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The Salem Baptist Story

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. The first members were brothers: S.L. Edmonds, W.M. Foster, Allen Kidd, J.B. Edmonds and J.W. Wood. Sisters: J.E. Edmonds, M.E. Edmonds, S.A. Edmonds, and Lucy Kidd. Allen Kidd and S.L. Edmonds were elected to be ordained as deacons and C.H. Stone was elected as pastor.

Services were held in the old Edmonds Schoolhouse during the winter, and under a brush arbor in the summer. This old schoolhouse stood down Haney Road, just across the road and over the hill from the present church.

In early 1900, a committee was elected to select a site to build a church. On April 15, 1900 this committee reported to the church that it could not agree on a site, but did agree to appoint W.H. Wood to select the site and all would be satisfied. He selected a place on the west side of Rockford Road which is now the lower front corner of the main cemetery. A building committee was appointed but there is no further mention of the actual construction, however, it is generally believed that the building was completed in 1904. No record is given of the size of this building but it is understood that it was a small one room building.

In April, 1900 the minutes mention the organization of a Sunday School, and again in 1907 it is also mentioned that a Sunday School was organized.

No record is given of any activity other than regular church services, baptisms, business meetings and so forth until 1928, when the church was extensively remodeled and dedicated. This building was still basically a one room structure but was much larger than the original. The Sunday School became disorganized somewhere in this period as the minutes mention the organization of a complete new Sunday School in 1934.

During the early years the church was very strict on discipline. Members were turned out of the church for Heresy, Drunkenness, Evil Conduct, Moving on Sunday and other things contrary to church doctrines.

During these ensuing years the church continued to grow spiritually and physically and in 1948 the church found that it must again expand its building and so it began a new building which is the basic structure that we are using today. This building was 3 years in the process of completion. The basic block structure was completed and occupied in 1949, the brick was added in 1951, and pews were added in 1952, and the building was dedicated on December 7, 1952. This building is located about 200 yards north of the original, on a one acre plot donated by Mr. Vance Draughn.

The church continued to grow and in 1956 a basement and Sunday school rooms were added across the back of the building. In 1957 we adopted our first unified budget.

In 1965, the church took a giant step forward and built a parsonage and called its first full time pastor. The parsonage was completed and was occupied by Rev. Walter Turner, the first full time pastor, in March 1965.

As the Lord continued to bless, the church again found that it must expand to meet the needs of a growing Sunday School. In 1969 we called a new pastor, Rev. Billy Sellers and began another building program, namely the addition of an educational building which is the building located directly behind the church. This building was completed in 1969 and was dedicated in August of 1970.

In 1977 the church decided to remodel the sanctuary and add a vestibule. During remodeling, services were held in the basement of the educational building. This project was completed in early 1978 and the first services were held in the new sanctuary on Easter Sunday, 1978.

During the course of its existence, Salem Baptist Church has used the services of 20 pastors, sent 6 men into the ministry, and ordained 40 deacons.

Presently, we are engaged in another building program. At the time of this writing our church has raised over three hundred thousand dollars for the construction of a new worship center. But we recognize the focus of our ministry is to always be upon people not upon buildings. For one day Christ will return and receive unto himself His people.

The Lord has been gracious to bestow upon our fellowship his marvelous bounty. We are proud of where we have been and we are excited about where we are headed. But we recognize all praise, honor and glory is given to the one who truly deserves it. Our great God and Savior the Lord Jesus Christ.

Meet Our Pastors

We are fortunate to have the names and the dates of the Pastors that served Salem Baptist Church but it is unfortunate that we do not have information about all of them. The following is a short biography of the ones available to us.

Rev. C.H. Stone (1898-1911)

The Rev. C.H. Stone was elected the first pastor of Salem Baptist Church in 1898. For many years and on three different occasions Rev. Stone faithfully pastored Salem Church. Rev. Stone has several descendants that are members of the church today.

