

?Scaffold Lick Baptist Church to mark 190th anniversary October 14

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? One of the oldest churches in Southern Indiana will mark its 190th anniversary on October 14.

Scaffold Lick Baptist Church in northeast Scott County was organized on October 14, 1818. It is the oldest church in the Coffee Creek Baptist Association and, according to records, the 12th oldest in Indiana.

Scaffold Lick is located one mile west of the old town of Holman, now Blocher, on Polk Road. The church derived its name from a salt lick which attracted deer to the banks of a nearby stream. Early hunters erected scaffolds in nearby trees to watch their prey.

The first church building was a small log type structure that was reportedly destroyed by wind. A second building was destroyed by fire, and a third church was erected in 1857 and used until January 23, 1949, when it was destroyed by fire on the night of the wedding of Robert Hoard and Gene Donahue.

The first wedding conducted in the new building was that of Robert Napier and Sadie Broadus.

The present white frame church sits high on a hill surrounded by sugar maples and gums and features stained glass windows and a belfry. Plans were drawn up by W.B. Colwell. Previously, two outhouses constructed behind the church served the congregation, and baptisms often took place at a farm pond located at what is now Blocher and Napper Roads. Holders for men's wide-brimmed hats can still be seen under some of the church pews.

Each week, Sunday School classes are held at 9:30 a.m. with the morning service on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The present minister is the Rev. David Culley.