

First Baptist Church of Otterville Otterville Baptist Church

Township:	T-46-N	Organized:	1852, 1866
Range:	R-19-W	Disbanded:	Unknown
Section:	34	Active:	Unknown
Latitude:	38.701000	Longitude:	-923.004000
Map:	Click Here	Updated:	October 6, 2004

Cemetery: There is no cemetery associated with this church.

Area: Otterville, Missouri 65348

Records: The location of the church records is unknown at present.

History:

First Baptist Church at Otterville

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

First Baptist Church at Otterville -Organized in 1866, by J. W. Williams and Brother Parish. Names of original members: George Key, James Shackelford, Samuel Swearingen, William H. Bowdin, Martha L. Key, Sarah Willard, Catherine L. Key, Angeline Cook, Mary C. Golladay, Josephine Butler, Mahala Price, Jane Trimble, Margaret A. Shackelford, Temperance E. Swearingen, Mary A. Bowdin, Sophia Cook and Sarah Ellison. The church was bought in 1874 from the Cumberland Presbyterians. It is frame, and cost \$360. Names of pastors: William Pastors, John K. Godby, T. V. Green, W. N. Phillips, E. T. Shelton, pastor at present. Number of present membership, thirty-nine.

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

First Baptist Church, Otterville, was organized in 1866, by J. W. Williams and Brother Parish. The church building was bought in 1874 from the Cumberland Presbyterians for \$360. Some of the early pastors of this church were William Pastors, John K. Godby, T. V. Greer, W. N. Phillips, E. F. Shelton. Original members were George I. Key, James Shackelford, Samuel Swearingen, William H. Bowdin, Martha L. Key, Sarah Willard, Catherine L. Key, Angeline Cook, Mary C. Golladay, Josephine Butler, Mahala Price, Jane Trimble, Margaret A. Shackelford

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From "Memorabilia of Cooper County", 1990

In 1852 twenty seven people established a Baptist church in Otterville, Cooper County. During the War Between the States the church was disorganized, but by 1865, seventeen members reorganized the church. These people, George I. Key, James Shackelford, Samuel Swearingen, William H. Burden, Martha L. Key, Angeline Cook, Sarah Willard, Catherine Key, Mary C. Golladay, Josephine Butler, Mahala Price, Jane Trimble, Margaret A. Shackelford, Temperance C. Swearingen, Mary A. Burdin, Sophia Cook, and Mary Ellison called Rev. John Little as their first pastor. A school room in Mrs. A.M. Drennan's "good select female school": was used for a while as a meeting place. In 1866 the "Old School Presbyterian Church" was built by John Strain was rented and used. On July 8, 1876, the Presbyterian Church and lot was purchased for \$600.00. Worship continued in this building until 1910 with membership increasing to 150. Rev. F.C. Richards was pastor at this time. A new building was erected in 1910 and dedicated Aug. 13, 1913.

As with some other churches, discipline was strict. There are records of exclusion of members for dancing, use of profane language, intoxication, and other conduct "unbecoming to a Christian". Early members included James A. Shackelford, Samuel Swearingen, Rufus Money, Milton Greer, Thomas Howard, L.D. Smith, Carrie Greer, Mary Smith, Sister Ellen Love, Sister Keiper, Mollie Caton, P.P. McNeil, Peyton Amick, Nettie Keyser, Jennie McNeil.

Twenty seven ministers have served the church since its beginning: Rev F.C. Richards, J.W. Williams, John K. Godby, William V. Parsons, B.F. Thomas, T.V. Greer, W.N. Phillips, E.T. Shelton, John Robinson, J.E. Sims, Frank Ireland, C.N., White, W.B. McGraw, G.C. Davis, E.R. Clawson, Ralph W. Manker, R.I. Clemings, E. Fromm, Perry E. Sanders, George A. Craig, Carl W.H. Hewlett, B.R. Tatom, Ernest S. Waite, Clyde W. Painton, John Muncy. One minister has been ordained by the Otterville Baptist church: Farrie L. Cole Jr., was ordained June 29, 1947.

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