Rev. T.G. Marion (1907-1921)

Rev. T.G. Marion was the second pastor of Salem Baptist Church. The church was still very young and pastor Marion was instrumental in shaping it for the future. The information available on pastor Marion is very limited, but certainly we were blessed to have had him serve as our undershepherd. He pastored Salem on two different occasions between the years listed above.

Rev. A.J. Williams (1901-1912)

Rev. Williams was the third pastor of Salem Baptist Church and was mentioned several times in the minutes of this church. In fact he was very instrumental in helping to organize Salem Church. Information is sketchy to non existent about where his home was before and during the time of his association with our congregation. Rev. Williams, like so many of the early Christians saw the needs of the community and did something about them.

**Rev. T.S. Draughn
(1913-1914)**

Rev. T.S. Draughn served as pastor of Salem for a short period of time. But like his brother Everett who would follow him into the Pastorate here, was part of the glue that held the vision of Salem Baptist Church together. He is buried in the Mount Herman Baptist Church Cemetery in the Crutchfield community of Surry County.

**Rev. J.Z. Adams
(1914-1923)**

Joshua Zebedee Adams was ordained into the ministry at Poplar Springs Baptist Church in 1910. He pastored several churches in Wilkes and Surry County. Some of those churches were Friendship, Union Cross, Salem Fork, and Cool Springs in addition to Salem. Rev. Adams was truly one of the dedicated pioneer pastors of Salem Baptist Church. Reverend and Mrs. Adams are buried in Knobbs Church Cemetery. Rev. Adams has many descendants here in Surry County. Namely the wife and children of Roosevelt Snow. We're indebted to Jo Snow Dockery for providing the information about Rev. Adams.

**Rev. E.B. Draughn
(1924-1928)**

Rev. Draughn served as pastor here at Salem for four years. To the best of our information, from the church minutes and older members who remember him, he was a brother to T.S. Draughn who also served as pastor of Salem Church. Reverend Draughn came from the Union Cross section of Surry County and pastored several other churches in this area. Rev. E.B. Draughn can be remembered by one person (Mrs. Olivia Fleming) who was converted at the age of thirteen during a revival he held at Salem. She said there were thirty people baptized and five more made

Rev. Tucker's ministry is still remembered by some of the older members of our congregation. No one can accurately say, but we know that several people were converted under his preaching. Rev. and Mrs. Tucker have answered the final call to go be with the Lord and are buried at the Westfield Friends Meeting Cemetery.

**Rev. Ralph Ferguson
(1944-1945)**

Since transportation was a great factor in the lives of people in the first half of Salem's history it dictated the distance one could travel. That is probably one reason most of Salem's pastors were native to Surry County or neighboring counties. Rev. Ferguson was pastor during the days of rationing and most everything was in short supply. The bulk of most everything shifted toward the war effort. Rev. Ferguson with his wife June served at Salem for approximately four years and witnessed many souls added to God's book of life during that ministry. Mrs. Ferguson is still with us and resides in Florida. Rev. Ferguson went on to be with the Lord and is buried in Mt. Airy, N.C. in Oakdale Cemetery.

**Rev. Curtis Leftwich
(1945-1946)**

Rev. Leftwich came to Salem from the Lowgap section of Surry County. This was during the years of War World II when everything was rationed and travel was very limited. Records are very limited to non-existent. Although his stay was rather brief he made a lasting impact on Salem church members. Several of those in our congregation still have fond memories of Rev. Leftwich and the good work he did in the community. Like many of the early pastors he was part of the glue that held us together.

Rev. Brady Snow
(1946-1948)

Reverend Brady Snow's pastorate was not long in years. The war years had left its impact on the American economy and society. But travel restrictions were being lifted and things were getting back to normal but the war scars lingered on. Many of our armed forces would never come home and thousands returned sick and wounded. People were turning back to God. Church attendance was increasing. Yes, the war had left its impact on the American way of life.

