

First Presbyterian Church - Clarkesville

This classic little church was built in 1848 by Jarvis Van Buren, cousin of President Martin Van Buren. Jarvis built the historic Grace Calvary Episcopal church - also in Clarkesville. In 1907 the church (which originally faced Jefferson Street) was jacked up and rotated to face Washington Street.



Notes for the photographer:

I made this photo in late March - just in time to capture the flowering trees that flank the church. The chimney in the right background is on the much photographed (private residence) Charm House. There is another beautiful building on the church property to the left of the church (about where I was standing to make this photo).

Directions: From the square in Clarkesville head east along Washington street. The church is on the left just before you get to the traffic signal. Park in the church's parking lot at the rear of the church.

GPS Coordinates: 34°36'43.5"N 83°31'19.5"W

Interesting fact:

Clarkesville used to have a trolley that connected the town center to the Tallulah Falls Railroad station. The trolley tracts were installed in Washington Street about the same time that the church was jacked up and rotated to face Washington Street.