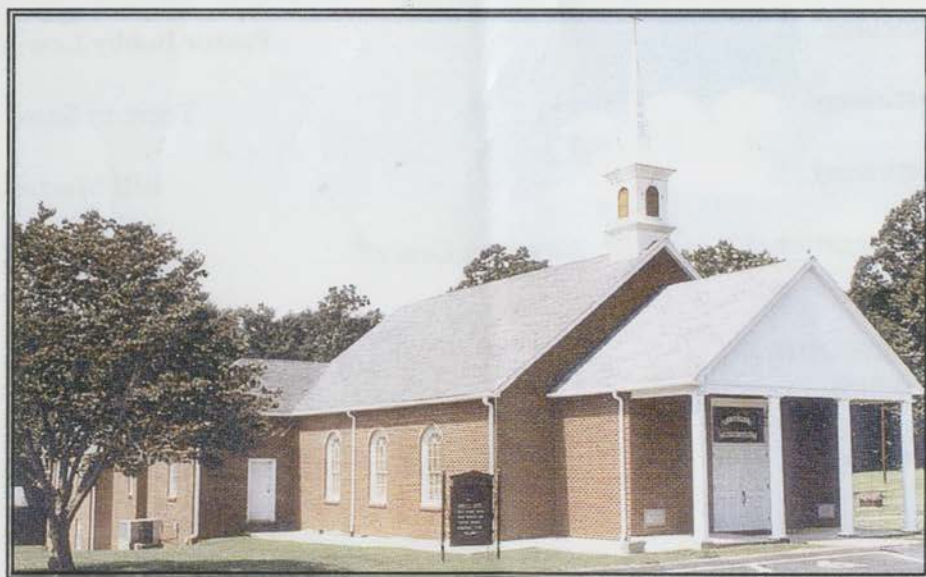


SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Homecoming
and
Final Service
in
Existing Sanctuary



August 8, 2004
10:30 AM

CHRIST OUR CORNERSTONE:

Remembering the Past
Celebrating the Present
Anticipating the Future

Prelude		Nannie Lou Kidd
Announcements		Rev. Scott Schuyler
Call to Worship	"Jesus Is the Cornerstone"	Salem Choir
Invocation		Rev. Scott Schuyler
BAPTISM		Pastor Bobby Lewis
Fellowship Chorus	"Family of God"	
Welcome		Pastor Bobby Lewis
Testimony		Trenton Snow
Testimony		Bill Marion
Congregational Hymn	"Amazing Grace"	# 330
MARCH DOWN OFFERING		
Testimony		Effie Marion
Testimony		Hugh Edmonds
Congregational Hymn	"Because He Lives"	# 407
Testimony		Diane Hardy
Testimony		Bill James Hardy

Congregational Hymn	"Victory in Jesus"	# 426
Testimony		Rev. Joe Brown (Pastor 1973-1980)
Special Music	"The Old Country Church"	Salem Choir
MESSAGE	"Building on the Rock" <i>Matthew 7:24-29</i>	Pastor Bobby Lewis
Invitation	"I Surrender All"	# 275
Benediction		
Postlude		Lori Wilmoth

Everyone is invited to a fellowship meal in the Multi-Purpose Building immediately following the worship service.



Anticipating the Future...

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. Some of the first members were S.L. Edmonds, Allen Kidd, J.E. Edmonds and Lucy Kidd. 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 began to build a new building which is the basic structure that we are using today. 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 is 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 with the world.

In 2000 Salem added a 9,000 sq. ft. Multi-purpose Building.

Then, 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 make room for a new 17,000 sq. ft. worship facility with Sunday School classes and office spaces to be completed in the summer of 2005.

During the course of over 100 years, Salem has used the services of 22 pastors, 3 youth ministers, sent 6 men into the ministry, and ordained 40 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 the present building program here at Salem, we continue to recognize the primary focus of our ministry is always to be upon exalting the Savior, equipping the saints, and evangelizing the sinner.

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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