Gallup:
A History of a Community and Church

Calvary Baptist Church

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Colonel George W. Gallup

George Gallup was born in Auburn, New York on October 12, 1828. At an early age he attended the common schools of Albany, and afterwards the Auroa Academy and graduated from Central College.

In 1840 he began to study law at Burlington, Ohio, and in 1850 he relocated to Louisa, Kentucky and continued his chosen profession with the Honorable L.T. Moore as a practicing attorney. He married Miss Rebecca Moore about the same time he moved to Louisa. He continued his law partnership with the Honorable L.T. Moore until the Civil War broke out. In 1861 he enlisted as a private in the 14th Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, USA and worked to recruit men into the regiment.

On November 8, 1861 he was appointed Quartermaster with the rank of 1st Lieutenant. In May, 1862 he was appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the regiment. He was by special order appointed to duty as Chief of Staff to General George W. Morgan (before the capture of the Cumberland Gap).

In May of 1864 now Col. Gallup was ordered, with his regiment, to report to General William Tecumseh Sherman in Georgia and was assigned for duty with the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division, of the 23rd Army Corps.

After the fall of Atlanta and the reorganization of Gen. Sherman's army, Col. Gallup was placed in command of the 1st Brigade, 2nd Division of the 23rd Army Corps, which he
commanded until November 1864 when he, along with his regiment, was ordered back to Kentucky. In Kentucky he assumed commanded until he was mustered out of service on January 31, 1865, by reason of expiration of the term of service of his regiment. About that time he received the appointment of Brevet Brigadier General of the U.S. Volunteers, but as the war was virtually ended, he did not enter active service again.

Upon returning to Kentucky at the end of the War, he bivouacked in a corn field owned by G.C. McClure. He and his regiment fed themselves and their horses with "borrowed" corn and chickens from local farms. Col. Gallup ensured that his regiment repaid for all that was taken. When the railroad was built, G.C. McClure, asked that it be named Gallup after Col. George Gallup.

At the battle of New Hope Church in Georgia, under the command of Gen. Sherman, Col. Gallup displayed daring courage and military skill. His regiment stubbornly resisted the advance of the enemy. This prompted General Joseph Hooker (known as "Fighting Joe") to declare, "I could take 100 such regiments as the 14th Kentucky, led by such men as Col. Gallup, and capture Richmond or Washington City."

Col. Gallup later settled in Catlettsburg and died on December 31, 1880, at the age of 52 years.
The Chapmans first migrated from England to Connecticut and some time later to Charles County, Maryland. Eventually the Chapmans came to Charles County, Virginia.

Two cousins, William Chapman, who married a Burgess, and George Chapman, who married a Clay, came to the Big Sandy region prior to 1810 along with a group of others.

The group included Joseph Peck, 35 and his wife, Elizabeth Chapman Peck; Rebecca and George (their children); Elizabeth's father-in-law George Chapman. The land lying between Torchlight and the mouth of Contrary Creek was given to George Chapman.

Soon, more people began to come. Among them were William McClure, who was married to Loucretia Chapman McClure. They decided to build a home on what is now the Hardin farm. The community begin to flourish. Families lived not only on the east side of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, but the community also included what was once known as the "Doc" Burgess farm on the west side of the River.

The "Doc" Burgess farm is now the Riverview Memorial Gardens, a cemetery, located on U.S. Highway 23 south of Louisa.

On May 9, 2012, the "Doc" (Dr. Francis Elam) Burgess farm and home was razed. A tornado devastated the Gallup-Chapman areas on both sides of the River on March 3, 2012. The tornado that ripped through Charley area on the west side of U.S. HWY 23 along KY HWY 1760, killing two persons.
The tornado of March 2012 also damaged many other areas of Lawrence County including homes in Louisa. The damage to the "Doc" Burgess home was beyond repair. The home had stood for nearly 170 years on the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River.

![The "Doc" Burgess House in April 2004](image)

David and Jennie (Graham) Garred, originally from Monroe County, Virginia first settled on the Burgess property around 1820 and built a log house where they raised three sons and eight daughters. David and Jennie are buried in a stone vault near the property.

![Riverview Memorial Gardens - Construction 2013](image)
The first school was organized in a log building on the Joe McClure farm where the lock house would later stand. George Peck and George McClure went to school there. The school books consisted of the Bible Boy's Psalm Book and a Speller arranged in syllables. Students were taught to spell by pronouncing each syllable as spelled.

