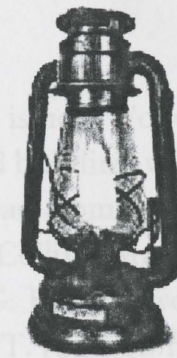
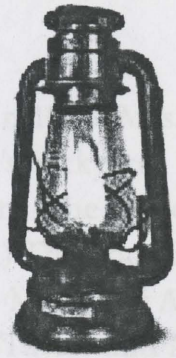


Woodville Baptist Church

100th Anniversary / Homecoming

October 06, 2013





Woodville Baptist Church
 100th Anniversary & Homecoming Celebration

"Walking In His Light"

The 6th of Oct. in the year of our Lord 2013

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have
 fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ
 his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
 1 John 1:7

Church History: Sandra Martin

Presentation: Vicky Bobbitt

Call To Worship (Outside)

The Lebeaus

Welcome

Message: Billy Blakley

Invocation

Invitation

Children's Service

Please join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall following Worship
 Remember to sign the register quilt. We also have a gift for everyone as
 you leave today.

Congregational Hymn # 515 There's A Land That Is Fairer

Offertory Prayer

Walk In the Light, Beautiful Light

Offertory Music

Come where the dew drops of mercy shine bright

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

Shine all around us by day and by night

Special Music: Choir: Sing The Glory Down

Jesus the light of the World.

Woodville Baptist Church History

In 1913, Mrs. Jettie Arrington and a group of children started a Sunday School under a walnut tree in what is now Woodville Church's backyard. Later that same year Woodville Baptist Church was organized in the Woodville Graded School building with 14 members. The school building stood on the hill behind Hallie Norman's house (the small white house across the road from the Church) The Fourteen charter members were: Mrs. Jettie Arrington, D.T. Arrington, Daisy Arrington, Mrs. Ella Collins, Mrs. Ila Collins, Mrs. Meci Ann Chilton, Joe H. Hall, E.C. Wood, Mrs. Ellen Wood, Maggie Cobbler, Paul Arrington, M.G. Hollingsworth, Robert Taylor and Nealy Wilson. Rev. C.C. Arrington was the leader of the group with Eli Wood, J.H. Hall and D.T. Arrington being instrumental in the organization.

The first Church building was completed in August 1914 on land given by Daniel T & Jettie Arrington. The first service in the new building was held at night. The following was taken from the Bible of Eli Wood:

The First sermon in Woodville Baptist Church. First bell rang by Ernest Wood, first prayer by Rev. C.C. Arrington, First Sermon by Rev. Haynes. On the night of August 11, 1914 the evening was unlikely and rainy looking weather and brother Haynes and C.C. Arrington had about decided to not have any service that night until we saw some lights in the Church and Brother Haynes said let's walk up there and tell them there wouldn't be any preaching tonight. When we got there even if it was raining the people in the community came in rapidly. So Rev. Haynes said we will have preaching as we planned. More people than we expected so I walked out in the yard and waved my lantern as a signal that we sure was going to have preaching. Ernest said that Rev. C.C. Arrington told me to do, so he and others down at the store at E.C. Woods might know about it. This night will never be forgotten by the writer and alot of other people. There was about 75 people present and had a wonderful time.

The original building was constructed close to it's present day site however, the front of the Church faced in the opposite direction. The original Church was built with weatherboard which was painted white. The Church consisted of one large room with two pot bellied stoves. There were six rows of benches on each side of the raised pulpit, one was used for the choir and the other was called the Amen side, the deacon's and other male members of the Church sat there. A water bucket and dipper was placed on a table beside the pulpit for the preachers to use. There were two sets of double front doors, the men went in and sat on one side and the women went in and sat on the other. Pallets were made for small children to sit or sleep on during the service. Light was provided by oil lamps that hung on the walls. The pews were made of wooden slats. People usually walked to Church but sometimes rode in wagons. Later a Sunday School was added and curtains were strung to section off the pews for each class. Amazing Grace, Just As I Am, and I'll Fly Away were some of the songs sung without music until an organ was procured.

Woodville Baptist Church History

In 1918 the William Tilley family gave the Church one acre of land for the cemetery. William Tilley lived on the hill overlooking the land that is now Woodville cemetery, he would often sit on his porch and look out at the land which used to be a peach orchard and one time he thought he saw a light in the orchard, he would tell his family that when he died he wanted to be buried there. When Mr. Tilley died in 1911 his family buried him where he had asked and that land was donated to the Church by his wife Emma, a few years later.

