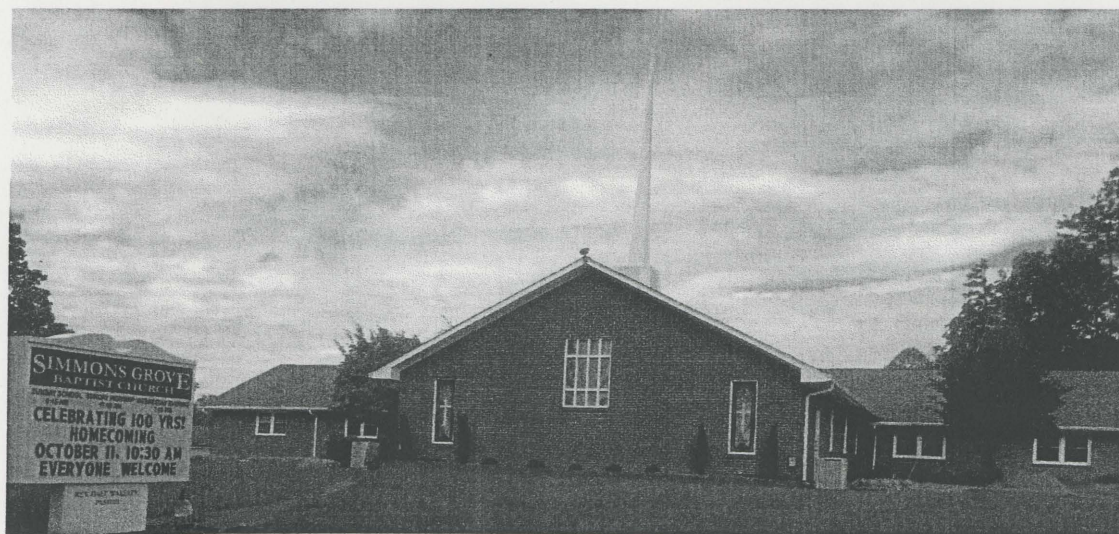
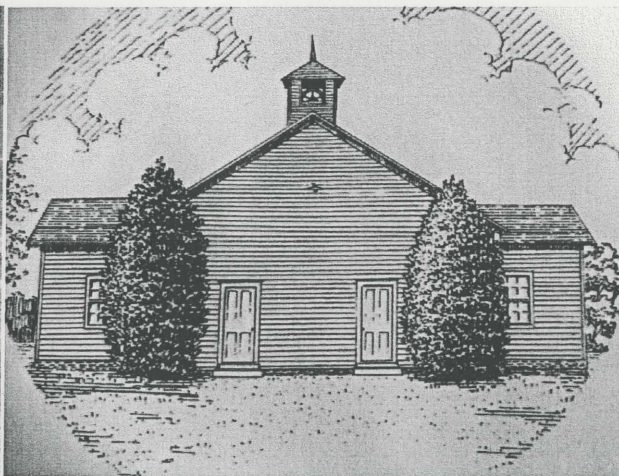


WELCOME TO
SIMMONS GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
OCTOBER 11, 2015



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

REV. DALE WALLACE

Good morning and welcome to Simmons Grove Baptist Church. We are delighted that you have chosen to be here today to celebrate our Centennial.

We are also delighted to have some very special people in our midst: Former pastors, those called to the gospel ministry from Simmons Grove, as well as former church members. We trust our time together today will be a time of worship and praise, a time of fellowship and thanksgiving, a time of reminiscing and hope for the future, a time to celebrate one hundred years of Simmons Grove Baptist Church.

Our time of worship began with the ringing of the bell from the old church. The last time anyone heard the church bell ring was 50 years ago. A new belfry was built to hang the bell so Simmons Grove could once again use it as a call to worship to the community.

We are inserting a time-capsule in our bell tower to be opened at Homecoming in the year 2065. If you wish to write a note to be placed in the capsule, there is a sheet of paper labeled as such in the pocket of today's bulletin. Please give your note to one of our Deacons or a Centennial Committee Member before leaving today and we will make sure it is included in the time-capsule.

After the worship service, we invite you and your family to share in a covered-dish meal and a time of fellowship.

Today, at the close of the service, please exit towards the carport, and as you do, pick up a balloon (on the right) and go outside to the rear of the church. There, we will release the balloons together as part of our Centennial celebration.