Rev. Tom Cook
(1948-1953)

Rev. Tom Cook, a farmer by trade, dedicated much of his life to the Lord's work. He faithfully pastored several churches. Preacher Cook was very instrumental in the construction of our present church that was built in 1948. While serving at Salem he also pastored other churches and led them in a building program as well. Rev. Cook put in many hours of "Free Labor" during the construction process. He would be, were he here today, a certified Habitat for Humanity worker. We're grateful to have had Rev. Cook as our pastor for so many years. He gave up pastoring to take care of his wife and companion who was confined to a wheelchair in the latter years of his life. The Reverend Tom Cook passed on to be with the Lord in 1997. He is greatly missed but the results of his ministry here at Salem will long be remembered. Mrs. Cook still resides in the Woodville area where they made there home for most of their married life.

Rev. Lonnie Fleming
(1953-1954)

Reverend Fleming was pastor for only one year but was very instrumental in keeping God's message before the members and

the community. He came to us from the Mt. Airy area and had pastored many churches in Surry and surrounding counties. This was during the period that we were operating Sunday School every Sunday but worship services, for the most part, were every other weekend. Saturday night and Sunday mornings. Rev. Fleming went to be with the Lord in 1997 and is buried in Oakdale Cemetery in Mt. Airy. His wife, Mrs. Olivia Fleming still resides in the Dobson community.

Rev. Clay Macemore
(1954-1964)

Rev. Macemore was one of the Chatham preachers, that is he and several other preachers worked at Chatham Mfg. Company in Elkin, N.C. and pastored churches in this area. Rev. Macemore was a native of Lone Hickory of Yadkin County. He and his wife Opal, along with their sons Ronnie, Eddie and Tommy, were very active in the life of Salem Baptist Church. Rev. Macemore pastored Salem in addition to carrying out the pastoral duties of other churches during this time. Under his ministry many souls were added to the Lambs Book of Life. He challenged the church on many occasions to move to a full time pastor. He served among us for ten years and left an indelible mark on Salem Church. Both Rev. and Mrs. Macemore have answered the roll call of heaven. They are buried at their home church, Mt. Bethel, in Yadkin County.

Rev. Walter Turner
(1964-1968)

September 1964 saw progress of the membership and general congregation of Salem Baptist Church good enough to step out on faith and build a parsonage. Rev. Walter Turner was called as full

time pastor and was the first pastor to move into the newly built parsonage. By today's standards it is modest but strong and sturdy. Back in those days it was considered a very nice and comfortable Ranch Style dwelling and complimented the church building next door rather nicely. Rev. Turner was very instrumental in helping our church smooth out the rough edges of going from two or three services a month to full time. Rev. Turner was very outgoing and the church was soon introduced to the Surry County Ministerial Association and became more active in the Surry Baptist Association. Rev. Walter Turner like so many pastors before and since, left his mark on Salem Church.

Rev. Billy Sellers
(1969-1972)

"Thirty years ago this past January I became pastor of Salem Baptist Church. My memories of those years are more vivid than of any other church I have pastored. Perhaps that is because it was my first pastorate or because two of our sons were born while we lived there. I think, instead, it is because Pat and I always felt that we belonged among the people at Salem."

"When the church voted to extend a call to me, I was ready to move to Dobson. From the time we arrived in the church community we were warmly received. That kindness never stopped. Many times we found fresh vegetables at our door. Willie Snow provided us with flour in 25 pound sacks. No matter how many biscuits Pat made, she never got close to running out of flour. When somebody sliced a country ham, those biscuits had a center slice tucked between."

