

Salem Baptist Church

Celebrates 115th Anniversary

*Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus—
Promoting the Growth of His People!*



**November 24, 2013
10:00 AM**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship & Praise "The Lily of the Valley"
"The Unclouded Day" Salem Senior Choir

Invocation & Welcome Pastor Bobby Lewis

Worship through Song "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Salem Bluegrass Boys

Praising God for His Provision! *Special Recognitions* Pastor Bobby Lewis

Remarks Salem's Pastor, 1969-1972 Rev. Billy Sellers

Remarks Salem's Pastor, 1973-1980 Rev. Joe Brown

Worship through Giving *Harvest Day Offering* Pastor Bobby Lewis

Enjoying the Journey "I'll Fly Away" Salem Bluegrass Boys

Remarks Salem's Pastor, 1982-1991 Rev. Bill Greenwood

Video Remarks Salem's Pastor, 1992-2002 Rev. Darrell Tate

Worship through Song "I Could Sing About Heaven" Salem Quartet

THE HERITAGE CLUB Presentations Committee Members

Closing Remarks Salem's Pastor, 2003- Pastor Bobby Lewis

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION & THANKSGIVING ✠

Historical Committee

Dianne Hardy, Janice Nixon, Clarine Calhoun
Linda Davis, Trenton Snow, Bill Hardy, Rick Snow
Hugh Edmonds, Nannie Lou Kidd



Everyone is invited to join us for a wonderful Anniversary meal in the Multipurpose Building following today's service.

An abundance of food has been prepared by Salem's members and provided by our great God, so please be our special guests today!

Thank you all for being a part of this special day. May God always receive all of the glory for the great things HE has done!

A SHORT HISTORY OF SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Salem Baptist Church was organized on December 26, 1898, by a Presbytery composed of C.H. Stone, chairman, A.J. Williams, spokesman, and C.L. Jarvis, clerk. S.L. Edmonds, Allen Kidd, J.E. Edmonds and Lucy Kidd were some of the first members. C.H. Stone was elected the first pastor. Services were held in the old Edmonds one-room schoolhouse during the winter and under a brush arbor in the summer.

In early 1900, W.H. Wood selected a site to build a church on the west side of Rockford Road, which is now the lower front corner of the main cemetery.

During the ensuing years the church grew, and in 1948 the church built a new building which was the basic structure that we used until August of 2004. It was completed in 1949, brick was added in 1951, and pews installed in 1952. The building was dedicated on December 7, 1952.

In 1956, a basement and Sunday School rooms were added across the back of the building. In 1965, the church built a parsonage and called its first full-time pastor, Rev. Walter Turner.

In 1969, Rev. Billy Sellers was called as pastor and the addition of an education building was begun, which was located directly behind the church.

In 1977, a vestibule was added, and the sanctuary was remodeled. First services were held in the new sanctuary on Easter Sunday, 1978.

In 1998 Salem celebrated its 100 years of sharing Christ in our community and around the world. Then, in 2000 Salem added a 9,000 sq. ft. Multi-purpose Building. The Lord has enabled us to use this facility for many functions and ministries over the past thirteen years.

On June 13, 2004, with the church still growing strong, the congregation voted to engage in another building program—to remove the existing sanctuary, educational building, and parsonage and construct a new 17,000 sq. ft. worship facility with a state-of-the-art sanctuary, Sunday School classes, and office spaces. Moreover, in 2010 we were blessed to add a new educational building to our campus.

During the course of over 100 years of serving our great God, Salem has used the services of 22 pastors, 4 youth ministers, a children's minister, a seniors/couples minister and a music minister, ordained 10 men into the Gospel ministry, and ordained 56 deacons.

The Lord has been gracious to bestow upon our fellowship here at Salem His marvelous bounty. We fondly remember where we've been, we celebrate God's present work among us, and we eagerly anticipate where the Lord will take us in the future. While we rejoice greatly in new facilities here at Salem, we always recognize the primary focus of our ministry is to continue proclaiming the Good News of Jesus and promoting the growth of His people.

All praise, honor, and glory is given to the One who truly deserves it—our great God and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ!

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