

There are more than 150 churches in Limestone County. Please enjoy this selection of 35 historic and community places of worship.



Piney Grove Baptist Church - 28430 Pinedale Road, Ardmore - The original log structure was built in 1850. The current brick structure was built in 1995 with beautiful stained glass windows donated in memory and/or honor of current or former church members.

Round Island Baptist Church - 14790 Brownsferry Road, Athens - Established in 1817 with 12 members, it was a church before Limestone County was a county (6 Feb, 1818) and Alabama was a state (14 Dec, 1819). James Monroe was President (5th) at the time Round Island was established. The current structure was erected in 2003. In 1870, the brethren composing Pisgah and Round Island Churches met at the old Round Island Church house to unite both churches into one body, adopting the name "Round Island".



Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church - 207 East Washington Street, Athens - One of the oldest Episcopal churches in Alabama, it celebrated its 140th anniversary in 2007. The present site is believed to have been purchased for \$800 in 1869. The bricks from the original building were hand made from local clay around 1879. The current structure was built in 1969. In 1990 a prayer garden was constructed, featuring some of the original hand-made bricks in the arches and walkway.

Shanghai Baptist Church - 13435 Elk River Mills Road, Athens - The church was founded in 1934 meeting in the home of the Calvert Family. The current brick structure was built in 1991.



Southwind Christian Center - 518 Hatfield Lake Road - Athens - The building was formerly the Athens Country Club for 40 years and was dedicated in 1964. Church services began in 2000.

Tanner Church of Christ - 19925 Huntsville-Browns Ferry Road, Tanner - The first gathering of twelve people was in 1915 on the lawn of Mrs. Josie Carter. Services were held in a school building and other buildings. The church acquired the old school building and held services there until 1935. In 1968 the new building was built.



Tanner United Methodist Church - 19607 Huntsville-Browns Ferry Road, Tanner - The exact date of the organization is not known. According to early members, the church was established before the Civil War and at one time during the war was used as a hospital caring for wounded soldiers. The earliest official records date back to 1871. The church burned in 1968 and services began in the Tanner School Cafeteria. The current structure was built in 1968 with additions in 1992 and 1996.

The Bridge at Valley - 1412 Lindsay Lane, Athens - Founded as Valley Church in 1994, they started SoulStock in 1998. The church considers themselves a non-denominational group that thinks "outside the box". The current structure was built in 1998.



The Grove Baptist Church - 12300 County Line Road, Madison - Founded as Maple Grove Church in 1935, the current worship center was erected in 1991. The gym and education space were erected in 1999.

Walnut Grove United Methodist Church - 27600 Walnut Grove Road, Lester - The building was erected and the church established in 1875. This small white frame church is truly a beautiful church in the vale located in the Leggtown community. The church was constructed with two entrances - one for men and the other for women. Later, a foyer was added with one entrance for all.



West Highland Baptist Church - 1013 Fifth Avenue, Athens - The church began in 1956 as the Fifth Avenue Baptist Mission sponsored by First Baptist Church of Athens and the Limestone Baptist Association. A large tent placed at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Mason Streets served as a place of worship until a thunderstorm destroyed it. In 1957, the church was chartered by the Southern Baptist Association and renamed West Highland Baptist. The sanctuary was built in 1964 and the life center in 2003.

Veto Church - Rails to Trails, Veto - Organized as the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1886, the wood building has been moved from private property to property owned by the Limestone County Parks and Recreation Department at the northern terminus of the Rails to Trails project, in the heart of the rural community of Veto, Alabama. The original church bell will be relocated to the church when the project is complete.



