

Hopewell Baptist Church

Township:	T-46-N	Organized:	Before 1858
Range:	R-17-W	Disbanded:	Yes
Section:	26	Active:	No
Latitude:	38.717600	Longitude:	-92.762600
Map:	Click Here	Updated:	November 17, 2004

Cemetery: There is a cemetery associated with this church.

Area: Southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section near Tipton, Missouri.

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

History:

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

"About 1858 there was a Baptist College at Hopewell Church location, in Kelly Township and Prof. David Robinson Culley taught there for ten months. The following year, the Hopewell Academy was built and Mr. Culley taught there for six years, which included the Civil War years.

About this time a building was erected at Concord Church, three miles northeast of Bunceton and was offered to Prof. Culley, provided he would conduct a school there for five years; he accepted the offer and shortly after this the town of Bunceton was laid out and a railroad built and this school was moved to Bunceton, where Mr. Culley conducted it for six years.

From Bunceton, Missouri Weekly Eagle, 1921

"Among the early churches established in Kelly Township was Hopewell, erected by the members of the Baptist faith and others in that community. It was built by Andrew McKee and Hugh Morris out of hewed walnut logs which were readily procured from the immediate vicinity. A small window in the east end and one in the west end furnished the light, although that in the west end was somewhat obscured by the high box pulpit. Two batten doors, one in the south side, and the other in the north side, furnished the means of ingress and outgoing. Seats of planks or slabs were perfectly satisfactory to those who worshipped there. In the summer time, large crowds assembled there on 'meeting days'; some to hear the sermon; others to get the news. All came on horseback no buggies or surreys.

At the close of the services those from a distance were invited to dinner to the hospitable homes of those residing nearby. 'Come and go home with me to dinner' was the cordial invitation extended to everyone. Good people they were. Crude as their house of worship was, there was a religious fervor, a sincerity in their hearts which must have brought joy to their Divine Master."
(D. R. Cully)
