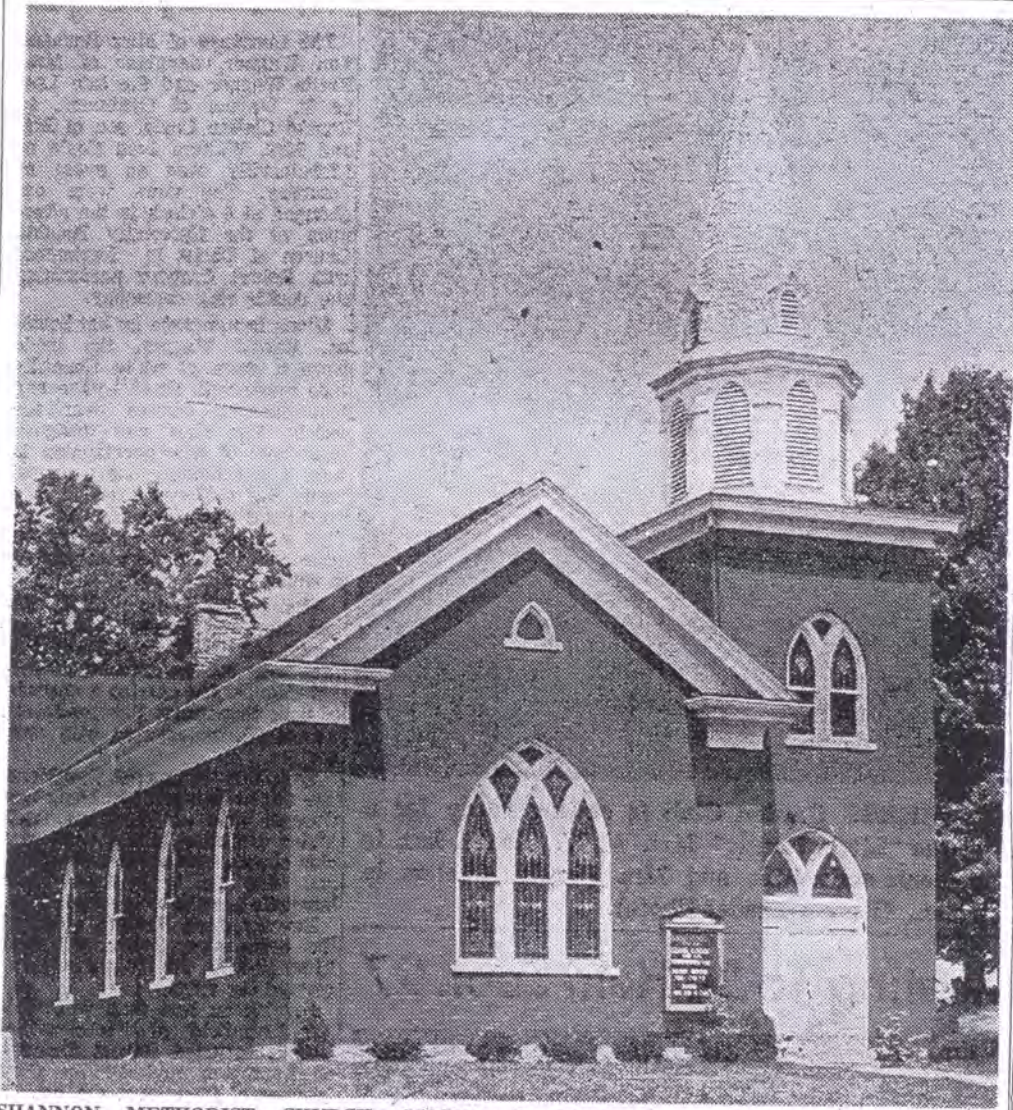


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SHANNON METHODIST CHURCH, MASON COUNTY—Twelve miles south of Maysville on U. S. 62 is located this church which was dedicated by Bishop George F. Pierce on May 24, 1868. The present building is the third to occupy this site. The first was of log, erected in 1801 at the instigation of Daniel Rees, Samuel Craft, Gen. William Reed, Elias Cowgill and a few others. Four years earlier, in 1797, these Methodists had organized and their congregation became a part of the Limestone Circuit. In 1821, the log church was taken down and replaced by a stone building. Some of the early ministers were James and George Savage, Henry B. Bascom, later president of Transylvania University; Jedediah Foster, Hiram Baker and H. H. Kavanaugh, later bishop. As a result of a split over the slavery controversy, Shannon Church sided with the slave holders and became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The second stone building served 47 years and was taken down; in 1868, the present brick edifice was built, and about 1907 the vestibule with steeple was added. The educa-

tional building was added in 1955. Other preachers who have had pastorates at Shannon Church include Charles Thompson, 1873; D. D. Duty, 1874; W. T. Benton, 1877; J. N. Current, 1882; W. W. Spates, 1882-86; H. C. Wright, 1886-87; Dr. W. H. Anderson, 1887-91; R. Heber Wightman, 1891-94; J. D. Redd, 1894-98; P. J. Ross, 1898-02; W. T. Ekler, 1902-06; H. E. Roseberry, 1906-08; J. T. J. Fizer, 1908-11; W. W. Green, 1911-12; Peter Walker, 1912-16; W. M. Williams, 1916-19; R. B. Baird, 1919-20; W. P. Hopkins, 1920-21; H. G. Howard, 1921-24; J. R. Kendall, 1924-28; J. M. Mathews, 1928-31; L. T. Allison, 1931-33; L. C. Godbey, 1933-38; Henry G. Carl, 1938-42; Gwinn H. Bierley, 1942-44; W. W. Garriott, 1944-45; O. S. Crain, 1945-46; E. B. Scott, 1946-50; J. O. Benson, 1950-56; S. B. Rucker, 1956-59; Ben N. Cain, 1959-63, and the Rev. John Hicks, since June, 1963. In addition to the church founders names, the oldest tombstones in the cemetery bear the names of Baker, McDonald, Piles, Glenn, White, Trigg, Wheeler, Griffith, Watson, Grover and Henderson. Shannon Church serves a congregation of about 130 members.