

1900-2000

Siloam Baptist Church



100 Years and Still Growing

The Siloam Baptist Story

In the late 1800's, perhaps in 1898 or 1899, Dan J. Scott moved to the Siloam community of Surry County from the Shoals community of the same county. Mr. Scott had been active in the Shoals Baptist Church and felt a strong desire to continue in such faith. However, distance and travel necessitated different arrangements. There was no Baptist church in the Siloam community, so informal fellowship meetings began in the parlor of Mr. Scott's home.

On October 30, 1899, Rev. S.J. Becker of the Yadkin Association from Boonville and North Carolina Field Missionary came to Siloam and preached to a few people in a grove of land belonging to Mr. Sam Atkinson. Having seen there was both a desire and a need for a Baptist church, Mr. Atkinson proceeded to give enough land for a church to be built. The building was started in early 1900 from lumber donated by members of the community, chiefly Dan Scott, Sam Atkinson, and H.F. Snow.

Rev. Becker was scheduled to begin a "meeting of days" on October 21, 1900, but due to a "freshet in the river", the help he was expecting could not get there and the meeting was continued until October 23, 1900. On that date Rev. Becker baptized H.F. Snow, F.A. Snow, and Mary V. Snow. Visiting on that day were Harding Norman of Rockford Baptist Church and Jonathan Ross of East Bend Baptist Church. Rev. Becker asked that Mr. Norman act as clerk, at which time according to the church minutes, "he proceeded to organize the following brethren and sisters . . . into a regular Baptist church". The Charter Members of Siloam Baptist Church are W.W. Cornelius, Mrs. Carrie Cornelius, S.J. Becker, F.A. Snow, Mary

V. Snow, Mrs. R.J. Snow, D.J. Scott, Naomi Scott, H.F. Snow, and Mary Hardy.

On the organization day, Rev. Becker appointed a committee to draft a covenant and by-laws for the church. On January 20, 1901, the covenant and by-laws were read and adopted.

The first revival (protracted meeting) of the new church was held beginning on July 24, 1901. The first revival preacher was Rev. Jesie McKaughn.

On August 15, 1901, Siloam Baptist Church united with the Yadkin Association in a meeting at Dobson. At that time the present Associations of Surry and Yadkin were all one Association. A movement was soon underway for a separate Surry Association and Siloam voted to join the Surry Association on May 23, 1903. The church has remained in the Surry Association to the present day.

Rev. Becker, the organizer and first pastor, remained as pastor until November 17, 1901, at which time Rev. Sam Hall of Pinnacle was elected pastor. During Mr. Becker's tenure as pastor he was attending the South Baptist Seminary. He apparently attended from January to June of 1901, and Rev. R.D. Haymore of Mount Airy was asked to supply in his absence.

As previously stated, much of the material for the first church building was donated by members of the church and community. According to J.W. Shore, who joined the church in 1909, Mr. Sam Atkinson, donor of the land for the church, also owned and operated a sawmill near the church and sawed much of the lumber for the first building. It was a one-room frame structure with stained-glass windows. On January 15, 1941, the church voted to add Sunday School rooms and work was begun soon afterward. On January 4, 1942, Sunday morning church services were held. Around 2:00 p.m. that afternoon a fire

destroyed the entire building and its contents. Invitations were extended from other churches in the community to share their facilities and after a few meetings in the local school, the congregation shared facilities with the local Methodist Church. Work was begun immediately on a new church building and the first services were held in the modern brick structure on January 3, 1943. After additions for Sunday School rooms and general interior renovations, this structure still serves the congregation.

The first Sunday School was organized on "Saturday before the first Sunday in May", 1917. A.C. Snow was elected Superintendent and Callie Smith was elected Secretary. This Sunday School was of short duration. Lack of attendance was attributed mainly to Sunday School being held on Sunday evening rather than on Sunday morning. Older church members recall no more than two years of operation. On April 14, 1940, the church was called together for the purpose of organizing another Sunday School. The following officers were elected: W.O. Snow, Superintendent; J.W. Shore, Assistant Superintendent; Howard Hardy, Teacher of the Adult Class; Odell Adams, President of the Adult Class; Mrs. W.O. Snow, Secretary of the Adult Class; Hazel Key, Secretary & Treasurer; F.E. Bass, Teacher of the Young People's Class; Gladys Smith, Teacher of the Junior Class; Mary Jane Snow, Teacher of the Primary Class; Mrs. Kirby Bowman, Teacher of the Beginner's Class. The Sunday School which was organized in 1940 has been in continuous operation to the present day.

