

First Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of Boonville
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625 Main Street
Boonville, Missouri 65233
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Township:	T-49-N	Organized:	December 30, 1843
Range:	R-17-W	Disbanded:	No
Section:	35	Active:	Yes
Latitude:	38.972859	Longitude:	-92.743445
Map:	Click Here	Updated:	October 6, 2004

Cemetery: There is no cemetery associated with this church.

Area: Boonville, Missouri

Records: The church records are kept with the church secretary.

History:



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First Baptist Church of Jesus Christ

From "History of Howard and Cooper Counties Missouri", 1883

First Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, Boonville, Cooper county, Missouri - Organized December 30, 1843, by Reverends A. M. Lewis and A. B. Hardy. Names of original members: Reuben E. McDaniel, Alfred Simmons, David Lilly, Lawrence B. Lewis. Jordan O'Bryan, Elizabeth Dow, Sarah Gates, Maria Elliott, Eliza Ana Hickman Susan D. Conner, Delis McDaniel, Elizabeth N. Richardson, Jane E. Richardson and Francis B. Major. Church was built in Summer of 1847, of brick. Names of pastors: Tyra C. Harris, Robert Harris, John W. Mitchell, Spencer H. Olmsted, X. X. Buckner, M. M. Padelford, Charles Whiting, J. L. Blitch, G. W. Ropers, M. L. Laws, S. F. Taylor, A. W. Chambliss, G. W. Hyde, A. Machette, now in charge. Number of present membership, 127.

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From "History of Cooper County Missouri" by W. F. Johnson 1919

First Baptist Church, Boonville, was organized Dec. 30, 1843, by Rev. A. M. Lewis and A. B. Hardy. A brick building was erected in the summer of 1847. Some of the early pastors were Tyra C. Harris, Robert Harris, John W. Mitchell, Spencer H. Olmstead, X. X. Buckner, M. D Paderford, Charles Whining, J. L. Butch. Original members were, Reuben E. McDaniel, Alfred Simmons,

David Lilly, Lawrence B. Lewis, Jordan O'Bryan, Elizabeth Dow, Sarah Gates, Maria Elliott, Eliza Ann Hickman, Susan D. Conner, Delia McDaniel, Elizabeth N. Richardson, Jane E. Richardson and Francis B. Major. The present pastor is C. Russell Sorrell.

**History of the First Baptist Church of Boonville
From "Memorabilia of Cooper County", 1990**

Our First Baptist Church has a rich historical heritage. It was one of the earliest churches in Boonville. A group of interested citizens established our congregation on December 30, 1843. The first church building was erected in 1847 at 518 Vine Street. Following the erection of our present sanctuary in 1889 the Vine Street building was acquired by the Turners, a local German athletic singing society and was known as Turner Hall.

Our church was the mother church of the Morgan Street Baptist Church when in November of 1865, fifty-two of the black members established their own church.

In 1943 we celebrated our centennial and compiled a history of the first 100 years. In 1962 we held a tent meeting and a Bible School in West Boonville which led to holding weekly services at Mrs. Annie White's Riverview Roller Rink at the east end of Harley Park. By 1963 we had built a church building on West Spring Street and on December 29, 1963 our first mission was constituted as the Santa Fe Trail Baptist Church.

To our present building on Main Street, a basement, including a kitchen, was added at the rear in 1917. Five years later the educational annex was added and the new educational building was completed in 1952.

by Bob Long
