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HISTORICAL SKETCH OF GERMANTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

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The organization now known as the Germantown Baptist Church was known as the Sardis Church, which voted to disband in December of 1838. Several of the members, however, who lived near Two Lick Creek, continued to meet at the home of Mrs. Lucy Woodward. On July 10, 1841, a council convened and, having obtained help from the churches at Washington, in Mason County, and at Willow Creek, in Bracken County, proceeded to organize under the name of "Two Lick," using the same covenant and articles of faith used by the old Sardis Church. On August 7, 1841, a majority of the membership voted to join the Bracken Association, and this relationship remains unchanged.

In January, 1851, twenty of the members were dismissed to constitute a church at Mt. Olivet.

In October, 1870, the church was moved from Two Lick Creek to the hill on the land of Joseph Hinson, but they retained the name of "Two Lick." In June, 1903, the church was moved to land donated by Baker Galbraith, two miles south of Germantown on the Bridgeville road. This building was struck by lightning and burned to the ground June 13, 1944. All the furnishings were saved, and through the courtesy of the late T. T. Hill, the church was allowed to move into Woodward's Chapel, formerly used by a Methodist congregation. Here the church worshipped for more than three years. In August, 1947, the church moved in the brick structure at Germantown and took the name of Germantown Baptist Church. In the almost 121 years that this church has existed, under these several names, it has been served by thirty regular pastors. The present pastor, Rev. Johnston, came following the retirement of Rev. W. C. Manners who had been the beloved pastor for almost eight years. Rev. and Mrs. Manners now reside at 674 Hickory Grove Drive, Independence, Kentucky. They would like to hear from their many friends throughout this association. The present resident membership of Germantown Baptist Church is 137. Presently serving as deacons are Mr. Harry F. Monohon, a recent moderator of Bracken Association, Mr. Satnley Haley, Mr. Harry K. Kurtz, Mr. Leslie Wells, Mr. M. B. Shelton, Mr. Lynn Adams, and Mr. Allan Stears. Mr. Leonard Mains is church clerk, and Mr. Harry K. Kurtz is church treasurer.