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Historical Churches - Let the Spirit Move You

If the Spirit moves you take an inspirational journey through a few Shelby County historical churches. Go back in time with an array of churches established from 1818 through 1915.

Bold Springs Presbyterian Church (est. 1843)

7544 Cahaba Valley Road, Birmingham
Latitude 33.450231 Longitude -86.654999

The congregation constructed the first church building in back of the cemetery. It was completed in 1894 and was used as a school and a church. It was known as the "Big White Church" with the steeple pointing heavenward. In the early 1900's the old church was replaced with a one room field stone church. Other renovations have occurred over the years.



Liberty Baptist Church (est. 1846)

11050 Chelsea Road, Chelsea
Latitude 33.335015 Longitude -86.625277

The church was formed in 1846. The present building was constructed in 1910 and renovated in 1962.







Ebenezer United Methodist Church (est. 1818)

374 Highway 24, Montevallo
Latitude 33.167132 Longitude -86.813325






This is a small country church which has recently been listed on the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage. The present clapboard building was constructed in 1891. The church was founded by a minister on horseback - Ebenezer Hearne. Various additions and improvements have been made to the church over the years.



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<p>United Methodist Church of Montevallo (est. 1818) 861 Middle Street, Montevallo Latitude 33.101440 Longitude -86.864806</p> <p><i>Historians record this church as one of the oldest surviving churches in Shelby County. The present structure was built in 1911 with renovations being added over the years.</i></p>	
<p>Montevallo Baptist Church (est. 1855) 660 Main Street, Montevallo Latitude 33.099907 Longitude -86.863231</p> <p><i>The congregation started with eight members in 1855. In 1879 the original church was completed and it presently serves as the educational building. The church is made up of three separate architectural styles, they were built at different times and joined during construction. The churches most prominent features are the Byzantine style dome of the sanctuary, large beautiful stained glass windows and the three story student center.</i></p>	
<p>AME Grant Chapel (est. 1871) 1250 Woodbine Avenue, Calera Latitude 33.104035 Longitude -86.753863</p> <p><i>In 1871 the church group began as an unnamed mission with the members meeting under a bush arbor. Later the congregation met in log houses until 1900 when their new building was completed.</i></p>	
<p>Columbiana United Methodist Church (est. 1843) 200 North Main Street, Columbiana Latitude 33.179757 Longitude -86.607655</p> <p><i>This church is one of Columbiana's oldest landmarks. The original church was built in 1843 and remained as built for approximately 107 years. In 1950 the church was moved to Main Street where it is now a part of a modern new building.</i></p>	

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<p>First Baptist Church Of Columbiana (est. 1856) 208 North Main Street, Columbiana Latitude 33.181440 Longitude -86.607583</p> <p><i>The first church members met in a frame building on Main Street in the 1800's. In early 1950 the first education building was completed. In 1958 the present auditorium was finished. Many other renovations have been done over the years</i></p>	
<p>Old Chapel United Methodist Church (est. 1830) 2045 Highway 9, Wilsonville Latitude 33.225684 Longitude -86.518449</p>	
<p>Star of Bethlehem Church (est. 1887) 10055 North Main Street, Wilsonville Latitude 33.237813 Longitude -86-4833850</p> <p><i>The church was completed in May of 1887 and repaired in 1889. The first pastor was Reverend C. A. J. Mallory.</i></p>	
<p>Wilsonville United Methodist Church (est. 1869) 111 School Street, Wilsonville Latitude 33.236603 Longitude -86.484525</p> <p><i>This is the oldest standing church in Wilsonville. The Methodist church was built in 1869 on the hill across the Fourmile Road from the cemetery. In 1947 the church was remodeled.</i></p>	
<p>Union United Methodist Church (est. 1875) 320 Highway 32, Wilsonville Latitude 33.336154 Longitude -86.560760</p>	

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Mt. Olive Baptist Church (est. 1907)

14 Mt. Olive Circle, Harpersville

Latitude 33.344158 Longitude -86.427087



Arkwright Baptist Church (est. 1911)

4040 Highway 85, Vincent

Latitude 33.353189 Longitude -86.388995

In 1911 the church was in the Arkwright community near the ACI railroad crossing what is now Highway 62 East. A few years later the church services were moved to Bannister School which has undergone many renovations to become the church it is today. Arkwright Baptist Church is listed in the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage.



First Baptist Church of Vincent (est. 1911)

36 Waite Street, Vincent

Latitude 33.384966 Longitude -86.410082

The first church was called Spring Creek Baptist and it was located near the spring that now supplies Vincent Waterworks. In 1895 the church was torn down and the congregation moved to its present location. The brick veneered building was first renovated in 1945.