After about 20 years the school was torn down and moved to the east bank of the river.

More pioneers settled at the mouth of Contrary. The Chapmans settled on Griffin Creek. The Shannons and Neddie Miller settled on the Burgess and Barton farms. Several of the Spouldings and Shannons, along with Patience Clay Chapman, said to be the sister of Kentucky statesmen Henry Clay, are buried on the Burgess Farm.
In about 1860 a store boat stopped at the mouth of Griffin Creek and after selling goods there for about five or six years, George Ed Chapman built a store. George Chapman married Rebecca Dobbins, daughter of Johnny Dobbins.

Expected commerce, consisting of 175,000 tons per year, of timber, cross-ties, and agricultural goods prompted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to recommend the construction of the Lock and Dam No. 1 on the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River at Chapman, KY. The estimated cost was $250,000. The lock provided a minimum 6 foot draft for navigation from the Chapman, KY to the Ohio River (a distance of 36 river miles).

Construction of the Chapman Lock and Dam (1906-1907)

The Lock was in operation by 1909. Although construction went swiftly, coal mining had stimulated the growth of the railroad. "The wealth of the Big Sandy is not now in its farms and timber, but in its coal" declared Benjamin
F. Thomas, Assistant Engineer for the Corps of Engineers' Big Sandy Project, in his report to Congress 1898.

Before the Chapman Lock became operational, the Norfolk and Western Railroad had already been completed along the Tug Fork and the Ohio Railroad been built along the Levisa Fork into Pikeville.

Rafting on the Tug and Levisa Forks continued somewhat but the Locks on both tributaries of the Big Sandy River were not feasible.

In 1912, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Cincinnati District Engineer, Major Lewis H. Rand, requested authority to shut the Big Sandy River locks and dams down permanently. According to his report, there was virtually no traffic on the River. It was said that all the lock operators were doing were opening the lock gates occasionally to lock sand down the river.

A board of engineers met in Catlettsburg, KY in 1912 to investigate Major Rand's report. The board reported that though the Big Sandy River and its tributaries had merit for success due to the coal industry, the river conditions were unfavorable for locks and dams, and the cost of building up the coalfields would probably exceed the benefits generated.

The Big Sandy Project ended in 1914 although active support remained for another 50 years for extending the project to the coalfields. In the end, more than a million dollars had been spent building the Big Sandy locks and dams, but few benefits were ever realized.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers removed the dam and deeded the property through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to the Lawrence County Fiscal Court. Today the Lawrence County Fiscal Court operates and
maintains Chapman Community Park on the old lock and dam site property just below the Church.

Grand Opening - Mike Franklin and kids
Methodist Episcopal (M.E.) Church

The first Methodist Church was built on the Joe Peck's land opposite the Chapman Depot in 1840. It was a log church. The church consisted of "circuit riders" who would hold services once a month at various church on their "circuit". Reverend Black was one of the first ministers.

About 1855 and on through the Civil War, Rev. Christlop was the circuit rider. He was paid in-kind. This included jeans, yarn for socks and stockings, and flax thread for making sheets, shirts, and towels.

When the railroad was built on Griffin's Creek in the 1880s, the church was moved about a mile from the Peck's Station. They met in the old Fraternal Order of Odd Fellows Lodge. Later when the railroad moved up the river, the church was moved on George McClure farm.

On June 16, 1914 William S. and Lydia Chapman of Gallup sold the land on which the parsonage sits for $1 to the Methodist Episcopal Church (ME). The trustees at that time were W.S. Chapman, J.P. McClure, T.S. McClure, W.H. Fugitt, and Andrew Shannon. The Gallup ME was part of the Ashland, KY District at that time.

The Ladies Aid Society, which was organized at the Church in 1913, is given much credit for the acquisition and development of the parsonage. Rev. Stottler was pastor when the parsonage was completed in 1917.

Due to it's extended deteriorated condition, mostly caused by water damage from busted water pipes, the parsonage was removed in August/September 2015.
On 12 November 1919, the current church site property was conveyed to the Methodist Episcopal Church and its Trustees; W.S. Chapman, J.F. McClure, W.T. Fugitt, T.S. McClure, T.W. Childers, J.G McCallum, and J.H. McClure.

From 1919-1939 the Church was known as the Gallup Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. Jim Howes was the pastor when the church sanctuary was completed in 1919. The church was heated with a big "pot bellied" stove in the winter and the windows were raised in the summer.
Parishioners came for miles on horseback or any other way they could. For many, many years the Church was filled every Sunday.

**Pastors of Gallup ME and UMC Church**

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Baptisms were performed in Griffin Creek as well as the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River.

A typical baptism at Gallup ME Church

On May 10, 1939 three denominations, the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church unanimously adopted a plan of union as the Methodist Church and the Gallup Methodist Episcopal Church became known as the Gallup Methodist Church. The Church worshipped under this name from 1939 until 1968.

In 1968 the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren merged to form "The United Methodist Church." From March 1968 until March 11, 2011 the congregation of the Gallup Methodist Church now worshipped as the Gallup United Methodist Church (UMC).
On March 11, 2011, the Friendship United Methodist Church of Pulaski County, Kentucky, a hierarchal congregation of the Gallup United Methodist Church, was declared abandoned. All properties were then transferred to the Kentucky Annual Conference of the United Methodist Churches, Inc., Louisville, KY.

The Gallup United Methodist Church was officially closed May 31, 2013. Services had not been held regularly at the facility since March, 2013.

For 173 years (1840-2013) the Gallup United Methodist Church ministered to the communities of Chapman, Gallup, and Torchlight on both sides of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River.

The ministry of the Gallup Methodist Church had a positive impact on thousands in the area throughout the years.

Singing at the Gallup ME Church

The Gallup Church was always known as "the singing Church." It seemed that the population of Big Sandy Region was and remains very musically gifted with many talented gospel, bluegrass and country singers and musicians. Families and friends picked, played and sang music on their front
porches, in their living rooms, store fronts, or anywhere people would gather. They shared their love for God through music at Church on Sunday as well as at local festivals, public events, etc.

Ronnie Jordan and Friends. Front Row, Tammy Debord, Tommy Vance, Beth Debord; Back Row, Ron Jordan, Kevin Hinkle, and Floyd Wooten (often referred to as the Mayor of Chapman).

The annual Gallup Homecoming began August 8, 1937 at the John McClure home across the river.
Today the annual homecoming is known as the Annual Gallup-Chapman Homecoming. This has always been a community homecoming with deep roots within the Church and nearby communities.

The anniversary of Calvary Baptist Church is now also observed during the Homecoming.

Today the annual homecoming is held on the Sunday immediately before Labor Day.

Families and friends come together for a wonderful and memorable day of worship and fellowship.
The group in this picture met together on August 8, 1937 for the First Gallup Homecoming at the John McClure home across the river. The annual Homecoming was held at his residence for two years before being moved to the Gallup M.E. Church.

The group in this photo were known as the Old Gallup Church Choir. They were great singers. The last member and the longest living member, Mrs. Sally McClure, died sometime in the 1980's at the age of 87 years.

The members were: George Shivel, Addie Burgess, Nettie McClure, Fran McClure, Maude McClure, Jesse Chapman, John H. McClure, Laura Childers, Sally McClure, John J. McClure, Daisy McClure Cheek, Edgar McClure, and Myrt Shannon.
In 2005 the Gallup UMC directory listed 146 members, many from other states.

Over 150 persons attended the Gallup-Chapman Community Homecoming in 1986. This was the 49th Gallup Homecoming.

Wilma Chapman said, "This place Gallup is to be congratulated for it's high standard of Christian living."

"Uncle" Billy Christian and family came to the community from South Carolina. He served many years as the Sunday School Superintendent.
Calvary Baptist Church

In 2013 the church properties located at Chapman were declared surplus property and were approved for sale by Bishop Lindsey Davis of the Kentucky Annual Conference, Inc., Louisville, KY.

Calvary Baptist Church, was officially organized and legally incorporated by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a non-profit organization on 12 August 2013.

Gene Davis was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors/Trustees. Other trustees included John H. Laney (Secretary), Millard Cox (Member), Ronnie Jordan (Member), Bill Parson (Member), and Francis S. Jeffrey (Member).

The first service at Calvary Baptist Church was held on September 1, 2013. This coincided with the 76th Annual Gallup-Chapman Homecoming. The Gallup-Chapman Annual Homecoming and Calvary Baptist Church organization was coordinated by and with the support of local residents, former Gallup UMC church members, as well as former residents and regular homecoming attendees.

