

Pilot Grove Baptist Church

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*Rev. Jeff Glandon, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Family Worship Service
6:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting*

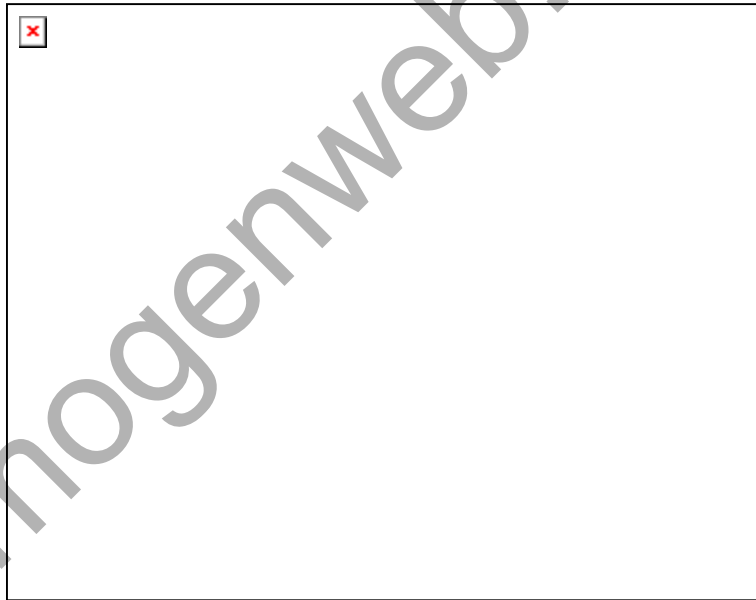
Township:	T-47-N	Organized:	1876
Range:	R-18-W	Disbanded:	No
Section:	5	Active:	Yes
Map:	Click Here	Updated:	July 19, 2005

Cemetery: There is no cemetery associated with this church.

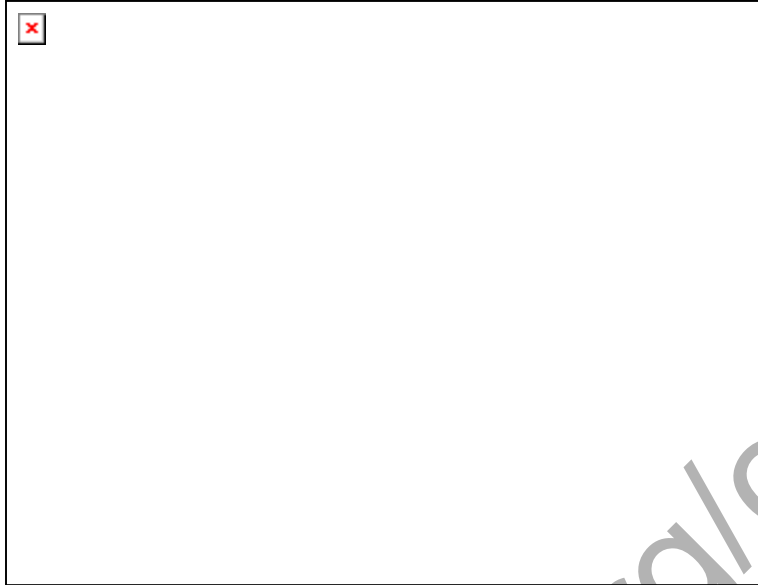
Area: Pilot Grove, Missouri

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

History:



First Pilot Grove Baptist Church From "Pilot Grove Centennial 1873 - 1973"



Current Pilot Grove Baptist Church From "Pilot Grove Centennial 1873 - 1973"

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

Pilot Grove Baptist Church—Organized in 1876. Names of original final members: Rev. N. T. Allison and wife, J. R. Jeffress, A. N. Spencer, J. Tomlinson, B. F. Chamberlain and wife, L. L. Chamberlain and wife, Miss Rebecca Massie, Miss Millie White and Mrs. Sarah Kaley. The church was built in 1876, is frame, and cost \$1,000. It was dedicated in 1877 by Rev. William Ferguson. Names of pastors N. T. Allison and I. B. Dotson. Number of present membership, thirty-four.

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

Pilot Grove Baptist Church was organized in 1876 by Rev. N. T. Allison. A frame church building costing \$1,000 was built in the same year. Original members, Rev. N. T. Allison and wife, J. R. Jeffress, A. N. Spencer, J. Tomlinson, B. F. Chamberlain and wife, L. L. Chamberlain and wife, Miss Rebecca Massie, Miss Millie White and Mrs. Sarah Kaley.

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From "Pilot Grove Centennial 1873 - 1973"

On July 23, 1871, after previous notice being given, the Baptist brethren living in the vicinity of Chouteau School, about four miles north of Pilot Grove, met for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Church. There were 23 members present. They held monthly meetings until the Church dissolution in January, 1874.

