

## Churches in the Shenandoah Valley

Woods Chapel Independent Bible Church  
58 Splinter Lane,  
New Market, VA 22844



### A brief History

Regrettably most of the early history of the original Woods Chapel has been lost but from the memories and a copy of a Church newsletter called "The Shenrock Herald" possessed by Mrs Dale Kipps who served as pianist from 1940 until 1963, she recalls that the Wood's Chapel Christian Church was organized by Dr. W.T. Herndon, a Home Missionary. The church building was erected in 1897

Deacons of the first church were R.C. Hiden, William Estep, and Charles Shaver. The first Secretary was Mrs. William Estep.

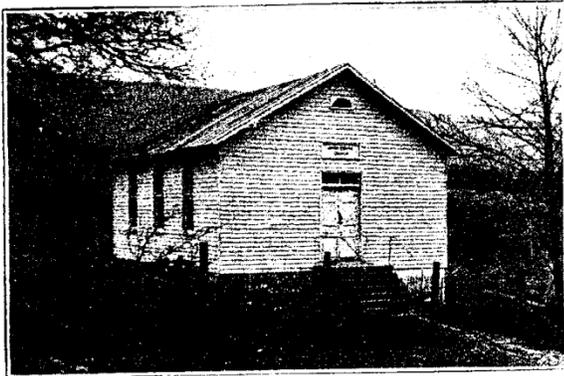
One of the oldest tombstones in the cemetery that can be read is dated July 1909.

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In 1943, the present membership was eighty, although the newsletter stated that "most of whom are non-resident members". At that time the pastor was G.H. Veazey, the treasurer Mrs. Florence Day and the secretary Mrs Linda Gochenour

The chapel closed in 1963 as the congregation had dwindled down to a small size. She remembers a faithful member Mr J. N. Shifflett, the Sunday School Superintendent, who would light the stove in the church and would be sitting in a chair at the church waiting for other members to arrive even when the weather was bad. She also remembers as a young girl that there was to be a Sunday school conference for the denomination to be held at the church, which had no blinds at the windows, so she and another girl friend started a campaign to raise funds and they were able to purchase Nation blinds for the windows before the conference.



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Woods' Chapel Christian Church was organized by Dr. W. T. Herndon, a Home Missionary, and house of worship erected in 1897. This church is on the foot of the Massanutten mountain, about five miles north-east of New Market, Va.

The first officers of the church were: Deacons, R. C. Hiden, William Estep, Charles Shaver. The first Secretary was Mrs. William Estep. According to information at hand, the following ministers have served as pastor, viz., Revs. W. T. Herndon, G. W. Tickle, and possibly others with dates uncertain. 1906-7—W. T. Walters, 1908-9—A. W. Andes, 1910—Edward French, 1911—W. T. Walters, 1912—H. E. Frait, 1913-14—R. L. Williamson, 1915-24—A. W. Andes, 1925—D. B. Seal, 1926—?, 1927-28—W. T. Walters, 1929-34—B. J. Earp, 1935-38—R. L. Williamson, 1939-41—R. D. Coulter, 1942—G. H. Veazey.

The deacons at present are M. E. Kagey and J. N. Shifflett. The treasurer is Mrs. Florence Day, the secretary is Mrs. Linda Gochenour. The Sunday School Superintendent is J. N. Shifflett, the secretary is Mrs. Gertrude Nicholson.

Woods' Chapel is a small building and has never had a large membership, but eternity alone can reveal the good that has been accomplished there. Present membership is eighty, most of whom are non-resident members.

*Reverend Bryant*

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Woods Chapel Independent Bible Church was opened in 1984 with a sanctuary built behind the original building. This sanctuary was enlarged in 1989. In 1992 bathrooms were added on the first floor, and Sunday School rooms were added on the second floor. In 2010 a new, larger, sanctuary was built at the rear of the buildings, and attached to it with a greeting area. The old sanctuary was converted into a Fellowship Hall.

*Written by Philip Crown from information provided by Mrs Dale Kipps and Pastor Glen Turner 2012*



*Original Woods Chapel incorporated into building*



*New sanctuary built 2010*

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