

CHAPTER 7

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND METHODIST WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

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In 1876 Methodism was helping to shape a structure of formal christian education for American Protestant youth. The Sunday School movement had gained wide acceptance since Robert Raikes had gathered the children from the streets into his home for Sunday instructions in 1780. John Wesley had sensed the promise of the Sunday School plan immediately and had incorporated it into the Methodist program. The first Sunday School in America was established by Methodist preachers. The 1790 Conference in Charleston, South Carolina, had voted "To establish Sunday Schools in or near the place of worship" and have a proper school book to teach them learning and piety.

BIG SANDY DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION 1896

Big Sandy district Sunday School Convention of Boyd County Kentucky was called to order Sunday evening July 12, 1896. by J. M. Ferguson President of the County Sunday School Convention.

The election of officers and appointments of Committee being first in order.

P. P. Cyrus was elected president - Emma Stewart - was elected Secretary

the following Committee was appointed

Emma Wright - of Harvannah.	S. P.
Barney Wells of Mary Moore	S. P.
E. M. H. Hurdley of Hamwood	S. P.
R. F. Nunley of Bowling Chapel	S. P.
A. H. Rice of Cyrus Chapel	S. P.

This being a committee of one from each Sunday School in the district - known as the Big Sandy district - after finishing the above business the County president - gave some very interesting talk to the

Congregation concerning the benefit of the organization of the Sunday School workers into one body and going hand in hand together in the work and the benefit to be derived from the Sunday School meeting together in a convention and discussing the best mode of work, and he also recommended that the Committee appointed meet together and fix a day for the holding of district-convention, and prepare a suitable program

The meeting was then adjourned
 Emma Stewart - Secy

Big Sandy District Sunday School convention

Sept 4, 1898

Met at Whites Creek Union Chapel with a representation from all of the Sunday Schools in the District and a large congregation of people.

The convention was called to order by the District president and the following program was rendered in a very pleasing manner:

- 10 o'clock. Devotional exercise
Zachariah Nickolls
- 10.15 Roll call of schools and report from representatives
- 10.30 The interest and advancement of S.S. work in this District
P. P. Cyrus
Song - Congregation
- 10.45 Should teachers of public schools take an active part in S.S. work "and why?" Stephen Lewis
Misses. Beatrice Timney Corrie Scott and Feta Stewart.

11.4⁷ Experience - "What the S. S. has done for us," led by Wm. Chapman and Jasper Stratton. Discussion open for all.

Following this was a talk on the advancement and organization of the S. S. in Boyd County by our County president.

A collection of 75 cents was then taken to help keep Boyd a Banner county.

Bro. Ferguson then announced that Chadwick's Creek S. S. a Missionary Baptist. Sylvester Copley Supt would be added to the Big Sandy District at this meeting.

Closing Song

Benediction

The meeting then adjourned

Beatrice M. Penney, Sec.

Beaumont Primary

Chapel

Met at Navanough. Ky.

Sunday March 12 1905

for the purpose of Organizing a Sunday School

Officers Elected.

Bro. Ellis Clark - Supt.

Mrs. Beatrice Fryer - asst. Supt.

W. W. Ward - Secy.

Anna Newman - Treas.

C. Nancy Ford Organist

Classes Organized with Teachers and Scholars enrolled.

Senior Class. Ella Clark - Teacher

Intermediate. Beatrice Fryer - asst. T.

Primary. Mrs. J. M. Jones - Teacher

Sam Kendrick - asst. T.

#1 Lesson Paper. Mrs. W. W. Jones - Teacher

#2 " " Mrs. E. J. Smith - Teacher

" " W. J. Hawes - asst. Teacher

Newington, N. H. Aug 5, 1907.

Opening song: Story of his name
by Mr. [unclear]

Scripture lesson Luke 8:10-12

Golden text, And they all with
me consent began to make disciples
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Memorials	16		
Lesson No 1		8 p. 3	60.00
" " 2		8.00	9.00
" " 3		" "	3.00
" " 4		47.00	5.00
W. C. C.			25.00
" " 3			

Weather warm.

Closing song Pass me not.

Review by D. J. Black

Register of Officers.

Date of Election	NAME.	Office.	RESIDENCE.
Sept 1, 1911	Supt A. J. Harms	Supt	Buchanan Ky.
	Samuel D. Linney	Assist Supt.	Lockwood Ky.
	Pessie Luman	Society	Buchanan Ky.
	Mrs. J. B. Powell	Treas.	Lockwood Ky.
	Beatrice Linney	Teacher Bible class	" "
	Mrs. Chas. Chadwick	Teacher Int	" "
	Mrs. Burr Wright	Teacher Prim	" "
	At. Baker	Assist Teacher Bible class	" "
	Belle M. Soley	" "	Int
	Mrs. A. J. Harms	" "	Prim.
Elizabeth Crabtree	" Society	" "	

