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The Green Street Church Building Era (1870-1914)

As recounted in our history by Nannie Dunn Jones Draper and David Brown Parish:

“My [Nannie Dunn’s?] Mother and Father began going to the Church in 1906 soon after they married. . . .

“**Ruth Fields** was baptized in the old Church behind the Baptist Church in 1910. . . . There were 100 baptized at that time in the Church baptistry [sic].¹ . . .

“I was baptized in our present Church in 1914 but before that went with my Mother and Daddy to the old Church. My parents married in 1906 and Daddy was baptized in the old Church soon after they married.”

Regarding the baptism of Ruth Fields, our record books indicate that it took places in October of 1910 by L. S. White, our former minister. He had travelled from Dallas, TX, to Gallatin to preach a meeting here. I. C. Hoskins was our minister, and orchestrated the meeting.

The following people were added to our church in 1910:²

Mrs. Blue; Mrs. Katie Mai Baker; Sallie Love Bullock; Mr. Berne Cardwell, baptized “in tank at home”; Miss Bessie Chadwell; Miss Maud (?) Chadwell; W. B. Dunn, by letter from Charlestown, MO; Mrs. Annie Frigate (?); Miss Laura Frakes; Miss Lizzie Annie Gourley; Mrs. William Harness (husband listed 1909); Miss Nellie Howell; Miss Mary Howell; Miss Nellie Hunter; Mr. Si Love; Mrs. J. W. Lincoln; Mrs. Gennie McCarver; (Miss) Ruth McGee; (Miss) Bessie Rankin; Mrs. Frank Reed (Mr. Reed listed 1907); Omer (?) Reasover (?); (Miss) Alice Turner; Miss Bessie Watson; Miss Pauline Walker; and Miss Clara Watson.

The above were listed in the first of three sections in *Record of Members* book 1. The below were listed in the second and / or third section of the same book.

Miss Nellie Anderson; Mrs. N. G. Anderson; Miss Cecil Anderson; Mr. Charles Bruce; Greenberry Brown; Mrs. Mary Bruce; Mrs. Brizandine; Elizabeth Blanchard; James Nathan Bullock; Mrs. Bowles; Margaret Bruce; Miss Bessie Brown; Miss Mary Brown; Miss Katheran Bowls; Mr. William H. Bowls; Mr. J. O. Burton, Mrs. J. O. Burton; Mr. Brizendine (Mrs. Brizendine earlier in list); Hattie Braywell; Eugene Boone; Mr. Corrigan; Mrs. Cole; Mr. E. E. Chenault; Dr. Wateer (?) Dotson and Mrs. Wateer (?) Dotson; Mrs. (Dr.) Dorris; **Mr. A. C. Dobbins**³; Mrs. Robert Dennis; Miss Flora Dennis; Loyd Dobbins; Mrs. Sallie L. Fletcher;

¹ The correct spelling is “baptistry.” “sic” means that I retain, but acknowledge, a misspelling, or a different spelling.

² *Record of Members* book 1.

³ From whom we have an envelope stamped with the date March 1902 (pictured on the back of this page.)

Hortense Franklin; Hazel Freeman; Mrs. Ed Hughes; Mrs. C. N. Hughes; Mrs. J. Miller Harris; J. Will Hile; Mrs. Julia Holt (?); Miss Janie Holt (?); Mrs. Laura Hullett; Sadie Johnson; Mrs. John W. Jones, Mr. John W. Jones; A. J. Jones; Turner Jones; Mr. J. W. Jones; Mrs. S. E. Jameson; Mrs. William M. Jones, Mr. William M. Jones; Mrs. Susie Lee; Katie Lee; Mr. Arden (?) McCarver; Mrs. Montgomery; Miss Willie McGee; Miss Willie Magers; Fannie Penn; Mrs. Sam Puckett; Mr. James Pearson; Mrs.

Frank Reed; Miss Lizzie Lee Sorey; Mr. J. W. Stone; Mrs. Minnie Suddarth; Mrs. William Smith, Mr. William Smith; Mr. James Phelps Sorey; Mrs. Hattie Terry; Mr. John Terry; Mr. Tom Wells, Sr.; Mrs. W. F. Watson; Charles Wallace; Miss Mattie Working; Miss Georgie Underwood; and Mrs. Underwood.

Some of these may have been added at various points in 1910, but many of them were added as a result of the Fall 1910 meeting with Lloyd Smith White. As Nannie Dunn recounted, there were 100 people baptized at that time. News of this meeting made it onto the first page of the *Sumner County News* on October 27, 1910:

“Meeting Closes

“Five years ago, Elder L. S. White was called to the First Chistian [sic] Church in Dallas, Texas. He had preached for the Christian Church here for seven years [1899-1905], and had a host of friends who deeply regretted his leaving Gallatin. Since that time, he has been repeatedly invited back to hold a meeting, but could not come until this Fall. Elder I. C. Hoskins, the present Minister for this church, had led the church to make such preparation for the meeting. He worked hard through it all. The meeting began the eleventh of September, and closed last Sunday night, after continueing [sic] forty-three consectutive [sic] days. The interest was good from the beginning, but grew till the close. There was not a ‘blue’ service in the entire meeting. The last night of the meeting, after all the standing room was occupied, the ushers had to close the doors, and turn away a great many people. There were one hundred and three additions to the church. More than fifty of these were heads of families. Five of them were old Confederate soldiers. It can be truly said that this is the greatest meeting ever held in Gallatin in all its history. Elder White did all the preaching, and was not hoarse at any time, neither did his voice become husky.

“He carries with him the good will of all the Gallatin people. His preaching was on a high plane, and the entire surrounding country was benefited by the influences of the meeting. No preacher ever lived in Gallatin who had more friends than Elder White. It was interesting to see more than a hundred children gather around him to tell him goodbye, and ask him to come back, besides hundreds of others who did likewise. He left Monday for his home in Dallas, and carried with him the love and good wishes of the people of Gallatin, who will always welcome him back.”

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This meeting would have been considered successful in its own right. However, earlier in the year, we had purchased property on East Main for a new building. The new property, the building plans, and the successful meeting must have generated contagious momentum for us.

