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## **TUSCALOOSA COUNTY'S UNION CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH & CEMETERY ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE**

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added the Union Chapel United Methodist Church and Cemetery in Northport to the Alabama Register of Landmarks & Heritage.

The Alabama Register is a prestigious listing of historic, architectural, and archaeological landmarks. The AHC considers the notable historic properties in this register to be particularly worthy of preservation and appreciation, and therefore deserving of this special recognition.

Union Chapel United Methodist Church was listed in the Alabama Register for its religious history. It is significant to the community as an established church congregation of over 100 years. The current church building was constructed in 1962. A small graveyard is located near the church.

Early church members were pioneers in the Rose Valley or Union Chapel community along Crabbe Road in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The center of this small community revolved around the church. Today, all that remains of the community is the church. As Northport continues to develop and expand, Union Chapel Church is a reminder of the small community on the Crabbe Road.

The Alabama Historical Commission administers the Alabama Register program, which gives the public a simple way to bring recognition to historic properties.

The Alabama Register officially recognizes and honors buildings, sites, structures, objects, and historic districts that are at least 40 years old.

The Alabama Register designation is honorary and carries no restrictions on property and offers no financial incentives.

*To protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places is the mission of the **Alabama Historical Commission, the State Historic Preservation Office.***

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