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Farmington Baptist Church

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The Farmington Baptist Church has an interesting and rich history. The church has ministered to the spiritual needs of her members for nearly two centuries. Although the exact date is unknown, existing records indicate that the church was organized around 1800. Some believe it was organized in the late 1700s. Civil War breastworks are still clearly visible behind the adjoining cemetery, and many weathered headstones are still standing dating back to the first half of the 19th century. Historically, the church has witnessed many notable events. Here in 1853, Civil War hero and founder of Blue Mountain College, Mark Perrin Lowrey, was ordained to the ministry. On May 9, 1862, a battle known as "The Farmington Races" was fought here between Major General Earl Van Dorn. In 1885, the famous debate between political candidates was marked by the address of "Private" John Allen on the church grounds.