

Salem Baptist Church

*Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus—
Promoting the Growth of His People!*

First Service in New Worship Center



**July 10, 2005
10:30 AM**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship & Praise	"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" "We Exalt Thee"	Salem Praise Team
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Invocation & Welcome		Pastor Bobby Lewis
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Recognition of Building Steering Committee		Pastor Bobby Lewis
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✠ CONGREGATIONAL MARCH TO NEW SANCTUARY ✠

Praising God for What He's Done!		Pastor Bobby Lewis
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Music Celebration	"Glorious City of God"	Salem Choir
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Worship Through Giving & Song		Tyler Wilmoth
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Hymn of Praise	"Victory in Jesus"	# 426
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Prayer		Rev. Jay Worsley
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BAPTISM		Pastor Bobby Lewis
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Congregational Medley	"Holy, Holy, Holy" "Holy Ground" "We Are Standing on Holy Ground"	Words on Screens
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Song of Praise	"Most Holy One"	Salem Choir
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Special Music	"Walking With Jesus"	Salem Choir
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MESSAGE	"God's Building" <i>1 Corinthians 3:5-11</i>	Pastor Bobby Lewis
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Invitation	"I Bowed on My Knees and Cried Holy"	Cindy Lewis
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Congregational Prayer of Thanksgiving

Dear Church Family & Friends,

When my family and I began this exciting journey with you here at Salem on July 6, 2003, we could never have imagined how richly blessed we would be in such a short period of time. It is only by God's grace and goodness that over fifty precious people have been saved and baptized, and dozens more families have joined with us here in the Lord's work. Additionally, this beautiful new worship center is only possible because of God's glorious hand of provision.

In order for more people in our community to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that they may be saved, baptized, and disciplined in His church, the Lord has enabled us to build and furnish this magnificent new worship center. This new worship and education facility will allow us to minister to those who are already a part of the Salem family as well as those that may be led to join us in the days to come. With full handicap accessibility and approximately three times our former seating capacity (700-750), this new building will multiply our ministry opportunities and more effectively facilitate spiritual and numerical growth.

By the Lord's leading, many of you have given of your time, talents, and financial resources to make this day a reality. While I want to offer a tremendous "Thank You" to all of you here at Salem, let me especially share my heartfelt gratitude with the members of our Building Steering Committee. They are as follows: Bill Hamlin, Dianne Hardy, Effie Marion, Terry Snow, Mitch Stanley, and Charles Welch.

Countless hours of prayer and service have been offered by so many to enable us to celebrate this special day together. May this new facility always be used to proclaim the Good News of Jesus and promote the growth of His people. I love and appreciate you all!

Pastor Bobby

A SHORT HISTORY OF SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

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. Some of the first members were S.L. Edmonds, Allen Kidd, J.E. Edmonds and Lucy Kidd. C.H. Stone was elected the first pastor. Services were held in the old Edmonds one-room schoolhouse during the winter and under a brush arbor in the summer.

In early 1900, W.H. Wood selected a site to build a church on the west side of Rockford Road, which is now the lower front corner of the main cemetery.

During the ensuing years the church grew, and in 1948 the church built a new building which was the basic structure that we used until August of 2004. It was completed in 1949, brick was added in 1951, and pews installed in 1952. The building was dedicated on December 7, 1952.

In 1956, a basement and Sunday School rooms were added across the back of the building. In 1965, the church built a parsonage and called its first full-time pastor, Rev. Walter Turner.

In 1969, Rev. Billy Sellers was called as pastor and the addition of an education building was begun, which was located directly behind the church.

In 1977, a vestibule was added, and the sanctuary was remodeled. First services were held in the new sanctuary on Easter Sunday, 1978.

In 1998 Salem celebrated its 100 years of sharing Christ in our community and around the world. Then, in 2000 Salem added a 9,000 sq. ft. Multi-purpose Building. The Lord has enabled us to use this facility for many functions and ministries over the past five years.

On June 13, 2004, with the church still growing strong, the congregation voted to engage in another building program—to remove the existing sanctuary, educational building, and parsonage and construct a new 17,000 sq. ft. worship facility with a state-of-the-art sanctuary, Sunday School classes, and office spaces. Today, we celebrate the completion of this magnificent undertaking.

During the course of over 100 years of serving our great God, Salem has used the services of 22 pastors, 4 youth ministers, sent 6 men into the ministry, and ordained 41 deacons.

The Lord has been gracious to bestow upon our fellowship here at Salem His marvelous bounty. We fondly remember where we've been, we celebrate God's present work among us, and we eagerly anticipate where the Lord will take us in the future. While we rejoice greatly in new facilities here at Salem, we always recognize the primary focus of our ministry is to continue proclaiming the Good News of Jesus and promoting the growth of His people.

All praise, honor, and glory is given to the One who truly deserves it—our great God and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ!