“Raccoon” John Smith
1784-1868
• Born on October 15, 1784 in East Tennessee’s Sullivan County

• Education: Alexander Campbell Said, “John Smith is the only man that I ever knew who would have been spoiled by a college education.”

• Calvinistic Baptist Background

• Greatly Frustrated Awaiting The “Call” Of God – No Religious Experience

• Memorized Much Of The Scriptures And Used Them During His Preaching, Amazing Many

• He Came Across A Copy Of “The Christian Baptist” Was Amazed At Alexander Campbell’s Teaching

• First Heard Him Speak. After He Expressed Disappointment Having Ridden His Horse 50 Miles To Hear Him Speak For 30 Minutes. He Was Told That He Needed To Look At His Watch As Campbell Had Spoken For Over 2 ½ Hours.
• He Turned His Back On The Baptist Faith, Sacrificing The Relationships He Had With His Family
• He Became A Christian Preacher, Teaching N.T. Christianity
• He Converted Entire Baptist Churches To Accept The Ancient Order
• Was Called “Raccoon” Because He Once Said, “I am John Smith, from Stockton’s Valley. In more recent years, I have lived in Wayne, among the rocks and hills of Cumberland. Down there, saltpeter cave abound, and raccoons make their homes. On that wild frontier we never had good schools, nor many books; consequently, I stand before you to-day a man without an education. But, my brethren, even in that ill-favored region, the Lord, in good time, found me. He showed me his wondrous grace, and called me to preach the everlasting Gospel of his Son.” Life of Elder John Smith. p.115
“Raccoon” John Smith
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• In 1827 Baptized 2000 People In Kentucky, Nearly That Many In 1828.
• In January, 1832 When The Stone/Campbell Movement Came Together, It Was Smith, Representing The Disciples, Who Extended The “Right Hand Of Fellowship” With Stone.
• Was Selected To Ride With John Rogers To Go Throughout The Region To Tell Of The Coming Together Of The Stone/Campbell Movement – The Merged Movement Exceeded 10,000 In Kentucky
Campbell & Stone Come Together – New Years Day, 1832

“Let us, then my brethren, be no longer Campbellites or Stoneites, New Lights or Old Lights, or any other kind of lights, but let us come to the Bible, and to the Bible alone, as the only book in the world that can give us all the light we need.”

-Raccoon John Smith
John Rogers
1800-1867

- Represented Christians After 1832 Traveling With Raccoon John Smith
- Minister At Carlisle, Kentucky
- Biographer On The Life Of B.W. Stone

Grave Inscription
Sacred to the memory of John Rogers After A Faithful Advocacy of the truth as it is in Jesus for 49 years. He fell asleep while engaged In the work at Dover, Mason Co, KY, Jan. 5, 1867 in the 67 year Of his age. His abundant and Successful labors had earned for him the esteem of all the Churches They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever & ever.
John T. Johnson 1788-1856

- Born on November 5, 1788, in Scott County, Ky
- Studied Law With His Brother, Richard M. Johnson, Who Was A Distinguished Politician And Lawyer, And Martin Van Buren’s V.P.
- 1811 Married
- 1813 he was honored with the place of volunteer aide on the staff of General Wainson at Fort Meigs
- 1814 He Began The Practice Of Law And Was Elected To Represent His County (S. Elkhorn) In the State Legislature–Re-Elected A Number Of Times
- 1820 He Was Elected To Congress, And Was Re-Elected In 1822
John T. Johnson 1788-1856