If you would like to have a CD of the service or a CD of the pictures that were taken today, please stop by the table set up in the carport. We will be happy to mail you one, or both, if you will leave your name and address. There is no charge for the CD of the service; however, the CD of pictures will be \$10.00.

We also have some plates with a picture of the church on them, also located in the carport. Please feel free to take one home today free of charge.

If you have donated flowers in memory or in honor of someone, don't forget to take them home with you after the meal. They will be in the Sunday School room beside the Library.

Thank you for being with us and sharing in this special day in the life of Simmons Grove Baptist Church.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. (Romans 16:24).

Pastor Dale

TODAY'S CENTENNIAL SERVICE

Prelude		
Hymn #277	<i>"We Have Heard the Joyful Sound"</i>	Congregation
The Church Bell		Donn Key
Hymn #33	<i>"To God Be the Glory"</i>	Congregation
Welcome		Pastor Dale
Call to Worship	<i>Responsive Reading #521 & #522</i> (From Baptist Hymnal)	Pastor Dale
Medley	<i>"Brethern We Have Met to Worship"</i> <i>"What a Fellowship"</i> <i>"Victory in Jesus"</i>	Centennial Choir
Invocation		Pastor Dale
Hymn # 236	<i>"The Church's One Foundation"</i>	Congregation
Children's Sermon	<i>"Happy Birthday Church" Text Acts 2:1-4</i>	Peggy Taylor
Offeratory Hymn #259	<i>"The Bond of Love"</i>	Congregation
Offeratory Prayer		Trevis Sawyers
Worship With Tithes & Offerings		
Doxology #6	<i>"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"</i>	Congregation
Special Music	<i>"Wonderful Merciful Savior"</i> <i>"Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone"</i>	Centennial Choir
Comments/Remarks by Former Pastors and Those Called from our Church		Pastor Dale
Recognition of Deceased Pastors & Family		Pastor Dale
Message		Pastor Dale

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Invitational Hymn #187	<i>"Just As I Am"</i>	Congregation
Closing Remarks		Pastor Dale
Benediction & Blessing for Lunch		Pastor Dale
Church Response	Chorus of <i>"Family of God"</i> Chorus of <i>"Bless Be the Tie"</i> (Words Below)	Led by Nicole Sawyers

THE FAMILY OF GOD

I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God.
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the family, the family of God.

BLEST BE THE TIE

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Postlude

**PLEASE JOIN US
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR LUNCH**

SIMMONS GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH HISTORY

Simmons Grove Baptist Church located in Pilot Mountain was established by Rev. C. C. Arrington and sixteen church members in the spring of 1915 in a grove donated by Joe Flippin.

Charter members of the church were Robert Brinkley, Sallie Brinkley, U. G. Matthews, Mrs. U. G. Matthews, C. C. Arrington, Jr., Drucilla Arrington, W. B. Blair, Rosa Blair, Lafayette Taylor, Lora Taylor, Laura Brinkley, A. L. Harrison, Ella Harrison, Nathan Simmons, Sr., Ann Simmons, and Susan Taylor.

On the second Sunday in June 1915, the church was officially organized on land donated by Nathan Simmons, Sr. Assisting Rev. Arrington in the organization were Rev. J. W. Chilton and Allen D. Moss, a deacon from Holly Springs Church. Those elected to serve were Rev. Arrington, pastor; W. B. Blair, clerk; U. G. Matthews and A. L. Harrison, deacons.

Services were first held in the grove. Slabs were secured from the sawmill and placed across logs to make seats. Later, when the fall and winter months made it necessary to seek shelter, seats were arranged in an old store building at the home of Nathan Simmons, Sr.

The original church building was built in 1916 on property donated by Nathan Simmons, Sr. The building was started early in the spring of that year. The first revival was held before the windows, doors, and seats were put in. Members and interested citizens eventually closed in the building. Temporary seats were made of slabs with no back.

Rev. C. C. Arrington served the church until 1919, at which time R. H. Stanley was elected to serve. He remained with the church until 1921. In December 1924 the church lost one of its most devoted members when death claimed Nathan Simmons, Sr.

During trying years when the church received no funds, U. G. Matthews paid the interest on the church debt, thus making it possible to hold the church. Church activities were suspended, except for short intervals, from 1922 to 1930. Different ones tried in vain to keep the church active. Church activities resumed in 1930 due to the efforts of Rev. J. W. Chilton who served for twenty years.

Around 1932 all the church records and the roll were destroyed by fire when the home of Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Matthews burned. The church decided to elect a clerk, Ernest Inman, to keep the records and create the new roll.