In Oct. 1952 the first Church building was sold to Charlie Simmons and Luther Hollingsworth, who allowed the Church to use the building until Jan. 1953, it was then torn down and the new building was completed in April 1953 while Rev. Tom Cook was pastor. The Building was built with volunteer labor from the community and consisted of a Sanctuary and four Sunday School rooms. The first Sunday School was held in the new building on April 12, 1953 and the first sermon with Rev. Tom Cook presiding was held on April 19, 1953. The dedication service for the new building was held on Sunday, May 3, 1953 with an 11 am Worship Service presided by Rev. Tom Cook followed by dinner on the ground and then an afternoon service presided by Joe H. Hall at that time there were 183 members.

In 1975 a baptistry was added. In 1978 a fellowship hall was added. In 1985 the Willie Adams family gave the Church land to be added to the cemetery. In 1986 a library was added. In 1994 the Church remodeled the fellowship Hall, built a large kitchen, two bathrooms, a storage room and parlor. Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Adams gave land for parking in 1996 in memory of Willie and Emma Adams. In 1997 the Church purchased 13 acres of land. In 2001 we replaced the stained glass windows, In 2007 we remodeled the choir loft and replaced the carpet. In 2011 we built an addition to the fellowship hall with basement. In 2012 a Playground was added. Current Church Membership: 171 Active members

Some of the former pastors were: Rev. C.C. Arrington, Rev. J. H. Hall, Rev. G. Elmo Renegar, Rev. T. G. New, Rev. Gurney Holder, Rev. Wesley Cooke, Rev. Tom Cook, Rev. L.A. Flemming, Rev. D. D. Hodges, Rev. Joe A. Crews, Rev. J. Cecil Hill, Rev. R.J. Hartman, Rev. Scott Trivette, Rev. Trent Jessup, Rev. Jesse Chamberlain, Associate Pastor, Rev. W.L. Crissman & Rev. Brady Snow
Our current Pastor: Rev. Keith Love

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now [are ye] light in the Lord: walk as children of light: Ephesians 5:8

Excerpts from Church Meeting Records

1935

The Woodville Baptist Church met for business on Saturday June 1st at the usual hour. The Pastor being present for devotional exercise the minutes of the last meeting was read and approved. Members present 30. Fellowship

Sept. 1928

Revival meeting began 2nd Sunday in Sept. 1928. Services conducted by Rev. Ira D. Fulgerson assisted by pastor Rev. J. H. Hall. The meeting continued for ten days, preaching only at night. There were 30 added to the Church, 25 by baptism namely Burney Wilson, Garl Wilson, Foster Cook, Carley Brinkley, Eli Cooke, William Cooke, Vester Inman, Wilmer Inman, Gaston Arrington, Hasel Arrington, Hassel Love, Z.D. Wilson, Woodrow Wilson, Virginia Collins, Nan Inman, Della Cook, Gladis Cook, Ruthie Cook, Elnor Beasley, Eva Beasley, Della Inman, Rosa Brinkley, Tine Davis, Grace Brinkley and Stella Brinkley. By restoration and letter namely Burnie Cook, Zeb Inman, Aldie Wilson, Dana Wilson, Rebecca Arrington. This was the greatest revival Woodville has ever experienced.

April 1929

The Woodville Baptist Church met in regular Sat conference meeting 1st Saturday in April at the usual hour. Devotional exercises by Pastor Scripture reading 8th chapter 1 Cor. Text a part of the 29th verse of the 7th Chapter Cor. The time is short. Roll call members present 33. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Invitation extended for joiners, none joined. Our Church building was wrecked during a severe wind storm March 7. It cost 100 dollars to get it fixed but the insurance company paid the amount as we carried tornado insurance. A bitrary committee was elected namely E.L. Wood, Eli Cook, and Glenn Hall. On motion conference meeting adjourned to meet again at 1st Sat. in May at 11 o'clock.

No other business the Church voted to adjourn till next Church Conference in Jan. 1942.

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1935

The Woodville Baptist Church met for business on Saturday June 1st at the usual hour. The Pastor being present after devotional exercise the minutes of the last meeting was read and approved. Members present 30. Fellowship of the Church was good by silence. On Sunday is was announced by the Pastor that on Sunday July 7 would be Communion Day, he also announced for everybody to bring flowers and march out to the grave yard and spread them on the graves. He also announced that the revival meeting would begin on Sunday night. No other business came before the Church. Church conference closed to meet again on Saturday, July 6 at the usual hour.

