

Blackwater Church of Christ

Township: T-49-N
Range: R-19-W
Section: 34
Latitude: 38.990000
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Organized: 03 Oct 1928
Disbanded: Unknown
Active: Unknown
Longitude: -92.980000
Updated: October 6, 2004

Cemetery: There is no cemetery associated with this church.

Area: Blackwater, Missouri

Records: The location of the church records is unknown at this time

History:

Churches Have Long Played Important Part in Blackwater From "Memorabilia of Cooper County", 1990

The first religious services held in Blackwater were conducted in a hall on the second floor of a frame building adjoining the old hotel. This building burned and was replaced by a brick building now serving as a hotel and Hurst pharmacy.

These services were held approximately a year before the Christian church was built and were union services. There was no regular pastor but ministers of the various denominations who were near came and preached at various times.

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In the year of 1927 Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Price and family moved here from Hallsville, Mo. The nearest church of their choice was at Old Lamine and for lack of conveyance and for convenience services were conducted in private homes in Blackwater and continued thus for one year. The congregation grew until a larger place was needed.

On October 3, 1928, The Church of Christ at Blackwater was organized. The first elders were Frank Hull, S.A. Lawyer, John Thornton and Joe. D. Price and the membership numbered fifty. Today there are ninety-three members enrolled.

At organization the church rented the Bank of Blackwater building for a year as a place of worship and at the close of that period bought the building, the interior of which has been remodeled and redecorated.

Among those who have preached here are W.A. Cameron, Curtis Porter, Earl Smith, Clarence Mersch, George Nepper, J.M. Forcade, Carel Cannon, Wayman Miller, Elvis Hufford, W.E. Dudley, R.E. Griffith.

Sunday School meets at 10:30 each Sunday morning with preaching services each second Sunday morning conducted by the Rev. Kern Sears of Columbia.

by Miss Clara B. Harvey

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The black community was served by two churches in earlier days. An early church was the Christian Church and it later became the Church of Christ. The Freewill Baptist Church was organized in 1906 and is still active today with bi-monthly services.

The Blackwater Church of Christ had its beginning in 1927 when the first services were held in the homes. The church was organized on October 3, 1928 under the leadership of Frank Hall, S.A. Lawyer, John Thornton, and Joe Price. At that time, the membership was approximately 50 persons. The group met in the old Bank of Blackwater building until 1949, when a new building was erected on lots belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Widel. In 1984-1985 an expansion and extensive remodeling was done. Following the death of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Widel, their home across the street west of the church, was purchased by Hillard Schupp, who donated the house to the church to be used as a parsonage.

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