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Beginning July 9, 1933, church records state Rev. J. W. Chilton, pastor; Ernest Inman, clerk; Geneva Armstrong, treasurer; and U. G. Matthews, Lindo Armstrong and Howard Redman, deacons.

In 1935 the church was badly in need of repair. The church was painted, walls reworked, chimney built, benches and floor stained, steps built, and other minor repairs were made. In December 1939 the congregation witnessed the burning of a note that had been against the church for so long.

In 1940 power lines were brought to the church and in 1941 four Sunday school rooms were added. In 1943 three additional deacons were elected and ordained. They were Charlie Simmons, H. K. Lewis, and Howard Johnson.

In 1944 W. M. Matthews donated a lot to the church for an additional cemetery or other necessary expansion. In 1950 Rev. J. W. Chilton submitted his resignation. Rev. C. F. Landreth succeeded Chilton. Two additional deacons, Brady Inman and Sam Key, were elected in July 1953.

A new church building was completed at Simmons Grove in May 1965 on property donated by W. M. Matthews. Sunday school rooms and carport were added in the fall of 1978.

Thanks to a gift from the late Bobby Rex Simmons, the church was renovated in early 2014. The sanctuary and bathrooms were updated, new carpet installed, pews recovered, church repainted, and chairs purchased for the choir.

Ministers serving the church between 1915 to 2015 included the Reverends C. C. Arrington (1915-1919), R. H. Stanley (1919-1921), J. W. Chilton (1930-1950), C. L. Landreth (1950-1954), D. D. Hodges (interim 1954), W. L. Campbell (1954-1960), Johnson Gupton (1960-1965), Jack Joyce (1965-1969), Reuben Hiatt, (1969-1971), George Shore (interim 1971-1973), Walter Turner (1973-1976), Jimmy Cain (1976-1982), Fred Chilton (1982-1987), Dennis McMillian (1987-1991), Roger Patterson (interim 1991-1992), Stewart Mauck (1992-2004), Alan Branch (2004-2009), Jeff Stephens (Youth Pastor 2007-2010), Johnson Gupton (interim 2009-2010), Tommy Register (2010-2012), Alan Branch (interim 2012-2013), Jimmy Cain (interim 2013), Matt Linville (interim 2013-2014), Dale Wallace (2014-present).

Simmons Grove Baptist Church is located at 443 Simmons Grove Church Road, Pilot Mountain, NC 27041.

Source: Rilla Matthews Gregg, Dorothy R. Chilton, Ruby Cook, Eva Armstrong, and the 2015 Centennial Committee

PASTORS OF SIMMONS GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor

1915-1919	C. C. Arrington
1919-1921	R. H. Stanley
1930-1950	J. W. Chilton
1950-1954	C. L. Landreth
1954	D. D. Hodges*
1954-1960	Lester Campbell
1960-1965	Johnson Gupton
1965-1969	Jack Joyce
1969-1971	Reuben Hiatt
1971-1973	George Shore*
1973-1976	Walter Turner
1976-1982	Jimmy Cain
1982-1987	Fred Chilton
1987-1991	Dennis McMillian
1991-1992	Roger Patterson*
1992-2004	Stewart Mauck
2004-2009	Alan Branch
2009-2010	Johnson Gupton*
2010-2012	Tommy Register
2012-2013	Alan Branch*
2013	Jimmy Cain*
2013-2014	Matt Linville*
Oct 2014-present	Dale Wallace

YOUTH PASTORS OF SIMMONS GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

2007-2010	Jeff Stephens
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*Denotes Interim

**THOSE CALLED INTO MINISTRY FROM
SIMMONS GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

Robert Taylor
Lindo Armstrong
Fred Chilton
Joel Stephens
Martin Kastner
Jeff Stephens
Ron Chilton
Frank Harmon
David Chilton

**PAST AND PRESENT DEACONS OF
SIMMONS GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

A.L. Matthews	U. G. Matthews
Howard Redman	Lindo Armstrong
Charlie Simmons	Howard Johnson
Kermit Lewis	Sam Key
Brady Inman	Dossie Stephens
Tommy Boles	Kenneth Chilton
John Key	Bobby Fagg
Harvey Stephens, Jr.	David Johnson
Kenneth Cox	Don Isaacs
Jeff Stephens	Jimmy Rogers
Ed Branch	Derick Mauck
Trevis Sawyers	Dean Palmer
Darby Culler	David Chilton
Larry Chilton	Weldon Lambert
Terry Bullington	Charles Boles

HISTORICAL TID-BITS SIMMONS GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

- Simmons Grove Baptist Church was established in 1915.
- The church was established in the spring of 1915 in a grove of trees donated by Joe Flippin. Hence, the name Simmons Grove.
- Betty Linthicum (Eva Armstrong's Sister) says she will never forget a long royal-blue felt banner with white lettering that hung in the old church. Below are the words that were on the banner.

