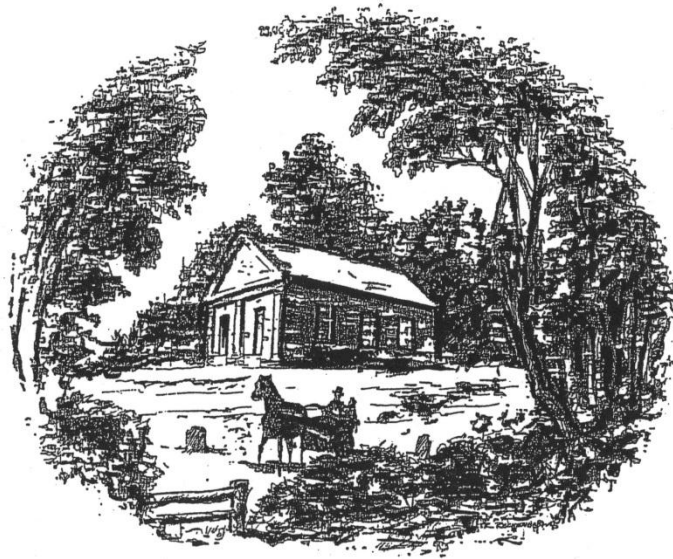


# Timeline of Madison County and the Pond



White Oak Pond Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Richmond, Kentucky

- 1784 David Gass and Samuel Estill start the Milford settlement. "Milford" named after Captain John Kincaid's freed African slave. Kincaid from a town in Ireland named "Milford."
- 1785 The Log Meeting House built as Regular Baptist, the Meeting House of the Milford settlement. John Tanner was the pastor of the church.
- 1785-86 Madison County is organized by Virginia Governor Patrick Henry at Williamsburg; Milford is chosen as the county seat. Boonesborough loses its chance as county seat. George Adams disagrees with the decision, but holds the first court meeting in his log house.
- 1788 A Stone Court House built at Milford at a cost of 880 lbs. of tobacco. Town is surveyed by James French. In winter, "Black Bob Morgan's Gang" killed by the people of Milford.
- 1790 The Log Meeting House changed its name to White Oak Baptist Church.
- 1792 Kentucky leaves Virginia and becomes a State.
- 1798 July 4, The County Seat moved to John Miller's farm; Miller donates two acres of land and a log house. Milford residents charge against the change: *"the first rebellion against the laws and constituted authority of the Commonwealth of Kentucky."*
- 1799 In Spring, the old road to Milford ordered closed.
- 1801 Pastor Andrew Tribble constitutes the White Oak Baptist Church and changes its name to White Oak *Pond* Church.
- 1802 White Oak Pond Church joins the Tates Creek Baptist Association.
- 1811 Joseph R. Pond performs marriages.
- 1827 First County Temperance Society held at White Oak Pond. Nancy Irvine became "the first woman to talk for women in Kentucky and perhaps America" at White Oak Pond.
- 1830 David Chenault takes the pastorate.
- 1830 June 11, at Viney Fork Church, White Oak Pond left the Baptists to embrace the Reformation ideas of Alexander Campbell.
- 1831 Moses Willis, ordained preacher.

- 1832 Campbell and Stone movement unite creating the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).
- 1845 John R. White, pastor
- 1849 J.R. Pond makes charges against J.R. White in a handbill. J.R. Pond cut off from the Baptists, charged with heresy.
- 1852 Harriett Beecher Stowe publishes her abolitionist book, "Uncle Tom's Cabin" based on the Kennedy family in Paintlick, Nephew of the Sheriff of Milford.
- 1862 John Griffith Pond, Captain Company A. J. T. Pond, Corporal Company A, killed
- 1869 The old log church was taken down and a "Monk Bond" Brick church, facing south, was built. Cost is \$2,450.00
- 1976 Fulltime ministry is begun: the Rev. James Blair.
- 1980 June 29, Dedication of the Educational wing.
- 1989 "Dante's Inferno" Youth Outreach Halloween project begins.
- 1990 Bicentennial Celebration of WOP
- 1992 "Pioneer Christmas in Kentucky" written and performed at Fort Boonesborough in commemoration of the 200 Anniversary of Kentucky becoming a State.
- 2002 "The Baker Addition" built on the site of the old log church.
- 2011 Rev. Dr. Russell Rechenbach II retires from White Oak Pond Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) after 25 years.
- 2012 Rev. Seung (Paul) Tche, a native of South Korea, is installed as Senior Pastor.