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Preface

This directory presents the research and findings from the *Black Churches in Natchitoches Parish Project* funded by the Cane River National Heritage Area, Inc. and Northwestern State University's Creole Heritage Center. The objective of the project was to develop a comprehensive report documenting the histories and records of black churches in Natchitoches Parish. This research provides valuable information for persons and groups interested in locating genealogical and historical information available through churches in the area. For more information, contact the Cane River National Heritage Area, Inc. at 318-356-5555 or www.canerivernha.org.

The Creole Heritage Center's involvement in this project reflects its long-term interest and commitment to genealogy and the history of **ALL** cultural groups in Natchitoches Parish and beyond. For more information about this project and other services provided by the center, contact the staff at 318-357-6685 or <http://creole.nsula.edu/>.

Please note: For the purpose of this project, "black church" is defined as a church originally founded as a house of worship for Blacks/African Americans/Non-Whites.

Foreword

Black Christian Churches

As we think about the most important institutions in society, we invariably reflect on the family, the church and the school. Perhaps the Black Christian Church had more impact on the shaping of that culture because public worship for slaves was forbidden before the Civil War and became a welcomed privilege ever since the abolition of slavery. Aside from that perspective, the Black church below the Mason-Dixon Line provided a first opportunity for self-governing, an option previously denied during the pre-Civil War era.

Even in the 21st century, the Black church is a prominent pattern in the fabric of today's living. Leaders from the Black church are recognized at every level of government and are called upon for their spiritual assessment of today's most far-reaching issues. A quick scan of internationally known Black achievers reveals that most of them are products of the Black Church setting.

Natchitoches Parish Black Christian Church congregations are no exception to this school of thought. They remain the source of leadership for the community and are viewed as one of the most socially acceptable mainstays of the culture. Within that realm, we find a training ground for public speaking, a musical outlet that refines the natural artistic gifts, a format for sensing organization, a realistic setting for learning discipline and self-control and, most importantly, the undergirding of learning the morality of right and the shunning of wrong as we interact with all people everywhere.

Supporters of the Black church still find a current need for resounding the words of the old Negro spiritual:

Walk together, children. Don't ya' get weary;
There's a great camp meetin' in the Promised Land!

—Edward Ward, Jr.
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Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Abundant Life Church

Location: 620 Ben Dr.
Natchitoches, LA
Pastor: Rev. Ail Harris, Jr.
Contact: PO Box 78
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-352-4777



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Abundant Life International

Location: 1855 Hwy. 6 East
Natchitoches, LA
Pastor: Rev. Steven Harris, Sr.
Contact: 318-238-5504



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Agapè Love Center

Location: 1515 Texas St.
Natchitoches, LA
Pastor: Rev. Johnnie Davis
Contact: 1515 Texas St.
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-357-1823



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Asbury United Methodist Church

Location: 704 Fifth St.
Natchitoches, LA

Founded: 1866

Pastor: Rev. Karli D. Pidgeon

Contact: 704 Fifth St.
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-352-2752



The Natchitoches Missionary Society Church began under the leadership of Rev. Ebenezer Hayward in 1866. By mid-year, they had purchased a lot at the corner of St. Denis and Fifth St. By April 1867, the church and education building had been built with the help of a \$2,000 grant from the Methodist Episcopal Society of New York. A marker at the site notes that the church, built by former slaves, was the first Methodist church built in Natchitoches. The Asbury Methodist Church was the site of the second Freedmen's Bureau School in Natchitoches, the first school found by African Americans themselves. The church was an important center for the promotion of equal rights, even in the 19th century, and continued into the 20th century. The church that stands today was built in 1957. Church records go back to 1866 and are in both bound books and in electronic format.

—Provided by Asbury Methodist Church and the Louisiana Folklife Center at Northwestern State University



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Bethel Baptist Church



Location: 2375 Williams Ave.
Natchitoches, LA
Founded: 1899
Pastor: Rev. Eutis Young
Contact: 1418 Dixie St.
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-352-8740