Owing to the inconvenience of the location of the Pleasant Hill church, the local Baptists decided to organize a church in Pilot Grove. This was done on July 29, 1876, at the Methodist Episcopal Church, with ten members present: Jno R. Jeffress, B. E. Chamberlin, Labian L. Chamberlin, Jeremiah Tomlison, Rebecca Massce, Sarah E. Haley, Amarica F. Rucker, Polly Gourley, Jno Gourley, and Alex Spencer. The Baptists continued to worship in the M. E. Church until the third Sunday in December, 1877, when it convened in its newly built church in the eastern part of town. In May of 1883, this building was moved to College Avenue, where services were held until September of 1970, when the new building was dedicated. The land where the present church is located was acquired from Josephine and Otto Stoeklein, Jr., in 1959, and the old house was used as an educational building until it was razed to make way for the new structure.

On May 30, 1896, Rev. O. O. Green was ordained into the ministry.

The Rev. John V. Philliber is presently the pastor.

Pilot Grove Baptist Church From "Memorabilia of Cooper County", 1990

There are ten churches in our community of different faiths: Baptist, Presbyterian, Christian, Pilot Grove Methodist, Wesley Chapel Methodist, St. Joseph's Catholic, all of Pilot Grove, and St. John's Catholic and St. Paul's Evangelical of Clear Creek, St. Martin's Catholic Church and Mt. Olive Free Baptist for the Negroes.

On July 23, 1879, after previous notice had been given, the Baptist brethren and sisters living in the vicinity of Chouteau school house, situated about four miles north of Pilot Grove, met to organize a Baptist church. A presbytery was formed, consisting of Elders T.V. Greer, N.T. Allison, and Deacon John R. Jeffress. The organization when effected consisted of 23 members and was known as the Chouteau Baptist church. Regular monthly services were held there under the ministry of the Rev. T.V. Greer, until June 22, 1873, when he was succeeded by the Rev. N.T. Allison, who served as pastor until the church dissolution in January 1874, at which time the membership was 40.

Owing to the dissolution of Chouteau church and the inconvenient location of Pleasant Hill church to most of its members, the Pilot Grove Baptist church was organized July 29, 1876 at a meeting of Baptist brothers and sisters at the M.E. Church with ten members listed.

Meeting Day Set

The third Sunday and Saturday preceding, of each month were appointed as the regular days of meeting. Regular services were held by different brethren but it was not until the following September that a pastor was chosen, the Rev. N.T. Allison.

The church continued to worship in the M.E. church building until the third Sunday in December 1877, when it convened in its newly built house in the eastern part of the town. The building was a neat frame structure with a seating capacity of 250, and cost \$1000. After the dedicatory sermon by the Rev. William Ferguson, \$212, in cash and pledges, was contributed to liquidate the indebtedness.

Until April 1880 there was no pastor. The Rev. I.B. Dodson then accepted the call and continued at intervals to preach to the church until the close of 1884.

Dr. H.M. Richardson accepted the care of the church in April 1885, and continued as pastor until February 1886. He was succeeded by the Rev. J.W. Neff in June 1886, who served until November 1887. Dr. E.D. Isbel was called to the pastorate immediately after the resignation of Mr. Neff, but he only served three months when he too resigned.

The Rev. A. Machette accepted the call August 1888 and was succeeded in January 1890 by the Rev. P.R. Ridgely, and he served the church until February 1893. The Rev. T.W. Tate was called April 1893 and served until December 1895.

Other Ministers Listed

Other ministers and their years of serving the church were: A.M. Cockrell, January 1896-1897; O.O. Green, February 1897 to September 1898; J.Z. Taylor, 1899 for a few months; J.A. Brownfield, July 1899 - August 1900; B.G. Tutt, November 1900 - December 1904; Joseph

Stirmlinger, April 1905 - October 1906; S.M. Victor March 1907 - December 1907; W.A. Bruce February 1908-June 1910; E.J. Sanderson September 1910 - November 1912; C.A. Stephens July 1913 - March 1915; W.H. Lilburn August 1915 - September 1916; W.M. Tipton April 1917 - September 1921.

No regular minister was called until January 1924. C.P. Walters served from then until the following November.

Next came C.C. Hatcher August 1925 January 1926. It seems as if no records were kept for sometime and then we find that April 1928 H.J. Brumley became pastor serving until June 1929. M.M. Hatcher took over the pastorate in April 1931 until a permanent pastor would be called. He served until June 1932 when he became ill. A.L. Jones served the church from September 1933 until March 1942. From August 1943 until July 1945 Herbert Matlock was pastor, and in October 1945, W.E. Martin was called and served until January 1948. The Rev. Sterling Kerr accepted the pastorate April 1948 and resigned March 1952.

Prayer Meetings Discontinued

When the church was first organized services were held once a month but for a good many years services have been held twice a month, usually the second and fourth Sundays, and at first regular weekly prayer meetings were held, but they have been discontinued.

A Sunday school has been sustained regularly since the church's organization, and there is also a Women's Missionary Society, which meets once a month.

by Mrs. A.J. Hayes
