

Historic Churches and Cemeteries

TourDay TWO

Tour Time 2 ½ hours

This tour begins at the Covered Bridge Bed and Breakfast in Philippi, WV. The tour focuses on Civil War sites and early settlers. A brochure outlining the tour and giving information is available at the CB B and B and at Adaland.

First Stop- Mount Olive Baptist Church grounds and Old Quaker Cemetery On Cherry Hill Road

This tour begins by traveling through the Covered Bridge and turning left on US 119 South. Proceed ½ mile to WV Rt.7 (Cherry Hill Road) Turn right on this road for 1 ½ miles (pass the Philippi Elementary and Middle Schools) and then turn right on 119/4 near the top of a hill to the cemetery (Airport Road) This church was organized in 1817 and was a Primitive Baptist Church. The Mt. Olive cemetery adjoins the old Quaker Cemetery on land settled in 1781 by the Richland Society of Friends Quaker Association. No tombstones exist for the Quaker burials but the graves occupy the large vacant area around the marker in the middle of the cemetery.

Second Stop- Philippi Presbyterian Church/Crim Memorial United Methodist Church

Return to Main Street in Philippi. At the North end of Main Street at the stop light is the Philippi Presbyterian Church. The church was organized in 1867 and the building constructed between 1875 and 1876. The original stained glass windows were repaired recently. The Crim UM Church is located at the corner of Walnut and Pike Street and is visible from the Presbyterian Church. The church was built in 1905 by J.N.B Crim after a fire destroyed a former church with the congregation building the foundation. The stained glass windows are an outstanding feature.

Third Stop- The Masonic Cemetery and Old Philippi Cemetery

There is an access road up the hill from Crim Church on Pike Street with a few parking spaces. In the upper Old Philippi Cemetery are buried many of the early settlers of Philippi and Civil War veterans with the first graves dating to 1851. The Masonic Cemetery occupies the slope of the hill below the old cemetery with limited access roads to the family grave sites.

Fourth Stop- Jersaulem United Methodist Church and Cemetery

Returning to Main Street, turn left on US 250 and proceed 5 miles To Jersaulem road US 250/6 just past Philip Barbour High School. Go straight across old 250 about 500 yards to the church that sets on a small hillside. Road is narrow. The church was built in 1882 on land deeded to the church in 1857. The Cemetery is located across the driveway from the church. Some grave are marked with stones or thin slabs, while others are unmarked.

Listings of the gravestones at the Mason Cemetery, Old Philippi and the Jersalem Cemetery are available at Adaland and the Philippi Public Library.