"In June of that first year Todd was born, and three days later I had to take him to Baptist hospital in Winston. Because of the strict rules of the hospitals in those days, I had never even held him. Elaine Marion drove Todd and me down there so I could hold the little fellow. Nancy Snow and Irene Johnson stayed at Mt. Airy

with Pat. Salem folks ministered to our needs. So far this information about our years at Salem has been more about our personal lives than about the church and its ministry, but its not by chance that these are lasting memories. Our ministry even from those first years has always been people not program driven. Many years after we left Salem I was invited back to preach a revival. The pastor told me that the attendance at Salem had peaked during my ministry. I had no idea. I was aware that we sort of outgrew our space because we had to build the fellowship/educational building. Also, I have never forgotten the young men who felt God's call to preach during my years there.

Writing this article has been very hard, not because I didn't want to, but because I have been forced to face the fact that its been thirty years since those days of beginning ministry. Some things have changed. Once while I was at Salem I had a call that one of the members was being rushed to Baptist Hospital. I actually beat the ambulance to Winston that evening! I don't move quite that fast anymore. However, I still have a passion for preaching God's Word and I still believe that the church as His bride is precious. Salem will always hold a very special place in my heart. As you celebrate your 100 years of being a body of believers, I pray you will stay committed to the task of leaving footprints that those who come behind you will be able to follow.

Rev. Joe Brown
(1973-1980)

"When Mary and I came to Dobson it was a time of great change for us. We were in our second year of marriage and I had just graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. This was our first full-time church and the parsonage was our first real home. All three of our children were born while in Dobson. While pastoring I preached 35 funerals and performed 6 weddings. One

of the greatest joys was to preach eight revivals. It was during these revivals that God began to prepare my heart for the ministry I have now. The greatest highlight of my ministry at Salem was the time of revival we experienced in 1978. Sunday April 19, 1978 I did not preach because twelve people testified openly with broken hearts, confessing their sins and asking God to forgive them. I was the first of the twelve. In July 1978 I baptized seventeen people. From Mary, my wife: As a young wife I remember the "mothers" I had at Salem who taught me the art of canning and freezing. Some of whom gave me the equipment, the vegetables, and shared the expertise in person. I also appreciated the women that took an interest in the parsonage by making curtains and hanging drapes to prepare the house for us when we moved in. I was reminded by one of the members that I started Baptist Young Women. There were many women my age with whom I had such good fellowship. We enjoyed Bible studies together as well as BYW. Our oldest daughter Michelle born in 1974 was the first of six babies born in the church that year. I have pleasant memories of our first church.

Since we have left the church, we have been welcomed back so graciously on a number of occasions. Mary and I will never forget the prayers and the overwhelming love the church sent us in 1994 when I had three surgeries and was so sick. Thanks for being our friends and such a great blessing to us over the years."

Rev. Clifford Gresham
(1979-1982)

Rev. Gresham was elected to serve as pastor in December after having supplied as pastor since the resignation of the Browns. Rev. Gresham and his wife Delores, were very active in the affairs of the church. After two years at Salem they went on to serve and minister in other churches. They came here from the State of Florida, but we're not sure where their home is because they were so widely traveled.

Rev. Bill Greenwood

(1982-1991)

Reverend Greenwood with his wife Sherrill came to Salem as our twentieth pastor. He was well educated in the Bible and was noted for his preaching and teaching. While pastor at Salem he taught several Bible classes at Surry Community College. The Greenwoods were from Danville, Va. and Lexington N.C. areas. Their home was blessed with son Kevin and daughter Emily. All were active in the church life here. They left Salem in 1991 to serve in mission work. Rev. Greenwood has traveled extensively both here at home as well as on foreign fields.

Rev Darrell Tate

(1992 - Present)

What a joy it is to be part of the "Family of God". I am thankful God has allowed me to pastor a people such as we have here at Salem Baptist Church. I feel like Solomon when he said, "who am I that I should lead so great a people". I am humbled when I read about the history of our congregation and I count it an honor to serve in the shadow of many great pastors who served before me. Since those before me gave their life to the work of Gods kingdom it has made my task here much easier. All I had to do was continue to build on a strong foundation that had been laid and built upon for many years. I trust my part in the history of Salem Baptist church will constitute stability for those who will follow me. Together, as a church family, we have experienced great victories but for me the most thrilling is each time we see a new believer go through the baptismal waters. Christ has called us to make disciples of all men. To see men and women, boys and girls surrender their lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ leaves an eternal legacy for the membership of this church.