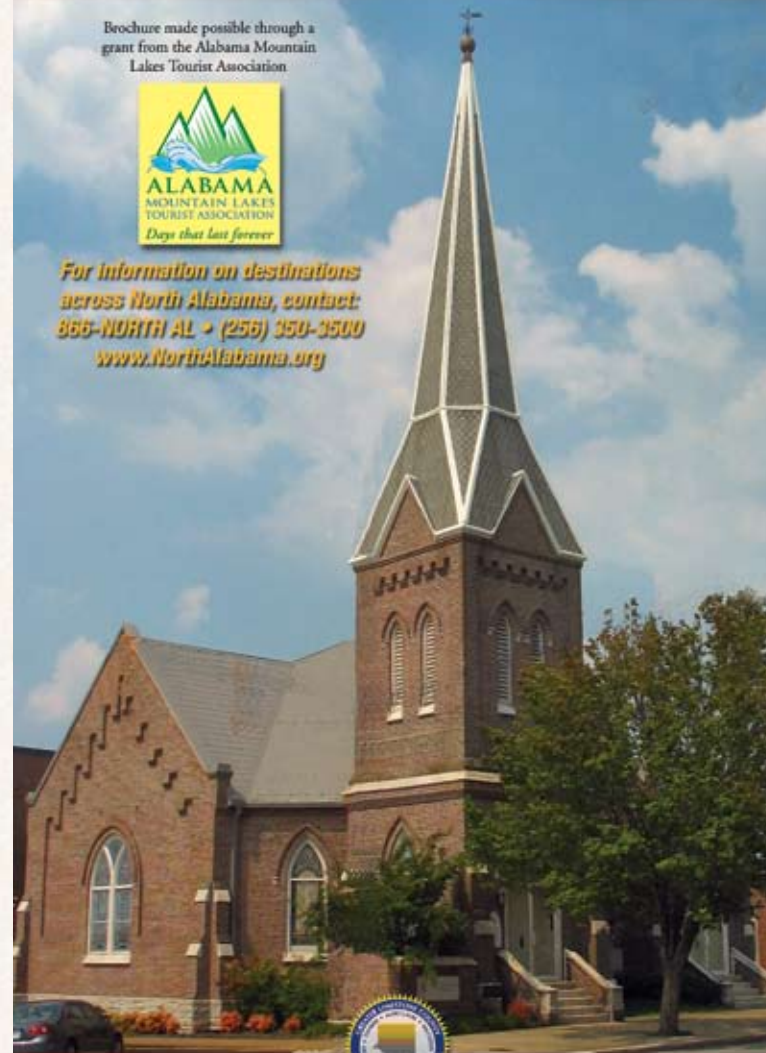
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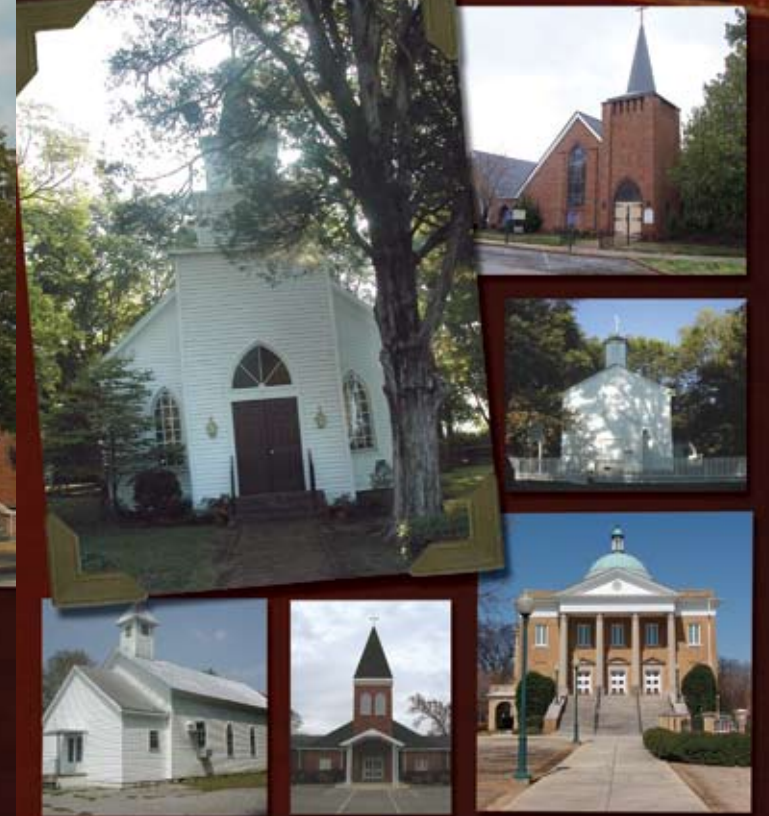
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Apostolic Christian Church - 15284 Hastings Road, Athens - This church started in Athens around 1938 with meetings in homes. The current brick building was built in 1976.