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Bright Morning Star Church

Location: Hwy. 490
Marco, LA
Pastor: Rev. W. Batts



Choctaw Island Baptist Church



Location: 877 Hwy. 1225

Clarence, LA

Founded: 1862

Pastor: Rev. Otis Corley

Contact: PO Box 444

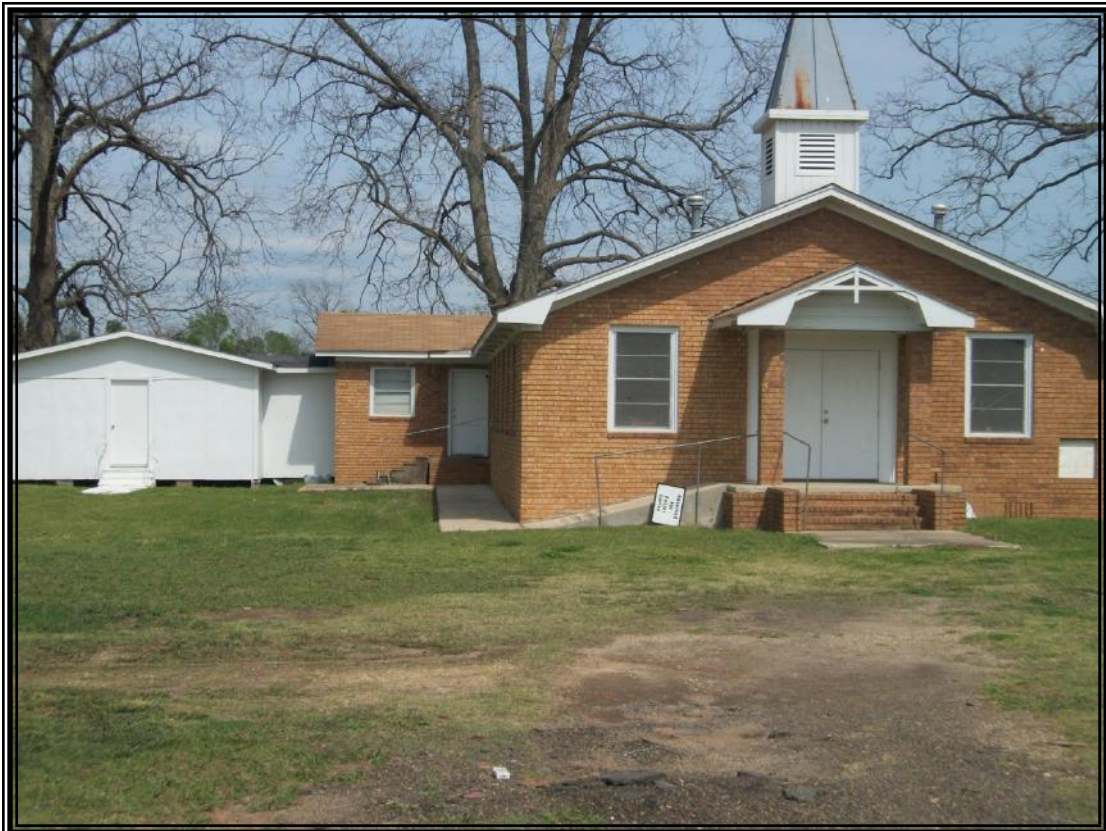
Clarence, LA 71414

318-352-8038



This church was first organized in 1862 by Bro. Acia Edwards. Reverend Pompey Holmes was the first pastor. The current building was erected in May 1969.

—Provided by Choctaw Island Baptist Church



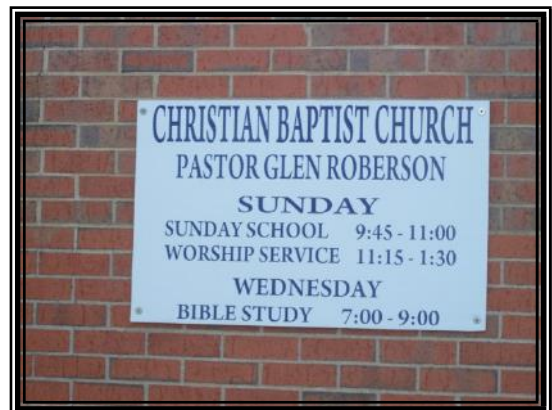
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Christian Baptist Church



Location: 315 North St.
Natchitoches, LA

Pastor: (currently without pastor)



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

City of Refuge Community Church



Location: 3089 Hwy. 71
Campti, LA

Founded: 2003

Pastor: Rev. Roland Smith, Jr. &
Barbara Smith

Contact: 484 Hwy. 480
Campti, LA 71411

The City of Refuge Community Church was founded in 2003 by the Rev. Roland Smith. Currently the church has approximately 100 members as well as both a Men's and a Women's organization. City of Refuge Community Church has a board of Governors. The church has records from its beginnings.

—Provided by City of Refuge Community Church



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Christian Outreach Center



Location: 106 Brickyard Rd.
Natchitoches, LA

Pastor: Rev. Carl Means

Contact: 106 Brickyard Rd.
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-352-2027

Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Eastside Church of God in Christ



Location: 720 Fifth St.
Natchitoches, LA
Pastor: Elder Harold R. Wright, Jr.
Contact: 242 Magnolia Loop
Leesville, LA 71446
337-238-9160

Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

El Bethel Full Gospel House of Refuge, Inc.



Location: 4198 Old River Rd.
Natchez, LA

Pastor: Bishop James E. Lott, Jr.

Contact: 629 Ouida
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-352-8909

Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Emmanuel United Methodist Church



Pastor: Rev. Cynthia Lee Cole
Location: 165 Grand Ecore Spur
Natchitoches, LA

Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Evergreen Baptist Church

Location: 3999 Hwy. 485
Robeline, LA 71469

Founded: 1950

Pastor: Rev. Tucker Hunter

Contact: PO Box 25
Natchitoches, LA 71458
318-472-9188



Faith in Action Ministries Prophetic



Location: 1580 Sabine Rd.
Robeline, LA

Pastor: Rev. Stacy Anderson

Contact: 1580 Sabine Rd.
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-352-17608



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

First Baptist Church—Amulet



Location: 1116 Amulet St.
Natchitoches, LA

Founded: 1867

Pastor: Rev. Michael D. Callahan

Contact: PO Box 1394
Natchitoches, LA 71458
318-352-3314



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

First Baptist Church—North St.



A few months after the Emancipation Proclamation, a group of ex-slaves organized the first Black Baptist congregation in the town of Natchitoches, Louisiana. In 1872, First Baptist Church was erected on property near Bayou Amulet and the American Cemetery on Second Street. The first pastor of this historical church was Rev. A. Rayford Blount. This edifice served also as a school because public education was denied to Blacks at this time. In 1905, the church was totally destroyed by fire. The only salvaged article was a bell that was originally used to summon slaves. This bell is presently located on the front lawn of the church. Several of the original members built a brush arbor for which to worship until another church building was erected in 1907. The church relocated to its present North Street location on property donated by Pastor Blount. It was rebuilt in 1956. The church has records that date back to 1930, and these are in a digital format.

—Provided by First Baptist Church, North Street



Location: 201 North St.
Natchitoches, LA

Founded: 1866

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mitchell Herndon

Contact: 201 North St.
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-357-0298

Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

First Timothy Full Gospel Church

Location: 911 Hwy. 494
Natchitoches, LA

Founded: 1866

Pastor: Rev. John Dearborne

Contact: PO Box 2334
Natchitoches, LA 71458
318-352-0027



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Friendship Baptist Church

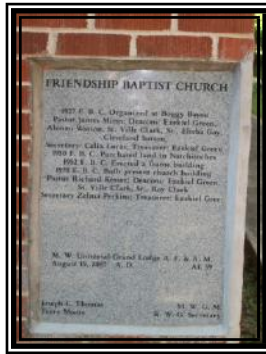


Location: 1415 Bivens St.
Natchitoches, LA

Founded: 1927

Pastor: Rev. Spencer Marshall

Contact: PO Box 381
Natchitoches, LA 71458
318-354-0071



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Gaines Chapel AME Church



Location: 842 Anita St.
Natchitoches, LA

Founded: 1890

Pastor: Rev. Regina Roberson

Contact: 842 Anita St.
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-572-5909



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Gilgal Missionary Baptist Church



Gilgal Baptist Church began in 1877 under the leadership of Elder William Henry who served as spiritual leader until his death. Rev. P.M. Gillie served as the 37th leader of Gilgal Baptist Church, and he was responsible for the dedication of the current church building in 1972. Rev. Lamar Richardson, Sr. now serves as pastor.

