# 100 Years Rock Hill Baptist Church Ararat North Carolina



1915-2015

# Deed

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#### PASTORS OF ROCK HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Will James	1915 - 1921
George Oakley	1922
Will Chrissman	1929
R.D. Fletcher	1931 - 1933
E.B. Draughn	1934
Will Chrissman	1936
L.M. Cook	1937 - 1938
J.T. Hinson	1939 - 1946
Gilmer Denny	1947 - 1952
Paul Key	1953 - 1955
C.W. Branch	1955 - 1958
Harris Easter	1958 - 1968
Roy Estes	1968 - 1975
Joe Bill Simmons	1975 - 1977
Clarence Marshall	1977 - 1984
J. V. Lowe (interim)	1984 - 1986
Dwight Sechrist	1987 - 1992
Grover Hall (interim)	1992 - 1993
Jeff Collins	1993 - 1997
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Forrest Fulton	1997 - 2000
Milton Sewell (interim)	2000 - 2003
Bill Horton	2003 - 2004
Grover Hall (interim)	2004 - 2005
Joe Lambert	2005 - 2006
Lee Johnson	2006 - Present

"To God Be The Glory, Great Things He Has Done"

We celebrate a joyous and extraordinary occasion in the life of our church, one that has been a century in the making.

It is a time to reflect on 100 years of good works, benefiting both members of Rock Hill Baptist Church and the community as well. Lives have been made better in this world and the next because of the message of the Gospel. We remember all those who daily do good works on behalf of the church as well as all those saints who have graced our doors and are now in the presence of the Lord.

Let us as a family of faith, rejoice and be happy and thankful as we celebrate a truly remarkable event of the first 100 years of Rock Hill Baptist Church.

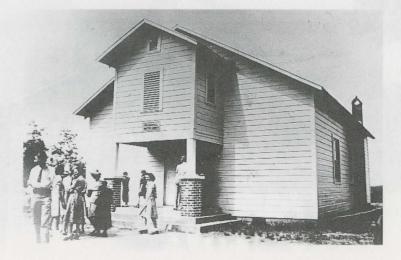
What Amazing Grace!

We ask for God's continued blessings on our church and its mission to our community. Diana and I are thankful that we can be a part of this celebration and also a part of this church family. We are blessed by your ministry to us and pray that we have ministered well to this church family.

Lee & Diana Johnson

### 1915-1930's

- Adeline Wall (Harvey Wall's grandmother) donated the land for Rock Hill Baptist Church to be built on.
- Joseph Wall was one of the founders of the church (Earnest Wall's father)
- Eunice Wall was one of the charter members of Rock Hill Baptist Church (Earnest Wall's mother)
- · Founding pastor was Rev. Will James
- Church started with a total of 43 members, 18 males and 23 females
- The original church building was located either at the site of the cemetery or the site of the picnic shelter
- The original value of the church property was \$300.00
- Church's Sunday School Superintendent was H. T. Moore and Lelio Moore was the Secretary.
- Rev. Will Chrissmon was kicked and killed by a horse.



- Started the new church in 1942 under the direction of Rev. J. T. Hinson.
- The timber to build the church was donated by Rev. George Reynolds and Elzie Reynolds.
- The dedication of the new building was held along with a communion service in May 1943.
- Homecoming services were started in May 1946, services were to be held on the fourth Sunday, date was later moved to the third Sunday, and was later changed to the first Sunday in June which is the date we are celebrating today.
- Revival services under Rev. J. T. Hinson had 52 professions of faith. Bro. Harold Loman from Greensboro was the guest speaker.



- Church installed a heating unit in 1954 to replace the wood stove.
- Wood stove pipe was visible until last sheetrock work was done in the 2000's.
- Church purchased 50 straight chairs in 3 different sizes in 1955.
- Additional chairs and tables were purchased when the Eldora School was consolidated with Copeland School.
- Church still has some of this furniture today.



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- The church purchased the current piano in 1961.
- · Church was bricked in 1963.



# 1970's

- Air conditioning unit was installed in 1979.
- Church steeple was installed in 1979.
- WMU was started by Jettie Estes and Ida Whitaker in

- The church dug a well for water. Harvey Wall donated the land to put the well on when no water could be found on church property.
- The church will have water rights as long as the church remains a Southern Missionary Baptist Church.
- The deed was recorded in 1981.
- Huge oak tree was removed to make room for Sunday School wing.
- Wood from tree was given to Rev. Clarence Marshall.
- New Sunday School wing was constructed and bathrooms were installed under Rev. Clarence Marshall.
- John Tesh was the contractor for the construction.
- New pews and carpet for the sanctuary was installed (green pads for pews and green carpet)
- Church members traveled to Dalton, Georgia and brought the carpet back.
- Parking lot was originally paved in 1988 by Whitaker Paving.
- Note burning for the construction was held on January 29, 1984.







- Fellowship Hall was started in 1996 with Jay Mosley as the contractor.
- · Dedication was in 1997.

#### 2000

- · Church sign was installed on Siloam Road.
- Original carpet was removed and the hard wood floors were completely restored in 2010.
- Tile was installed in the foyer with a scene of three crosses, designed by church member Jimmy Jester.
- New carpet was installed in the pulpit area and the choir loft.
- New pads were installed on the pews to match the carpet.
- Remodeled picnic shelter.



## **CEMETERY**





Land for cemetery was donated by W.S. Key, Virgil Bullin and Floyd Bowman heirs. First grave was in 1953.

# **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS**



1985 Granite sign in front lawn was installed by Grant Atkins.



2005 Veteran Memorial Area was installed by Richard Marshall.

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2011 Picnic tables and Fire Pit Area was done by Bryson Key.

# Baptisms





