killed the invading white men. Cattle rustlers, too, made things unpleasant. With open ranges, cows, horses and hogs often disappeared.

The people continued to worship in the same building until December, 1860. Then the church agreed on a division and half of the members moved in a southeasterly direction to the Shilo schoolhouse near Oatmanville (now Oak Hill) and in July, 1861, they decided to build their own house of worship. But along came the Civil War so the rock house of Friendship church was not finished until 1868. John Roy was responsible for the structure.

The rock building was used for regular services until September, 1903, when the church again moved into a schoolhouse. It was abandoned until September, 1937, when they moved out of the Salem schoolhouse, back into the rock church.

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The church took the name of Friendship church in April, 1870. Upon division in 1860 the part that moved near Oak Hill kept the name of Barton Creek church. Since the mother church was not near Barton creek

and since it had several branches in operation, the new name was taken.

The principal churches that were branches of the mother church are the Dripping Springs Baptist church, Fitzhugh, Bee Cave, Henley, Mount Gaynor, Driftwood, Kyle, Buda, Manchaca and Oak Hill. There are others now in existence and others abandoned.

The first pastor, A. W. Elledge, began serving in April, 1857. In July of that year the church entered the Austin Baptist association and remained in it until 1874, when it helped organize the Pedernales Baptist association which lasted until 1927. From then until 1932 the church had no affiliation. In September, 1932, it rejoined the Austin association, of which it is now a member.

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Camp meetings were a big event in the life of the little church. The people would gather Friday night and continue worship for about 10 days. The camping ground was located southeast of the rock church about one and a half miles. It was first used in 1871. If you're looking for it, it is by the spring where the old Llano and San Antonio road crosses the old Austin-Fredericksburg road.

As early as 1874 they held a joint meeting with the Mountain City Baptist church, now the church at Kyle, and the Pleasant Hill church with everyone camping on the grounds. As late as 1884 they held a meeting with the Dupree, now the Buda, church.

By 1870 the territory served by Friendship church extended all the way from the west side of South Austin to Onion creek above Dripping Springs on the west and Round mountain on the north to the prairie below Buda on the south, a radius of 15 miles from the church.

And schools flourished through the church. There was Johnson institute on Bear creek, three miles from the church; Science hall, a boarding school near Goforth; Dripping Springs academy and Kyle seminary.

So remembering its past and looking toward the future the little church, which has lived up to its name of Friendship, flourishes.

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This was published November 7, 1937, and is here used courtesy The American Statesman.

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This membership roll is more or less accurate. Many years elapsed in compiling it and for the usual reasons it was sometimes not kept as well as at other times and by other clerks.

You will note that some dates are missing and at times a withdrawal date had to be used. For accuracy researchers should see the original roll. You will get a good economic picture by reading the church minutes.

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Baptists accept members by: (1) Baptism by the church  
(2) Letter  
(3) A statement of having been baptized.

#### Membership of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

Allen, Nancy	1865	Andrews, Bro. C. W.	1874
Albright, John	1873	" Sister E. C.	1874
Anderson, Sister E.	1877	Allen, Daisy	1884