—Provided by Gilgal Baptist Church

Location: Hwy. 171
Clarence, LA

Founded: 1877

Pastor: Rev. Lamar Richardson, Sr.

Contact: PO Box 59
Campti, LA 71414
318-357-0555

Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Good Hope Full Gospel Baptist Church

Location: 145 Alexandria St.
Powhatan, LA

Pastor: Rev. Ben Taylor

Contact: 145 Alexandria St.
Powhatan, LA 71066
318-352-3711



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Goodwill Baptist Church



Location: 1312 Holmes St.
Natchitoches, LA

Founded: 1916

Pastor: Rev. Jerald Gant, Sr.

Contact: PO Box 1134
Natchitoches, LA 71458
318-352-7357



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Greater Holy Temple Church of God in Christ



Location: Campti, LA
Pastor: Rev. Joey Miller
Contact: 318-609-3932

Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Green Grove Baptist Church



Location: Readhimer, LA

Pastor: Rev. Johnny Martin



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

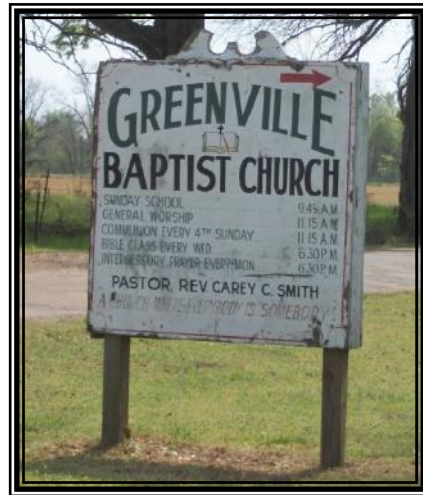
Greenville Baptist Church

Location: 315 Clark Rd.
Clarence, LA

Founded: 1911

Pastor: Rev. Carey C. Smith

Contact: PO Box 521
Clarence, LA 71146
318-352-2983



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Heart After God Ministries



Location: 9369 Hwy. 1
Natchez, LA

Pastor: Rev. Robert Jackson, Jr.
318-352-4555



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

House of Grace



**Location: 812 Martin Luther King, Jr.
Natchitoches, LA**

Pastor: Elder Lionel Johnson

Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Jabez Missionary Baptist Church



Location: 1706 Texas St.
Natchitoches, LA

Pastor: Rev. William Sapp, Sr.

Contact: PO Box 1162
Natchitoches, LA 71458
318-352-0089



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Kingdom Ministries

Location: 1939 Hwy. 6
Natchitoches, LA

Pastor: Rev. Henry & Denise Calhoun

Contact: 155 Riverside Dr.
Natchez, LA 71456
318-581-5144



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Kingdom First Ministries



Location: 400 MLK Dr.
Natchitoches, LA

Pastor: Rev. Willie Warren

Contact: 400 MLK Dr.
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-352-8900

Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Lake Street Church of Christ



Location: 1301 Lake
Natchitoches, LA
Pastor: Min. Ambrose LaCaze, Jr.
Contact: 1301 Lake
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-352-6474



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Liberty Chapel Church of God in Christ



Location: 184 Roberson
Campti, LA
Founded: 1941
Pastor: Elder Paul Wright
Contact: PO Box 204
Campti, LA 71411



Lighthouse Missionary Baptist Church



Location: 386 Hwy. 486
Campti, LA

Pastor: Rev. Earnest Green

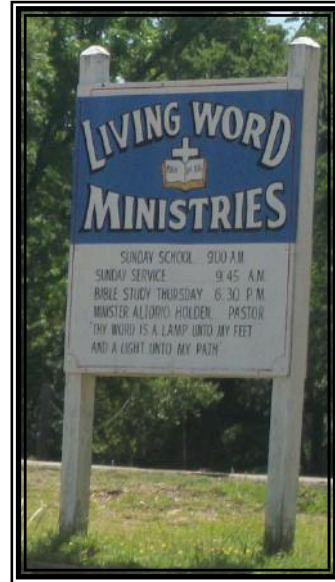
Contact: 386 Hwy. 486
Campti, LA 71411
318-476-3336



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Living Word Ministries

Location: 1401 Welch St.
Natchitoches, LA
Pastor: Rev. Altorio Holden, Sr.
Contact: 190 Plantation Pt.
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-352-7733



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Mallard Hill Church of God in Christ

Location: 269 Mallard Hill Rd.
Robeline, LA

Founded: 1925

Pastor: Elder Kevin Washington

Contact: 269 Mallard Hill Rd.
Robeline, LA 71469
318-472-9139



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Morning Star Baptist Church



The Morning Star Baptist Church was first organized around 1877 under the leadership of Rev. Albert Clark. The first services were conducted under a brush arbor. Early pastors also include Rev. Silas Hamilton, Rev. Nathan Smith, Rev. Ben Pleasant, Rev Gentry Davis, Rev. C. D. Reed, Rev. John Gains, Rev. F. G. McHenry, Rev. Paul Turner, and Rev. Amos Clark. Reverend Roosevelt Toussaint was elected in 2007 and remains the current pastor.

—Provided by Morning Star Baptist Church

Location: 170 Main St.
Natchez, LA

Founded: 1877

Pastor: Rev. Roosevelt Toussaint

Contact: PO Box 154
Natchez, LA 71456
318-357-3024



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Mount Carmel Baptist Church



Location: 9880 Hwy. 120
Robeline, LA

Founded: 1868

Pastor: Rev. Terry W. Cole

Contact: 1218 Phillips St.
Natchitoches, LA 71457

Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Mount Olive Baptist Church

Location: 174 Mount Olive Rd.
Natchitoches, LA

Founded: 1872

Pastor: Rev. Leard Robinson

Contact: 163 Shady Grove Rd.
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-354-8100



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church



Location: 2654 Hwy. 1226
Clarence, LA

Founded: 1880

Pastor: Rev. James King

Contact: 118 Keith Dr.
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-352-01053



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Mt. Sinai Baptist Church



Location: 2913 Hwy. 71
Campti, LA

Pastor: Rev. George Kirts, Jr.