MEMORANDUM

April 1 1920 To July 1 1920

Mrs M M Hensley

adult class

names	no ser	no bats	vises	coll
Mrs M M Hensley	10	3	13	1.00
John Moore	12	1	2	1.10
Mrs J J Rice	11	1	5	.55
Maah Caswiler	2	11	1	.05
Sarah Alley	12	1	3	.84
Mrs R E Powell	5	8	3	.30
Mrs J M Finney	11	2	12	1.20
Mischaee J Davis	8	5	18	.45
Myrtle Turman	6	7	2	.18
Mrs Genevieve Paves	3	10	2	.30
Mary Moore	8	5	11	.53
Raymond Compton	3	11	2	.26
Mrs Robert Prichard	8	5	4	.40
Mrs J M Compton	1	12	7	.10
Ed. Albert Prichard	7	6	10	.55
Mrs J J Rice	6	7	1	.30
Best Caldwell	4	4	2	.04
Clark Dixon	31	8	21	.20
Sada Stewart	5	8	7	.20
George Shannon	6	7	4	.45
			Visitors offering	\$ 2.60
Total			247	\$ 8.77

MEMORANDUM

April 1 1920 to July 1 1920

Miss B. M. Finney

names	no s. pr	intermediate class	no s. pr	no s. pr	coll.
Miss B. M. Finney	13	77	115	148	
Grace Davis	5	9	18	18	
Lucy Lakin	11	2	30	29	
Nessie Wright	13	7	33	44	
James Moore	11	2	4	55	
Virginia Turman	5	8	24	41	
Howard Turman	11	2	33	38	
Walter Turman	10	3	12	30	
James Compton	3	10	1	15	
Bill Hall	2	11	24	10	
Luzie Vandorn	7	6	59	27	
Alice Hall	3	10	24	27	
Lucille Heberlin	3	10	5	18	
Visitors offering					50
Total				311	472

Total verses for all four classes = 1150
 Total collection for all four classes = \$19.49

MEMORANDUM

April 1 1920 to June 1 1920

Mrs B. F. Wright

Name	no. J. J. J.	no. Photo	no. memo	Coll.
Mrs B. Wright	13	20	30	.80
Helen Webb	13	20	17	.27
Lyle Jones	9	4	9	.26
Laura Moore	12	1	20	.31
Wilket Davis	12	1	32	.16
Johnny Moore	11	2	14	.26
Elizabeth Boyd	2	11	5	.10
Lizbet Cornwell	1	12	1	.13
Charline Hensley	10	3	10	.25
Robert Cornwell	1	12	1	.11
Ruby Stewart	6	7	2	.05
Mary Adline Stewart	6	7	2	.08
Wilket Stewart	4	7	7	.05
Charlie Van horn	2	11	2	.02
Mildred Apalwanhan	1	11	2	.12
Ellene Callumell	6	7	9	.20
Richard Francis Moore	7	6	7	.16
Lena Herbelin	2	11	20	.61
Rebecca Hall	1	12	1	.05
		Visitors offering		.16
		Total	169	2.80

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD



EASTER EGG HUNT



SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER PROGRAM
May 1981

JULY 1962



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 1962

MARY FREECE, JANE FREECE, JEAN FREECE, BARBARA BALL, PAM BRYAN
GRIFFITH.

BACK ROW: JUDY KELLEY, JACKIE KELLEY.

MRS. HARDWICK MADE THE GRADUATION CAPS.

Kavanaugh School

No information is available as to the date Kavanaugh School District was organized and the first school building was erected therein. It seems feasible, however, that the Kavanaugh School building that was abolished and demolished in the middle nineteen-fifties was not the original school building erected at Kavanaugh.

An isolated Attendance Report for Kavanaugh School for July 1885 lists an average attendance of 17, but for the month of August 1885 the average attendance had increased to 34, and for September 1885 had stabilized at 33. The report was signed by Prof. C. B. Stewart (Teacher of the School). Only the school months of July, August, and September were included in the Report. Significantly this could have indicated that the school term for Kavanaugh School for 1885 was only three months in length.

The pupils listed as being enrolled in Kavanaugh School during the school year 1885 were as follows: Lewis Faulkner, Willie Faulkner, Emma Faulkner, Joe Kendrick, Myrtie Turman, James Turman, Wade Turman, Sallie Turman, Cora Turman, James Turman (not a repeat of the above James Turman), Birdie Finney, Nannie Finney, Clara Powell, Burr Powell, Emma Turman, Leva McSurly, Clide Prichard, Mollie Finney, John Cornell, Tilden Pancake, Frank Lockand, Mary Kisner, Ida Kisner, Adie Becklekaneuer, Fanny Adams, Jink Baugh, Drusie Baugh, Fanny Slone, Sallie Slone, A. J. Faulkner,

Samuel Kisner, Sarah Franklin, Mary Franklin, Albert Spradling, William Duskins, Karen Duskins, Andrew Slone, Henry Saddler, Sam Turman, Martha Baugh, Willie Hilton, Benjamin Franklin, Samuel McSurly, Henry Franklin, Belle Black, Robert Prichard, and Annie Slone.

How long a Kavanaugh School building might have been in existence prior to 1885 (if at all) is unknown by this writer.

The next documented reference to Kavanaugh School was September 25, 1891. On this date the Ohio and Big Sandy Railroad Company (forerunners of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company) donated to Common School District No. 26 (Kavanaugh School District) a tract of land described as follows:

"Ohio and Big Sandy Railroad Co. to Common School District No. 26, for \$1.00. Parcel of land on Wrights Station on the Ohio and Big Sandy R. R. Beginning at a point 40 feet from the center of the railroad, on the west side of the R. R. in the line between Lewis Prichard's farm and the Joseph H. Wright farm, thence a southerly course parallel with said R. R. center line 100 (poles?) to a point 40 feet from said R. R. center line, thence at right angles to said last named line, a westerly course 90 feet, thence a northerly course a straight line 145 ft. to the aforesaid dividing line between Prichard and Wright's farm to a point 123 ft. west of the beginning corner, thence an easterly course with said dividing line 123 ft. to beginning. To use only as long as the same is used for school purposes."
 filed in Lawrence Co., Ky. Sept. 26, 1891
 filed in Boyd Co., Ky. Feb. 26, 1892

It seems feasible that on approximately the above mentioned date a schoolhouse was either erected on the newly-

donated site, or the Kavanaugh School building already in use was moved to the new site.

The next available reference to Kavanaugh School was the Minutes of the Boyd County Board of Education for September 18, 1908. On this date the Boyd County Board of Education entered into a contract with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, whereby the railroad company agreed to move the Kavanaugh schoolhouse back a distance of 35 feet for relocating it on a firm foundation; to grade the new playground thoroughly; to relocate the two "water closets," and to relocate the schoolground fences.

The agreement was signed by Superintendent O. K. Campbell on behalf of the School Board and by F. T. D. Wallace, Agent of the C & O.

Kavanaugh School was obviously named for the Kavanaugh Community, which in turn had been named for Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, a circuit minister, who preached many times in the lower Big Sandy Valley during the early nineteenth century. The Kavanaugh School building which was abandoned in the middle nineteen-fifties was a one-room frame building, always painted white (to the best of my knowledge). Originally the building was probably heated by a pot-belly wood and coal stove and had only natural lighting. In its later days, however, it was heated by natural gas and had electric lights.

No information is available as to the cost of con-

structing Kavanaugh School. However, a similar one-room school building constructed in 1908 cost the Board of Education \$619.00. Typical one-room teaching salaries during 1908 ranged from \$193.44 to \$327.30 per school year, depending upon the teachers' qualifications and years of teaching experience. The typical length of the school term of 1908 was six months, starting in late July and ending in late January.

Identified in the Kavanaugh School group for the year 1912 were the following: Isabelle Byrd (Nunley), Walter Turman, Delbert Prichard, Lotus Harris, Margie Cox, Virginia Turman, Mada Crabtree, Lizzie Crabtree, Hayse Carter, O. T. Carter, Lawrence Cornwell, Howard Turman, and Robert Turman.

Included in the Kavanaugh School group for the year 1926 were the following: Grace Davis (Teacher), Dudley Hall, Carl Hall, Rebecca Hall, Lewis Faulkner, Mary Faulkner, June Roberts, Gladys Roberts, Laura Moore, Laban Moore, Ruth Dixon, John Dixon, Mary Dixon, Ruby Stewart, Wilbur Stewart, Mary Stewart, Willard Nunley, Annabelle Nunley, Susie Hicks, Clifford Hicks, Delbert Hicks, Ivan Carter, Maggie Carter, Emma Carter, O. T. Carter, Helen Davis, and Paul Davis.

Some of the teachers at Kavanaugh School in years past were as follows:

1885	C. B. Stewart
1922-23	Lawrence Davis
1924-25	Grace Mabel Davis
1925-26	Grace Mabel Davis
1926-27	Mary Moore Davenport

1927-28	Anna Vanhorn
1928-29	Anna Vanhorn
1929-30	Mrs. L. M. Turman
1930-31	Lavurn Hall
1931-32	Lavurn Hall
1932-33	Ruby Stewart
1933-34	Ruby Stewart
1934-35	Ruby Stewart
1935-36	Ruby Stewart
1937-38	Florence Litman
1939-40	Julia Bryan Cooper
1941-42	Hattie Alexander

Kavanaugh School was discontinued in the nineteen-fifties when the enrollment dwindled to an impractical number, and the school building was torn down when the U. S. 23 Highway right of way was widened in the middle nineteen-fifties. The school children in the area were then transported to England Hill School until the opening of the new Durbin School in August 1958.

Written By Dr. William P. Eidson



Kavanaugh 1932-33 - My first attempt -

METHODIST WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

In 1878 the Methodist Episcopal Church South formed the Women's Missionary Society. It was changed to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in 1894.

In 1939 after the merger of the two Methodist Churches the name was the Woman's Society of Christian Service (WSCS). The 1968 merger changed the organization name to the United Methodist Women.