Allen, R. C.	no record		Blaylock, Lonnie	
Anderson, Sister M. A.			" Jewel	
Adamson, T. D., Jr.			Brown, J. F.	
			" Mrs. J. F.	
Bradford, Ann E.	1856		Burton, Letha	
" Hulda	1857		" Arnold	
Brown, Matthew	1861		" Andy	
" Elizabeth	1861		Black, Ira	
Bishop, Bro.	1865		" Mrs. Mary	
Bonner, Adaline	1868		Burrows, Stanley G.	
Brown, John	1868		" Alberta	
Bishop, Samuel			" Douglas	
Burnham, Jackson	1870			
Brown, Nancy	1865		Chandler, Elizabeth E.	1857
Bonner, David			Caperton, Ruth	1857
Brown, E. E.	1871		" W. G.	1858
Burnham, Guss	1870		" Thomas S.	1858
" Ellen Schmitt	1872		Crawford, Cela Ann	1859
" Eliza	1870		Caperton, Alfred H.	1860
" Sister Rachel	1871		Crawford, Thomas	1859
" Sarah F.	1871		" Lydia	1859
" Missouri A.	1871		Caperton, Nancy L.	1860
" H.	1871		Caldwell, R. T.	1860
Burr, Mollie	1872		" Mary	1860
" William G.	1872		" Sarah C.	1860
Brazemore, Elizabeth	1872		Caperton, Jane T.	1861
" J. L.	1872		" Lucy	1861
Berry, Sarah	1873		" Sarah	1861
" Emma	1873		" Rebecca	1861
Braugh, Abram	1873		Crawford, Mrs. C. A.	1862
Barton, William	1875		Click, Richie Temperance	1868
" Sister E.	1875		" Hudson Nancy	1868
Burnham, Susan	1881		Caperton, R. S.	1869
Burr, Thomas			Crisp, Jane died	1870
" Morgan			Click, G. W.	1869
Bird, John			" Rebecca	1869
Bukly, William R.			Chote, Benjamin	1869
Berends, Jackson Mary			" Mary	1869
Bukley, Joe			Cunningham, Rebecca J.	1870
Bishop, W. H.			Cowley, Lena	1871
Boyles, Neila			" Sister Nat	1871
Berends, Sister			Cunningham, Nancy	1871
" Richie Eliza			Cady, E. C.	1871
Boyles, Lena			Cunningham, Walter S.	1871
Burton, C. F.			Click, Malachi	1871
Burton, Mollie			Cameron, Daniel	1871
" Alice			Cale, Mollie	1871
Black, J. H.			Click, W. H.	1872
" Viola			Click-Duncan Martha	1872
" Pearl			" William	1872
" Mattie			" George	1872
Bean, Jasper			Crownover, Sister A. H.	1872
Bell, Charlie			Cavinder, Sarah	1872
Bustin, Tom			Culberson, Sister E. J.	1872
" Annie			Cavinder, L. J.	1872
Bell, Chester Lee			Cameron, Finley	1873
Bustin, Martin			Click, Martha, Sr.	1873

Caldwell, William	1874	Christal, Edith	
" Maggie	1874	Calhoun, Mrs. Maggie	
Capt, Sister M. L.	1879	" Lenora	
Christal, R.	1881	Christal, Anna	
" M. J. (Mrs. R.)	1881	Campbell, Jim	
" M. J.	1881	" G. A.	
" W. R.	1881	Courtney, James	
Cramey, Sarah E.	1884	" Mrs. Hortense	
Click, J. E.		" Edwin	
Christal, Stephen R.		Degman, Jabez C.	1857
" Silas G.		Davis, E.	1858
" Thomas T.		Dollahite, James	1860
Cameron, Mike		" Martha	1860
Christal, Martha (Kittie)		" J. C.	1868
Canwrerl, Lise		" Martha	1868
Christal-Puryear Susan		Dogen, E. W.	1869
Corbett, Mrs. Mary		" Victory E.	1869
Crumley, Calvin		Dollahite, J. C.	1869
Cook, Willie		" Martha	1869
Christal-Byram Nova		Dennis, Tilman	1871
Cook, Emma		" Sister L.	1871
Crumley, Willie		Duncan, Melinda A.	1871
Christal, Charles H.		Dennis, David	1871
" W. R.		Duncan, W. B.	1871
Crumley, L. E. (Sister)		" Collins	1871
Crumley, Mattie A.		Dollahite, J. C.	1871
Crumley, Sister		Denron, Rachel	1872
Christal, Stella		Dollahite, Sister F.	1872
Calhoun, Rev. W. H.		Duncan, Martha	1872
Cameron, Nancy		" Owens	1872
Corbett, H. W.		Dennis, Mattie	1872
Calhoun, J. W.		Duncan, L. C.	1873
Christal, Mrs. S. R.		Dennic, Rachel	1873
" Joe		Duncan, L. L.	1873
" Walter		" Thomas	1874
" Clark		" Terrissa	1874
" Annie		Daniels, John	1874
" Verda		Duncan, Columbus	1874
Corbett, Thomas		" Jas.	1874
Christal, Sadie		Deniss, Ellen	1881
" Mrs. Emma		Daniels, John	1880
Cox, Willis		Dod, Sister M. A. (Mary A.)	1884
Clayton, Howell		Daniel, J. B.	1871
Christal, Mack		Downing, Bro.	
" Otis (Odie)		Downing, Sister	
" Willie Ray		Dority, Rebekah	
Crumley, Delbert		Dorris, Maggie	
Christal, Role		Daugherty, Bro	1884
Campbell, G. Wiley		Duncan-Parker, Mrs. O. A.	
" Ruth		Daniel, Susan	
" Jimmie		Duncan, J. C.	
Christal, Jesse		" Rachel	
" Woodrow		" George L.	
" Frank		" Oscar	
" James Calvin		" Grace	
Campbell, Henry		Duncan-Crumley, Gertrude	
Calhoun, Mr.			



