

Information Sheet

R **Gravel Ridge Baptist Church (Charleston, Mo.).**
609 **Records, 1925-1990.**
 Six volumes.

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Gravel Ridge Baptist Church was organized on 6 September 1925 at a meeting convened by the Rev. H. Patterson, district missionary, with help from J. T. Sanders and J. D. Shelby, deacons from New Bethel Baptist Church. Twenty-two members were present, including members of Bryant, Dalton, Fletcher, Haney, Huggleby, Peace, Scott, Sweeny, and Weekly families. The Rev. Patterson and the Rev. A. E. Ray were the first moderators and pastors of the church; R. E. Barnhill was the first clerk. The church survived an early setback on 24 June 1926 when the building burned.

The records of Gravel Ridge Baptist Church consist of the record books of the clerks, beginning with the organizational meeting of the church in 1925. Each volume contains minutes of business meetings, membership registers, and information on receipts and expenditures. Some of the pages containing membership records in volumes 1 and 2 are fragmentary or are missing, and there are no records from April 1950 through December 1957. Church business generally concerned memberships, the services of pastors, financial matters, the Sunday School program, and maintenance of church property. The records end with the minutes of the business meeting on 20 May 1990. Gravel Ridge Baptist Church has since disbanded, and the records have been placed in the Clara D. Newnam Library in Charleston.

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