Bethlehem Baptist Church (Morgan County, Mo.) Records (C3701)

Collection Number: C3701

Collection Title: Bethlehem Baptist Church (Morgan County, Mo.) Records

Dates: 1877-1997

Creator: Bethlehem Baptist Church (Morgan County, Mo.)

Abstract: Records of the Bethlehem Baptist Church, Florence, Morgan County, Missouri, consisting of membership lists, minutes of meetings, association letters, and miscellaneous records.

Collection Size: 2 rolls of microfilm
(1 folders, 10 volumes)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia. If you would like more information, please contact us at columbia@shsмо.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The records were loaned for microfilming to the University of Missouri by Ralph O. Lewis on May 11, 1982 (Accession No. CA4426). An addition was made on October 1, 1997 by the Bethlehem Baptist Church (Accession No. CA4426).

Existence and Location of Originals: The originals were returned to the donor on November 9, 1982 and December 18, 1997.

Processed by: Processed by Laura Bullion, December 6, 1982, and an addition was processed by Jim Bantin, May 18, 1998. Finding aid revised by Nicholas Raya, February 2, 2023.
Historical Note:

The Bethlehem Baptist Church was organized in 1846 in the home of Reverend B.F. Dinwiddie. The first services were held in a log building on the site of Harmony School, and the first land was purchased from Henry and Amanda Wagenknecht in 1869. Additional land for a cemetery was acquired in 1876. The date of construction of the first church building is unknown, but the second building was completed in 1903.

Bethlehem Baptist Church became a charter member of the Lamine Baptist Association when the Concord Association was divided in 1871. The Sunday School was organized in 1884. The church was host to the 1970 association meeting, and the 1971 association letter listed 114 members.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged chronologically by type of material.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains membership lists dating from 1902; minutes of business meetings from 1877 to 1997; association reports from 1926 to 1971; and a small quantity of miscellaneous records. Minutes from April 12, 1902 to September 10, 1904 were destroyed by fire.

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