Contact: 123 Brownville, Rd.
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-476-2099



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Mt. Zion Baptist Church



Location: Off Hwy. 156

Pastor: Rev. Howard Prelow

Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

My Father's House



Location: 1454 Berry Ave.
Natchitoches, LA
Pastor: Bishop Alton Hyde
Contact: 1454 Berry Ave.
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-352-2802

Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Natchitoches First Seventh-day Adventist Church

Location: 825 Koonce St.
Natchitoches, LA

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Alfred Booker, Sr.

Contact: PO Box 5364
Alexandria, LA 71307
318-357-8717



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

New Beginnings Ministries



Location: Lake St.
Natchitoches, LA
Pastor: Rev. Terry E. Mitchell



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

New Birth Missionary Baptist Church



Location: 108 Church St.
Natchez, LA

Founded: 1908

Pastor: Rev. Rufus Sowell

Contact: PO Box 255
Natchez, LA 71456
318-354-9427

The New Birth Missionary Baptist Church was organized in 1908. Their first Sunday service was held in an old barn across the railroad tracks in Cypress, Louisiana. The first pastor was Rev. George Johnson, and others who served included Rev. Sammy Bernstein, Rev. Gentry Davis, and Rev. Paul W. Turner who served as pastor for 56 years. The church moved to Natchez in 1981.

—Provided by New Birth Missionary Baptist Church



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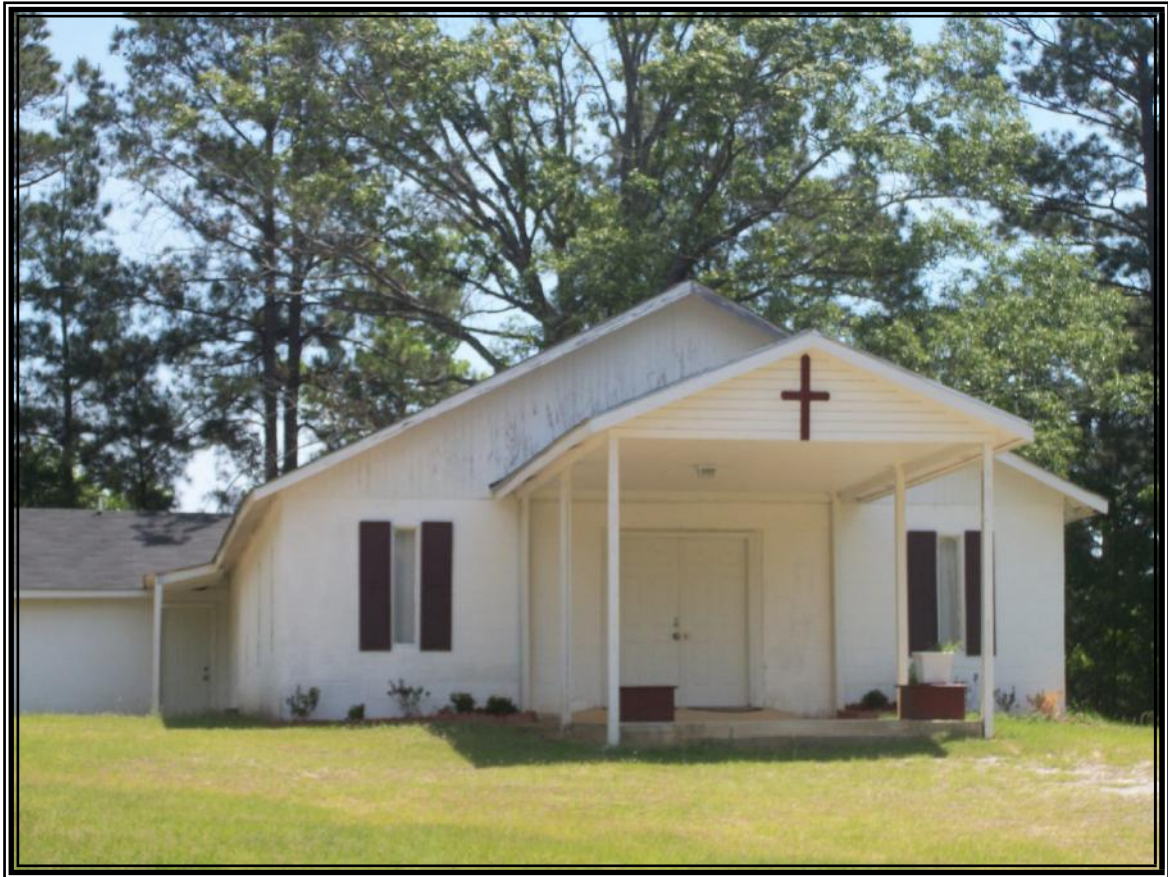
New Directions Life Ministries



Pastor: Rev. Medlock
Location: 851 Third St.
Natchitoches, LA
Contact: 318-356-7327

Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

New Light Baptist Church— Marthaville



Location: 2105 Hwy. 487
Marthaville, LA

Founded: 1916

Pastor: Rev. Dwayne E. Butler

Contact: 2105 Hwy. 487
Marthaville, LA 71450
318-472-6000

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New Light Baptist Church—Natchitoches

Location: 461 Jean Marie St.
Natchitoches, LA

Founded: 1903

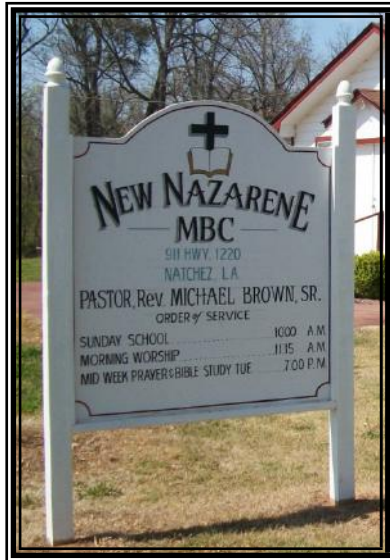
Pastor: Rev. Cynthia Lee Cole

Contact: 461 Jean Marie
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-354-1158



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

New Nazarene Missionary Baptist Church



Location: 877 Hwy. 1220
Natchez, LA

Founded: 1885

Pastor: Rev. Michael Brown, Sr.

