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ARKWRIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added Arkwright Baptist Church in Vincent 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.

Arkwright Baptist Church was listed in the Alabama Register for its religious and historical significance. Organized in 1911, the church was organized in the Arkwright community near the ACL railroad crossing, at what is now Highway 62 East. Services were held in a building known as Pop Ray's old store. Baptisms were performed in the Coosa River or Locust Creek. Sometime after 1919, church members met in the old Bannister School. In 1957, the old school building was bricked and four Sunday School rooms were added. Families donated stained glass windows in memory of loved ones. In 1966, the Educational building was constructed.

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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