

The American Roots of Victory Baptist Church

First Baptist Church Newport, RI - 1638.

Dr. John Clark and John Lucar seemed to be members of Wapping Baptist Church in London, England, organized by John Spilsbury in 1633. John Spilsbury was ordained and sent out from a church outside of London. There are two testimonies that the London churches were gathered by men approved for the ministry.

“I say that I know by mine own experience (having walked with them), that they were thus gathered, Viz., Some godly men and learned men of approved gifts and abilities for the ministry, being driven out of the countries where they lived by the persecution of the Prelates [Episcopalians – R.E.P.] came to sojourn in this great city....” – Hensard Knolly’s – **A Moderate Answer Unto Dr. Bostwick’s Book Called Independency not God’s Ordinance**, London, 1645

“It is well known to many and especially to ourselves that our congregations as they are now, were erected and framed according to the rule of Christ before we heard of any Reformation even at the time when episcopacy was at the height of its vanishing glory.” – William Kiffin – **A Brief Remonstrance of the Reasons of those People called Anabaptists for their separation**; London, 1645, p. 6

*“Mr. Joseph Richart, who says he wrote the queries to which Kiffin replied, affirmed that he understood the Episcopal and not the Presbyterian Reformation. ‘You allege’ he says, ‘your practice, that your congregations were erected and framed in the time of the Episcopacy, and before you heard of any Reformation.’ (Richart, **A Looking Glass for Anabaptists**, p. 7, London, 1645). Here were Baptists churches, according to Kiffin, before the times of Henry VIII. And this fact was well known to Baptists. Further on Kiffin makes the claim that the Baptists outdated the Presbyterians.”* – John T. Christian, **A History of the Baptists**, Vol. 2, p. 255

Several churches in England and Wales claim to have been organized in the first century but the earliest dates accompanied by some kind of proof are:

The Church in the Hop Garden – earliest date is 1481 – John Stanley, The Church in the Hop Garden,

The Welsh Olchon Court Baptist Church – earliest date is 1419

The Hillcliffe Baptist Church – earliest date is 1357 (See Dr. R.E. Pound, **The Particular Baptist Treasury**)

Cold Spring Baptist Church Bucks County, PA - 1684

In about the middle of the 17th century a Baptist minister by the name of Elder Thomas Dungan from Ireland left his native home to escape persecution, and coming to Rhode Island he joined himself to the First Baptist Church of Newport, Rhode Island, where Doctor John Clark was the pastor. In 1684 Elder Dungan and a small group of members left the church at Newport to organize the Cold Spring Baptist Church in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. (*History of the First Baptist Church of Sayville, NY.*)

Lower Dublin Baptist Church Pennepeck, PA - 1688

In 1688 Elias Keach came to Pennsylvania and posed as a minister. While preaching he came under terrible conviction and had to stop. He confessed his lost condition and the people sent him to Elder

Thomas Dungan pastor of the Cold Spring Baptist Church in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Elias Keach was saved there by the grace of God. He was baptized and ordained by the Cold Spring Baptist Church and as a missionary out of the Cold Spring Baptist Church he organized the Pennepeck Baptist Church (also known as the Lower Dublin Baptist Church) at Pennepeck, Pennsylvania. (*History of the First Baptist Church of Sayville, NY.*)

Montgomery Baptist Church
Montgomery County, PA - 1719

In 1719 the Pennepek Baptist Church of Pennepeck, Pennsylvania organized the Montgomery Baptist Church of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. (*This information was received from the Montgomery Baptist Church in 2004 when they were contacted by phone.*)

Broad Run Baptist Church
Virginia - 1762

The Montgomery Baptist Church in Montgomery Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania released John Marks on August 12, 1761 to go to Virginia where he and a man by the name of David Thomas organized the Broad Run Baptist Church on December 2, 1762. (*This information was received from a "roots website" and then the Montgomery Baptist Church was contacted in 2004 by phone and they verified that John Marks was sent out by their authority.*)

Turkey Creek Baptist Church
Abbeville County, SC - 1785

The minutes of the Broad Run Baptist Church state that on October the 25th of 1783 several families including the Shurley's and the Foster's where dismissed to go south. These families traveled to Abbeville County, South Carolina and the Turkey Creek Baptist Church was organized on January the 29th in 1785. (*"Broad Run Baptist Church Minutes and History"*) *Note: The above information concerning the Turkey Creek Baptist Church are the facts that we were able to find but the history of Turkey Creek Baptist Church has been difficult to trace. We know that the previously mentioned families were released from the Broad Run Baptist Church according to the minutes and according to some records found concerning the Turkey Creek Baptist Church these same families were the members who constituted the Turkey Creek Baptist Church along with Joseph Redding who became their first pastor. We tried to trace Joseph Redding's history but it was very difficult to determine what church he originally came from before traveling to South Carolina.*

Poplar Springs Baptist Church
Ware Shoals, SC - 1794

In June of 1794 Arthur Durham and David McGladery petitioned the Turkey Creek Baptist Church for the privilege of collecting members about them to see if they were "ripe for constitution." On July the 14th 1794 the Poplar Springs Baptist Church was organized in Ware Shoals County, South Carolina. (*"The Scrapbook, a Compilation of Historical Facts About Places and Events of Laurens County, South Carolina, Laurens County Historical Society and Laurens County Arts Council, 1982," pg. 479 .*)

Bethel Baptist Church
Jackson, MO - 1806

On July the 19th of 1806 the Poplar Springs Baptist Church of Ware Shoals, South Carolina organized the Bethel Baptist Church of Jackson, Missouri.

Tyawappity Baptist Church
Scott County, MO - 1809

In 1809 the Bethel Baptist Church of Jackson, Missouri organized the Tyawappity Baptist Church of Scott County, Missouri.

**Shiloh Baptist Church
Pulaski County, IL - 1817**

In 1817 the Tyawappity Baptist Church of Scott County, Missouri organized the Shiloh Baptist Church of Pulaski County, Illinois.

**Clear Creek Baptist Church
Union County, IL - 1818**

In 1818 the Shiloh Baptist Church of Pulaski County, Illinois organized the Clear Creek Baptist Church of Union County, Illinois.

**Mayfield Creek Baptist Church
Carlisle County, KY - 1825**

In 1825 the Clear Creek Baptist Church of Union County, Illinois organized the Mayfield Baptist Church of Carlisle County, Kentucky. *(This information is recorded in the minutes of the West Kentucky Baptist Association and can be found in the Mid-Continent Baptist College in Mayfield, Kentucky.)*

**Emmaeus Baptist Church
Carlisle County, KY - 1832**

In 1832 the Mayfield Creek Baptist Church of Carlisle County, Kentucky organized the Emmaeus Baptist Church of Carlisle County, Kentucky. *(This information is recorded in the minutes of the West Kentucky Baptist Association and can be found in the Mid-Continent Baptist College in Mayfield, Kentucky.)*

**Zoar Baptist Church
Carlisle County, KY - 1857**

In 1875 the Emmaeus Baptist Church of Carlisle County, Kentucky organized the Zoar Baptist Church of Carlisle County, Kentucky. *(This information is recorded in the minutes of the West Kentucky Baptist Association and can be found in the Mid-Continent Baptist College in Mayfield, Kentucky.)*

**Grace Baptist Church
Cairo, IL –**

**Victory Baptist Church
Chehalis, WA – 1996**

In 1996 Victory Baptist Church was organized by Elder Terry Penix under the authority of Grace Baptist Church of Cairo, IL