Contact: 1417 W. Lakeshore
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-356-5796



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

New Testament Church of God in Christ



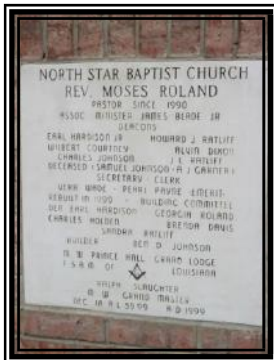
Location: 2095 Eight Mile Loop
Natchitoches, LA

Pastor: Rev. Kevin Washington

Contact: 2095 Eight Mile Loop
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-356-0502

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North Star Baptist Church



Location: 734 Hwy. 485
Natchitoches, LA
Founded: 1921
Pastor: Bishop William B. Roberson
Contact: PO Box 2647
Powhatan, LA 71066
318-352-9856



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Outreach Worldwide Evangelistic Ministries

Location: 912 Hwy 1 South
Natchitoches, LA
Pastor: Rev. Henry & Doris Butler



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Pentecost Baptist Church



Location: 9421 Hwy. 1
Natchez, LA

Pastor: Rev. Joe Williams, Sr.

Contact: 3476 Hwy. 494
Natchez, LA 71456
318-357-8711



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Prather Street Church of God in Christ



Location: 421 Prather St.
Natchitoches, LA

Founded: 1926

Pastor: Supt. R. Lynch, Sr.

Contact: 421 Prather
Natchitoches, LA 71457



Restoration Apostolic Ministries



Restoration Apostolic Ministries was first organized as Faith, Hope, and Charity Ministries in March of 1993 with just a handful of members. Through several locations, Apostle Sebastian & Pastor Lucy Babers have continued to minister and watch the congregation grow. The first service in the new building on Fairgrounds Road was held in May of 2007. On March 24, 2013, the name of the ministry was changed to Restoration Apostolic Ministries.

—Provided by Restoration Apostolic Ministries



Location: 175 Fairgrounds Rd.
Natchitoches, LA

Pastor: Apostle Sebastian Babers &
Pastor Lucy Babers

Contact: PO Box 961
Natchitoches, LA 71157
318-357-1315

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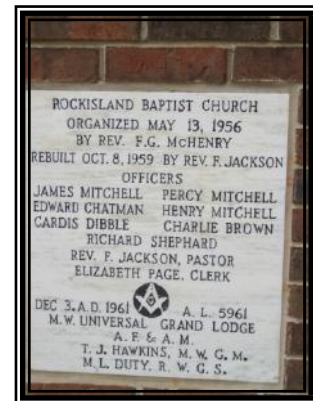
Rock Island Baptist Church

Location: 635 Dixie St.
Natchitoches, LA

Founded: 1956

Pastor: Rev. Conway Jones

Contact: PO Box 291
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-357-0345



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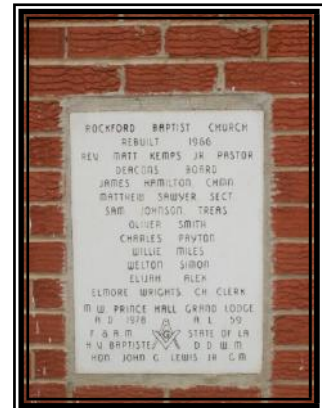
Rockford Baptist Church

Location: 669 Old River Rd.
Natchitoches, LA

Founded: 1898

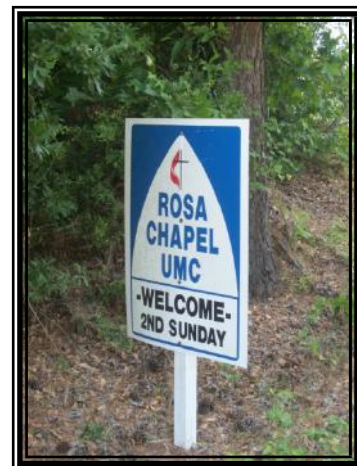
Pastor: Rev. Ronnie Williams, Jr.

Contact: 669 Old River Rd.
Natchitoches, LA 71457
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Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Rosa Chapel United Methodist Church



Location: 409 Hall Brick Rd.
Marthaville, LA
Pastor: Rev. Asriel McClain

Rose of Sharon Church



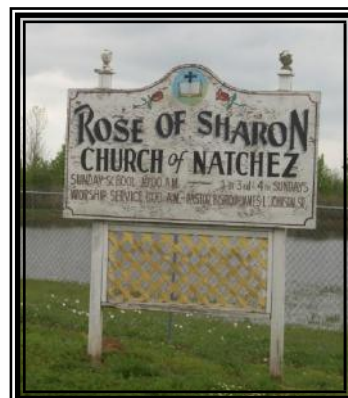
In 1995, former members of a local church decided to begin their own congregation. Rev. James Lee Johnson, Sr., acting on a word from God, began planning a church. At first, services were held in members' homes. While planning and building the church, the members chose to call it the Rose of Sharon of Natchez. After purchasing the land, and through much toil and sacrifice, the church held its first service in May, 1997. Rev. Johnson remains the pastor.

—Provided by Rose of Sharon of Natchez

Location: 197 Rose of Sharon
Natchez, LA

Pastor: Bishop James L. Johnson, Sr.

Contact: PO Box 201
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-356-9006



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

St. Andrew Baptist Church



Location: 717 Cat Island Rd.

Derry, LA

Founded: 1876

Pastor: Rev. Michael Anderson

Contact: 717 Cat Island Rd.

Derry, LA 71416

318-379-0359

Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

Location: 911 Fifth St.
Natchitoches, LA

Founded: 1935

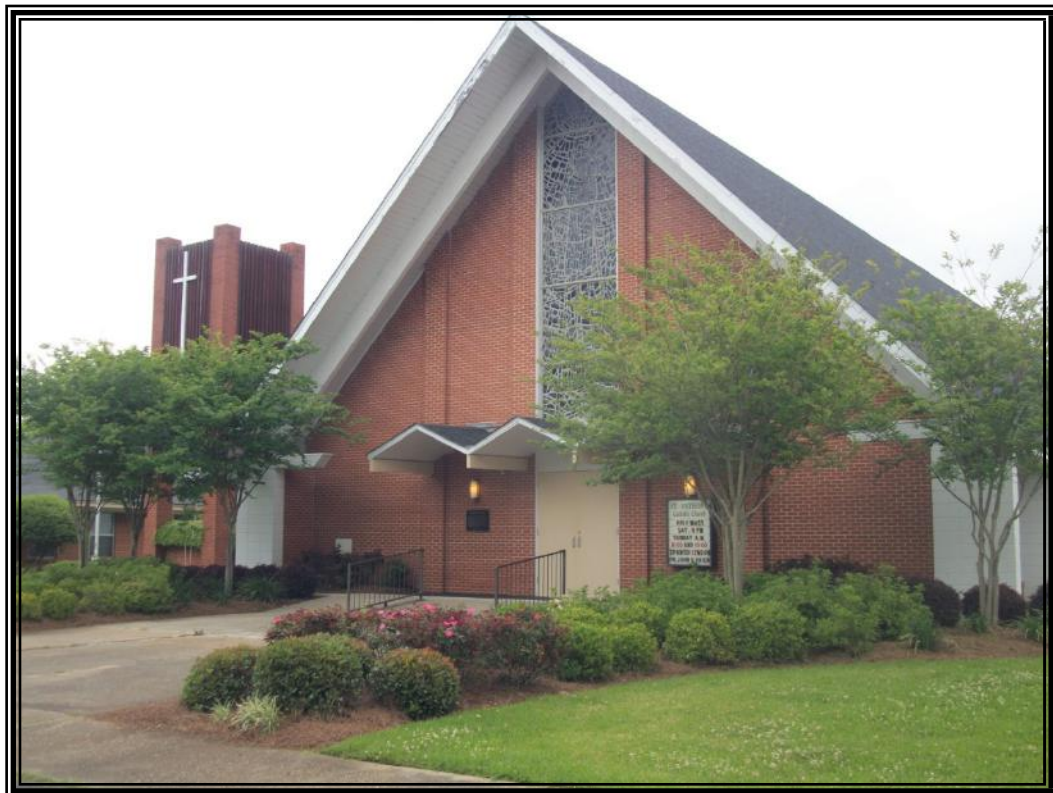
Pastor: Father John O'Brien

Contact: PO Box 432
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-352-2559



In 1935, the Holy Ghost Fathers were asked by Most Rev. Bishop Desmond of the Diocese of Alexandria to establish a church for Black and Creole Catholics in Natchitoches. In 1939, the initial St. Anthony church as constructed along with a school that was staffed by local teachers and the Sisters of Divine Providence. The school was named Piegay Memorial School in honor of its spiritual advisor, Rev. Anthony Piegay. On May 30, 2010, the parishioners of St. Anthony celebrated their 75th church anniversary.

—Provided by St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

St. Augustine Baptist Church



Location: 1854 Little River Rd.

Little River, LA

Founded: 1903

Pastor: Rev. Gus Johnson, Sr.

Contact: 730 Lake St.

Natchitoches, LA 71457

318-352-3010



The St. Augustine Baptist Church was established and built in 1903 at Little River, Louisiana on the very same spot where it is currently situated. The church has been remodeled three times, and some of the original lumber remains on the building. Early church leaders include Rev. A.M. Brown, Rev. R. T. Peterson, and Rev. Pompy Gillie. The current pastor is Rev. Gus Johnson, Sr.

—Provided by St. Augustine Baptist Church



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

St. Augustine Catholic Church



A strong oral tradition on Cane River dates the church back to 1803. Reportedly, Augustine Metoyer, son of Claude Thomas Pierre Metoyer and Marie Therese Coin Coin, donated the land and funds to build the first church here. According to Father J. J. Callahan in his booklet "History of St. Augustine's Parish" (published in 1954), the church was first blessed as a chapel in 1831 and became a parish in 1856. The present church structure was built in 1916. St. Augustine was the first Catholic church in America founded, independently financed, and built by free people of color. St. Augustine is the spiritual and social center of the Cane River Creole community on Isle Brevelle in Natchitoches Parish.

—Provided in part by
St. Augustine Catholic Church
and the Louisiana Folklife Center at
Northwestern State University

Location: 2262 Hwy. 484
Natchez, LA

Founded: 1803

Pastor: Father Thomas Paul

Contact: 2262 Hwy. 484
Natchez, LA 71456
318-379-2521



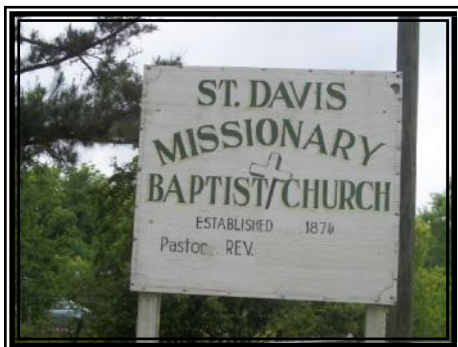
Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

St. Davis Missionary Baptist Church



St. Davis Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1870 by Rev. Frank Hatchet. Two of the original founders are Julien Emmanuel and Peter Patterson. The church has a board of deacons and a church council and also has church records.

—Provided by St. Davis Missionary Baptist Church

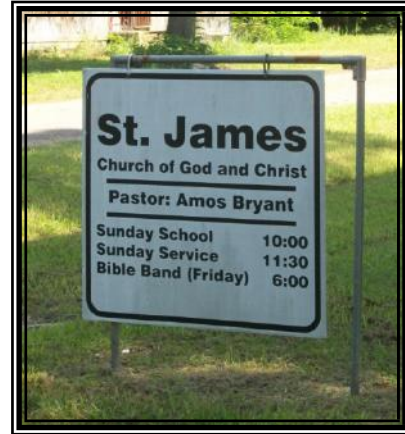


Location: Cloutierville, LA
Founded: 1870
Pastor: Rev. Richard L. Glynn
Contact: PO Box 161
Cloutierville, LA 71416

Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

St. James Church of God in Christ

Location: Powhatan, LA
Founded: 1917
Pastor: Rev. Amos Bryant



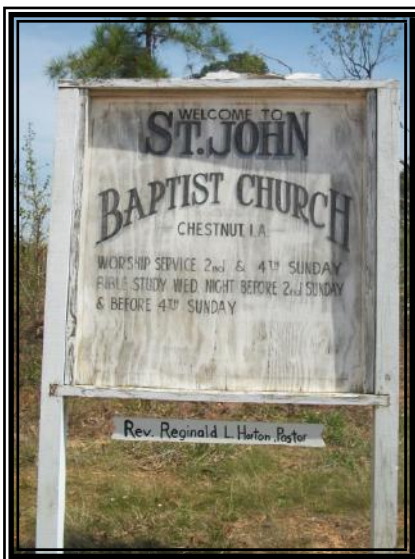
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St. John Baptist Church

Location: Chestnut, LA

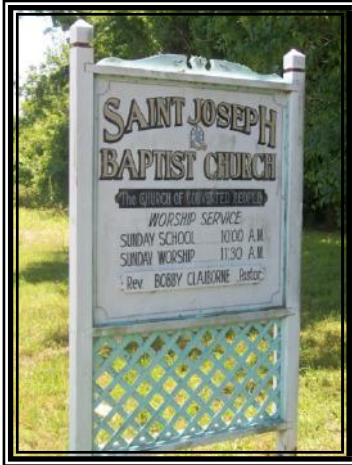
Founded: 1860

Pastor: Rev. Reginald L. Horton



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

St. Joseph Baptist Church



Location: 1011 Hwy. 6
Natchitoches, LA

Pastor: Rev. Bobby Claiborne



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

St. Luke Baptist Church

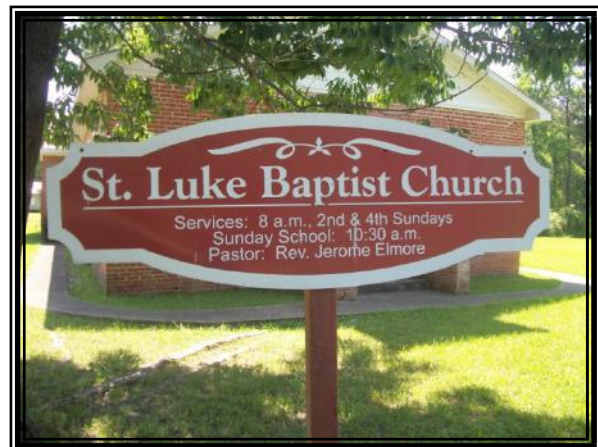


Location: 193 Posey Rd.
Natchitoches, LA

Founded: 1871

Pastor: Rev. Jerome Elmore

Contact: 193 Posey Rd.
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-357-8987



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

St. Martha Baptist Church



Location: 488 Hampton Rd.
Natchitoches, LA
Pastor: Rev. Albert Gillie
Contact: 313 E. Second St
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-354-6080



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

St. Mark Baptist Church

Location: 200 Allen-Beulah Rd.
Robeline, LA Pastor:
Rev. William Clark
Contact: 200 Allen-Beulah Rd.
Robeline, LA 71469
318-352-1887



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

St. Mary's Baptist Church



Location: 1451 Keyser Ave.
Natchitoches, LA

Founded: 1874

Pastor: Rev. Ardonul Brinson

Contact: PO Box 7014

Natchitoches, LA 71457

318-352-2301



St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church



Location: 130 Nolan Jones Rd.
Cane River, LA

Founded: 1879

Pastor: Rev. Leard Robinson

Contact: 161 Marie St.
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-379-2333



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

St. Matthew Baptist Church



The St. Matthew Baptist Church was founded by Rev. Austin Taylor in 1881. The church has a long history and continues strong today with a Deacon Board chaired by Leonard Caldwell, a five-member cemetery committee, and a four-member usher board. The church records are available in both digital and paper format.

—Provided by St. Matthew Baptist Church



Location: 1074 Five Forks Rd.
Creston, LA

Founded: 1881

Pastor: Rev. Kenneth Leonard

Contact: 318-533-9901

Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

Location: 391 St. Paul Church Rd.
Natchitoches, LA

Founded: 1866

Pastor: Rev. Leo J. Walker, Sr.

Contact: 1217 Lake St.
Natchez, LA 71456

The St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church was organized in 1866 under a brush arbor on the back of a plantation near the Bermuda Bridge. The first pastor was Elder Samuel Johnson. On June 24, 1884, the land for the present location was purchased from Alex Prudhomme, the plantation owner at that time. In 1910, the first church was built in the current location. The church was rebuilt and also enlarged in 1952. At one time, there was also a school on the grounds called the Bermuda School, which helped educate many of the black people from the Cane River area. On October 16, 1994, the tenth and current pastor, Rev. Leo J. Walker, Sr. was installed.

—Provided by St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

St. Paul United Methodist Church



Location: Campti, LA

Pastor: Rev. Hurvie Sweazey

Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

St. Peter Baptist Church



Location: 234 Barnum Rd.
Campti, LA

Pastor: Rev. Alfred Williams

Contact: PO Box 703
Campti, LA 71411
318-476-2197



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

St. Savior Baptist Church—Cane River



Location: 137 John Gaines Rd.
Natchitoches, LA

Pastor: Rev. Henry Edwards

Contact: 162 Fulton Rd.
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-352-9163



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

St. Savior Baptist Church—Grand Ecore



Location: 161 St. Savior Church Rd.
Natchitoches, LA

Founded: 1915

Pastor: Rev. Dennis L. Pursley

Contact: PO Box 150
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-357-8000

Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

St. Simon Missionary Baptist Church

Location: 440 Little Eva Rd.
Chopin, LA

Founded: 1874

Pastor: Rev. Freddie Joe Fowler, Sr.

Contact: 409 Airport Rd.
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-352-4165



The St. Simon Missionary Baptist Church was established in approximately 1874 on the Little Eva Plantation with surrounding landowners sharing the Old Jackland Plantation Area between the cemetery, river, and Highway 1 South in Chopin, Louisiana. The church was founded for and dedicated to the African people of the area. They could praise the Lord through services of song, prayer, and the spoken word in a building of their own, erected by them. According to now deceased parishioners, St. Simon is believed to be named after Simon of Cyrene who helped to carry Jesus's cross. The first pastor was Rev. Spencer Mitchell, and Rev. Freddie Fowler now serves as the 10th and current pastor.