Davis, Mrs. Lucy		Hallford, Milissa	1856
Duncan, Ben		" Andrew J.	1856
" Albert		" Rachel M.	1856
Elliott, J. B.	1860	" John H., Jr.	1856
Elledge, Hasseletine	1857	" Jess R.	1856
Elliott, Ann	1857	" Rebecca E.	1857
Edwards, J. J.	1871	" Jasper N.	1857
Foster, B. J.	1860	" Nancy S.	1857
Forde, Sallie	1872	Hurse, Charlotte	1859
Fielder, Sister	1881	Hallford, Mary J.	1860
Furgeson, Sarah E.	1857	Hensly, Sissly	1861
Frietson, Lizzie	1885	Hogwood, J. N.	1865
Gibson, Bluford M. (Blu)	1856	Hallford, J. N.	1868
" Nancy	1856	Hallford, John H., Jr.	1868
Guess or Gess, Moses	1857	Hallford, Mary J.	1868
Glascoock, Lemon	1857	" Sarah	1868
Good-Allen, Martha	1857	Hancock, Martha	1868
Glascoock, George	1857	Heissner, Francis	1868
Gillispie, Sarah	1857	Hancock, J. B.	1869
Guess, Mary	1859	" Sarah F.	1869
Gregsby, Eliza	1861	Henly, Jane	
Grumbles, Margaret	1865	Hogwood, John	1870
Glasscock, A. J.	1868	Herrington, James W.	1871
Grumbles, Nanova	1885	Harris, E.	1871
" Caroline	1885	" J. L.	1871
Gillespie, Evaline		Head, Sister	1873
Green, William	1871	Hallford, Sister E. M.	1873
" Marinda	1871	Harrington, Helen	1875
" Emma	1871	Hallford, B. F.	1876
" Sister Q. A.	1871	" J. T.	1876
Grumbles, Martha Ann	1871	Hill W. H.	1877
" Mary Jane	1871	Hoytt, Sister Ann C.	1880
Green, John	1871	Higdon, Sister S. J.	1884
Galloway, Rev.	1872	" J. J. C.	1884
Galloway, Sister	1872	" Sister M. Z.	1884
Grumbles, William	1872	" Sister R. H.	1884
Golden, Mary	1873	Hallford, Jane	1857
Green, Sister S. M.	1881	Harrington, J. W.	
" John	1881	Hudson, Click	
" Mrs. John (Q.A.)	1881	Hynes, Mrs. Cassie	
Good, John	1857	Harkins, A. A.	
" Bro. Lee		Hopkins, Jack	
Gagnon, Medard (M.D.)	1886	" Fay	
" Mary E.	1886	" Minnie	
Gagnon-Duncan Rosa		Ireland, John, Sr.	
Gandy-Stringer, Eliza		" Bessie	
Glasscock, F. M.		" John, Jr.	
Giddings, Mrs. Mary		Ireland-Christal, Agnes	
" E. F.		Ireland, George	
Giddings-Christal, Ruby		Ireland-Kemp, Fannie	
Giddings, Miss Lee		Ireland, Sophia	
Hallford, James P.	1856	" Eva	
" Sarah	1856	Jolly, Rev. William	1860
" John H., Sr.	1856	" Mrs. A. E.	1860
		Johnson, Bro. Jessie	
		" Sister R. W. (Rebecca)	

Jones-Echols, Maggie		Medlin, Hall		1856
Johnson, Nancy		" Catherine		1856
Jones, Mattie		Malone, Perry		1856
" Lula		Medlin, Isaac		1857
Justice-Christal, Annie		Malone, Margaret J.		1857
Justice, Estella		Marshall, James		1857
" D. T.		Medlin, Elizabeth		1858
		Moore, Harriett E.		1858
Kirchner, Martha	1858	Marshall, Martha J.		1858
Kelly, Henry W.	1870	Moore, L.		1858
Kemp, Willie		Medlin, Catherine		1859
" Elbert		" Jarret		1859
" Minnie Belle		Moore, Mary		1860
" Mrs. Laura		Mays, J. M.		1861
" Tom		Medlin, Hall		1867
" Alta May		" Catherine		1867
		Mills, Mary		1868
Lawson, William	1857	Malone, Mary	ante	1885
Long, Thomas	1857	" Ann E.	"	1885
" Robert	1857	Mills, Emma		1871
" Nancy	1857	Murphy, Hannah		1872
" Mary	1857	" Martha J.		1873
Latty, James	1861	" Elizabeth		1873
" Catherine	1861	May, Abram		1873
Lewis, Harrison	1862	" Thomas		1873
Lacky, William	1865	Myers, J. M.		1874
" Susan	1865	Milam, T. T.		1878
Laughlin, R. L.	1860	" Liz		1878
Lee, Bro.	1869	Malone, Emma		1880
Lawson, McKinney	1870	Minchie, Sister S. E.		1881
" Mrs. C. J.	1870	Meek, Sister S.		1881
" Bro. A. M.	1871	Morrow, J. X. H.		1884
" Wm. H.	1871	" Della		1884
Leag, Caroline	1871	" Eliza C.		
Lawson, McDonald	1871	Milam, B.		1883
Lyons, J. J.	1872	" Mrs. B.		1883
Long, Margaret	1873	" George		1883
Leag, Luara	1873	Mays, Sister S. B.		
Laughlin, Sister D. M.	1874	Miles, Andrew		
" Sister N.E.	1880	" Henry		
" J. N.	1881	" Jessie		
" W. A.	1881	Miles-Rowell, Ella		
Lawrence, J. B.	1883	Miles, Sister		
" Sister M. E.	1883	" Tom W.		
Lawson, E. A.	1884	Mays, Mrs. Jessie		
" Sister M. J.	1884	Madox, Buford		
Lawrence, M. N.	1884	Mays, G. R.		
" Guss	1884	Miles, Gladys		
Laughlin, Sister R. M.	1881	Maxey, Jessie		
Lawson, E. E.	1873	" Tommie		
Lee, Bro.	1879	Miles, Caroline		
Lawrence, Susan E.	1886	" Felix		
" Sally	1886	Maxey, Alfred		
" Lena		" Edith		
Langston, Luther		" Monroe		
" Annie		" Mrs. Tom		