DO NOTHING that you would not like to be doing
WHEN JESUS COMES.
SAY NOTHING that you would not like to be saying
WHEN JESUS COMES.
GO NOWHERE that you would not like to be found
WHEN JESUS COMES.

- Our original church building was built in 1916 on property donated by Nathan Simmons, Sr.
- When Simmons Grove Church services were first held outside under the small group of trees referred to as "The Grove," slabs were secured from the sawmill and placed across logs to make seats.

HISTORICAL TID-BITS (CONTINUED)

- All the church records and the roll were destroyed by fire when the home of Mr. & Mrs. U. G. Matthews burned.

- Below are the Charter Members of Simmons Grove Baptist Church.

Robert Brinkley	W. B. Blair
Sallie Brinkley	Rosa Blair
U. G. Matthews	Lafayette Taylor
Mrs. U. G. Matthews	Lora Taylor
C. C. Arrington, Jr.	Laura Brinkley
Drucilla Arrington	Susan Taylor
Nathan Simmons, Sr.	A. L. Harrison
Ann Simmons	Ella Harrison

- According to the church minutes of January 16, 1991, Church Conference was postponed a week and the time was used to pray for the troops in Desert Storm.
- Baptist Women (formerly Women's Missionary Society/ Women's Missionary Union) was organized at Simmons Grove in 1944 with Eva Armstrong as their first President.
- Simmons Grove was part of the Pilot Association until 1933 when we joined Surry Association. Since then, we have supported the Surry Association.

HISTORICAL TID-BITS (CONTINUED)

- In 1953, our regular church offering ranged from \$24.00—\$35.00.
- Our old church was across the road, facing Simmons Road. It was heated by oil heaters. On January 19, 1958, services were cancelled due to no oil for the heaters.
- In December 1939, the congregation witnessed the burning of a note that had been against the old church building for many years.
- The ceiling fans were installed in 1986.
- Rev. J. W. Chilton (pastor 1930-1950) always ended his prayers with:

“May God watch over us and be with us until He gathereth us together to Himself in Heaven.”

As remembered by Mary Curtiss (age 9-10 at time), and relayed to Dorothy Chilton, who passed it on to Donette Brown in 2009.
- The Church Library was added in 1945 and still exists today.

HISTORICAL TID-BITS (CONTINUED)

- Eva Armstrong was the first Librarian at Simmons Grove.
- In 2008, the Royce Boles Family erected flag pole and memorial at the cemetery. The wall of honor was erected in memory of those who served in the military.
- On September 28, 1968, it was voted on in church conference to pay \$6.00 plus tax for wreaths or flowers sent in memory of a loved-one. These were to be ordered from Cox Florist.
- Did you know that our church once had a ball team?
- To keep from borrowing money, the church raised two tobacco crops on the Ashby Hiatt farm to help pay for the new building. The church members, young and old, volunteered their time.
- Rev. Johnson Gupton was our Pastor from 1960-1965. He preached his last Sermon the first Sunday we were in the new church. The pulpit was not complete; therefore, he preached from the back of the church and the pews were turned to face him.

HISTORICAL TID-BITS (CONTINUED)

- We moved into the new church sooner than planned, because a storm came and blew tin off the old church and broke out some windows.
- Simmons Grove Church had a fundraiser in 1984 and bought a microwave for the Simmons Cottage at the Baptist Children's Home.
- Our Vacation Bible School was once held in the weekday mornings. Most of the workers were women as the men were working either on farms or at public work.
- On October 20, 1963, church budget of \$2,734 was voted on for the next church year.
- In memory of Howard Redman, his family started a Music Fund for Simmons Grove at his death in 1998. Our current organ and piano were purchased from this fund.
- In 1953, our Church Trustees were Brady Inman, J. L. Armstrong, and P. S. Cooke. Our Trustees today are Ronnie Chilton, Junior Stephens, and Don Terrell.

HISTORICAL TID-BITS (CONTINUED)

- The following was taken from Sunday School Minutes dated May 11, 1919.

