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From the Editors:

Welcome to the 2006 edition of the Old Settlers Gazette. This is our third year publishing the *Gazette*.

We wish to thank the contributing authors Dr. Richard Edging and John Bradbury. Their special knowledge and fine writing bring breadth to this issue.

We also want to express our appreciation to the advertisers. Their advertisements pay for the publication of this 60 page tabloid and allow us to give it away. We hope you will patronize the businesses and compliment the individuals. Their participation indicates an interest in our local heritage and support of the Foundation's effort to share some of that history.

### Cover:

Along with a fine article on local archaeological evidence of the past, preaching and teaching are explored in this year's *Gazette*. The cover photo was shot at the brush arbor built on the grounds of the Gasconade Baptist Church. The congregation is celebrating its 101st year. Members built the brush arbor as part of the celebration and had a service under its leafy boughs. Assembled under the arbor are the Board of Directors and volunteers of the Old Stagecoach Stop and some of the members of Gasconade Baptist.

The church is located on Highway Y in the Gasconade River valley, just south of Riddle Bridge. It is a beautiful wide valley setting with a panoramic view of Yellow Bluff to the north. **Cover photograph by Rebecca Salley.**



Gasconade Baptist Church with brush arbor in foreground.