It has been a privilege to watch my children grow up here. The people at Salem church have helped me as a father give my children a positive impression of church life and for that I am truly thankful. Salem has a proud past and we are grateful for what God has done, but we remain a church with a vision. We strongly believe the greatest days of our church are still ahead.

**Stuart Corle Youth Minister
(1995- 1998)**

Salem Baptist Church faced the challenge and had the foresight to realize if a church is to prosper in the work of the Lord it would need a solid foundation. Thus, the stepping out on faith and bringing a full time youth minister to work with our future leaders.

Stuart and Leah Corle were selected to fill that position. Stuart was the person we employed but wife Leah, a school teacher in the area, came along with her husband and was a valuable extension of our youth director. They were young in heart and a natural for our young folks here at Salem. Since they had not yet started a family they "adopted" our youth and older folks as well.

Stuart being our first youth minister had to plow new ground, sometimes by trial and error. He really had a heart for the youth. He worked hard to disciple them and help them grow in their Christian faith. We believe that Stuart and Leah taught our youth that one can have fun and enjoy being a Christian at the same time.

Stuart resigned his position in August 1998 to enroll full time in Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest. He and Leah felt Gods call to become foreign missionaries so they moved to Southeastern to prepare for God's work. Perhaps one day they will serve on the foreign fields as missionaries sent from Salem Baptist Church. We feel very fortunate to have had opportunity to invest in their lives as well as having them invest in our lives

while they served among us. We know God has great things planned for this young couple.

Our Deacons

12-26-1898	Allen Kidd	10-01-1967	Spencer Edmonds
12-26-1898	S.L. Edmonds	10-01-1967	Charlie Draughn
03-26-1904	J.J. Draughn	10-01-1968	Howard Marion
03-26-1902	T.V. Hamlin	10-01-1968	Jesse Tucker
04-24-1904	J.W. Wood	10-01-1968	Jobie Draughn
07-26-1908	J.B. Snow	10-05-1969	Clarence Ring
07-26-1908	W.R. Wood	10-05-1969	Dennis Hodges
04-10-1909	J.H. Bowman	11-26-1972	Lannie Atkins
09-21-1922	W.E. Gillespie	11-26-1972	Keith Marion
09-21-1922	Willie Tucker	01-14-1976	Jim Hewitt
02-02-1935	D.Y. Marion	10-13-1976	Chuck Strickland
02-02-1935	Sidney Hamlin	09-15-1979	Wilbur Shuinault
07-01-1938	Albert Draughn	09-21-1986	Rick Snow
07-01-1938	Walter Tucker	09-20-1987	Wayne Hunter
01-01-1954	Rufus Brintle	09-17-1989	Jeff Wilmoth
11-01-1959	Trenton Snow	09-20-1992	Nathan Nixon
11-01-1959	Bill Marion	09-20-1992	Mark Slawter
11-01-1959	Jack Nixon	09-19-1994	Rodney Fountain
11-01-1959	Clinton Watson	09-15-1995	John Stickel
10-01-1967	Crawley Hamlin	09-15-1995	David Schumaker
* Vance Thompson		* Clarence Johnson	
* David Surratt		* O.B. Jones	

* Other deacons that faithfully served Salem but were ordained by another church.

Ordained by Salem Church

*1946 - Harvey Holt
Brady Edmonds*

Pastor when these were ordained - Brady Snow

Rev.

Church Treasurers

01-21-1905	T.V. Hamlin	07-13-1929	Eli Collins
01-08-1910	J.J. Draughn	04-04-1931	Brady Edmonds
01-01-1928	R.S. Edmonds	10-01-1957	Jobie Draughn

Church Clerks

12-26-1898	J.B. Edmonds	10-01-1950	Jobie Draughn
12-27-1902	L. Roy Kidd	02-02-1952	Vergie Cave
12-23-1904	John Snow	10-01-1955	Sue Snow
09-23-1906	J.R. Poindexter	10-01-1956	Minnie Coe
12-12-1908	John Snow	10-01-1966	Lucille Wood
08-03-1919	J.B. Kidd	10-01-1971	Lannie Atkins
04-03-1921	J.J. Draughn	10-01-1972	Olivia Holt
07-24-1921	Bertha Draughn	10-01-1974	Sue Snow
10-10-1924	R.S. Edmonds	10-01-1976	Olivia Holt
07-13-1929	Eli Collins	10-01-1977	Arlene Ring
07-04-1931	Brady Edmonds	10-01-1985	Sue Snow
10-20-1938	Johnnie Collins	04-06-1988	Minnie Coe
07-07-1946	Willie Snow	10-01-1993	Nathan Nixon
09-01-1949	Charlie Draughn	10-01-1997	Lynn Perry

Sunday School Directors

Roy Kidd	Yancy Marion	Walter Tucker
Albert Draughn	Trenton Snow	Bill Marion
Jesse Tucker	Lanny Atkins	Wilbur Shinault
Norman Marion	Rick Snow	Clarence Ring
Bill Hardy	David Surratt	Mark Mayes

Choir Directors

Roy Kidd	Daisy Hardy	Alex Wood
Mary Jane Mahaffey	Creola Phillips	Sue Snow
Johnson Turner	Bill Hardy	Dianne Hardy
Nell Sexton	Cheryl Brintle	

Out Of The Ordinary

It happened around 1931 as best as I can remember. Old Salem Church was holding a "pro-tracted meeting" (Revivals were often called this in the old days). A group of teenagers and I were attending this service and were sitting on the back row of the church. Everything went well with the service until the preacher extended the invitation to come forward and profess their faith in Jesus Christ. As the congregation rose and started to sing a invitational hymn the church floor began to shake and the floor in the back of the church caved in. Three or four pews in the back of the church were overturned and it was an "upsetting time". The preacher called for everyone to be calm and continue singing while the deacons came back to investigate and help out. As the preacher suggested most people remained calm. Fortunately, no one was injured but you can be sure a remodeling job on the old church building was in order the next week.

In Christ We Serve,
Jim Dan Hemmings

Women's Missionary Society

1953-1954

The first meeting of the Women's Missionary Society was held June 14, 1954 at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker for this meeting was Mrs. Earl James, Divisional Superintendent.

President	Henrietta Gillespie
Director of Young People	Nancy Hamlin
First Vice-President	Irene Johnson
Second Vice-President	Beulah Kidd
Recording Secretary	Vergie Cave
Corresponding Secretary	Mary Ellen Marion
Treasurer	Loree Johnson
Pianist	Sue Snow
Choir Leader	Mary Ruth Draughn

Chairman of Committee

Membership Committee	Novella Edmonds
Mission Study	Duane Price
Stewardship	Bertha Snow
Community Mission	Elaine Marion
Literature	Daisy Hardy
Social Committee	Ila Draughn
Publicity	Violet Marion
Year Book	Sue Snow
Sunbeams	Louise Brindle

Charter Members

Lessie Atkins	Louise Brindle	Ethel Brindle
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Vergie Cave	Minnie Coe	Bertha Draughn
Ila Draughn	Mary Ruth Draughn	Novella Edmonds
Henrietta Gillespie	Nancy Hamlin	Eva Hamlin
Daisy Hardy	Mary Ann Johnson	Irene Johnson
Loree Johnson	Beulah Kidd	Nannie Lou Kidd
Elaine Marion	Violet Marion	Mary Jane Mchaffey
Duane Price	Emma Snow	Sue Snow
Bertha Snow	Eula Wood	

The Salem W.M.U. Story

The year of 1954, Vergie Cave made a move to ask the Women of Salem to think about and organize a Women's Missionary Union. Henrietta Gillespie was the first one to come forward. We approached others and many were interested. Mrs. Isaac Jones met with us and explained what the W.M.U. was all about. We had a large number at this meeting. We agreed that our church could benefit from this program. We took a vote and had 36 who wanted to be a part and learn more about this. Our aim was to be a better witness to others and see new people come to know Christ as their savior. Also, to help people in need. We began serving meals in our community to the bereaved which has continued through the years. We had 36 members and by this large number we could do a lot of worth while projects. We organized Sunbeams, Girls in Action and Acteens. In June 1953 Earl James came to speak to us on the topic "Women Witnesses". One of the highlights of our service was the Acteens presented, "Chain of Stars" with eight girls taking part. Bonnie Nixon was crowned queen. This was the second crowning in our Association. We were proud of our Acteens. They had a lot to memorize and complete before they

join B.Y.W. Each young girl did a great job. Still today I can look back and see many of them doing well in church. This was a great day in our church and all were very proud of our young groups. Soon the brotherhood and the Royal Ambassadors were started. I do not have a record of when they were started but I remember under the leadership of Dennis Hodges and Jimmy Branch the numbers were unbelievable. In our church today we still have W.M.U. Brotherhood and a great number of youth being involved and great leaders leading them. We as members of Salem Baptist Church are proud of our church and Pastor Darrell Tate and the deacons and all leaders who take a part.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vergie Cave

Baptist Young Women

The first Baptist Young Women's organization at Salem Baptist Church was started by Mary Brown the wife of our pastor Rev. Joe Brown. We met in the sanctuary of the church on Monday nights. We had a total of six people to attend our first meeting. They were Cathy Branch, Mary Brown, Barbara McLean, Janice Nixon, Mary Lois Strickland and Kathy Woodruff. We elected the officers as follows:

President:	Mary Brown
Secretary:	Cathy Branch
Mission Study:	Mary Lois Strickland
Mission Support:	Janice Nixon
Mission Action:	Kathy Woodruff

Treasurer:

Barbara McLean

We had several projects that we worked on. They were: visited the jail, gave baby showers when needed, took food to needed families, sang songs at the Mountain View Rest Home in Dobson.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Nixon

Kings Kids

In 1976 a teenage church member named Tim Key asked the church if a youth group could be started. The church agreed and asked Nathan and Janice Nixon if they would consider working with the youth. The Nixons agreed and began to work with the group who decided to name themselves "The Kings Kids." The group ranged in age from twelve to eighteen years old. The purpose of this group was to sing, give their testimonies, and praise the name of Jesus. They traveled to churches in South Carolina, Virginia and North Carolina spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. The group went on camping trips and held Sunday School at the campground. Many parents provided help when needed. The group held an annual Youth Sunday at Salem. They always met on Monday night at the church for practice. The average membership was from 20-25 with an average attendance of approximately 18. The pianists included Lori Snow Wilmoth and Christi Edmonds. Director of Music was Effie Marion. During its ministry the group touched the lives of approximately 100 youth.

A Centennial Of Milestones



- † Dec. 26, 1898: Salem Baptist Church was organized. Rev. C.H. Stone pastor.
- † Dec. 27, 1898: W.M. Foyster Ordained to preach.
- † March 18, 1900: First Foreign Missions offering was collected totaling \$1.10
- † April 16, 1900: Site for church selected by W.H. Wood.
- † April 1900: Salem Baptist Sunday School Organized
- † 1900: The Rev. T.G. Marion became pastor
- † 1904: First Auditorium was built. It was a 1- Room log structure
- † Aug. 27, 1904: J. Abner Snow ordained to preach the gospel
- † May 8, 1909: T.F. Bledsoe ordained to preach the gospel
- † Dec. 30, 1916: First Home Missions offering was collected \$1.95