“Simmons Grove Baptist Sunday School met May 11, 1919 at 10 o’clock a.m. School was opened by reading 12 verses of the first chapter of James by the Superintendent. Roll was called—scholars present 28. A good lesson was recited by all the classes. Collection amounted to 85 cents. Dismissed by prayer to meet May 18, 1919 at 10 a.m.”
W. A. Ferguson, Superintendent
R. M. Bryant, Secretary

- The first revival at Simmons Grove was in 1916. The revival was held before the windows, doors, and seats were put in. Temporary seats were made of slabs with no back.
- The completion of the renewal and restoration of Simmons Grove Baptist Church was in 2014. We will always be grateful and thankful to Bobby Rex Simmons and his memorial gift.
- Girls in Action (GA’s) was first known as Girls’ Auxiliary. GA’s were first organized at Simmons Grove in 1955-56 under the direction of Mrs. Etta Mae Campbell.

HISTORICAL TID-BITS (CONTINUED)

- According to our church records, the following have faithfully served as Choir Director at Simmons Grove.

W. B. Blair

Odis Stephens

Barbara Gordon

Carolyn Armstrong

Faye Terrell

Becky Stephens

Derick Mauck

Emily Chilton

Peggy Taylor



***THANK YOU FOR HELPING DECORATE
OUR CHURCH WITH THE BEAUTIFUL ROSES.
THEY WERE PLACED AS FOLLOWS:***

Linda Boles

1 rose in memory of Royce Boles

Pamela & Charles Boles and Judy & Ronnie Chilton

2 roses in memory of Glenn & Jewell Tilley

2 roses in memory of James & Shirley Tilley

Pamela & Charles Boles and Judy White

2 roses in memory of Jay Boles and in honor of Nellie Boles

2 roses in memory of Pete Baker and in honor of Virginia Baker

Pamela & Charles Boles

2 roses in memory of Dora & Tommy Boles

Kathy Branch

1 rose in honor of her Grandchildren

Donette & Larry Brown

2 roses in memory of John & Mozelle Key

2 roses in memory of Howard & Nelia Johnson

2 roses in memory of Eldon & Lottie Chilton

1 rose in honor of Ruth Stack

1 rose in honor of Betty Linthicum

Jennifer Bullington

2 roses in memory of Royce Boles & in honor of Linda Boles



Larry & Betty Chilton

- 1 rose in memory of Brady Inman
- 1 rose in memory of Benford & Irene Chilton
- 1 rose in honor of David, Ashley, Emily, & Ben Chilton
- 1 rose in honor of Laura, Chris, Hunter, & Eli Blose
- 1 rose in honor of Brenda Stephens
- 1 rose in honor of Rev. Jimmy & Marie Cain

Nora Chilton

- 1 rose in honor of Ronnie & Judy Chilton
- 1 rose in honor of Freddie & Barbara Chilton
- 1 rose in honor of Ron, Jennifer, & Samuel Chilton
- 1 rose in honor of Rev. Johnson & Mary Lou Gupton
- 1 rose in honor of Rev. Alan & Kathy Branch
- 1 rose in honor of Rev. Dale & Wanda Wallace
- 2 roses in memory of Rev. Jack Joyce & in honor of Ruby Joyce
- 6 roses in memory of Rev. Fred Chilton
- 1 rose in memory of Rev. & Mrs. J. W. Chilton
- 1 rose in memory of Roscoe & Lela Chilton
- 1 rose in memory of James & Dorothy Chilton
- 1 rose in memory of Auburn & Ruby Cook

Ronnie & Judy Chilton

- 2 roses in memory of Rev. Fred Chilton & in honor of Nora Chilton
- 1 rose in honor of Ron, Jennifer, & Samuel Chilton
- 1 rose in honor of Tyler, Audra, & Amelia Chilton
- 1 rose in honor of Andrew, Lavonna, Corder, & Benson Chilton
- 1 rose in honor of Rev. Alan & Kathy Branch
- 1 rose in honor of Rev. Dale & Wanda Wallace
- 2 roses in memory of Rev. Jack Joyce & in honor of Ruby Joyce
- 1 rose in memory of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Chilton
- 1 rose in memory of Deborah W. Chilton

Karen Inman

- 2 roses in memory of Maxine & Ted Hazen
- 1 rose in memory of Ben Thomas
- 1 rose in memory of Ola Vandergrift



