

1936s extreme heat and cold sound familiar in 2026

A favorite topic of conversation is the weather. I find myself comparing our weather today with the weather of years past. The year of 2026 has definitely been one of those years for comparing with the past. It has been one of the hottest summers we've had in a while with temperatures in the 90s with a heat index in the 100+ range; and for sure, one that has lasted for the longest. It started getting above average heat in June and continued through September. The year 1936 was also one that people remembered for a long time. I fear our weather will continue to be extreme for the winter months.

Jan. 3, 1936 -Heaviest Snow For Many Years Strikes County.

The heaviest snow fall in the county for many years fell during Christmas week with an estimated fall of seven inches. The heaviest of the fall was Saturday night and Sunday morning which has been estimated at five to six inches.

Following the cessation of the storm came a decided fall in the temperature with the semi official mark being given as -1 degree Monday morning. This marks the coldest snap of the season and also the coldest reported since the sleet and ice of the past February in 1935 when an official -4 was reported.

Motor and rail traffic proceeded at a slow rate for several days, but no serious accidents were reported in this section. Through the state the blizzard was intense and severe with several deaths being reported from exposure.

Jan. 24, 1936 – Unreported By Forecaster A New Cold Wave Strikes City and County.

Much suffering in the county by an unreported cold wave which swept down on the city and county Wednesday morning driving the mercury to an unofficial average of -3. Early Wednesday morning the thermometer registered a balmy 40, and at midnight -3. A two-inch snowfall added further to hardships and suffering.

Feb, 28 – Another Blast of Cold Air

Crittenden County felt the icy fingers of another cold wave during the forepart of last week with the mercury being driven down to around the 0 mark. This is the most prolonged wave in the history of the county, wherein the temperature has been below the freezing point. The Ohio River has been frozen over for the first time since the winter of 1917 and 1918.

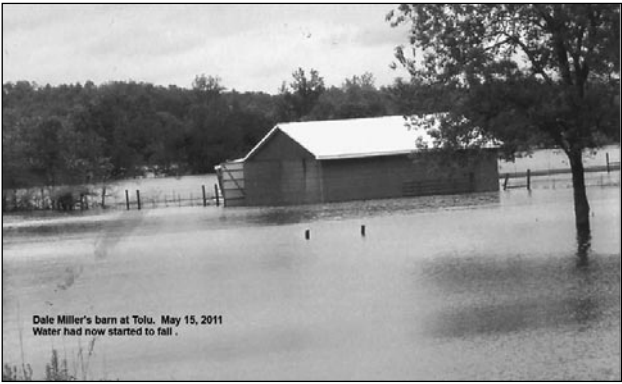
The weather must have settled down for a spell during March through June for nothing unusual was reported in

The Press until July, then comes the news of a devastating heat wave and drought.

July 10, 1936 – Many Storms

Kentucky is scorching beneath a record breaking heat wave. In many parts of western Kentucky Wednesday, heavy rains fell, in some cases with the accompaniment of storms. High wind and electrical storms accompanying the rain caused damage to residences and some property. The thermometer reading in Marion ranged from 94 to 106 indoors and the highest outdoor record was 110.

President Roosevelt held a conference of the drought relief situation



The historic flood of 2012 was the worst flood since 1937, and had all major roads flooded into Crittenden County except State Highway 91 to Princeton.



The historic drought of 2012, damaged much of Crittenden's crops and dried up the pastures, causing many farmers to have to sell their cattle.

this morning. Government relief officials were preparing a detailed report of the serious Midwestern drought and measures they are ready to take to aid farmers. Reporting record temperatures ranging up to 10 degrees, the weather bureau said today that no rain is in sight for the western grain states.

July 31, 1936 – Drought Relief In The County

The Rural Rehabilitation office has been delegated the responsibility of taking applications for Emergency Feed loans for drought-stricken farmers of Crittenden and Livingston counties. Feed loans will be made for maintenance of livestock including work stock, milk, cows, poultry, hogs and sheep.