- † 1905: First Treasurer elected was T.V. Hamlin.
- † 1928: First Auditorium was extensively remodeled
- † 1948 Vance Draughn donated land for the new church
- † 1948 Construction of second Auditorim began
- † June 14, 1953 The first meeting of the Womens Missionary Society was held
- † 1956 Sunday School rooms and a partial basement were added to the back of the existing auditorium
- † 1965 Construction of a parsonage was completed and Rev. Walter Turner was called as the churches first full time pastor.
- † 1969 Rev. Billy Sellers became pastor and the church began the addition of a fellowship hall and additional classrooms
- † Aug.17, 1975 Keith Marion was licensed into the ministry

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| † | 1977 | Remodeled existing sanctuary |
| † | Aug.3, 1980 | Adopted Church Constitution |
| † | 1988 | The purchase of a church van |
| † | Jan.19, 1992 | Reverend Darrell Tate became pastor |
| † | 1993 | Radio Ministry Began |
| † | 1995 | Church purchased computer equipment and established a church office |
| † | 1995 | Second Full Time Staff position was added. Youth Minister/Administrative Assistant. |
| † | 1995 | First Church Newsletter was printed |
| † | 1996 | Stuart Corle and Josh Nixon Mission trip to South Africa |
| † | 1997 | Church approved plans for construction of new worship center |
| † | May 11, 1998 | Rev. Darrell Tate mission trip to the Ukraine |
| † | Aug. 23, 1998: | Salem Baptist voted to become Salem Baptist Church Incorporated |

† Nov. 22, 1998

Centennial Celebration: "The Salem
Baptist Story"



Life and Times in 1898 In The Headlines

- Feb.15: The U.S. battleship Maine exploded and sank in Havana Harbor with the loss of 260 lives. She had been sent to Havana to protect American citizens during the Cuban rebellion against Spanish rule. "Remember the Maine" was the popular slogan urging U.S. Participation in the Spanish-American War.
- April 22: The U.S. declared war on Spain.
- May 1: The American fleet squadron slipped into Manila harbor and destroyed the obsolete Spanish fleet.
- June 9: China grants Britain a 99 year lease on Hong Kong.
- July 3: Captain Joshua Slocum sails into Newport, Rhode Island in his boat, *Spray*, becoming the first solo round-the-world sailor.

Oct. 18: U.S. takes possession of Puerto Rico from Spain.

American Living Then and Now



	1898	1998
Population	73,949,000	267,661,966
3-Bedroom Home	2,200.00	120,900.00
Average Income	440.00	34,900.00
Gasoline, 1 gallon	.20	1.23
Milk, 1 gallon	.27	2.89
First Class Postage Stamp	.02	.32

1898 Items of Interest



- † U.S. yearly automobile production reached 1,000.
- † A Gutenberg Bible was sold for \$15,000 at a New York auction.

- † *The War of the Worlds* by H.G. Wells was published.
- † Radium, the first radioactive element, was discovered by Marie and Pierre Curie.
- † William McKinley served as President.
- † There were 2,204,820 people born in 1898.
- † The Supreme Court upheld 8-hour day law for Utah miners.
- † Carrie Nation crusaded against saloons.
- † The Black Hills in Wyoming and South Dakota were set aside as a forest preserve.
- † The modern Submarine was invented by John P. Holland
- † Winston Churchill wrote his first book "*The Story of the Malakand Force Field.*"

Hymns Written



"Give Me Thy Heart"

Author: Eliza E. Hewitt
 Composer: W.J. Kirkpatrick

"Let Jesus Come
 Into Your Heart"

Author: C.H. Morris
 Composer: Mrs. C.H. Morris

"Nearer, Still Nearer"

Author: Lelia N. Morris

Composer: Lelia N. Morris

"When We All
Get To Heaven"

Author: Eliza E. Hewitt

Composer: Emily D. Wilson

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