

## New Hope Church

Somerset, KY  
(Pulaski County)

37°06.768' N 84°26.682' W  
Organized 1809  
First pastor Richard Barnes  
Current pastor Dalous Sears

New Hope Baptist Church was constituted in 1809, the same year as the Cumberland River Association. They lettered up to our association in 1811.

Richard Barnes, an early Kentucky preacher was a member of New Hope and their first pastor. March 20, 1774, by the authority of the church at Boone's Ford, North Carolina, Richard Barnes with 14 others was baptized by Elder John Gano.

Some of the early pastors and preachers in addition to Bro. Barnes: Robert McAlister- b. 1782 d. 1851; Joseph Martin James- b. 1784 d. about 1849; William Stogsdill- b. about 1810 d. 1855; Benjamin Hansford- b. 1770 d. 1853; W. F. Richardson- b. 1813 d. 1873; J. T. Stogsdill- b. 1834 d. 1911; J. W. Bray- b. 1854 d. 1934; John Alexander and H. J. Ridner. These are just some of the early pastors.

One interesting note about W. M. Stogsdill reveals that on the first Saturday in September, 1855, as he preached the annual sermon to the association, and knowing his illness he said, "I know I have but a short time to live, but what time I do live, I intend to spend in preaching Jesus to sinners." Four days later he died.

The following served as pastor: J. C. Barber, Ewell Hargis, Howard Prather, Walter Jones, Gene Hargis, Dorwin Cottongim, Raymond Hail, Rodney Haggard, and Dalous Sears.



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