Stacy Inman

- 1 rose in memory of Mary Mauck
- 1 rose in memory of Stan Mauck
- 1 rose in honor of Rev. Stewart & Vicki Mauck

Vickie & Philip Isaacs

- 1 rose in memory of Edith Johnson
- 1 rose in memory of Rev. & Mrs. J. W. Chilton

Trixie Jones

- 2 roses in memory of Wilma & Brady Jones
- 1 rose in memory of Pete Jones
- 1 rose in honor of Ronnie Jessup
- 1 rose in honor of Carolyn Game

Donn Key

- 2 roses in memory of Sam & Geneva Key
- 1 rose in memory of Ernest & Cora Inman
- 1 rose in honor of Trixie Jones
- 1 rose in honor of Goldie Simmons
- 1 rose in honor of Rev. Reuben Hiatt

Sharon & Weldon Lambert

- 1 rose in memory of Lester & Bernice Tucker
- 1 rose in memory of Dewey & Versie Lambert

Brenda Marshall

- 2 roses in memory of Willie Taylor & in honor of Evelyn Taylor
- 2 roses in memory of Charlie & Nannie Simmons
- 2 roses in memory of Pauline & James Fauls
- 1 rose in memory of Graham Simmons

Jim Redman

- 2 roses in memory of Howard Redman & in honor of Rilla Redman



Jimmy & Kay Rogers

- 1 rose in memory of John Key
- 1 rose in honor of Wanda Wallace

Wendy & Trevis Sawyers

- 1 rose in honor of Nicole Sawyers

Gayle Semones

- 2 roses in memory of Burton & Helen Thomas
- 1 rose in memory of Sarah Thomas

Claudine Simmons

- 1 rose in memory of Johnny Simmons
- 1 rose in memory of Lana Barr

Judy & Junior Stephens

- 2 roses in memory of Harvey & Lois Stone
- 2 roses in memory of Letha & Harvey Stephens, Sr.
- 2 roses in memory of Odis Stephens & Betty Stephens Fulk
- 1 rose in memory of Brandon Stephens
- 2 roses in memory of Ulus & Myrtle Johnson
- 1 rose in memory of Lucy Johnson
- 2 roses in memory of Bishop Chilton & in honor of Etta Chilton
- 2 roses in memory of Roy Dillard Dawson & in honor of Doris Dawson
- 2 roses in memory of Raeburn Nichols & in honor of Janice Nichols
- 1 rose in memory of Tracie Inman
- 2 roses in honor of Irene & Tom Potts
- 1 rose in memory of Ashby Hiatt
- 1 rose in memory of Stella Hiatt

Evelyn Taylor

- 1 rose in memory of Willie Taylor
- 2 roses in memory of Charlie & Nannie Simmons



Max & Peggy Taylor

2 roses in memory of Opal & Ray Taylor

1 rose in memory of Thelma Connor

Faye Terrell

2 roses in memory of Laymon & Eva Armstrong

1 rose in memory of Dewey Armstrong

1 rose in memory of Ray Armstrong

1 rose in memory of Ophelia Simmons

1 rose in memory of Carolyn Armstrong

1 rose in honor of Rita Martin

Ashley Wallace

1 rose in memory of Ruth Lairsey

Wanda & Dale Wallace

4 roses in honor of Ashley, Kaylee, Maggie, and Samantha Wallace

1 rose in honor of Ron Stephens

Rickie & Barbara Wilson

2 roses in memory of Opal & Monroe Wilson

2 roses in memory of Charlie & Stella Simmons

2 roses in memory of John Bill & Della Mae Simmons

Linda & George Witt, Rhonda & Bobby Fagg, and Ted & Patty Simmons

2 roses in memory of Jack Simmons and in honor of Juanita Simmons

***BEFORE YOU LEAVE TODAY, IF YOU PLACED ROSES IN THE
CHURCH IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF SOMEONE, PLEASE COME
BY THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM BESIDE OF THE LIBRARY AND
PICK UP YOUR FLOWERS. THANKS.***

THANK YOU

Thank you for being a part of our Centennial Celebration. Our plans are to compile a detailed church history book within the next five years. If you have any pictures, memorabilia, history details, etc. pertaining to our church we would love to make a copy. Please contact one of the Centennial Committee members below and we will be glad to pick it up and return back to you. Again, thank you, for coming.

The Centennial Committee

"May God watch over us and be with us until He gathereth us together to Himself in Heaven." (Prayer from J. W. Chilton)

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