

Those In Salem's History Who Have Gone Into Ministry

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William Jesse Satterfield (C. 1844 - Mar. 12, 1919) — He was the son of Andrew Jackson Satterfield and Clementine Crutchfield Satterfield. The Satterfields moved to Salem in the 1840's. William Jesse, who was called "Billy," grew up in Salem. He became a teacher and a traveling Baptist preacher. He married Mary W. Mullins

Walter Scott Creasy (May 28, 1847 – Aug. 21, 1899) —He moved with his family into the Salem Community in 1865. His parents were William O. & Sarah Slusher Creasy. He grew up in Salem and in 1867 he married Edith Elizabeth Sparger, whose family was also active in Salem. He was a school teacher and went into the ministry. He was ordained a local elder in 1876 and admitted into the N. C. Conference on trial. In 1878 he was admitted into full connection of the conference. He served Salem, his home church and other churches on the Mount Airy Circuit from 1876 – 1879. He served as a prominent minister in the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conference until his death in 1899 while serving as Minister of Centenary in Winston-Salem.

Robert Marion Taylor (Aug. 1, 1854 – Nov. 15, 1920) — He grew up in Salem and was the son of Robert Turner Taylor and Sara Jane Sparger Taylor. He was licensed as a minister in 1880, the year he married Nellie Laffoon. He was ordained Deacon in 1886 & Elder in 1889. He served appointments in the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences and was Presiding Elder (Dist. Superintendent) of Mount Airy Dist. from 1910 to 1912. He died in 1920 still serving in ministry.

Robert Samuel Satterfield (Feb. 27-1873 – Nov. 6, 1945) — He was the son of John Dillard Satterfield and Jennie I. Atkinson Satterfield and the grandson of Andrew Jackson Satterfield. He grew up in Salem and then went to the University of North Carolina, Vanderbilt Univ. and Scarritt College. He was ordained in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South in 1909. He went to Oklahoma after marrying Willi Mai Smith of Nashville and was a prominent minister there. In the 1920's he served as Editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate. It was while serving in that capacity that he returned to Salem on June 29, 1924 and preached the sermon at the dedicatory service of the new church at Salem.

Kyle Newton Smith (Jul. 12, 1922 – Still living) — Is the son of William M. and Hallie J. Parker Smith. Kyle grew up in Salem, and after serving in W. W. II he went into the ministry. He served his home church of Salem as minister from 1965-1967. Kyle married Margaret Poore also of Mount Airy. He served in the Western North Carolina Conference and

the Peninsular Conference until his retirement in 1986. Kyle and Walter Scott Creasy are the only two ministers who have grown up in Salem church and then been appointed to serve as ministers of the church.

Gregory Dean Matthews (Oct. 3, 1968 - Still living) — Is the son of William Leon and Margaret Beasley Matthews. Greg grew up in Salem Church. After receiving a B. S. degree from Wingate College he then attended Duke Divinity School and Asbury Theological Seminary where he received a Master's in Divinity Degree. Greg became a local pastor in the Northeast District of the Western North Carolina Conference. He served as Assistant Minister of the Mount Airy – Surry Circuit. Since then Greg serves as a member of Salem and is a certified Lay Speaker.

Phillip McCray Hurst (Jan.18, 1951 - Still living) — He grew up in Salem church and is the son of Marion P. and Nellie “Nell” Gates Hurst. After earning a BA degree in Geography with a minor in urban planning from ASU, Phillip was engaged in urban planning in High Point and in Mount Airy as Dir. of Planning and Community Development. Phillip surrendered to God's call and entered Duke Divinity School in 1987. He became a member in full connection and an elder in 1998. He has been in ministry since 1987 and is presently serving at Tryon UMC.

Theodore C. “Ted” Turman (Nov. 9, 1951 - Still living) — Ted is a native of Patrick Co. Va., and the son of Silas and Marie Martin Turman. Ted grew up in the Baptist Church. He received his BA from VPI and his MDiv from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and became a Baptist Minister. After marrying Cathy Haynes Turman and moving to Mount Airy, N. C. he became a member of Salem UMC in 1994. In 1999 he became a Local Pastor in the Western North Carolina Conference and has been serving in Ministry from then until now (2015).

Catherine Haynes Turman (Nov. 27, 1953 – Still living) — Mary Catherine “Cathy” Haynes Turman grew up in Salem UMC and is the daughter of William Ray and Vera Frances Leftwich Haynes. Cathy received her BA degree from Gardner-Webb, her MS degree from A&T State Univ. and her MDiv. from Hood Theological Seminary. She began her ministry in 2005 as a student pastor and is serving as a full time local pastor in the Western North Carolina Conference.

Martha Haynes McDowell (May 3, 1961 – Still living) — Martha Haymore Haynes McDowell is the daughter of William Ray and Vera Frances Leftwich Haynes. She grew up in Salem UMC. She graduated from Wingate University with a degree in Communications. She was ordained a minister in the Southern Baptist Church and she is currently serving as Regional Director of the North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry.