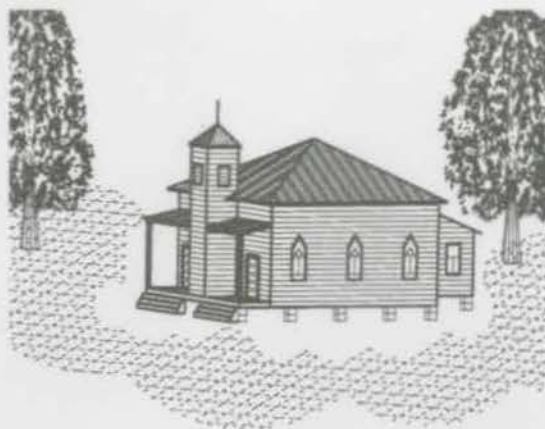




Edmonds School House 1898-1908



First Church 1908-1948



First Brick Church 1948-1978



Remodeled Brick Church 1978-2004

History of Salem Baptist Church 1898—2013



New Church 2005 - Present



Made in front of Salem Baptist Church

L-R- Buxton Kidd - Claude Hamlin - Tom Kidd
Brady Marion - Willie Snow

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A SHORT HISTORY OF SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

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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 five 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. Today, we celebrate the completion of this magnificent undertaking.

During the course of over 100 years of serving our great God, Salem has used the services of 22 pastors, 4 youth ministers, sent 6 men into the ministry, and ordained 41 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!

Salem Baptist Church Of Dobson

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About the Church: We are a growing fellowship where everyone can feel welcome: children are loved, young people find understanding, families find encouragement, and senior adults are admired and appreciated. We are certain that you will feel at home with us during your visit. If our church family can serve you in any way, we will welcome the opportunity. Also, if you are making your home in this community, we extend to you a hearty invitation to make Salem your church home. History: 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 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. In 1969, 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.

STAMP

Beginning and location of Salem Baptist in Old Edmonds School Building

Description of Property:

Beginning on a Spanish Oak on the North side of Ridge Road leading from the Dobson and Rockford road to S.L Edmonds home place and runs West 3.30 chs. To a sourwood sapling; thence North 3 chs. To a black gum, thence East 3 chs. To a Spanish oak; thence South 3 chs. To the beginning, containing one acre, more or less

1881	Isham Edmonds donated land for school to Surry County for a school district 64 They named the school Edmonds School (Have picture as restored)
abt 1885	Brady Edmonds, member of Salem in later years was born
abt 1910-12	Picture of Brady Edmonds with classmates in front of school, This picture about 1908-1010 shows Brady about 12-15 years establishes that the church was started in this building in 1898; building built about 1891 or 1893.
abt 1918-20	Picture of Daisy Wood, Lizzie Wood, Gaston Marion, John Kidd, Ada Kidd and others in front of Edmonds School. Every student attended Salem Baptist Church at this time. This is a different building, Weatherboards with a door and two windows
1926	Surry County Board of Education sells property back to Edmonds
1945 (Nov)	Edmonds heirs sell property to George Marion
1945 (Dec)	George Marion sells property to J. R. Pierce George retained the right to tear down and move the old school from the above premises, within 40 days. Sold building to Dillard Hamlin, who used it as dwelling for a while then used for storage.
1947	J.R. Pierce sold property to Joe Sid Watson Joe Sid Watson lived in the school until his death
1947-1985	Different Owners
1985	Bought by Gregg High and wife
1991	Bought by Roy High and wife

Property is located west of Roy High House on knoll, on Haney Road off Rockford road, just north of present Church.

Based on the above information, it my findings that Salem Baptist Church was started in Original Log Building Built 1898. (Ref: building with Brady Edmonds in picture satisfies date of origin for church. Brady born 1895, Picture dated about 1910/12.



Edmonds School about 1905

Left to right

Row 6: # 1 Grover Kidd, # 2 Walter Kidd

Row 5: # 6 Mary Kidd (Simpson)

Right to Left

Row 5: # 5 Sarah Ester Edmonds

Row 3: #6 Rufus Samuel Edmonds

Row 2: # 8 Maude Haymore (Teacher)



PICTURE ABOUT 1905-1908

Row 5: # 2 Beo Kidd. # 3 Grover Kidd

Row 4: # 5 Novella Hamlin (Edmonds)

Row 3: #7 Sid Hamlin

Row 2: #8 Buxton Kidd (holding young girl) Teacher

Row 1: # 3 Lou Ada Kidd (Edmonds) #6 John Allen Kidd



STATES

Picture About 1908-1910

Row 6: # 4 Grover Kidd

Row 5: # 2 Walter Kidd, # 6 Wesley Edmonds, #9 Brady Edmonds

Row 4: # 3 Stella Edmonds, #5 Mary Kidd

Row 1: #8 Dan Draughn # 9 Crawley Hamlin, # 10 Joe Edmonds

School was built about 1891-1892. Brady Edmonds, in picture, was born 1895, Salem Baptist Church started in 1898 in Edmonds School House. Mr. Edmonds' age in picture is estimated about 13 to 15 years old. This picture establishes that this is the building in which the church was started.



STAPLES

Picture of Old Edmonds School

Restored by Jerry and Carol Snow

Restored school building is currently used Jerry & Carol Snow as a kitchen, attached to log cabin restored and used as their home.



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STAPLES

Old Edmonds School – Class about 1920-1922

- Row 4: John Kidd, Ada Kidd (Edmonds), Minnie (Collins) Kidd, Dora Reece, Ed Hamlin, Sara McCraw, Bob Hudson, Daisy (Wood) Hardy, Ethel Hudson, Richard Hamlin, Jacob Draughn
- Row 3: John Watson, Lurona Draughn (Coe), Frank Watson, Walter Draughn, Elizabeth Wood (Draughn), Vesti Edwards, Ila Belle Draughn, Do not know Eugene Hamlin, Joe Hamlin, Robert Reece, Caleb Reece, Doc Ree
- Row 2: Wade Draughn, Lois Draughn, Pete Draughn, Charlie Draughn, Maggie Reece, Ola Marion, Frank Draughn, Minnie Reece, Evie Watson, Elmer Kidd, John Reece
- Row 1: Gaston Marion, James Draughn, Bill Coe, Elsie Edwards, Jim Coe, Archie Wood, Floyd Kidd

Note: All students attended Salem Baptist Church at this time.



STAPLES

Home of Joe Sid Watson, was on the property of the old school, and was referred to as old Edmonds School after about 1947.

Has been moved and restored by Robert Hemmings on his property, located behind the Dickie Collins farm going toward Fisher River. The farm is located off hwy 601 just beyond Turkey Ford bridge on right.



Only known picture of original church building

Picture was of tomb stone and showed the back right part of church

Salem Baptist Church's about 1908

Drawing, of church building, using the preceding picture as a starting place.

There is some question as to the steps having a break in the middle or being away across, more people favor the break in the middle as being the way they remember.

ASSOCIATIONAL LETTER

Containing the Annual Report of

At (Post Office) Salem State N.C.
County Surry

To Surry Baptist Church
The Hot Springs Baptist Association
meeting with Hot Springs Church.

We send the following named messengers to sit in council with you:

J. J. Thorough
J. P. Knight
E. L. Collins
J. R. Wood

Alternates Ada Kidd
Myrtle Come

This letter approved by the church this 7th day of July
1923

Moderator J. G. Adams
Post Office Map Hill, N.C.
Clerk Bertie Coe
Post Office Crutchfield, N.C.

APPEAL TO CHURCH CLERKS AND TREASURERS

Dear Brethren: No one in the world, save you and your pastor, can know the facts about your church. You must "dig them out" and give them to us in this Associational Letter or our whole Baptist cause is injured.

We appeal to you, therefore, (1) to "dig out" all the facts called for in this Associational Letter possible, and give us your best estimate on the other points—leave out nothing; (2) write down the facts and figures in pencil on the duplicate copy of this Letter sent you and then, when all corrections are made, copy it on the other form, writing plainly all names and figures, so that the Associational Clerk will not have to guess at what you mean; (3) begin in time so that you can have the Letter approved by the Church before the Association meets; (4) send or take the Letter in person to the Association and thus see that your church is represented—over 3,000 of our churches every year fail to report to their Association—don't let your church fail to be represented; and (5) have the duplicate copy of this Letter, which you make out in pencil, recorded in minutes of your church.