There have been many changes to Siloam Baptist Church over the past 100 years. The Lord has always been so gracious to us. We have fond memories of where we have been, but we are excited about where we are going. We continue to grow and thrive in doing the Lord's work. Siloam Baptist Church -- 100 years and still growing. To God be the Glory!

Meet Our Pastors

S.J. Becker	1900-1901	E.W. Turner	1952-1952
Sam Hall	1901-1902	Jimmy Lambert	1952-1954
C.F. Fields	1902-1904	James Dockery	1955-1957
A.B. Snow	1904-1906	James Byrd	1957-1958
A.J. Williams	1906-1907	John Galloway	1958-1959
E.W. Turner	1907-1910	Sampson Collins	1959-1963
W.H. Beamer	1911-1916	Johnson Gupton	1963-1964
M.H. Privette	1916-1916	Wade Tucker	1964-1969
L.W. Burrus	1916-1921	Glenn Mendenhall	1969-1982
T.S. Draughn	1921-1940	Stewart Mauck	1983-1987
Ellis Norman	1940-1942	Oren Bradley-interim	1987-1988
R.L. West	1942-1943	Jimmy Cain	1988-1999
J.L. Powers	1943-1951	Milton Sewell-interim	1999-2000
Charles Propst	1951-1952	Bill Faw	2000-2017

Meet Our Deacons

These men have faithfully served Siloam Baptist Church as deacons:

Howard Hardy	J.D. Bowman	A.C. Snow
J.W. Hardy	W.O. Snow	J.W. Shore
Odell Adams	Oscar McCormick	Fred Smith
Garfield Poindexter	W. H. Hardy	Clayton Smith
Paul Snow	Ellis Crissman	Elbert Smith
Mac Simpson	Michael Hardy	Tommy Edmonds
Jack Hardy	Don Fulk	Bob Hemmings
Carl Collins	Brent Crissman	Danny Hardy
Virgil Matthews	Jim Collins	Matthew Carter
David Smith		

Church Covenant

as entered into by the Siloam Baptist Church, July, 1902, from the original ledger by S.J. Becker

We do now in the presence of God and in the faith of the gospel and by the help of Divine Grace unitely give ourselves to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to serve Him and no other that He may be glorified by us and in us.

We take the Bible as our only rule of faith and practice regarding the Old Testament as containing the ordinance of the old dispensation and the New Testament as containing the ordinance of the new dispensation.

We pledge ourselves to contend constantly for the faith once delivered to the Saints that we will strive together for the support of a faithful Evangelical ministry assuring us and through life amidst evil report and good report. Seek to live to the glory of Him who has called us out of darkness into marvelous sight.

Having given ourselves to God we do now joyfully give ourselves one to another by the will of God engaging to hear each others' burdens and participate in each others' joys.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for prayer and divine worship. We will endeavor to bring up those under our charge in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

We promise to contribute according to our ability to defray the expenses of the Church and to support the gospel ministry.

We engage to watch over each other in love and hold communion together in the ordinance of the Lord's house submitting ourselves to the government of the church in all things praying for His spirit that we may increase in the knowledge and love of God looking for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to whom be glory forever. Amen

Articles of Faith

1. We believe in one only true and living God and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe the doctrine of election by grace.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will or ability.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.
7. We believe that God's elect shall be called regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Missions

Women's Missions

Approximately eleven years ago, in 1989, a group of women from Siloam Baptist Church saw a need to form a missions group. Marie Cain, the pastor's wife, was instrumental in beginning this group. Several ladies traveled to Simmons Grove Baptist Church to listen and pick up ideas from their Women on Missions group. The women came back with a lot of enthusiasm and formed a Women on Mission group consisting of ten members.

A few months later the younger women formed a Young Baptist Women missions group with 7 members.

Currently the Women on Missions group has 12 active members. The Young Women on Missions group has 13 active members. God has blessed us to reach out and touch many lives.

Children's Missions

In the fall of 1994, the first children's missions group with both boys and girls was organized. This group was called "Children in Action". Later in October, 1997, a "Youth in Action" group was formed. In October, 1999, the Missions Friends began. There are 19 children enrolled in the missions programs at Siloam Baptist Church. As a result of missions emphasis, several of our children have attended Camp Mundo Vista and Camp Caraway. These children are being given a firm foundation for lifetime missions.

Men's Missions

The Siloam Baptist Church Men's Brotherhood was started in 1996. Danny Hardy, along with Reverend Jimmy Cain were instrumental in scheduling the first meeting which was well-attended. During the first year, officers were elected, guidelines were established, and a missions statement was adopted by the group. Then, as now, the focus of the group has been reaching out to others through Christian service. The Brotherhood is an active partner in local, state, and foreign mission efforts. An open invitation stands for men who would like to work hand-in-hand in promoting the cause for Christ in the community.

Hymns Written in 1900

"Amazing Grace"	Words: John Newton Arranged by: E.O. Excell
"O That Will Be Glory"	Words & Arrangement: Charles Gabriel

A Centennial of Milestones

- Oct. 25, 1900 Siloam Baptist Church was organized
- Jan. 20, 1901 Covenant and By-Laws adopted
- Aug. 15, 1901 United with the Yadkin Association at Dobson
- Dec. 15, 1906 Collection of \$1.51 was taken up for the orphanage
- Dec., 1907 Surry Baptist Association held its regular union meeting at our church on the fifth Sunday
- Apr., 1911 Changed preaching time to the 4th Saturday and Sunday in each month
- May 27, 1911 Preaching changed back to the 3rd Saturday and Sunday in each month
- Feb., 1916 Carpet and songbooks to be purchased
- Jan., 1917 Collection for Thomasville Orphanage was \$4.30, state missions collection was \$3.25
- May, 1917 Home and Foreign Missions collection was \$5.00
- April, 1919 Great Mission Drive collection was \$6.40
- Jan., 1920 Pastor's salary was raised from \$75.00 per year to \$100.00, paid in monthly payments of \$8.34 per month
- Nov. 5, 1922 Deacons were appointed to look after some disorderly members
- May 3, 1925 Preaching at Old Siloam, the Township Sunday School Convention
- Sept. 7, 1925 Church ordained W.T. (Will) Crissman to the ministry

- Feb. 7, 1926 Bro. Morrison granted a license to preach
- Jul. 24, 1926 Ordained Bro. Morrison for ministry
- May 7, 1933 Collection for Baptist Hospital - \$6.00
- 1937 \$10.00 collected for orphanage
- 1938 \$15.00 collected for orphanage
- 1939 \$10.00 collected for orphanage
- Apr. 14, 1940 Sunday School was organized
- Oct., 1940 Appointed some deacons and a building committee. Irving Ring elected janitor until April
- Jan. 5, 1941 Voted to build on Sunday School rooms
- March, 1941 First Sunday School Superintendent, Odell Adams, was elected
- Jan. 4, 1942 The church burned about 2 o'clock
- Mar. 1, 1942 Trustees were elected
- Apr. 19, 1942 Building committed was appointed
- Dec. 20, 1942 Siloam had a joint Christmas program with another church
- Jan. 3, 1943 Preaching held in our new church by our pastor, Rev. R.L. West
- Oct. 31, 1943 New church was dedicated. Rev. E.W. Turner of Mocksville preached the service. Ministers present were L.W. Burrus of Boonville, E.C. Norman of East Bend, and J.L. Powers of Elkin
- Feb., 1945 An assistant pastor was elected - Bro. Roscoe Pendry
- Aug. 18, 1946 Voted to do some grading on the church grounds
- Jan. 5, 1947 The roads were so bad the preacher couldn't come. Bro. Pendry was to preach, but only 6 present

- Feb. 1, 1948 No preaching the first Sunday night due to bad weather
- Oct. 16, 1949 Homecoming with preaching by Bro. Young from the Baptist Hospital and dinner on the grounds
- Mar. 25, 1951 Revival started by Miss Kittie Soulioan of Mt. Airy and lasted until the 6th of April. Miss Soulioan preached for Bro. Powers the first Sunday night in April, 1951
- May 14, 1955 Motion made and passed to fix parking and pour curb in front of the church.
- July, 1955 Sunday School set record attendance of 118. Offering was \$50.12
- Jan., 1956 Motion moved and passed that \$10.00 per month be paid to the associational missionary beginning with January, 1956
- Sept. 15, 1956 Church painted on the outside by Mr. Holmes for \$160.00
- 1958 Church painted by Bro. O.R. Pendry for \$45.00
- March 1960 - Church minutes are missing
April 1974
- Oct. 6, 1974 Bro. Glen Mendenhall preached from Hosea 7th chapter. Annual picnic held after service
- Feb. 23, 1975 Plan showed and studied for a new educational building. Voted to help finance on a ten-year basis. Gave out pledge cards to bring back next Sunday
- Oct. 5, 1975 Homecoming in the basement of the new building
- Nov. 30, 1975 Meeting was held for the purpose of putting small markers to unmarked graves