McKinney, Francis	1857	Pinkston, Mary	1874
McCowan, Martha	1865	Pearson, Bro. E.	1877
McCrane, Martha	ante 1885	Petrick, Sister S. E.	1884
" Caroline	" 1885	Pickens, Robert	1857
McWilliams, William	1870	Pearson, Elihu	1870
" Mary A.	1871	Powell, Norma	
McMillion, Sallie	1884	Patton, Rhonda	
McCowan, William		Parker, A. J. Rev.	
" Sister P. B.		" C. T.	
" Bro. M. T.		Portor, R. B.	
" Lewis		Parker, Nora	
McClure, Bro. Hugh		Pruett, Bro.	
" Sister		" Sister	
McCowan, Henry		Patton, T. G.	
" Dora		" Mary	
McCall		" Lonnie	
McCowan, Alva		" Wiley	
		" Lottie	
Nichols, S. A.	1857	Patterson, Jewell	
" Jacob	1857	Palvado-Christal, Easter Bell	
Needham, Elizabeth	1861	Palvado, Merle	
Norwood, William	1871	" Wallace Lee	
Nichols, J. D.	1872	Pyland, Charles	
" Olive M.	1873	Piper, L. John	
" Polly A.	1873	" W. L.	
		" Mrs. Laura	
Oldham, Nancy	1868	" Mrs. Ollia	
Oldham-Tucker, Frances	1868		
Ochs-Sweeden-Rolen, Caroline	1869	Rambo, R. J.	1856
		" Ann C.	1856
Oldham, Mollie	1869	Powell, Calvin	1857
Oldham-Lawson, Ada	1872	Rowell, Louisa	1857
Oldham, N. S.	1884	Robertson, Mary Ann	1861
Oldham, Nancy		Richerson, Henry	1861
" M. J.		Ruby, Sarah	1865
Oglesby, J. T.		Rucker, Martha W.	1868
		Rodgers, Nancy	1868
Pearson, Elihu	1857	Ragsdale, Mary	1870
" W. L.	1861	Roberts, Sister S. E. (Lizzie)	1871
Peel or Peal, Catherine	1861		
Pugh, James	1862	Robins, R.	1871
Peel or Peal, William	1865	Rowell, Mary	1871
Peel, Nancy	1871	Robins, Sister H.	1875
Pinkston, Matilda	1865	Rowell, Mc.	1881
" David	1865	Richie, Henry Clay	1884
Pearson, Smith	ante 1885	Rambo, Henry	1871
Pharrh, Bell	" 1885	Richie-Stubbs, Manervia	1859
" Caroline	" 1885	Rowell, J. F.	
Pickens, Joseph	1869	Richie, Ed.	
Potts, T. A.	1869	Roberson, Lola	
" Mary	1869	Roberson, Thomas	
Paschall, M. P.	1869	" Rena	
Prewitt, Hannah	1871	Rolen, T. J.	
Potts, Rev.	1872	" Sister N. C.	
Pitts, Charles	1872	Richie, James	
Pearson, William	1873	Roberson, Lucy	
" Winny	1873	" Lena	

Ross, Sister			
Reed, Mrs. Emma			
Rowell, Cecil			
Ruston, Alvin			
Ruston-Campbell, Lois			
Ruston, Bob			
" Ira			
" Mrs. Ida			
Ragland, Will			
" Novice			
" Roy			
" Lillie			
Ruston-Campbell, Gertie			
Ruston-Duncan, Bessie			
Ruston, Annie			
Ruston, John			
Smith, Samuel	1857		
" Evaline	1857		
Suggs, Jim C.	1857		
Stanley, Mary	1861		
Schmitt, Peter	1868		
" Catherine	1868		
Smith, John	1868		
" Ann	1868		
" Elizabeth	1868		
Stanley, Evaline	1872		
Smith, Robert	1870		
Schmitt, William	1871		
Stevens, Thomas	1871		
" Q. C.	1871		
Stevens, Ann Eliza	1871		
Smith, John R.	1871		
" James L.	1871		
" Monroe	1872		
Sanders, Elisha	1873		
Smith, Thomas	1872		
Smart, Lugania	1872		
Smith, Willis	1873		
Schmitt, Ellen	1873		
" William	1873		
Smith, John L.	1874		
Sanders, Bro. R. W.	1873		
Simmons, Sister	1877		
Short, Mary	1878		
Schmitt, Fannie	1879		
Slate, S. J.	1881		
Stubbs, Sister Manervia Richie	1881		
" Sister M. J.	1884		
Smith, Sister E.	1884		
Short, Mary	1884		
Stubbs, Thomas			
Smith, V. C.			
" Helen			
Schmitt, Sarah R.			
Strickland, J. A.			
Scott, Lear			
Stiles, Nany			
Stafford, C. H.			
" Bettie			
Scanlin, Tom			
Scott, Elmer			
Sanders, Willie			
Sweeden, Maggie			
Sanders, Sister Alta			
Short, Sister M. B.			
" Bro. R. B.			
" Cora			
Stringer, J. H.			
Stiles, R. M.			
" Ada			
Sanders, Stephen			
" Anna			
Scott, Maud			
Smith, W. M.			
" Sister Virginia			
" Leonord			
" Boyd			
" Kelly			
" Lester			
Stamp, Turner			
Spinks, Mrs. J. H.			
Spinks, Mandie			
Spinks-Maxey, Mabel			
Smithart, O. T.			
" Mrs. O. T.			
" Clyde			
" Edna			
Stubbs, Rev. O. V.			
" Mrs. Lonnie			
" Clauis			
" Wilton			
Sloan, Mat			
Thurman, Henry	1857		
Turner, George	1865		
" L. P.	1865		
" Permelia	1865		
Tally, Mary S.	1868		
Townsley, Susan	died		
" Jane	ante	1885	
" William A.	died	1875	
Tally, J. C.			
" S. E.	ante	1885	
" Rebecca			
Tally-Roberts, Lizzie	1869		
Townsley, C. C.	1869		
Townsend, William	1871		
" C. C.	1871		
" Mary	1871		
Townsley, Web	1871		
Tomberlin, J. M.	1872		
Tally, John	1873		