Help us in this simple but important task and you will help your Church, your Association, your State and the whole Baptist cause. We are counting on you.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Members reported last year -----

Additions:

By Baptism *Five* -----

By Letter -----

By Statement -----

By Restoration -----

Total Additions *Five* -----

Losses:

By Letter -----

By Exclusion -----

By Death -----

Total Losses -----

Present Membership *94* -----

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

When was your Church constituted? *Dec 26 1898* -----

What are your meeting days? *Fourth Sunday* -----

Did your Church hold Revival meeting last year? *yes* -----

How often do you observe the Lord's Supper? *Once a year* -----

How many families in your membership take the

Baptist State Paper? *None* -----

CHURCH PROPERTY

Please give here the following points of information concerning your church and parsonage property, viz:

1. When was your church house built? *1906* -----
2. What is it built of—brick, stone or wood? *Wood* -----
3. How many persons will it seat? *200* -----
4. How many rooms has it? *One* -----
5. Give value of church house and grounds? *\$800.00* -----
6. What indebtedness is on the church property? \$ -----
7. How much insurance is carried on it? \$ -----
8. Give the value of the Pastor's home, if any. \$ -----
9. Give value of mission church property owned by the church. \$ -----
10. Give total value of all church and parsonage property. \$ -----

LOCAL CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Please give here the total amounts contributed by all organizations for local expenses of the church.

Pastor's Salary For one year \$50.00
 Other Salaries \$3.95
 Incidentals, (Water, Light, Fuel, etc) ----- \$-----
 Building and Repairs ----- \$-----
 Ministerial Help (Meetings & Supplies) ----- \$-----
 Local Help for Poor ----- \$-----
 Literature for Sunday School, B.Y.P.U., etc. ----- \$-----
 Printing and Publicity ----- \$1.05
 Other Items ----- \$-----
 Total for All Local Expense ----- \$53.00
 Name of Regular Church Treasurer J. J. Dranshaw
 Post Office Dutch Hills, N. C.

DENOMINATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Set down here the total gifts of the church and all its organizations to the 75-Million Campaign and Special Funds, as follows:

1. Regular 75 Million Campaign Funds, \$-----

2. Specials:

Foreign Missions ----- \$-----
 Home Missions ----- \$-----
 State Missions ----- \$-----
 Associational Missions ----- \$-----
 City Missions ----- \$-----
 Christian Schools and Colleges ----- \$-----
 Ministerial Education ----- \$-----
 Orphanages ----- \$-----
 Hospitals ----- \$-----
 Ministerial Relief ----- \$-----
 Foreign Relief ----- \$-----
 Total Specials ----- \$-----

3. Total Regular and Special Campaign Funds \$-----

4. Other Benevolences Not Included in Campaign:

----- \$-----
 ----- \$-----
 ----- \$-----
 ----- \$-----

5. Grand Total, All Missions, Education & Benevolences

\$-----

Name of Special Treasurer of 75-Million Campaign or Benevolences:

Post Office -----

+ + + + + Church Covenant + + + + +

Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale of, and use of, intoxicating drinks as a beverage; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

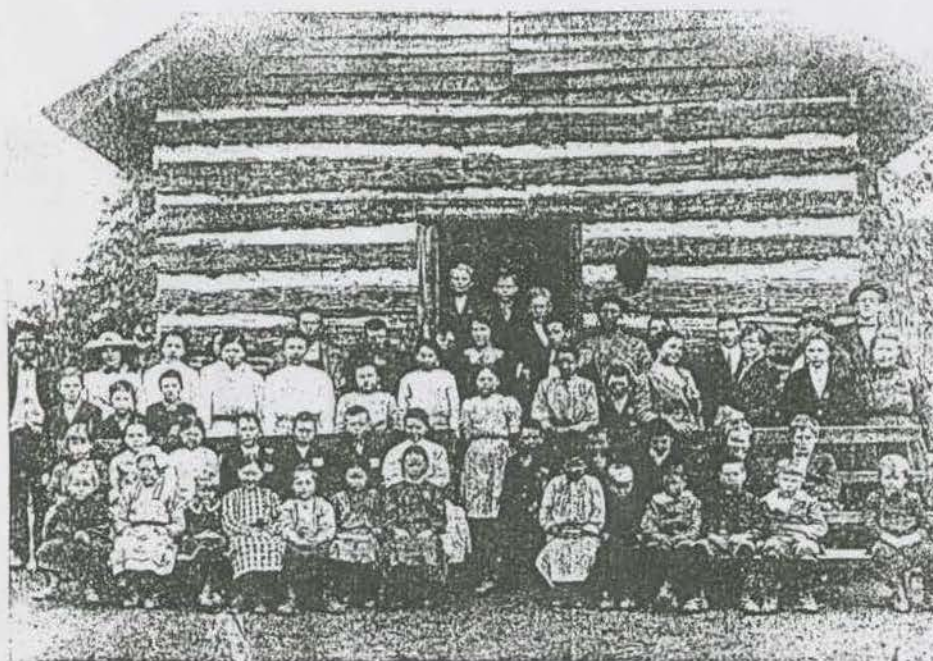
We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.









Edmonds Schoolhouse.

place to be called Edmondsville later.

Isham Edmonds, Jr. (1815-1894) came to Surry about 1826 with his parents, Isham, Sr. (ca. 1784-1840) and Sofiee Green (Greer) Edmonds (ca. 1778-1850), a brother, David, and sisters, Rachel, Elizabeth and Nancy. Isham, Jr. also had a brother, Preston, and a sister, Jane, who probably stayed in VA. Isham, Sr. settled in the present day Turkey Ford and New Home community. The Edmonds were farmers, blacksmiths, and ran a grist mill on Bear Creek. The Edmonds family cemetery, located on the homeplace, has been left unattended and the twenty-two graves are almost impossible to locate. Isham, Sr., Sofiee and Thomas J. are said to be buried there by members of the family.

Isham, Jr. married (1) Lucy Ann Hickman (1817-1852) 30 Mar 1837 and (2) Charlotte Tempy Venable 16 Feb 1853. Isham, Jr. and Lucy had eight children. Isham and Charlotte had one son.

In 1881 Isham, Jr. deeded one acre of land to the school committee of Surry Co., representing District 64 for a free public school site. The Edmonds schoolhouse (see picture) was located about 1/2 mile off Rockford Road across from the present day Salem Baptist Church. The schoolhouse was used for a school and a place of worship for the congregation until they established Salem Baptist Church in 1898. The early members of the church included Isham, Jr.'s son and daughter-in-law, Samuel L. and Martha W. Edmonds, as well as Allen Kidd (my maternal grandfather), J. W. Wood, and others. James Byrd Edmonds, Isham's grandson (my paternal grandfather), was appointed the first clerk for the church.

The families of Edmonds, Wood, Hamlin, Collins, Kidd, Sawyers, and others came into Surry Co. in the early 1800s, homesteaded and acquired land grants. Some of the family members stayed and others moved to MO, TX, TN, OK and KY.

Children of Isham, Jr. and Lucy Ann were Morgan, Nancy P., John Henry, Sarah Ann, Zacheriah

Taylor, Samuel Luther, Rufus and Preston. Isham, Jr. and Charlotte's son, Thomas J., stayed in Surry Co. and lived on part of the homeplace near New Home Church of Christ.

I. Morgan (b. 1838) left Surry Co., probably before 1860, one morning after going by where his mother was milking to tell her he was leaving. When Zack and Rufus went to Texas, Rufus made contact with his brother, Morgan. Rufus related to Zack's family that Morgan m. Elizabeth Sloan, an orphan. They had five children: twins, Terral and Delia; Mary m. Thomas Greenwell, a millionaire from England; Lural; and Pearl m. a railroad engineer name Smith.

II. Nancy P. Edmonds (b. 1840) m. James Ransome Key, son of John Andrew and Ellender Key, 14 Mar 1857. James Ransome was in the Civil War and was killed at Hanover Court House, VA, 27 May 1862. Ransome's brother, Martin, was killed in the same battle. Nanny and Ransome had children: Joanna m. John M. Marshall; Sallie m. James Lewis O'Neal and their children are: Charlie, (twins) Bent and Cleve, Rufus, Sarah Ellen, and Nellie Virginia "Jennie" (1894-1972) who m. (2) John Henry Beck (see Beck Family #64 in *The Heritage of Surry County, Vol. I*).

