

Walnut Grove Christian Church

Township:	T-47-N	Organized:	December 1, 1862
Range:	R-16-W	Disbanded:	Unknown
Section:	2	Active:	Unknown
Map:	Click Here	Updated:	July 19, 2005

Cemetery: There is a cemetery associated with this church.

Area: Prairie Home Township, Cooper County, Missouri center top of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section. On the route #87, north of Prairie Home, Cooper Co., Missouri.

Records: The location of the church records is unknown.

History:

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

Christian Church -- The congregation of disciples of Christ, worshipping at Walnut Grove, Cooper county, Missouri, was organized by Elder O. P. Davis on the first Lord's day in December, 1862, with the following members, viz.: Lewis D. Reavis, Henry York, Eli P. Adams, Sarah J. Adams, Matilda Cary, Samuel R. Davis, O. P. Davis, Eliza J. Hawkins, Martha A. Davis, Mary F. Logan, Margaret A. Davis, Mary York, Caroline York, Isabella Clawson, Sarah Parmer and James Eldredge. This congregation increased in numbers rapidly until it numbered at one time something over 150 members, but owing to removals, deaths, and other causes, it now numbers only thirty-four members.

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

"Walnut Grove Christian Church was organized by Elder O. P. Davis, on the first Sunday in December, 1862. The following were charter members: Lewis D. Reavis, Henry York, Eli P. Adams, and Sarah J. Adams, Matilda Cary, Samuel R. Davis, O.P. Davis, Eliza J. Hawkins, Martha A. Davis, Mary F. Logan, Margaret A. Davis, Mary York, Caroline York, Isabelle Clawson, Sara Palmer, and James Eldredge. Early in its history, the church numbered over 150 members. The original building was replaced by a commodious, modern church building in 1914. This building was completely destroyed by a cyclone on June 5, 1917. Immediately, thereafter the congregation met and determined to replace the building which has been destroyed, by an even better edifice, which was accordingly done."

Account of the Cyclone of 1917

"The new Walnut Grove Christian Church had been dedicated July 25, 1915 – the beautiful edifice erected at a cost of \$6000.00 was completely demolished and blown northward across a deep ravine – the wreckage was lodged in a grove of trees or carried out into the adjoining field. The floor was swept clean, except a few chairs and the organ, which was not damaged. Of the scores of monuments in the adjoining cemetery, only three were left standing."