Townsley, J. W.	1873	Warren, George	1862
Townsend, Berry W.	1874	" Walker	1865
Taylor, Elder Elisha	1874	Williams, Thomas	1868
Townsley, Sister M. A.	1875	" Jamima	
Townsend, McD.	1876	Waldrop, Sarah	1870
" C. C.	1876	Walker, Charles	ante 1885
" Mary	1876	Wilson, Minia	" 1885
" McDonell	1876	" E. A.	1870
" William	1876	Wetmore, L. E.	1872
" C. C.	1881	Wilson, Walker	1875
" Mary	1881	" Mrs. C. E.	1884
Thornton, W. J.	1884	" J. B.	1884
" Sister M. J.	1884	Whittley, E. M.	1884
Tomberlin, J. M.	1884	" Sister M. A.	1884
" Sister J. A.	1884	Wear, J. A.	
" Sister S. R.	1884	Williamson, Alice	
" Sister E.	1884	Willson, Hill	
Townsend, D. W.	1884	" Hessie	
" James		" Mary	
" Sister R. H.		" Emma	
" Berry		Wheeler, Jack	
" F. M.		Whisnant, J. O.	
" Sarah		" Ben	
Townsley, Rebecca J.		" H. C.	
Tobberlin, Sister F. M.		Wilhelm, M. E. (Sister)	
Townsend, Sister M. E.		Weir, Mrs. Joe	
" Rebecca		Whisnant, Mary	
" J. W.		Willie, Edgar	
" Alma		" Henry	
" Ophelie		" Albert	
" Calvin		Walker, Mrs. Emma	
Townsley, D. W.			
Townsend, M. Z. (Maggie)		Willie, Clyde	
" Mary E.		" Viola	
" Pearl			
" Dee		Townsend, Katie Bell	
" Jim		Powell, Mrs. Viola	
" Mrs. L. C.		" Theodore	
Teague, Jess			
" Elsie		* * * * *	
" Rufus			
" Barbra			
Townsley, Rev. D. W.			
Townsend, Dollie			
" Henry			
" Maggie			
" Mattie			
" Francis			
Wade, Mary	1856		
" Sarah	1857		
" Tinsley D.	1857		
" Edmon	1859		
Walker, James	1861		
Woodward, W. H.	1861		
Wilson, A. J. Died	1865		
Wade, Elmon	1862		