Martin Key (1860-1947), son of Ransome and Nancy, m. Lara Columbus Brintle (1862-1930). They had nine children: Rufus, Walter, Stoneman, Wilson, Dick, John, Bettie, Pearl and Lula. Martin and his family (except John and Wilson) left Surry Co. in 1917 to go to Amelia Co., VA to show the people how to cure tobacco. John and Wilson had peach orchards in White Plains, NC area at different times. John enjoyed visiting his Grandmother Nancy as a young boy because she always had him a stick of candy. Although Nancy's pension was only \$8.00 she made sure she had the stick candy for her grandchildren. Martin and Laura Key died in VA but are buried at Dover Church Cemetery in Surry Co. Many of the Key family remained in the Richmond, VA area. Nancy remained in

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SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Continued

115th

Anniversary

2005 - Present

1898 - 2013





Members' of Salem Baptist Church for 50 years or more In 2013:

Left to right going across the podium:

5th row: Nancy (Goings) Edmonds; Judy (Dezern) Creasy; Clarine (Fowler) Calhoun (Black hat, Hidden behind Nate Nixon);

4th row: Mary Ruth (Draughn) Hemmings; Winnie Lou (Collins) Marion; Billy Hardy; Hugh Edmonds;
Dianne (Hamlin) Hardy; Ricky Snow; Norman Marion; Alma Lou (Venable) Vernon.

3rd row: Nannie Lou (Draughn) Kidd; Effie (Atkins) Marion; Brenda (Hardy) Garriss; Jo Ann (Wood) Cockerham;
Nathan Nixon; Terry Snow.

2nd row: Howard Marion; Frank Riggs; James Marion; (Janice Nixon, helper, not yet 50 yrs); Trenton Snow;
(Linda Davis, helper, not yet 50 yrs); Kathleen (Moser) Collins; Avanelle (Hardy) Branch;
Elaine (Hodges) Marion; William Hamlin.

1st row: Janet (Brindle) Shinault; Lucille (Draughn) Wood.

Not Pictured: Ray Kidd, Rossie Dezern, Christine (Draughn) Dezern, Gayle (Draughn) Triplett, Claude Branch,

Dr. Bobby R. Lewis, Jr.
(2003-2014)

“Even the youths shall faint and be weary,
And the young men shall utterly fall,
But those who wait on the Lord
Shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:30-31

These truths expressed so eloquently in the Word of God are the verses Pastor Bobby chose as his life verses. They truly give us insight to the man and his way of approaching each day in his ministry.

Pastor Bobby was 27 years old when he was called to be our senior pastor. He was youthful but had much wisdom in the scriptures and in the business world. Pastor Bobby reignited our vision of having a new worship center that would allow us to grow. He joined us Sunday, July 6, 2003 and on Sunday, August 5, 2005, we held an open house in our new facility. In November of 2012 we burned the note, having fully paid our debt on the sanctuary. By that time we had already added a new educational building to our campus which was desperately needed because of rapid growth.

Under Pastor Bobby's leadership we began many new ministries, including Awana, Sunday evening Discovery classes, GROW (an outreach and visitation program written by Pastor Bobby), and annual Christmas and Easter musical dramas. We also significantly enlarged our congregation, growing to an average of 500 in attendance on Sunday mornings during two worship services. We increased our giving to other ministries in several countries; helped fund a school, training center, and orphanage in India; planted two churches on the Amazon River in Brazil; and laid the groundwork for Salem Christian Academy in Dobson. We increased our pastoral staff to four full-time and one part-time pastor as well as a full-time administrative assistant.

Pastor Bobby's family also saw significant increase. When he and his wife Cindy first joined us they had two daughters: Heather, 7 and Holly, 3. Subsequently Hannah Grace was born 2004 and Little Bobby in 2006. As they matured, they joyfully embraced many opportunities to serve our Lord alongside our congregation.

After eleven years of service to Salem and the Dobson community, Pastor Bobby was called to serve a church in Middleburg, Florida as Senior Pastor. He left behind a legacy best summarized by Salem's mission statement adopted early in his tenure here: Proclaiming the good news of Jesus, Promoting the growth of His people.



Formal Dedication Ceremonies Slated Today For \$22,000 Baptist Church Near Dobson

By A. C. Snow

Special to The Journal and Sentinel

DOBSON.—The new \$22,000 Salem Baptist Church building two miles south of Dobson will be dedicated with all-day services today.

One of the oldest rural churches in Surry County, Salem Baptist was organized Dec. 26, 1898, at what was then known as Edmonds schoolhouse. The Rev. C. H. Stone, its first pastor, preached the dedication sermon, assisted by the Rev. A. G. Williams. There were eight charter members present.