1940

The Stewardship Revival was held in Woodville Baptist Church beginning 2nd Sunday morning by Rev. J. C. Piper State missionary and great man of God. Each service was a great service to be remembered. Different Pastors attending and taking part were the Pastor Rev. J.H. Hall , Charlie Simmons, O.E. Ward and on Sunday A.V. West, and Lonnie Fleming. Different Churches represented were Woodville, Flat Rock, Westfield, Albion, Indian Grove, Simmons Grove, Slate Mtn., New Bethel, Pinnacle View, Flippin Memorial, Mt. Airy First - eleven in all. The Church hopes to have another the year 1941.

1941

The Woodville Baptist Church met in regular conference on Saturday evening Dec. 14, 1941. The meeting was called to order by the Pastor Bro. Elmo Renegar. The clerk called the roll with 25 members present. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. After E. C. Wood corrected a small mistake made in the minutes which was moved the time of the Church back instead of up. No old business came before the Church. New business: Tom Cooke asked about the building of the new Church. The Pastor ask for a report from the committee, but the committee did not have report ready but promised to have report ready for next Church Conference meeting. No other business the Church voted to adjourn till next Church Conference in Jan. 1942.

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Oct. 1952

Woodville Baptist Church met to make plans for a new Church building. The Church voted to build a new building. The new building to be the same size and like Salem Baptist Church of Dobson, NC. The building to be brick on the outside and to finish the outside of the building first. Tom Cook was appointed Chairman of the building committee with Claude Arrington and Garland Chilton serving also. More money had been pledged since last meeting pledge now forty five hundred seventy dollars.

May 3 1953

This was a day that many of the members of Woodville Baptist Church had looked forward to. The day of dedication. Have a new building valued at twenty five thousand dollars. Everything paid for. Started the building in Oct. 1952 and completed May 2, 1953. Also have new pews and one hundred new chairs for Sunday School rooms and choir. We paid out in money eleven thousand one hundred twenty four dollars and thirty five cents. The Woodville Baptist Church was organized Sept. 1913 with fourteen charter members. May 3 1953 only six of those members are living. Rev. Tom Cook preached in the morning and Rev. D.D. Hodges preached in the afternoon. Had special singing during the service. Had dinner on the ground. Former pastors present were J.H. Hall, O. H. Hauser and Elmo Renegar.

July 1953

Had a two week revival with Rev. Elmo Renegar as speaker. Added to the Church twenty five new members.

In Memory Of

The Fourteen Charter Members and Pastor Rev. C. C. Arrington who were faithful and true and served the Lord. Mrs. Jettie Arrington, D.T. Arrington, Daisy Arrington, Paul Arrington, Mrs. Ella Collins, Mrs. Ila Collins, Maggie Cobbler, Mrs. Mecie Ann Chilton, Joe H. Hall, M.G. Hollingsworth, Robert Taylor, E.C. Wood, Mrs. Ellen Wood, and Nealy Wilson.

Danny Adams

I miss Danny he was almost like a son to me. Submitted by June Gammons.

Kenneth & Betty Adams

Gave land to the Church for parking and playground in memory of Willie and Emma Adams. My brother and sister in law. Loved them. Submitted by June Gammons.

Willie & Emma Adams

Willie a Trustee, Emma was faithful to Sunday School, WMU and Worship Services. They gave land for the cemetery and for the first Fellowship Hall. My Mother and Father and I have missed them. Submitted by June Gammons.

Rev. & Mrs. C.C. Arrington

He helped start Woodville Baptist Church. He was my great grandfather. Submitted by June Gammons.

Clyde & Ruth Arrington

Clyde is the Son of Daisy Arrington. Ruth was a Sunday School teacher and sung in the choir. Mother of Wanda Kay and Eddie Dean Arrington. Sister of Nora Snody. Submitted by Wanda Kay.

In Memory Of

Daisy Wood Arrington

My mother, she was one of the first members of this Church. She and I used to walk to Church when I was a little girl. I'm now 85 so that has been many years ago. Submitted by Opra Evans.

Daniel & Jettie Arrington

Trustee, Deacon and charter members. My grandparents, loved them. Submitted by June Gammons

Eunice Arrington

Along with Tincy Hall helped start the WMU in 1949. Submitted by June Gammons.

Tom & Mae Bingman

Tom served his country in WWII, Mae became a member of the Church on Aug. 24, 1941 she was a member of the WMU, Tom joined the Church in July 1994. They were good hard-working people who loved the Lord & their family. Submitted by Carolyn Stewart, Faye Pruitt, & Kim Vaughn

Elbert & Viola Cooke

My mom & dad started out together in 1921, mom was 14 and daddy 15 when they married. They started in the Old Church here and were baptized in July 1923. They had 6 children & brought us to Church just as babies. My 2 older brothers were baptized & members of the old Church also, they are now deceased. I remember the old Church and was brought by mom & daddy all those years until the new one was built. I was baptized in 1955 & have attended ever since. I can remember the good times we had running around the big old oak tree and having our homecomings with long tables spread under the trees. Even though I was little, there is still some good memories. My mom and daddy were always faithful to the Church as long as health premitted. Submitted by Norma C. Edmonds.

