

Homecoming  *and Revival*

July 7 - 10, 1996

Homecoming: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday, July 7th

Revival: 7:30 each evening
Mon. - Wed., July 8 - 10



Guest Evangelist
Mike Duffer
Wheatland, Indiana

Public Fork Christian Church

Route 92, two miles west of Barnes Junction

D. M. Fritz, Evangelist

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No Name But Christian ... No Creed But Christ ... No Book But The Bible

PUBLIC FORK CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Est. 1921

--EVANGELIST--

D.M. Fritz

--ELDERS--

*James Broughman
Norman Hudgins*

--DEACONS--

*John Duffer
Henry Fitz
Billy Garland*

*John Griles
A.G. Jones
Grover Lacks*

*Paul Loftis
Ray Rickman
Sammy Wilmoth*

--TREASURER--

Ken Haskett

--PIANIST & CHOIR DIRECTOR--

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MINUTES OF THE FIRST BUSINESS MEETING OF PUBLIC FORK CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

PUBLIC FORK CHRISTIAN CHURCH
April 10, 1921

The Public Fork people met in the old store house at J.J. Jones at 7:30 P.M. according to appointment for the purpose of organizing a congregation to be known as the Public Fork Christian Church. The session being The Jerusalem Church. After the sermon by Bro. J.L. McKenney the invitation was extended, the following men and women came forward and their names were entered as charter members:

A.F. Shelton, Harry H. Shelton, Willard Shelton (These three were from Richmond Third Church).

Mr. & Mrs. J.J. Jones, Mr. & Mrs. J.L. Jones, Mr. & Mrs. H.A. Jones, J.W. Jones, A.F. Jones, George H. Fitz, R.D. Fitz, Mrs. D.B. Holloway, Mrs. J.W. Burks, Mr. & Mrs. D.L. Clements and Mr. & Mrs. I.N. Toombs.

After which the following officers were elected and set apart by special prayer for their general duties.

A.F. Shelton and D.L. Clements as Elders

Lewis Jones, J.F. Duffy, I.N. Toombs as Deacons

Adjourned. Prayer by Brother J.L. McKenney.

A.F. Shelton, Clerk

MINUTES OF SECOND BUSINESS MEETING.

PUBLIC FORK CHRISTIAN CHURCH
April 17, 1921

The Public Fork Christian Church closed its first series of meetings at 7:30 P.M. held in the old store house at Brother J.J. Jones.

The following men and women were added to the Church in the past week by confession, baptism and statement:

Mr. & Mrs. J.L. Jones, J.F. Duffy, Mrs. A.E. Toombs, Mrs. H.M. Toombs, Mr. & Mrs. A.H. Watts, Willie Jones, Mr. & Mrs. L.J. Toombs, Mrs. W.T. Evans, Miss Odell Carden, Miss E. Scott Daniel, B.G. Smith, C.A. Boswell, Sterling Holloway, John Holloway, Mr. & Mrs. Belt Cook, F.A. Daniel, Miss Florence Jones, Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Guthrie, Mrs. Joseph Griles, Mrs.

F.P. Cook, Mrs. Herman Tharp, S.H. Smith, S.A. Tharp, Mr. & Mrs. T.A. Tharp

The Church called Brother J.L. McKenney to preach for us.

With \$10.00 as a minium salary for each month.

Adjourned by prayer.

Rejoicing over the great blessing.

A.F. Shelton, Clerk

P.S. Wanted services third Sunday in each month.

PUBLIC FORK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

May 15, 1921

After sermon by J.L. McKenney the Church went into business session. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Under the head of new business Brother J. Louis Jones placed in nomination for Trustee of the Public Fork Christian Church the following men:

A.Fox Shelton, D.L. Clements, and L.J. Toombs

They were elected.

The Trustees took their business in hand and the Building Committee having contracted to have one acre of land of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Daniel on the road near Public Fork Schoolhouse on the east side half mile east.

With Mr. & Mrs. Daniel and the Trustees went to Charlotte Court House and had deed transferred from Mr. & Mrs. Daniel to Trustees named above and the Court recognized A.F. Shelton, D.L. Clement and L.J. Toombs as Trustees and appointed same.

This May 9, 1921 whereupon the Building Committee proceeded to have a well put down and the lumber gathered together to erect a Church building.

A.F. Sheldon,
Clerk

Here is another item which may be of interest to you: It is a letter of appeal written by Brother A.F. Shelton and dated Aug. 6, '92'.

Red Oak, Va.

Aug. 6, 1921

An appeal to the Brotherhood.

On the tenth day of April 1921 we succeeded in organizing a Christian Church with forty members to be known as the Public Fork Christian Church, located in Charlotte County Va. This is the first Christian Church to be organized in this county as far as we know. (Later we learned of Ontario Christian).

We have purchased and paid for the building site. And our Building Committee has the money with which to pay for the rough material, framing etc. for the building.

Now we must appeal to you for help in order to finish the building and equip it for service.

Three years ago we were unknown, when the writer came to this section, working with the Baptists, Presbyterians, Methodists etc. Finally I was asked to get one of our preachers to conduct a meeting at this place. I secured the services of Brother John L. McKenney of Lynchburg, Va. and his work was most effective. The old time religion took effect, and Brother McKenney baptized sixteen men and women. Among them were three Catholics, three Methodists, two Presbyterians and eight on confession.

And now we need your help; give us what you can with the assurance that it will be thankfully received and judiciously used in the furtherance of the cause of Christ, in the establishment of the House of God, in which His people can worship.

Send all contributions to A.F. Shelton, Red Oak, Va. and he will promptly acknowledge your offering.

Yours in Christ,

Bro. A.F. Shelton

Chairman of Building Committee

As you can see the building was completed and furnished.

A frame structure was built in 1922. The building was remodeled in 1952 and an Educational addition was added in 1966.

A Parsonage was erected adjacent to the Church building in 1953.

The following Ministers have served the Public Fork Christian Church:

Mr. J.L. McKenney

Mr. Alvin Reynolds

Mr. Myles Austin

Mr. J.A. Love

Mr. Emerson Brokar

Mr. H. Jackson Darst

Mr. Robert Furgeson

Mr. Dana Hunt

Mr. Earl Spring

Mr. Russell Smith

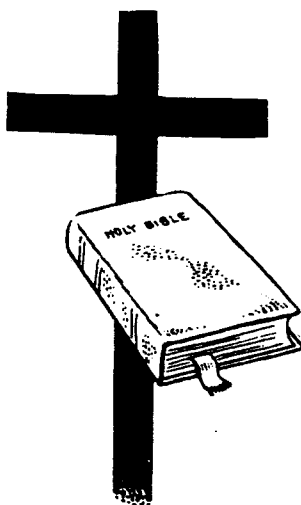
Mr. Clifton McLawhorn

Mr. Billy H. Smithwick

Mr. Steve Kirkland

Mr. Porter Riner

Mr. Denis M. Fritz



75th
HOMECOMING
July 7, 1996

10:00 A.M. -- Down memory lane, a time to reminisce, with former Preachers and others who have some memorable experiences to share about years past at Public Fork.

MORNING WORSHIP HOUR

Call to Worship	Choir
Invocation & Welcome	D.M. Fritz
Hymn of Praise -----	542
Prayer Hymn -----	493
Prayer	Jack Griles
Communion Hymn -----	202
Meditation & Prayer	
Presentation of our Tithes & Offerings	
The Doxology	
Special Music	Choir
Message From God's Word	Mike Duffer
Hymn of Invitation -----	341
Announcements	
Benediction	Ken Haskett
Homecoming meal served	



This space would be wasted,
But since I have tasted
The joys of God's wonderful Grace,
It shall tell you the story
How Christ from the Glory
Once died for this poor fallen race.
So much did He care
Your sins He did bear,
When He hung on dark Calvary's tree.
Now He lives evermore
And stands at your door,
Just waiting YOUR Saviour to be!

SING-N-CELEBRATE HOMECOMING

FEATURING

JACK GRILES and CAROL SUE MILLER

JIMMY WALKER

THE GOSPEL VOICES

MIKE and ELLEN HASKETT

THE PUBLIC FORK CHOIR

A Presentation by the
REID FAMILY

And Others ...