Antioch Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America - 923 Brownsferry Street, Athens - Known as the Little White Church, the church organized in 1878. The first worship service held in the present building was in 1980.



Belle Mina United Methodist Church

- Mooresville - Established in 1880, the church building was completed for less than \$400 in 1898. It is possible that Capt. Swartz, the man who had been engineer of the "Little General" in the famous Civil War train race, attended here with his daughter and son-in-law, B. H. Lindsay, before his death in 1908.



Blackburn Road Baptist Church - 17836 Blackburn Road, Athens - The church was founded in 1988 as the Christian Fellowship Baptist Church. The name was changed to its current name in 1999.



Cambridge United Methodist Church

- 14888 Cambridge Lane, Athens - Established in 1818 by the Tennessee Annual Conference, Cambridge United Methodist Church's origin dates back to the early 1800s as a camp meeting site. Late in the summer of 1862 the Confederate troops used the church to

set up Malone Battalion, named after Captain Jim Malone. Late in the Civil War, Federal troops seized and damaged much of the church. The church was restored in 1873 and is still in use today, retaining much of its original configuration.



Copeland Presbyterian Church Athens - 27085 Copeland Road, Athens - The church organized as Bethel Cumberland Presbyterian in 1895. After a fire destroyed the building, the current structure was built in 1994.



Elkmont Baptist Church

- 18890 Sulphur Creek Drive, Elkmont - This Southern Baptist mission was founded about 1987, holding services in the Elkmont depot. The current building was built in 1987 with additions in 1991.



Elkmont United Methodist Church - 25444 Children Street, Elkmont - The first white clapboard building, with a tall steeple that housed a belfry, was erected around 1884 and stood where the present church is now located, but it faced east. The present brick structure, which faces west, was erected in 2000. Stained glass windows were installed in 2002 and the porte cochere and office wing were added in 2004.

First Baptist Church of Ardmore

- 26670 5th Avenue, Ardmore - The church formed in 1915 with 17 members. Soon after it organized a wooden building was erected on Main Street, which was destroyed by fire in 1947. The wooden building was replaced by a new brick structure, which was later sold to the Town of Ardmore, AL, and the church relocated to its present location on 5th Avenue. A new brick structure was built in 1978. Several additions have been added over the years including a family life center and day care.



First Baptist Church Athens

- 201 East Hobbs Street, Athens - Founded in 1820 with 12 charter members. They met in their homes or at the courthouse until they were able to build a one-room frame building in 1826. The current brick building was constructed in phases



beginning in 1949 and completed in 1995. The beautiful stained glass windows and fellowship hall were completed in 1954 and The Family Life Center was built in 1980.

First Baptist Church Tanner

- 11590 US Hwy 31, Tanner - In 1962 Capshaw Baptist Church sponsored a mission that met in Smitty & Joe's Restaurant on Highway 31 north of Tanner Crossroads. The mission was organized into First Baptist Church of Tanner in 1964 with 31 charter members. The first building was constructed in 1964 and the first service held on June 28, 1964. The current structure was rebuilt after the church was destroyed in the tornado of 1974.



First Presbyterian Church - 112 South Jefferson Street, Athens - Originally founded in 1829, it moved to its present site in 1852. Union Soldiers stabled their horses in the church and burned pews for firewood during the Civil War. After a failed attempt to transform the church into an opera house, a Baptist Church rented it for a short period of time at \$3.00 per month. The church bell used to call members to worship before the war still adorns the steeple today.

First United Methodist Church - 208 West Hobbs Street, Athens - Originally called the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1818, but in 1845 the name was changed to the Methodist Episcopal Church of South. Services were held in the old log schoolhouse. In 1836 a commodious brick building was erected on 124 North Marion Street and served Athens Methodist until 1925 when the present building was completed. In 1939 all Methodist Churches united in the Methodist Church, later to be the United Methodist Church.



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) - 400 Market Street, Athens - The church originally organized in 1829. In 1895 members purchased and converted an old brick law office building, which was used until the present brick structure was built in 1920 at the corner of Market and Madison Streets.

Isom's Chapel United Methodist - 16230 Mooresville Road, Athens - Founded in 1846 with 18 charter members, most of whom were Isom family members. They met at Emanuel Isom's cabinet shop until the first log church was built in 1852 and it remained until 1884 when the first frame structure was built. The present two-story brick structure was built in 1965.



Lindsay Lane Baptist Church - 1300 Lindsay Lane, Athens - Founded in 1988 with 63 members. The church continued to grow and an education building with a fellowship hall was built in 1993

and a new sanctuary was built in 1996. Lindsay Lane erected its current structure with a fan shaped sanctuary in 2002. In 2003, renovation began of the old sanctuary into a two-story educational facility and a choir suite. Mom's Morning Out expanded to include a 4-year-old, five-day-a-week Kindergarten class. Lindsay Lane Christian Academy was established as a home school program for church members. A new preschool/children's building is currently under construction.

Lebanon Community Church - 13500 Lebanon Road, Elkmont - Lebanon was the first Methodist Church established in Limestone County in 1809. In 1819 it was one of the six churches in the Limestone Circuit. The white frame church building is known to be well over 100 years old. It was built in 1856 and is a replacement for the original edifice. The modern brick structure was built in 1971 when the congregation voted to become an independent body.



Mooresville Brick Church - Mooresville - Completed by 1839 this Greek revival structure was probably under construction for several years. On November 18, 1838 Alabama's 2nd governor, Thomas Bibb, and his wife Pamela deeded this property to the trustees of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. This denomination retained the title, but over the years permitted the Baptist and Methodist to meet here.

Mooresville Church of Christ - Mooresville - Established in 1854, this beautiful building was built in the later Greek Revival period but detailing is still reminiscent of the earlier Federal period. As originally constructed, the church had two entrance doors leading to a simple interior where only three rows of benches on the main floor and a balcony for slaves were provided for the worshippers. A single-entry vestibule and rear wing were added to the structure in the 1930's.



New Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church - 11479 Dogwood Flat Road, Tanner - Founded in 1897, the current brick structure was erected in 1987 and an educational center and fellowship hall were added in 1994. The church is noted for the very unique and beautiful gray, black and mauve stone surrounding the pulpit, choir stand and pool.



Pleasant Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church - 15439 Hastings Road, Athens. In the late 1800's the late Mr. & Mrs Austin Cain donated an acre of land for the church. The church also served as a school until 1936. The original church was remodeled in 1926 and again in 1973. The present church was built in 2005.



Pleasant Grove Baptist Church - 26000 Thatch Road, Athens - Founded in 1914, Sunday School was held in the old school house. Later the church began meetings at the clubhouse three doors down the road. The current brick structure was erected in 1947.



Pettusville United Methodist Church - 2300911 Pettusville Road, Elkmont - The church land was donated in 1850 where the cemetery is now located. The first structure (date built unknown) was destroyed by a storm. The second structure was built in 1898 and was known as Pettusville Methodist Episcopal Church. The current structure was built between 1953-1955. The pews and the alter used today are from the original building and the pews were brought from Lewisburg, TN on a wagon pulled by mules to Prospect, TN, then to Pettusville.