In Memory Of

Etta Wood Collins

She was my mother, she was a good mother and family person. She walked me & my sister to Church every Sunday. When I was 10 years old I had pneumonia and mother had the whole Church praying for me. I started getting better. I believe that the Lord healed me. Submitted by James Collins

Wade And Opal Edmonds

Our Family moved to this community in 1949 and started attending Woodville. They had six children and all were raised and baptised in the Church. Our parents made that possible by bringing us up in the church. They were hard working people and led by example. Submitted by Bill Edmonds and Linda Raasch.

Herley Gammons

He gave 3 years in service to his Country. He was a Deacon and a good husband and he loved everybody. Submitted by June Gammons.

Joe H. Hall

Helped start Woofville Chruch and was a charter member. Former Pastor. A Baptist minister with 45 years of service. Clerk of Surry Baptist Association for 21 years. Helped start 6 Churches, 7 others remodeled, Baptized 3,310, Married 210 couples and conducted 2,508 funerals. Submitted by Sandra Martin.

Joseph Glen Hall

Was the Sunday School Superintendent, choir director and deacon, the Church Library is named after him. Submitted by Sandra Martin.

In Memory Of

Tincy Cook Hall

Began the WMU and was the Secretary, was a Sunday School Teacher, choir member, Vacation Bible School director and Church Secretary. Submitted by Sandra Martin

Delmer Inman

Loved music and could play the keys off a piano. Submitted by Geraldine Inman.

Maude Jones

Faithful to the Lord, Loving to everyone she knew. Submitted by Ray Jones & daughter Vickie.

George Harrison Martin

Became a member of Woodville Baptist Church on July 21, 1957, was a Sunday School teacher, began the 1st R.A. group at Woodville, was a member of the choir, became a deacon of the Church on January 5, 1986. Submitted by Sandra Martin.

Hallie Norman

Oct. 1982 First Sunday in October - Mrs. Hallie Norman was honored with a silver tray for her service to the Church. She retired as secretary of the Sunday School after 50 years . She also had perfect attendance for 29 years in Sunday School. Submitted by Mike Norman

In Memory Of

Quincy & Lillie Simmons

Quincy was a deacon, Lillie a Sunday School teacher, pianist and WMU member. Because of their example all of their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren have been saved. Submitted by Zelda Collins & Elizabeth Brim.

John & Sallie Tilley

John was a Deacon for years. Mama worked with the woman of the Church, being a farmer's wife and having 7 kids to raise, kept her busy. Submitted by Marie Tilley Rogers

William & Emma Tilley

My grandpa was the first to be buried in the Cemetery at Woodville. After the Church was organized Grandma gave one acre of land to the Church for Church members and their families to be buried.

Submitted by Marie Tilley Rogers.

Eli C. Wood

Was my Grand-dad. He was a charter member, Trustee & Deacon. He loved the Church, He loved his children & grandchildren. He ran a country store, everyone liked to go to his store to get the things they needed and to sit around and talk. Submitted by James Collins

Maggie Nunn Wood

Taught small Children's Sunday School class until she could'nt anymore. Submitted by Arnold Nunn.

Did You Know...

In 1953 the WMU purchased the piano that we still use today and they also purchased the Church furniture.

In 1957 lightening damaged the steeple of the new Church. The Church had insurance and when it was repaired a copper top was added.

The painting you see behind the pulpit was painted by Gypsy Hollingsworth at the request of Beulah Inman and was placed in the new Church sometime before the revival service in July 1953. The painting is 60 years old.

The background painting in the Baptistry was painted by Rebecca Callaway in 1976. In honor of Basil and Francis Jessup at the request of Tim and Anna Callaway and Sherry Jessup. The painting is 37 years old.

The bell which is in the steeple is the original bell from the old Church building.

The WMU was started in March 1949 - 64 years of service to the Church and community.

The gate around the William Tilley family graves came from the old railroad yard in Mt. Airy.

One of the pianos from the original Church building still exists and resides in a local family home - it was given to them when the Church was rebuilt in 1953.

Eli C. Woods country store was located where Kriby & Betty Wood now live.

The Church Sanctuary and Sunday School rooms used to be painted green.



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