

## New Salem Cumberland Presbyterian Church

<b>Township:</b>	T-47-N	<b>Organized:</b>	1821
<b>Range:</b>	R-16-W	<b>Disbanded:</b>	Yes
<b>Section:</b>	13	<b>Active:</b>	No
<b>Map:</b>	<a href="#">Click Here</a>	<b>Updated:</b>	July 19, 2005

**Cemetery:** There is a cemetery associated with this church.

**Area:** Southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section on west side of Route 87; four to five miles northwest of Prairie Home, Missouri.

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

### History:

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

New Salem C. P. Church - This church is located on section 12, township 47, range 16, Prairie Home township. It was organized in 1821, at the residence of Alexander Johnston, by Rev. Robert W. Morrow, who was sent out to the west in 1819, from Kentucky, by the Ladies' Missionary Society. Original members: Alexander Johnston, Joshua Lewis, Mrs. Mary (wife of Alex. Johnston), Mrs. Mary (wife of James Johnston), Robert Johnston and Margaret Johnston (mother of Alexander and Robert Johnston). First church was erected about 1828, on section 16, township 47, range 16 (Clark's Fork); a log house. In 1853, a brick house of worship was built on section 12, township 47, range 16, which was used till the fall of 1877, when a new brick was built, which cost \$2,500, on the same spot of ground. It was dedicated on the second Wednesday in May 1878, by Dr. Greenville Wood. Present membership, eighty. Present pastor, Rev. H. D. Kennedy. Services second and fourth Sundays in each month. Among the first preachers were Rev. Finis Ewing and Rev. Robert W. Morrow, who conducted a camp meeting, followed by Revs. Daniel Weedin and Samuel King, Thomas Ish and John E. Norris. Rev. Finis A. Witherspoon was the first pastor after the first brick house was erected. Oldest members: Jeremiah Smith, Jno. B. Johnston, Wash and John S. Johnston, A. M. and Huston George. Ill 1853, there was a remarkable revival conducted by Warren Compton and Robert Harris, a Baptist, with sixty conversions. H. H. Misseldine filled the pulpit during the late war.

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

New Salem Cumberland Presbyterian Church is located in Prairie Home township and was organized in 1821 by Rev. Robert Morrow at the residence of Alexander Johnston. A log house was erected in 1828; which was replaced by a brick building in 1853, which was again replaced by a more commodious building in 1877. Early preachers were Rev. Finis Ewing, and Robert W. Morrow, Daniel Weedin, Samuel Kind, Thomas Ish, and John E. Norris. The original members were Alexander Johnston, Joshua Lewis, Mrs. Mary (wife of Alex. Johnston), Mrs. Mary (wife of James Johnston), Robert Johnson and Margaret Johnson (mother of Alexander and Robert Johnston.)

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