

Vine Baptist Church

Township: T-47-N
Range: R-17-W
Section: 21
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Organized: August 5, 1837
Disbanded: December 26, 1846
Active: No
Updated: July 19, 2005

Cemetery: The cemetery that would be associated with this church would be the Concord Cemetery since the Vine and Concord churches combined under the Concord name.

Area: Southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of the section in Palestine Township, Cooper County, Missouri; northeast corner of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter about .4 of a mile northwest of the fork of the Coalbank Creek and the Tutt Branch - about 3 1/4 miles from Bunceton, Missouri.

Records: The location of the church records, if they still exist is unknown.

History:

Vine Church

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

On the 26th of December 1846, a reunion was formed with a neighboring church, known as "The Vine." This event added considerable strength to the old church, which to this day stands as "a city set on a hill."

Vine and Concord Church

From "Cooper County Church Sketches", F. Chestnut, 1993

One such alternative was the Vine Church, begun near the Concord site on August 5, 1837, by Gabriel Tutt, John Tutt, F.W.G. Thomas, Alexander Roads, Isaac Lionberger, Nancy Taliaferro, Jane C. Tutt, and Martha Tutt. Elders Gahon, Fielding White, and M. Embree assisted in the organization.

A small log cabin on the Lewis Lionberger farm was given to the Vine Church and they met there for a time, but the cabin proved unfit, and the group met from house to house. With so few members outside the family, the meetings were often poorly attended, and it was often recorded that only the clerk was present. John Tutt was clerk of the Vine during its entire history. At one time when he was the only one present, he put his prayer upon the minutes. Rev. Herndon also served the Vine Church following Rev. Fielding White.

When Rev. Elias George became pastor of Concord in 1846 the two congregations joined forces and by January 25, 1847, the union was complete. Concord retained her name and Vine retained her location and Rev. George continued as pastor. In 1851 a house of worship was built. This was the first house of worship the congregation had ever had although it had been organized for 36 years.