On Wednesday night, September 4, 2013 Calvary Baptist Church officially organized. Gene Davis accepted the call as Pastor. Sarah Jude was elected Treasurer and Kelly Chapman was elected Church Clerk/Secretary.

On November 17, 2013 Calvary Baptist Church held it's Charter Service. Over 33 members joined as charter members.

God has blessed the Gallup, Chapman and Torchlight communities throughout the years He continues to bless at Calvary Baptist Church.
A real estate sales agreement was signed in October 2013 between the Kentucky Annual Conference and Calvary Baptist Church. Calvary Baptist Church had now entered into a contract to purchase the facilities. Funds had already been donated by several Church and community members to purchase the facilities.

The building and facilities were officially transferred on 23 May 2014. At the time of purchase, the church was paid off and was debt-free.
Vacation Bible School 2014

Calvary Baptist Church continues to serve the Lord and this community through spreading the Gospel to Chapman, Gallup, Torchlight, Lawrence County and beyond!

Calvary CARES Ministry 2017

Calvary Baptist Church administers several ministries such as Calvary CARES, delivering food through our meals-on-wheels program, Calvary Cupboard, a food pantry, a children's ministry coordinating Christian events throughout the year for our kids, a visitation program, as well as supporting missionaries at home and abroad.
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**First Church Staff (2013-2014)**

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Deacon Bro. John Laney leads the invocation at the 77th Annual Homecoming (2014)
At Calvary Baptist Church believe we are called to be ambassadors of Christ, spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ to the communities of Chapman, Gallup, Torchlight, and beyond to the uttermost parts of the earth.

We believe we exist to not only minister to our community but also to help meet the daily needs of our community. This includes ministering to the sick, the needy, the hungry, and the poor of our community as well as providing comfort, guidance, and instruction to those in need.
Youth Christmas Program (17 Dec 2014)

Calvary Baptist Church (2015)

Church Clerk  Shirley Vanhoose
Church Treasurer  Rhea Mann
Sunday School Director  Vacant
Music Director  Beth Debord
Pianist  Tammy Debord
Deacon (Chair)  John Laney
Deacon  Bryce Davis
Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) Dir.  Shirley Vanhoose
Sunday School Program (adults)  Tammy Debord
Sunday School Program (youth)  Vacant
Sunday School Program (children)  Donna Bailey and Rhea Mann
Sunday School Clerk  Tammy Lovely
Vacation Bible School Director  Donna Bailey
Decorations  Shellie Davis
Due to its deteriorated condition, removal of the parsonage began August 3, 2015 and was completed on 4 September 2015.
2015 Vacation Bible School

Kids singing "Camp Discovery"

Margaret "Granny" Bailey Registering Children for Vacation Bible School.
A Word from Our Pastor

Calvary Baptist Church is a church that believes in the old-time Religion, we're a friendly church that believes in fellowship with God and his people, a family oriented church that believes our most valuable asset is our young people, a community-based church that believes we should always be a beacon of light and hope for our God to our community and beyond and that our church should serve as a refuge for those in need.

We believe that God's plan of salvation allows for all persons of this world to receive, follow, and have fellowship with Him. We also believe in His forgiveness of sin and that as Christians we should live our lives in a Godly manner as an example for others.
All Christians who believe in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ and have confessed their sins to Him and have accepted Him in their heart will receive His promise of everlasting life.

It is my prayer that during your short time on this earth that you have made or will make the most important decision of your life; which is to walk with God, trust in Jesus Christ and accept Him as your personal Savior.

At Calvary are planning many exciting activities and events for our community and Church, we'd like you to be a part of the exciting things happening for the Lord at Calvary Baptist Church. This is my personal invitation to you to come and be a part of our future!

Gene Davis
Pastor
80th Homecoming Candlelight Memorial Service
Sister Gracie Meadows singing Amazing Grace

Bro. Chris Wilson
Pastor, Salt Petre Community Church, Ft. Gay, WV
Preaching during 80th Annual Homecoming - 2017
Calvary Baptist Church - Humble servants of God proudly proclaiming His Word to Gallup, Chapman, Torchlight and Beyond!
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*We look forward to seeing you each and every year at the Annual Gallup-Chapman Homecoming at Calvary Baptist Church.*

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