

## **ENSOR BOTTOM CHURCH REACHES MILE STONE**

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Ensor Bottom Church of Putnam County reached a mile stone in its history with the final Payment on their building recently.

Five years ago the people of the Ensor Bottom community 4 miles south of Baxter decided that a Union church house would be an asset to them. Richard West, and wife deeded about one acre of land for the above purpose; those that were interested in this project donated money, and labor. After they got the walls two thirds done they ran out of funds.

Shortly afterwards Rev. James T. Hooten from Greene County conducted a 5 night revival in the School House and during this time a business meeting was called and during which it was agreed that if the Church of God would furnish the money to finish the building the property would be deeded to the church. Rev. Hooten, Ira Nabors, and Arnold Allison were elected Trustees, and they proceeded to borrow \$1000.00 from the laymen of the Church of God at Anderson, IN. Arnold Allison was employed to oversee the completion of the building.

The people donated more money, and labor and in due time was ready for service including wiring for electricity, benches, pulpit etc: with a sign in front, Elmer Langford Cookeville lawyer was a contributing factor to their success in giving his time, and legal advice.

James Hooten was chosen for their first pastor. A Sunday School and Young People's meeting were organized and regular prayer meeting, and preaching followed. In a business meeting held Jan. 1 the desired amount of money was raised to meet the last payment on the loan. Odis Boyd, Mr. Lamb, and Mr. Williams were elected trustees. Bradie Reed is now the pastor. The congregation is optimistic for the future, and extends a hearty welcome to every one.

\*This church was also called 'Wayside Chapel'.

\*Read more about the History of Putnam County, TN and their churches at:

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