

**BUFFALO VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH –  
PART 1 BUFFALO VALLEY, TN (#57)**

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Pg. 18: The Buffalo Valley Presbyterian Church was organized by Rev. John R. Herndon, a home missionary of Nashville, on Oct. 15, 1894. Wirt Jared, who was only twenty years old, was elected and ordained as a Ruling Elder and Clerk of the Session. Jesse Pullum and Stephen A. D. Smith were installed as Elders. Charter members were Monticella Jared, Wirt Jared, Hettie Paul Denny, Mrs. Barney Burch, Mr. & Mrs. Jess Rittenberry, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Love, Mrs. McDonald and daughters, Emma, Lucy, and Gertrude, Ura Farmer, Betty Pullum and daughters, Maud, Edith, and Elnora.

In 1895 the Tennessee Central Railroad Company donated a lot alongside the railroad track for a church house, which was financed jointly by Nashville Presbytery and local people. The building was dedicated in 1898 with the Rev. R. C. Read officiating. Others uniting with the church were: J. N. Maddux and family (Mrs. Maddux was ordained and installed as an elder), Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Smith, Mrs. and Mrs. Jesse Pullum, a son and daughter. In this time-frame the story was told that a minister from Nashville would ride the train to Buffalo Valley, preach a sermon, perhaps have a meal with someone, and then catch the westbound train back to Nashville. In 1901 Mr. Denham became pastor organizing the first Sunday School. The building was later sold and a new church was built about ¼ mile away. It was dedicated under the leadership of Rev. W. W. Patton.

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**BUFFALO VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CONGREGATION (#58)**

This picture, made in 1956-57 shows the people who attended the Buffalo Valley Presbyterian Church in the white frame building. The picture was made on the grounds belonging to the church.

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