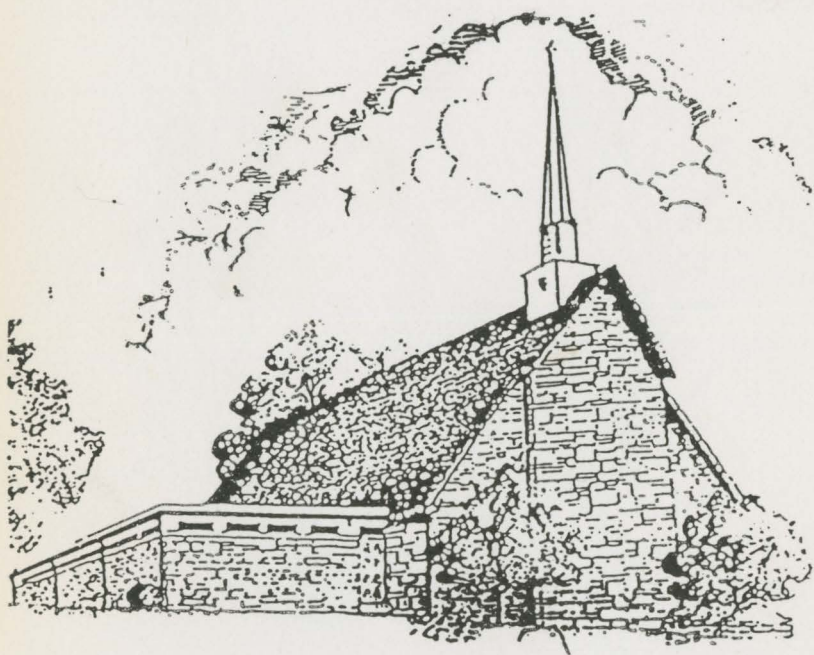
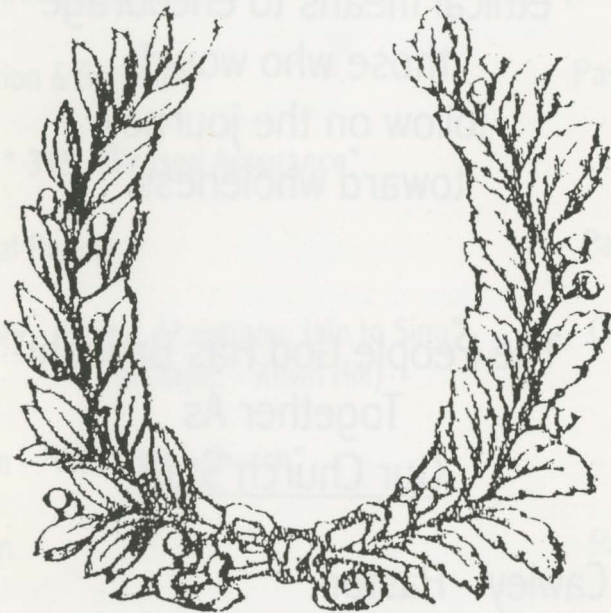


On This Rock God Built A Church...



Flat Rock Baptist Church
January 15, 1899
January 17, 1999

Flat Rock
Baptist Church



1899-1999

Flat Rock Baptist Church exists
as a congregation of believers
focused on knowing God
through Jesus Christ,
using creative, effective and
ethical means to encourage
those who would
follow on the journey
toward wholeness.

The People God Has Brought
Together As
Our Church Staff

Jon Cawley - Pastor
Scott Kyles - Minister of Students
Kim Morrison - Minister of Music
Lynn Wood - Organist
Sue Kirkman - Pianist
Nancy Haymore - Treasurer
Melanie Clark - Secretary

Worship Service A Time Of Gathering

Prelude - "He Looked Beyond My Faults"
(organ & piano duet)

Greeting

"How Firm a Foundation" Choir (Brass)

Invocation & Scripture Pastor

Hymn * 345 "Blessed Assurance"

Pastoral Prayer Pastor

Offertory - "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
(trumpet - Kevin Hill) Choir

Anthem - "We Are the Church"

Sermon Pastor

Hymn *342 "Just As I Am"

Benediction

Closing Response - "Amen"

THE POSTLUDE

*Congregation please stand

Our Heritage

In 1875 John Brower built a large log church on the Marshall Farm about one and a half miles northeast of the Crossroads. This church was built for the use of different denominations and was named Laurel Hill Church for the abundant laurels which grew on nearby cliffs.

It was here on January 15, 1899, that fourteen men and eleven women met with a Presbytery composed of ministers and elders from Mt. Airy (First) Baptist Church to organize a new Baptist Church which they named Flat Rock. Among the members of the Presbytery was Rev. C. C. Haymore, an illustrious Baptist leader who helped organize many churches including Mt. Airy (First) in 1879 where he pastored for ten years. Reverend Haymore served as pastor of Flat Rock in 1911.

On February 11, 1899, the tiny congregation elected its first pastor, J. H. Powers, and appointed a building committee of five men. Church records indicate that during the next six years, while apparently continuing to hold services in the log church at Laurel Hill, building a house of worship of their own was an important concern.

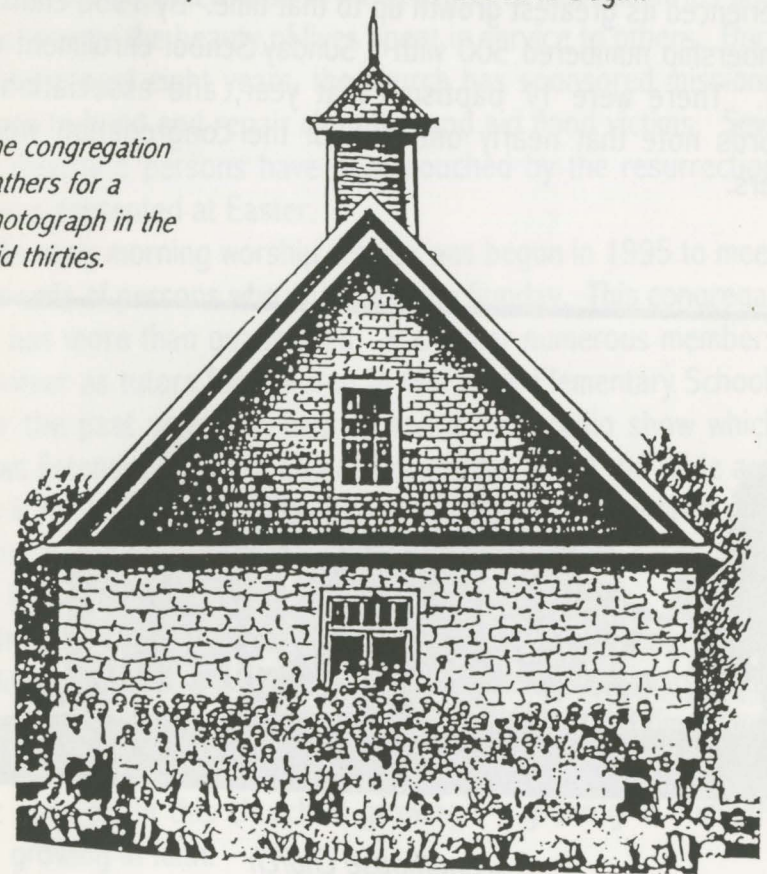
By the summer of 1905, Flat Rock was a member of the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association and on July 23rd collected \$12.31 for association expenses and state and foreign missions. The pastor's salary was \$50.00 for the year. Later in the month, the building committee began taking "'subscriptions' for building a church."

A lot was purchased next to the Flat Rock schoolhouse which stood on a knoll overlooking the road. There were great oak trees there, and the women placed their babies on quilts they had spread on the ground, and they placed logs around the quilts to keep the babies from crawling away. They helped the men clear the trees and brush away to make a place for

their church.

Like the school which stood a few feet away, the church was a one room granite structure. Inside, two aisles divided three rows of wooden benches. At the front on both sides, benches sat perpendicular to the congregation. Those on the left were reserved for the choir. Beyond these stood the pulpit, and near the pulpit a coal stove. To divide the sanctuary into classrooms for Sunday School, dark green burlap curtains were pulled between sections of benches. On Saturdays, the children would wipe the benches and sweep the floor and early on Sunday morning, one of the men would fill the stove and start the fire and later ring the bell to announce to the community that services were about to begin.

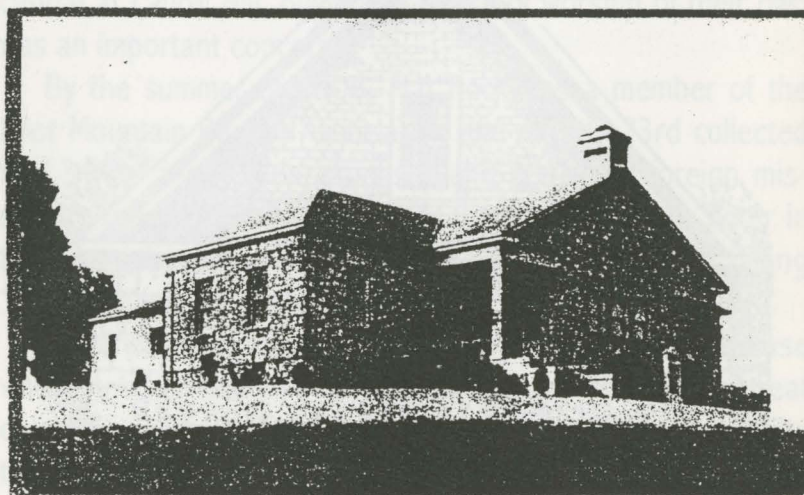
The congregation gathers for a photograph in the mid thirties.



The first Women's Missionary Union was organized in 1919 by Mrs. Hooks, wife of the pastor at that time. Mrs. H. C. (Mary) Baughan served as the first WMU president.

By 1926, church membership had expanded to 271 members with 124 enrolled in Sunday School. That year Flat Rock joined the Surry Baptist Association, and in 1928 hosted the associational meeting. Also, by this time, the church owned its first parsonage.

In 1937 the church bought and remodeled the old Flat Rock School and for thirty-seven years this building, along with an educational facility added in 1954, was home for Flat Rock Baptist Church. It was during this period (the fifties) that the church experienced its greatest growth up to that time. By 1958 church membership numbered 500 with a Sunday School enrollment of 453. There were 17 baptisms that year, and associational records note that nearly one fifth of the congregation were tithers.



Schoolhouse Church

Sadly, this growth was not to continue. Flat Rock, like so many of her sister churches throughout the nation, experienced a decline in membership and attendance in the 1960's, 70's and 80's. These circumstances, however, did not dampen the spirits of the faithful as evidenced by their commitment to build a beautiful new sanctuary in 1974.

The spring of 1989 saw the end of the longest tenure of any pastor at Flat Rock Baptist Church. In ill health, Reverend Boyd Hopkins resigned after seventeen years of service. One year later, the church called a new minister, Jon Cawley, and so began a new era of spiritual growth. Jon has challenged the congregation to seek deeper meaning from the scriptures, to live their faith, to develop their gifts in the creation of new ministries and to rediscover the beauty of lives spent in service to others. During these past eight years, the church has sponsored missions groups to build and repair churches and aid flood victims. Several thousand persons have been touched by the resurrection dramas presented at Easter.

An early morning worship service was begun in 1995 to meet the needs of persons who must work on Sunday. This congregation has more than quadrupled. Each year numerous members volunteer as tutors for children at Flat Rock Elementary School. Over the past year, Jon has hosted a local radio show which allows listeners to call in and ask questions about the Bible and how it relates to their lives. Through a deacon sponsored program, members meet weekly to reach out through cards, calls and visits to other members who have special needs.

In 1993 and 1994, the church erected a new educational facility and in 1998 began a remodeling of the sanctuary. This year Flat Rock Baptist Church will employ its first full time youth minister. With a church membership of over 450, it can be said that once again this church is growing — growing in numbers and growing in faith.

FLAT ROCK BAPTIST HAS BEEN PASTORS AND A

OUR PASTORS

Rev. J. H. Powers (1899)
 Rev. Robert M. Loftis (1899)
 Rev. S. M. Morton
 Rev. William Beamer
 Rev. C. C. Haymore (1911)
 Dr. Tom Smith (1912)
 Rev. W. H. Wilson (1913)
 Rev. T. S. Gray (1915)
 Rev. J. H. Haynes (1917)
 Rev. L. H. Hooks (1919)
 Rev. A. L. Harrison (1922)
 Rev. O. H. Hauser (1926)
 Rev. James Belton (1929)
 Rev. Tom Pardue
 Rev. Joseph H. Hall (1932)
 Rev. J. H. Hatley (1935)
 Rev. O. E. Ward (1936)
 Rev. Felix Wagoner (1943)
 Rev. Robert Weckle (1945)
 Rev. Howard Barham (1946)
 Rev. Paul Bruner (1949)
 Rev. Joe Maye (1953)
 Rev. William Eaton (1961)
 Rev. Lowell Willis (1966)
 Rev. Joe Maye (1967)
 Rev. James Fink (1969)
 Rev. Boyd Hopkins (1971)
 Rev. Jon Cawley (1990)



Rev. Boyd Hopkins
 (1971 - 1989)
 Longest Pastorate



Rev. Jon Cawley
 (1990 -)
 Present Pastor

BLESSED WITH OUTSTANDING LOYAL FELLOWSHIP

IN RECOGNITION OF FIFTY YEARS OR MORE OF MEMBERSHIP

Ada Belton	Velma Hiatt	Bessie Sawyers
Alta Carlson	Beulah Inman	Mary Ruth Shaw
Nora Deatherage	Donnie Jessup	Frances Simmons
Pat Reeves Eggers	Ruby King	Gray Simmons
Floyd Gwyn	Rachel Kirkman	Estelle Slate
Stella Gwyn	Callie Lothian	Judy Slaydon
Clarice Hall	Louise Moser	Alline Smith
Will Hall	Kate McBride	Wanda Smith
Patty Hart	Jim McMillian	Wadalee Starr
Thora Hart	Pauline Pardue	Zura Stevens
Janice Hiatt	Carol Parker	Jack Timmons
Norma Hiatt	Robert Lee Riggs	Pauline Trevathan
	Annie Riggs	Winonia Wilhite

(If we've missed anyone, please accept our apologies.)



Velma Hiatt
 Our oldest living member-
 granddaughter of Richard
 Simmons, a charter member



Ada Belton
 Our second oldest living member-
 granddaughter of James Achilles
 Deatherage, a charter member

Music Directors



Patty Hart
Choir Director
1961 - 1972
1980 - 1997



Kim Blackburn Morrison
1997 - present

FORMER CHOIR DIRECTORS

Earl Wray
Bob Loftis
Jack Loftis
Kathe Beaver

Ordained Ministers of Flat Rock Baptist Church

Sam O'Neal
Paul Riggs
Roland Simmons
Dale Loftis
Harvey Baughan, Jr.
Eldridge Marshall
T. W. Estes
Murray DeHart
Barbara Rumley McGatlin

On This Rock God Built A Church

A dream brought folks together, a church was being born,
built with stone and timber to last through many a storm.

Walls of solid granite, steeple to reach the sky,
an old converted school house, still they had to try.

Hands were very busy, each stone was put in place,
soon it's time for worship, they bowed their heads with grace.

The church was still growing, new walls needed now,
through the work of so many, they did it somehow.

Families worshiped there, showed God's love to the world,
they started Sunday School for little boys and girls.

On this rock God built a church to stand through all of time,
people changed over the years, guided by God's light.

All because of love they received within those granite walls,
something to hang onto when they would slip and fall.

On this rock God built His church,
it's changed from time to time.

Still solid as these granite walls
through one hundred years of time.

We celebrate this day, a tribute to those passed on,
God's church is strong as ever now, and will be all along.
On this rock God built a church.

Tony Shelton

Centennial Anniversary Committee

Patty Hart - Chairman
Carroll Baldwin
Richard & Bertie Starr
Devon Moore
Millie Smith
Marjorie Chilton
Judy Slaydon
Tony Shelton
Norma Hiatt
Sue Kirkman
Kim Blackburn Morrison
Doug Shepherd
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