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The Green Street Church Building Era (1870-1914)

In our record books, we find many names of people who were “received” or “admitted” into our church or the broader Church in the late-1800s and early-1900s. Our browsing in this issue continues with the year 1900.¹

1900: E. E.(?) Bennette,² Mrs. Rosa Bennette³; J. M. Bivens; Miss Hattie Brown; Miss Sallie Ellis; Mrs. Anna Lee Graham; H. N. Henson, Mrs. Laura Henson; D. H. Hadley, Mrs. Ella Hadley; Miss Lizzie Hudson, Miss Nola Hudson; J. F. Marshall, Mrs. J. F. Marshall; Miss Pearl Posery(?); H. C. Rutledge, Mrs. H. C. Rutledge, Robert Rutledge, Lin C. Rutledge; and J. H. Shoulders, baptized by J. W. Sheppard.⁴

1901: Milton C. Brown⁵, Mrs. Jennie Brown, and Miss Ova Brown; J. C. Graham; Miss Susie Harris; W. C. Johnson, Mrs. Cassie Johnson; Miss Mattie Montgomery; William M. Stewart; Miss Pearle Satterfield; Miss Lizzie Talbot; and Miss Lila Talbot.

(It was around the year 1901 that Harold LeRoy Olmstead attended Potter Bible College in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He was from Kansas and would meet Verna Sullivan at Potter.)

1902: Jasper Cooper⁶; Pauline Fisher Malone; and Mrs. Joe Laws.⁷

Also from the year 1902, we have financial records for February, March, and June. The February 1, 1902, record is a typed letter and reads as follows:

“Gallatin, Tennessee, February 1, 1902.

“Last year [1901] the Church of Christ, at Gallatin, did a noble work. Quite a number of people were added to the church. Eleven hundred and fifty dollars was contributed, being three hundred dollars more than the contributions the year before [1900]. We started in last year out of debt and with twenty dollars in the treasury. The above money was expended as follows: for having the Gospel preached here and elsewhere six hundred and twelve dollars; Charity, three hundred and thirty dollars; for song books and Sunday school supplies, seventy three dollars; for teaching singing, sixty dollars. The balance was spent for repairs, fuel and for taking care of the church house.

¹ This and subsequent issues will not consist entirely of name listings. I report the names from much of this era because our knowledge of this era seems to have been scant or nonexistent.

² Unless otherwise noted, all names in this list are from *Record of Members* book 1.

³ Frequently, it is unclear whether individuals with the same last name were related or not. Sometimes, context suggests so. Corroboration from other sources (marriage records, obituaries) could clarify relations.

⁴ J. H. Shoulders from *Record of Members* book 2.

⁵ Book 1 for this entire list.

⁶ Book 1 for Jasper Cooper and Pauline Malone.

⁷ Book 2.

“We start this year out of debt and we want to do more for Christ than in any previous year. But we cannot do this without your help. Please read I. Cor. 9:7-14; 1 Cor: 16:1-2; Gal:6-10; Acts: 20-35; 2 Cor: 9:6-7.

“Please read these scriptures and make up your mind that you are going to do more in helping to spread the Gospel this year than ever before. We take this as the quickest and best way to reach every member of the congregation.

“Signed:

J Net Turner,		B E Love,	
Harris Brown,		W M Gourley,	
L W Walker,	} Elders	John I Bryant,	} Deacons
D K Spillers,		J T Baskerville,	
Geo. E. Seay,		J F Marshall,	
H C Rutledge,		W Lee Oldham.	

L. S. White, Evangelist.

E. T. Seay, Sunday School Superintendent.

W. Lee Oldham, Assistant Superintendent.”⁸

The March 1, 1902, record is a hand-written financial report and reads as follows:

“March 1st 1902.

Short on Jan.	\$20.00
Expenses for Feb.	<u>90.00</u>
	\$110.00
Receipts for Feb.	<u>53.00</u>
Short to date,	<u>\$57.00</u>

“To those who are giving all they are able to give, Amen, and to those who are not will ask you to read the Fifth Chapter of Acts.”⁹

“D. K. Spillers (Clerk and Treasurer)”¹⁰

By June 1902, we read the following financial report:

“June 1st 1902.

Short on Jan. Feb. Mar. and April	\$58.50
Expenses for May	<u>92.00</u>
	\$150.50
Receipts for May	<u>88.00</u>
Short to date	<u>\$62.00</u>

“Please make your contributions as large as possible, we are falling behind, this should not be. Some are not doing their duty.

“D. K. Spillers (Clerk & Treasurer)”¹¹

⁸ Hard and digital copies on file with Daniel Gordon. Hard copy on file at Sumner County Archives.

⁹ I presume in reference to the account of Ananias and Sapphira!

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