Following the pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Stone were 12 other ministers, several of whom rode the muddy church circuit on horseback or by buggy. All will be invited to attend the dedication of the new brick building today.

There will be no mortgage burning ceremonies for the new church, because there is no mortgage. It's all paid for.

The first actual church building was built in 1904 and the church's Sunday school was organized in 1907 with 20 members. At present the church has a Sunday school enrollment of 201 and an average attendance of 127.

The new building includes a large auditorium with a seating capacity of approximately 400, four Sunday school rooms, and stained glass windows.

Although the cost of the building is \$22,000, the structure is valued at considerably more because of the work and materials contributed by the members. Farmers donated their time to work on the building, furnished factors, power saws and other equipment, and supplied part of the timber used in the building.

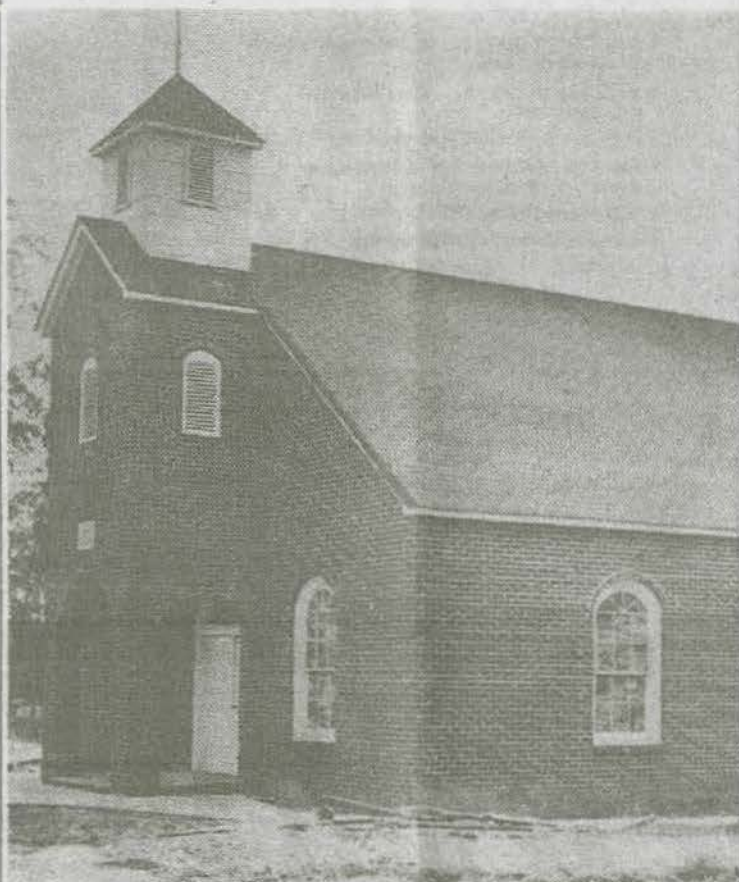


Photo by A. C. Snow

SURRY COUNTY'S NEWEST CHURCH—Salem Baptist Church, near Dobson, will be formally dedicated at all-day services today.

The Rev. Tom Cook is the present pastor. Church officers are Edmonds, treasurer; and Roland Gillespie, Sunday school superintendent. Mrs. Virgie Cave, clerk; Brady

Church Covenant

We the under signed
have given our selves to
Lord we agree to give
our selves to each other
by the will of God
we agree to strive to geth
for the faith of the gosp
we agree to watch over each
other for good
we mutually promise to assist
each other in our pilgrim
through the world

and for that purpose we
promise to attend all our
church meetings whether
stated or called when
in our power to do so
ever

we agree to do all we can
for the extension of the
Redeemers Kingdom
and for the spreading of
the gospel abounding as
the Lord has and continues
to prosper us

Signed

J. B. Edmond
J. W. Wood
Allen Fidd
Wm. Styer

Signed
Sisters

J. C. Edmonds
all 8 Edmonds

New river missionary baptist church

Saturday May the 14. 1898

This is to certify that Wm. Fayster is a member
of this church in good standing and at his own
request we grant him this letter of recommendation
we will still hold his membership until he has
joined some other church of the same faith and
order and we have him notified of the same
Then his membership shall ~~stand~~ close with us
Done by order of the church

E. Insper. moderator.
H. J. Kram clb -