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Peeples said the key to the church's longevity is the dedication of its members — whether through tithing, with 25% of offering income going to outside missions, or meeting other needs that arise.

“The church was formed in this community, this area, and we still have a lot of members who live within a pretty short distance — the Philpot-Habit area,” Peeples said. “There is a very community feel about this church. A lot of people have grown up here, then they go out and serve other places, but a lot of them like to come home to Bethabara.”

He said he's heard from many former members who are returning for the celebration.

“We have a couple that



**Left:** Historical marker posted outside of the Bethabara Baptist Church, which is celebrating its 200th anniversary in Philpot. **Right:** Pastor Rev. Gerald Peeples looks at tables inside the gym during preparations at Bethabara Baptist Church as they get ready for the 200th anniversary celebration in Philpot.



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moved to Florida that are back to celebrate, so people are coming a long way,” he said. “It’s a good time for people who have gone out and worshipped other places — which you want them to do — but to realize a lot of people got saved here, a lot of people had their life changed.

“It’s kind of a cliché to

say, but I think for people who grew up here, this will always be home, no matter where they go or what they do.”

Among those returning Sunday are former pastors Dr. Herschel Morgan and the Rev. Carson Bevil. Also participating in the service will be Dr. Nathan Whisnant, associational

missionary, and Dr. Eric Allen of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

“During the service we’ll praise the Lord for what he’s done and realize that we have a purpose and plan,” Peeples said. “We’re celebrating 200 years, but we’re praying the next 200 years will be even greater than that. Bethabara is

really about people — the people who have served faithfully over the years, given their money faithfully over the years.

“When I think about their legacy, I think that’s what makes Bethabara special — how God has used them.”

Following the service, that legacy will be on full display throughout the church.

Strohmeyer and her team have set up rooms filled with artifacts, scrapbooks, family albums, plaques recognizing veterans, quilts and some of the church’s earliest written records.

“We’re just trying to hit every aspect of what we’ve done over the years,” Strohmeyer said. “We do have quite a bit. Some of it is just really exquisite because of the handwriting and the history. A lot of special people have come and gone.”

The church’s gymnasium has been beautifully decorated for the lunch that follows the service, with various artifacts from the church serving as table centerpieces.

“You’ll be able to eat a big lunch then tour, or you can tour and then eat,” Strohmeyer said.

Sunday’s service begins at 10 a.m. at Bethabara Baptist Church, 2946 KY-142 in Philpot.

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Household & Misc.

**CALUMET TRACE, 3518**

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 7AM- ?**

Furniture, small kitchen appliances, and lots of misc.

**CALUMET TRACE, 3537**

**SATURDAY 7AM- NOON**

Women's clothes, household items, shoes, yard tools and patio items.

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**6 AM-12PM**

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