## LIST of PASTORS

A. W. Elledge . . . . .	1857
M. J. Caperton . . . . .	1858-1859
W. Jolly . . . . .	1861
J. S. Abbott . . . . .	1862
William McCown . . . . .	1865-1867
J. C. Tally . . . . .	1868
F. A. Potts . . . . .	1869
J. C. Tally . . . . .	1869-1873
B. F. Conn (Supply) . . . . .	1874
J. C. Tally . . . . .	1874-1875
M. H. Bell (Blanco) . . . . .	1876
J. C. Tally . . . . .	1876
J. M. Wallace . . . . .	1877-1878
William McCown . . . . .	1879
J. M. Wallace . . . . .	1879-1881
Solon Bell (Blanco) . . . . .	1882
Ed Fouts . . . . .	1883
F. M. Walker . . . . .	1884-1885
C. B. Holis . . . . .	1886
F. M. Walker . . . . .	1886
J. M. Wallace . . . . .	1886
F. M. Walker . . . . .	1887
J. D. Stringer . . . . .	1888-1890
T. J. Fouts . . . . .	1890
A. J. Parker . . . . .	1891-1897
W. H. Calhoun . . . . .	1898
A. J. Parker . . . . .	1898
J. D. Stringer . . . . .	1899
Ed Milam . . . . .	1900
A. J. Parker . . . . .	1901
Henry Peal . . . . .	1901-1902
J. B. Milam . . . . .	1903-1904
No minutes in 1905	
Henry Peal . . . . .	1906
H. W. Corbett . . . . .	1906-1911
Henry Peal . . . . .	1911-1913
H. W. Corbett . . . . .	1914-1919
D. W. Townsley . . . . .	1920-1922
H. W. Corbett . . . . .	1923-1925
J. B. Milam . . . . .	1926
D. W. Townsley . . . . .	1927-1929
E. P. Kilburn . . . . .	1930
M. A. Gary (Missionary) . . . . .	1931-1932
O. V. Stubbs . . . . .	1932-1938
Ed Marshall . . . . .	1938-1939
Ben Puryear . . . . .	1939-1940
No Pastor	

## CHURCH CLERKS

Blu Gibson . . . . .	1856-1860
L. P. Glascock . . . . .	1861-63
Walker Wilson . . . . .	1864
George Turner . . . . .	1865
W. A. Townsley . . . . .	1867
J. N. Hallford . . . . .	1868
J. B. Brown . . . . .	1869-70
J. H. Hallford . . . . .	1870-76
William Schmitt . . . . .	1877
Peter Schmitt . . . . .	1877-79
John Green . . . . .	1880-81
George Click . . . . .	1881-82
J. B. Daniel . . . . .	1883-84
J. M. Tomberlin . . . . .	1885-88
G. H. Click . . . . .	1889
H. C. Richie . . . . .	1890
J. B. Lawrence . . . . .	1891-92
J. M. Tomberlin . . . . .	1892-93
J. W. Townsend . . . . .	1894-96
J. M. Tomberlin . . . . .	1897-98
W. H. Bishop . . . . .	1899
W. H. Corbett . . . . .	1900
R. M. Stiles . . . . .	1901-01
H. W. Corbett . . . . .	1903-05
John Ireland, Sr. . . . .	1906-36
Alta May Kemp . . . . .	1936 to date

## CHURCH HISTORY

In memory of the sacred dead, by whose lives and deeds, we have had bequeathed to us, a heritage that angels have and do rejoice in, We, the living, do hereby rededicate and reconsecrate our lives upon this, "The Eightieth Anniversary of Our Church History," that we may rise into the glory which shines from a noble and Godly Bequest, and thus reflect to posterity the beauty of Godliness as it has been preserved for us.

Therefore be it known to the living and handed down to posterity, that we have votively set this Holy Sabbath, the 18 of Oct., 1936, as a day of rejoicing and thanksgiving to God, in memory of His mercy and blessings bestowed upon those who love Him.

The original Barton Creek Church was organized on the 3rd Sunday of Oct., 1856 A. D.