—Provided by St. Simon Missionary Baptist Church



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

St. Titus Baptist Church



Location: 121 St. Titus Church Rd.
Campti, LA

Pastor: Rev. Billy Howard

Contact: 1421 Hill Avenue
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-476-3384



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Salvation Ministries



Location: 2331 Hwy. 71 North
Campti, LA

Pastor: Rev. Linda S. King

Contact: 318-652-4421

Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

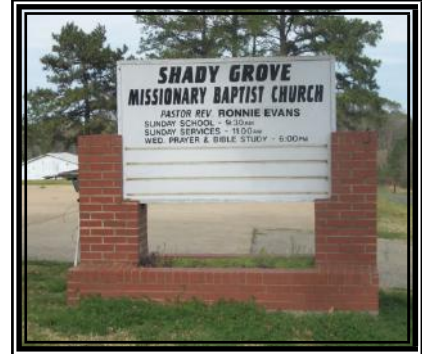
Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Location: 361 Shady Grove Rd.
Robeline, LA

Founded: 1876

Pastor: Rev. Ronnie Evans

Contact: 192 Riverside Dr.
Natchez, LA 71456
318-472-9211



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Shekinah Glory Church of God in Christ



Location: 725 Amulet St.
Natchitoches, LA

Founded: 1997

Pastor: Rev. Richard J. Stampley, Sr.

Contact: PO Box 1401
Natchitoches, LA 71458
318-354-1390

The Shekinah Glory Church of God in Christ was founded in 1997 by Rev. Richard J. Stampley, Sr., who continues to serve as pastor along with his wife. The ministry includes a men's organization, a women's organization, and a ministry geared for children. They keep church records in digital and paper format.

— Provided by Shekinah Glory Church of God in Christ



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Shiloh Baptist Church



Location: 410 Sixth St.
Natchitoches, LA

Founded: 1896

Pastor: Rev. Willis Scott

Contact: 410 Sixth St.
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-357-7932



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

United Missionary Baptist Church



Location: 9166 Hwy. 1
Natchez, LA

Pastor: Rev. Ocie Lee Charles, Jr.

Contact: PO Box 204
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-352-5659

Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Unity Outreach Ministries

Location: Hwy. 71
Clarence, LA

Pastor: Rev. Douglas Reliford

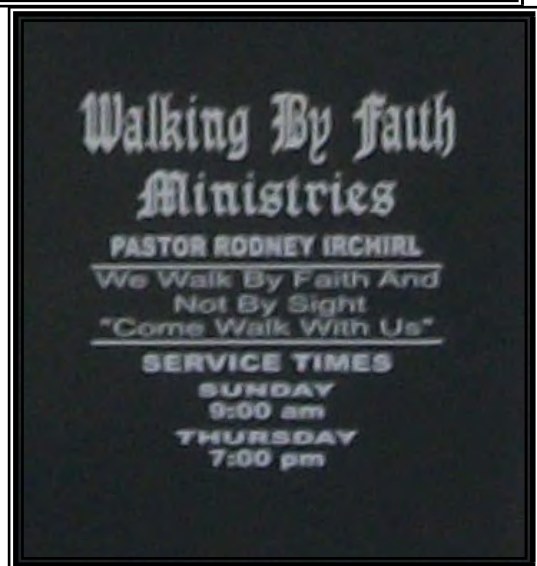


Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Walking by Faith



Location: Bossier St.
Natchitoches, LA
Pastor: Rev. Rodney Irchirl



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

We Care Ministries



Location: 750 Ouida Dr.
Natchitoches, LA
Pastor: Rev. Gus Johnson, Jr.
Contact: 750 Ouida Dr.
Natchitoches, LA 71457
318-352-5961



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

*Many church buildings
are associated with Black churches,
even though they are not currently
used for services.*

*Some churches are no longer active,
but are still important and should
be noted in the
history of Black churches
in Natchitoches Parish.*

*Therefore,
we have included the
following entries:*

Campti, LA



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

815 Fifth St.
Natchitoches, LA



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Bright Morning Star Baptist Church
Grappes Bluff, LA



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Corinth Missionary Baptist Church

149 Ella

Robeline, LA

1892



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

Mt. Zion Methodist Church

Clarence, LA

1885



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

908 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.
Natchitoches, LA



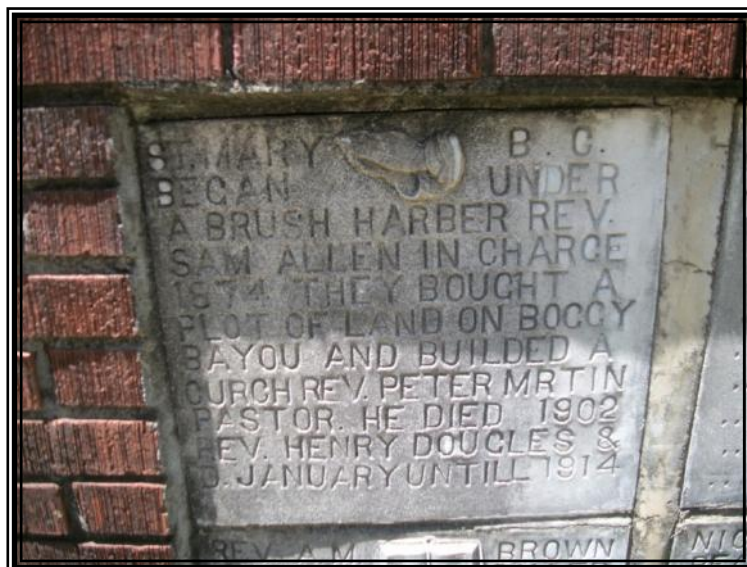
Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

St. Mary Baptist Church Cemetery

Bayou Cognac, LA

1874

St. Mary Baptist Church began under a brush arbor in 1874 with Reverend Sam Allen. They built a church on Boggy Bayou with Pastor Peter Martin in charge. In 1926, with Pastor A. M. Brown, the church on Bayou Cognac was built.



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

New Beulah District Auditorium

Lime Kiln Community

Natchitoches, LA



Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish

12th District Baptist Association Auditorium

Campti, LA