- Sept. 19, 1976 Youth choir director elected, Mrs. Gladys Smith
- June 12, 1977 Baptismal service held at the Yadkin River at Rockford
- Sept. 3, 1978 Homecomings will be held the 1st Sunday in October
- Feb. 18, 1979 No service due to heavy snowfall
- Jul. 1, 1979 Baptismal services at Fisher River on Highway 268 and six people were baptized. Another presented himself for baptism at the water making a total of seven baptized
- Oct. 7, 1979 Note burning took place. This was for the completed fellowship hall and Sunday School rooms. The 4th Sunday offering was to be continued for the next project of insulating and air-conditioning the church
- Aug. 3, 1980 Voted to get a loan to make improvements on the church
- Apr. 4, 1981 Revival started this Sunday night, but there was some confusion and the visiting minister didn't show up until Monday night at 7:30
- Jan. 3, 1982 Church members and good friends donated money for the preacher and his wife (Rev. and Mrs. Glen Mendenhall) to visit the Holy Lands.
- Apr. 22, 1982 First baptism in our new baptistry
- Apr. 17, 1983 Our preacher (Stewart Mauck) was ordained at Welcome Baptist Church
- Apr. 15, 1984 A baptismal service was held in our baptistry. Five were baptized by Rev. Stewart Mauck
- 1985-1986 No minutes
- Apr. 19, 1987 Purchased a copier

- Aug. 8, 1988 New proposals for the constitution were voted on
- Jan. 8, 1989 Met with an architect that will help with plans to sanctuary
- Jan. 21, 1990 Decided to sell old church pews. Church members could buy new pews for our sanctuary
- Oct. 7, 1990 Homecoming and Dedication of new sanctuary. An inspiring sermon was delivered by Rev. Oren Bradley. He told us to not stop with our work, but to be a "lighthouse"
- May 5, 1991 We will observe a "Senior Adult Day". This is to be an annual event for our 60 and over members. The younger members will provide lunch on this day
- Jan. 19, 1992 Purchased a sound system
- Apr. 26, 1992 Revival started. Rev. Bill Pearson came and brought Mr. Alexander Balouski from Poland. He came through a Baptist Men's Program. Ours was the first church he visited in the United States
- Jul. 18, 1993 Sunday School bell/buzzer to be installed
- Apr. 17, 1994 New carpet to be put on front porch and steps
- Jan. 15, 1995 Big oak at the fellowship hall has to be taken down because it is dying
- Oct. 20, 1996 Our church to help sponsor any church member that wants to go to South Africa
- Apr. 6, 1997 Plans put in motion to enlarge our fellowship hall
- Apr. 26, 1998 Church voted to incorporate
- Jan. 17, 1999 Gas logs placed in the fireplace in the fellowship hall

- Jan. 16, 2000 Need for a church van was discussed and later voted on and bought
- Oct. 1, 2000 Homecoming/Centennial Celebration -- 100 years and still growing

Memories of the Past

I have so many memories. I remember that Mr. Howard Hardy was the choir director and he had such a strong voice. I remember the baptizings at the river, but I was baptized at Poindexter's Pond. I remember Vacation Bible School was wonderful because we had Kool-Aid and went to church every night. I have a sense of family in this church. It's where I brought my children. It's the only church I know.

- Joyce Fulk

My first memory of Siloam Baptist Church was playing with wooden blocks in Mrs. Shore's Sunday School Class.

- Jack Hardy

I didn't start attending Siloam Baptist Church until after I was married. I remember the church going up to Pilot Mountain for a picnic. I went on the ladder and climbed up to the top. Clayton Smith always had cold watermelons for us.

- Evelyn Snow

I remember going up on Cumberland Knob for church picnics and that we had such a good time being together.

- Kaye White

I chose this church because of the people. It is a solid church and has always gone by the Word. I am fond of the people and have lots of good memories.

- Tonnie Tucker

I remember going to the Methodist Church up on the hill because our church had burned. Mrs. Scott was my first Sunday School teacher. We went to Sunday School conventions where all the area churches got together. We had revival once a year. Preacher J.L. Powers could pray as long as most preachers preach now.

- Billy Smith

I have such good memories about some of the older members that have gone on -- Clayton and Bessie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Shore, Howard Hardy, A.C. Snow. They were so faithful. I also remember what good times we had in the choir when Mrs. Smith was the choir director and what a beautiful voice she had.

- Payge Hardy

I remember one year during Christmas program practice some men had gone to get a tree. Mr. Scott was one of the men. They brought in a huge cedar from the woods. The men held the little children up to put ornaments on the top of the tree. I also remember that Preacher Collins gave out sticks of Clove chewing gum so he always smelled like clove chewing gum.

- Teresa Hodges

I remember when I first started coming to church there after I was married the men and the women were all in the same Sunday School class and Mr. Shore was the teacher. I've been at this church for 52 years and we've grown some since then.

- Ethel Smith

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