Joseph Pickens was moderator and A. J. Halford was clerk of this new organization, which was composed of 17 members and named as follows: Hall Medlin, Catherine Medlin, James P. Hallford, John H. Hallford, Andrew J. Hallford (1st Clerk) Blu M. Gibson, Perry Malone, R. J. Rambo, Nancy Gibson, Ann E. Bradford, and Mary Wade, Sarah Hallford, John Hallford, Malissa Hallford, Rachel & Jesse Hallford & Ann C. Rambo.

At this meeting, a committee composed of James P. Hallford, John H. Hallford and Hall Medlin drew up and set into operation a decorum.

The first pastor called by this new institution was the Rev. A. W. Elledge who began serving in April of 1857. In July of this year the church met with the Austin Association and remained in that organization until 1871. At this time it joined the San Marcos Association by the name of Friendship, where it remained until the Pedernales Association was organized at Dripping Springs in Oct., 1874.

The church sent as delegates to this organization, Rev. J. C. Talley, L. J. Cavinder, J. H. Hallford, Jr., and Peter Schmitt. As a result of this action it became a member of the Pedernales Association. This membership was maintained until 1926 when it again entered the Austin Association, in 1932, where it yet is. For some reason between the years 1860 and 1870 there were two sections of the original Barton Creek Church operating. In April 1870 to offset the confusion caused by two churches operating under the same name, the group that is now the Friendship group agreed to call themselves Friendship, and began their operation in a south easterly direction.

In May of 1859 the original Barton Creek Church held a meeting in a schoolhouse on Slaughter Creek at what is known as the Hesner Place. In Mar. 1859, the Ordinance of Communion was instituted and was to be observed quarterly. The church petitioned the Austin Association in Sept. 1869 to print a part of the minutes in German and they were given a German Missionary.

About 1 1/2 miles from the Old Rock Church of Friendship, and in a southeasterly direction is located the old camp meeting grounds of Friendship church. Services began at this place in June of 1871.

Friendship had three branch churches or arms operating by 1871. They were Pickens Water Hole near Manchaca; Elm Grove, near Buda; and Ann Arbor, near Allen's Prairie, \_\_\_\_\_. By Sept. 1886 the church extended a fourth branch church or arm, to Oatmanville, now Oak Hill.

Some time in March of 1874, the Masonic Fraternity obtained permission from Friendship Church to build an upper story on the church house, and the Masonic Order operated from this point for a time. We find also in 1873 that the church was used as a public school building.

In July of 1874, a joint camp meeting was carried on at the Friendship Grounds. The participating churches were: Friendship, Mt. Pleasant and Mountain City. These three churches participated in another meeting, on the same site in 1875.

An active Sunday School was in operation in 1885, with Peter Schmitt as its Superintendent.

In 1895 Friendship held its first conference in the present Salem School house. Later in the year a revival was held at this place, and has been repeated each year since then, except in 1903. This year it was held at the Roch Church.

Friendship officially moved to Salem in 1903. At this time, the membership also agreed that the Saturday night service would be at



Bear Creek, (Salem School House) and the Sunday night services were to be at the Cedar Valley Science Hall School House, while the Sunday morning service was to be at the Friendship Church.

During the year, (1903) the Friendship group and the Salem membership blended into a new group and (Bear Creek School) Salem, was designated as the place for all the future meetings.

Friendship Church was built by John Roy, on the Hallford place now known as the Olley Place, in 1869. In 1871 Mr. Hallford deeded 2 1/2 acres of land, including the building to Friendship Church. Mr. J. L. Harris was chosen by the church to conclude this transaction with Mr. Hallford.

In Nov. 1897, the church gave a vote of thanks to J. F. Schmitt because of the beautiful pulpit he had constructed for their use. This piece of furniture has been removed from the church by some unknown party shortly after 1930.

The old rock building yet stands on its foundation as firmly as it did 68 years ago, in silent, yet bold relief, an inspiring history, that has as its authors a sturdy and Godly people who conquered earth's barriers, and thus won Heaven's Glory.

Information Committee:

Tom Kemp - Deacon

Mrs. Alta May Kemp - Clerk