- 1821, At 33, Professed Faith, Baptist Church, Campbell Influence
- 1824 Met Barton Stone
- 1827 Co-Edited Christian Messenger With B.W. Stone
- 1832 Great Part In Organized The Disciples & Christians Into One Movement, Held Purse To Support Rogers & Smith In Their Mission
- 1834 Started The Gospel Advocate With B.F. Hall As Co-Editor, Tolbert Fanning Assisted
- 1856, While In A Meeting At Lexington, Mo., He Fell Sick Of Pneumonia, And Passed Away, Evening Of December 24th
Philip Slater Fall
1798-1890
• Born at Keloeden, England, in September, 1798
• Eldest Of 12 Children
• 1817 Came To US And Located Near Russellville, Kentucky With Is Father
• 1818, Parents Died – He Became Father & Provider To Eleven Siblings
• His Good Education In England Help Prepare Him For The Burdens Thrown Upon Him
• 1818 Established An Academy In Louisville, KY
• Became A Baptist That Year As Well
• 1819 Ordained A Baptist Preacher
• 1821 Married Anne Bacon, From A Distinguished Kentucky Family
• 1823 Moved To Louisville, Preached And Operated A School
• 1824 After Reading The Writings Of A. Campbell, He Adopted The Cause Converting The Whole Church Where He Preached
• 1825 Moved To Nashville, Tennessee
• 1826-1831 Accepted The Invitation To Preach For Baptist Church There With Stipulation That He Could Preach His Own Convictions, Resulting In The Established Church of Christ In Nashville, Tennessee
• While In Nashville Occupied A Chair At The Nashville Female Academy
• 1823 Delivered A Powerful Discourse To A Large Group At Frankfort, Kentucky On The Difference Between The Old & New Law
• 1831 Returned To Kentucky To Preach For Frankfort Church – Operated A Female Academy
• 1837 His Sister Charlotte (Who Taught Him Hebrew & Greek) Marries Tolbert Fanning
• 1858 Returned To Nashville To Help The Struggling Church There – Church Grew From 25 To Over 600 Before Leaving In 1877 To Retire In Frankfort, Kentucky
• December 3, 1890, Died In His 93rd Year
Samuel Rogers
1789-1887

- Born in Charlotte County, Va., on November 6, 1789
- Baptized By B.W. Stone
- Circuit Evangelist
- One Of The First Preachers In Missouri
- Baptized Benjamin Franklin (Evangelist of Indiana – Editor Of American Christian Review
- Sons W.C. Rogers & John I. Rogers Preached
Tolbert Fanning 1810-1874

- Born in Cannon County, Tennessee, May 10, 1810
- Baptized For Remission Of Sins, October, 1826 by James Matthews
- November, 1831, Entered Nashville University, And Graduated In 1835
- 1836 Spent The Spring And Summer In A Preaching Tour With Alexander Campbell
- 1836 Married Sarah Shreve (Soon Died)
- Teaching Staff Of Bacon College, Georgetown, Kentucky
- 1837 Married Charlotte Fall, Sister Of Philip Fall
- 1840-1842 Conducted A Female College Near Nashville, Tennessee With Wife Charlotte
- 1842 Nearly A Year Preaching In Alabama & Mississippi
- President of Franklin College from 1846 to 1865
- Began the *Christian Review* in 1844
Tolbert Fanning 1810-1874

Franklin College

- Began *Gospel Advocate* in 1855 With William Lipscomb
- 1865 Franklin College Was Destroyed By Fire
- Hope Institute Was Started Afterwards, Later Called Fanning Orphan Home For Girls
- 1874, May 3, Died From Injuries Suffered As A Result Of Being Gored By A Bull
Walter Scott 1796-1861

• Born On The Last Day of October, 1796, in Moffat, Scotland
• 1818 Came To America And Was A Latin Tutor In A Long Island, New York Academy
• 1819 Went To Pittsburg, PA And Met George Forrester, A Haldanian Preacher Who Ran An Academy
• Baptized By Forrester
• Early 1820s Met T & A Campbell, Began Writing For Christian Baptist
• 1823 Help Campbell Prepare For McCalla Debate
• 1826 Married, Moved To Steubenville, Ohio
• 1827 Elected Evangelist For The Western Reserve By Mahoning Baptist Association
• 1827, November Baptized The First Person In The Campbell Movement For The Remission Of Sins
• Coined “Five Finger Steps” To Salvation Phrase: Belief, Repentance, Baptism, Forgiveness Of Sin, Gift Of The Holy Spirit
• 1861, April 23 Died – Having Spent The Remainder Of His Life In Mays Lick, Kentucky
James T. Barclay 1807-1874

- Born in Scottsville, Albemarle County, Virginia
- Graduate Of University Of Virginia And Medical College Of The University Of Pennsylvania
- Married Julia Sowers (1813-1908)
- Presbyterian Background/Became A Disciple
- Helped To Plant The National City Christian Church In Washington D.C.
- 1851-1854 – First Missionary From ACMS Went To Palestine
  - Received Much Resistance From Arab/Christian/Jewish People In Palestine
  - Treated Over 2000 Cases Of Malaria While There
- 1858 Archaeological Work In Palestine Caused Him To Write *The City Of The Great King*
- 1863 His Son Judson Married A. Campbell’s Youngest Daughter, Decima
- 1866-1868 Professor Of Natural History At Bethany
- 1874 – Died At Courtland, Alabama While Living With His Son & Family
- Re-Interred At Bethany’s God’s Acre
Robert Richardson 1806-1876

- Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania And Raised In The Episcopal (Anglican) Church
- Studied Chemistry At The University Of Pittsburgh
- 1827 Medical Degree From The University Of Pennsylvania In Philadelphia
- 1829 Influenced By Campbells & Walter Scott Baptized Him For The Remission Of His Sins
- Moved To Wellsburg, Virginia For A Short Time To Set Up A Medical Practice
- 1836 Moved To Bethany, Virginia To Assist A.C. With Millennial Harbinger
- 1841 At New Bethany College He Was Professor Of Chemistry & College Bursar
- 1866 When A. Campbell Died He Was Charged With The Work Of Editing The Memoirs – Released In 1868 In A Two Volume Set
- 1876 Died And Is Buried Near His Life-Long Friend Alexander Campbell, In God’s Acre
W.K. Pendleton 1817-1899

- 1817 Born William Kimbrough Pendleton, From A Family Of Old Virginia Aristocrats
- Mother Was Episcopalian
- At Age 16 He Began Reading The Writings Of A.C.
- 1840 Baptized Into Christ By Alexander Campbell
- 1840 Married Lavinia Campbell, Daughter Of A.C.
- 1841 Became Professor Of Physical Science At The New Bethany College
- 1841, September 2, First Daughter Named Campbellina
- 1846, May 29 Lavinia Dies Of Tuberculosis, Age 29
- 1845, August 13 He Became V.P. Of Bethany College & Co-Editor Of The Millennial Harbinger
- 1847 While A.C. Was In Scotland He Ran College & Paper – Also Assisted In Helping To Revive Wycliffe When He Drowned (Six-Hour Ordeal)
- 1848 Remarried, Lavinia’s Sister Clarinda Campbell
- 1850 Clarinda Dies Of Tuberculosis
- 1855 Marries Catherine Huntington King Of Ohio
- 1866 Upon Death Of A.C. Became President Of Bethany And Editor Of M.H. – He Was Controversial
- 1886 Moved To Deland, Florida To Retire – d.1899
D.S. Burnett 1808-1867

- David Staats Burnett was born in Ohio and raised as a Presbyterian.
- As a teenager, he came across the writings of A.C.
- Accepted the faith and very soon became a powerful force for New Testament Christianity.
- 1835 edited a revised edition of Christian Baptist.
- 1837 followed Walter Scott as second president of Bacon College – until 1839.
- 1845 organized the American Christian Bible Society, the first national organization of the RM.
- 1849 helped organize the ACMS, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Spent his last years as a leader among churches in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Buried at Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Isaac Errett 1820-1888

- Spent First Five Years Of His Life In New York
- 1825 His Father Died & Family Moved To N.J.
- 1832 Family Moved To Frontier, Pittsburgh, PA
- 1832 He Was Baptized Along With Brother Russell
- 1839 Began Preaching
- 1857-1860 Corresponding Secretary Of ACMS
- 1861,1862 Co-Editor Of The Millennial Harbinger & Fundraised For Bethany College
- 1861, October Represented A.C. At The Annual ACMS Meeting – Pushed For Condemnation Of The South For Pulling Out Of The Union
- 1862 Moved To Detroit, Michigan Preaching For The Jefferson Avenue and Beaubien Street Church – Increased Membership To Over 2000
- Wrote A Tract, “A Synopsis of the Faith and Practice of the Church of Christ.” Bringing Strong Challenge As Being A Creed Statement – Received Strong Condemnation From Benjamin Franklin’s American Christian Review & Lard’s Quarterly
Isaac Errett 1820-1888

• Further Condemnation Came When He Began To Be Referred To As “Reverend” Errett After He Accepted An Inscribed Silver Doorknocker From A Church Member – Others Began To Follow

• 1865 Met With Some Concerned That There Was Not A Progressive Paper Among The Disciples
  • Only B. Franklin’s *American Christian Review* In Indiana & T. Fanning’s *Gospel Advocate* In Nashville – Both Very Conservative

• 1866 Errett Was Given Editorship Of The New *Christian Standard*
  • Errett Later Explained To David Lipscomb That It Was Started Because Of Franklin’s Unwillingness To Allow Pro-Unionist Articles In The American Christian Review
  • *Christian Standard* Still In Print Today As The Main Paper Of The Disciples Of Christ

• When Campbell Died Many Thought Errett Would Take Over The Movement

• 1888, December 19, Died At His Home In Terrace Park, Ohio – Buried At Spring Grove Cem