July 31, 1936 – Shower Strikes City Tuesday Afternoon

The first rainfall in many days visited the city Tuesday afternoon and was of short duration. Rain was not general over the county, the showers falling within a radius of approximately

a mile and going no farther north than Winlow Park. For the forthcoming week the forecast is that of general showers for the state together with additional rains in Illinois.

The crops in the county are damaged irreparably and few observers believe that these could be saved even in the face of sufficient rainfall. One farmer of long experience in hill land is responsible for the statement that the ground is not so devoid of moisture to cause the searing and burning of the growing crops but the damage has been caused by the hot sun and the winds that have parched the portions above the surface of the soil.

A customary sight is that of wagons loaded with barrels hauling water for the use of families who have exhausted their supply and in some cases this haul is several miles in length. In one case, a lighted cigarette tossed by a passing motorist was believed to have caused the burning of grass between the highway and the fence, thus causing the loss of

many posts to one landowner on Highway 60.

August 7, 1936 – Rain Wednesday is Beneficial To Late Crops.

Showers beginning Wednesday afternoon and continuing late into the night did much to relieve suffering from the heat and also proved to be extremely beneficial to the late crops and gardens in the city, county and surrounding community. The arid season of the present year has not been as devastating as that of 1930 in the manner of the soil. The soil this year retained an average amount of moisture with the damage to crops being caused by the hot burning winds from the south and west. In 1930, the damage was caused by the dryness of the soil and the hot burning winds were not in evidence at any time.

August 21 – Excessive heat Continues

The abnormal high temperature continues without abatement throughout the entire state with all-time high records being set daily. In addition to the heat the dry period continues with meteorologists forecasting local showers with no moderation of weather.

September 4, 1936 – Rain Saturday Shatters Heat Drought Waves

Rain Saturday morning, Tuesday and Wednesday was of material benefit to farmers of Crittenden and surrounding counties. The rainfall was general and steady and will aid in

preparing ground for fall and winter planting. The downfall of Tuesday and Wednesday was the first of any consequence in two months and was estimated at one inch.

Temperatures were greatly reduced, ranging from 100 degrees and better in several places, all time record reports to the 60s and 70s. The rain of Saturday forced the mercury down to 87 at 10 o'clock while the day before at the same hour a reading of 94 was shown.

The past month was the most severe and trying for many years, normal temperatures were reported for the initial 10 days but the heat had become record breaking by the 15th. During the remainder, record after record for temperatures was surpassed when the heat wave was finally broken by the showers of the past Saturday.

The section is still short of average rainfall, but meteorologists were of the opinion that no dire need would be experienced for the remainder of the year with no severity as that of the past two months.

That was the weather for the year 1936. It sounds very familiar to some we have had over the past several years.

(Brenda Underdown is chair of Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found at OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.com).

PUBLIC NOTICE

Crittenden County Board of Elections shall offer no-excuse, in-person Early Voting for the general election inside Crittenden County Office Complex, 200 Industrial Dr., Marion, on the following days:

- Thursday, Oct. 29 / 8-4
- Friday, Oct. 30 / 8-4
- Saturday, Oct. 31 / 8-4

This notice given pursuant to Kentucky statutes

GoVote.ky.gov

To find a sample ballot for the general election

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Rodney Phelps, Pastor
(270) 704-2400
emmausbaptistsalem@outlook.com
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Freedom General Baptist Church



Pastor: Ross Atwell
87 Freedom Church Rd., Marion
(about 1 mi. from Marion off Ky. 91)
CHURCH TIMES:
Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.

PINEY FORK



Speaker: Greg Rushing
CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Bible study 6 p.m.
A new beginning, going forward and looking to the future
Ky. 506 | Marion, Ky.

St. William Catholic Church



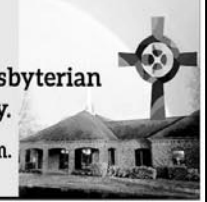
Sunday Mass 11 a.m.
860 S. Main St. Marion, Ky.
Father Jojy Joseph (270) 965-2477

Marion Baptist Church



College & Depot streets, Marion • (270) 965-5232
Pastor: Bro. Aaron Brown • Children's & Youth Pastor: Bro. Shawn Holeman
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m., ONLINE 11 a.m., SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:05 a.m.
WEDNESDAY: BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER 6 p.m., AWANA FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS 6 p.m.
CHOIR PRACTICE: 6:45 p.m., PRAISE TEAM: 7:30 p.m.

Sugar Grove



Cumberland Presbyterian
585 Sugar Grove Church Rd., Marion, Ky.
Sun. School: 10 a.m. | Sun. Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Mexico Baptist Church



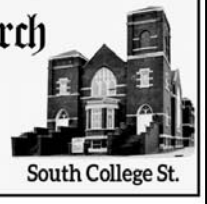
Steve Harris, Interim Pastor
Mike Crabtree, Minister of Music
Sunday Worship Services: 10 a.m., 7 p.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.
175 Mexico Rd. (270) 965-4059
MexicoBaptist.org

Crooked Creek Baptist Church



261 Crooked Creek Church Rd.,
P.O. Box 442, Marion, Ky. • (270) 704-0914
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Pastor, Hank Cayce "Come and Worship with Us"

Marion Methodist Church



We love intensely, believe deeply, and pray zealously
SUN: Sun. School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 p.m.
South College St.

DEER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH



Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
"Whatever It Takes"
Bro. Jamie Baker
Approx. 5 miles from the intersection of Hwy. 60 & Hwy. 297
Phone: (270) 965-2220

Crayne Community Church



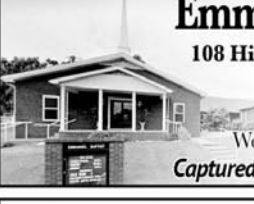
Crayne Cemetery Road, Crayne, Ky.
Bro. James Driver, Interim Pastor
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

Frances Community Church



Bro. Butch Gray, Missionary Discipler
Worship service:..... 11 a.m.
Children's Church ages 3 & up... 11 a.m.
"The little church with a big heart"

Emmanuel Baptist Church



108 Hillcrest Dr., Marion | (270) 965-4623
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Adult Bible Study, Children and Youth Activities: 6 p.m.
Captured by a vision...

FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



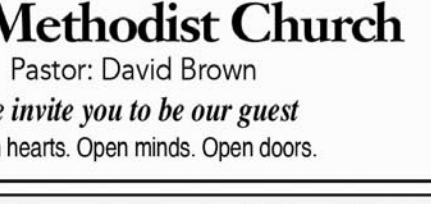
224 W. Bellville St., Marion, Ky.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
David LeNeave, Pastor

Hurricane Church



Hurricane Church Rd. off Ky. 135 West
Sun. School, 10 a.m. • Worship, 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening services, 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

Tolu Methodist Church



Pastor: David Brown
We invite you to be our guest
Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

growing in grace



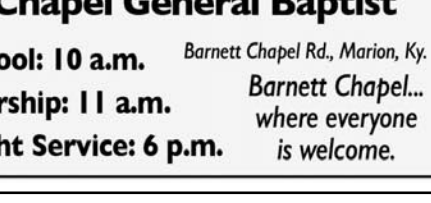
2 Peter 3:18
PLEASANT GROVE General Baptist Church
Located on Ky. 723, 4 miles north of Salem
Sunday School 10 a.m. | Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. | Wed. 7 p.m.

Unity General Baptist Church



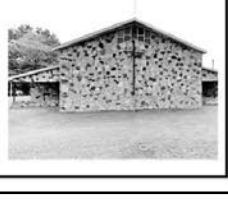
4691 Mott City Rd. • Marion, Ky.
Bro. Chris Collins, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Barnett Chapel General Baptist



Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Service: 6 p.m.
Barnett Chapel Rd., Marion, Ky.
Barnett Chapel... where everyone is welcome.

Marion Church of God



334 Fords Ferry Road, Marion, Ky.
Morning Service 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening 6 p.m. • Wed. Evening 6 p.m.
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Marion Church of Christ



546 West Elm Street
(270) 965-9450
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
- The end of your search for a friendly church -