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Salem Baptist Church situate on the road leading West from the City of Raleigh, between the towns of Cary and Apex, in the County of Wake, State of Morth Carolina, was established and organized September, 9th, 1841, and the following named persons agreeing requested Rev. Stephen Senter and Rev. P.W. Dowd to form a Presbytery, and Stephen Senter was elected their first pastor. They subscribed and contributed the following amounts opposite their respective names in contributed the following amounts opposite their respective names in support of their pastor for the year, 1841.

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It would not have been possible to construct this timeline without the efforts of many people over the lifetime of Salem Baptist Church, especially the numerous church clerks who kept detailed records of meetings and events over the years and the members who were willing to share their own memories or the stories they heard from past generations.

We are especially grateful to the 150th Anniversary Committee for the countless hours the committee members spent researching Salem's history through a variety of sources to put together the book, *Salem Baptist Church, 150 Years*, for the sesquicentennial celebration in 1990. Their work on that publication allowed us to easily and accurately chart the first 150 years of our history as this timeline was prepared.

Our greatest thanks, though, go to our Heavenly Father, who in His infinite wisdom inspired our forefathers many years ago with vision and generosity, leading them to establish a place to meet for worshiping God that we still enjoy today. Life, community, culture, and circumstances are constantly changing, yet God's love, nature, and character are unchanging—the message of the Gospel remains the same. It is our privilege and responsibility to share the Good News of eternal life through Jesus Christ with all generations. May we always be faithful to that calling here at Salem Baptist Church.

175 Anniversary Committee

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community of believers who worship God from the heart, serve others with good news of God's Word, and the power of His Holy Spirit to create a compassion and love each other with a spirit of grace and forgiveness Christ; using into devoted followers of Triangle and beyond Salem,

expressed in terms of past, present, and future. On the surface this timeline could appear to be just an interesting chronological representation of the However, we will be remiss if we read this account with physical eyes only happenings and milestones that make up the 175-year history of Salem. Sime. Initially we may think of time as a measured span of events

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the 4th weekend of October

Celebrate 150th Anniversary

east side of campus

Acquire 3 acres on

Broadcast worship services on local Christian television

New education building B) completed (currently Building B)

Begin hearing impaired ministry

782 member

olessings of Salem Baptist Church will be yours as part of the fellowship here be recognized in everything, from the beginning and forward, and the many In viewing the entries along this timeline, it is our hope that God's Hand will

you to go and bear fruit — fruit that will tast." John 15:16 "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed

and Europe (1970 ment" spreads across America "Jesus Move-Bank balance \$785.25 massive destruction (1954) south side of property makes landfall in Hurricane Haze NC and causes Hire 1st part-time Music Director 9/61 Acquire 4 acres on First children's church service begins at 11:00 am Sundays **7461** Summer Youth Director hired; formal Youth program begins Begin successful bus ministry transporting local folks to worship 50/6L New sanctuary completed; Ist service held May 12 (currently the Chapel) organization for men started Baptist Brotherhood Road (currently the Church Office) and America enters WWII Pearl Harbor is bombed 12/7/1941 Parsonage built across Salem Church 433 members 1st full-time Pastor comes on staff 1965 kitchen built by members Recreation building & Vd bilud goilbilud noiteoube WeV (A goilding belleo yltnerino) sredmem 0961 accommodate growing congregation Log cabin constructed on grounds to Union has 35 members and squongs approved the square of th revival services • 17 join church following Salem's Women's Missionary 1930 SBC and NC Baptists adopt Debt for new sanctuary paid in full; building dedicated 2^{nd} Sunday of May missions work following revival services cooperative crashes: Great Stock Market begins (1929) program (1925) Depression Members answer God's call to Worship services monthly increase to twice monthly Mew sanctuary occupied (white wood sided building) 1922 Work begins on new church building on west side of original meeting house 1920 Wake County Board of Education owntown Salem purchases 2 acres from lestroyed by fire 6/12/1911 vpex is Baptist Young Peoples Union (BYPU) begins Sunday nights 9161 16 new members following 10-day revival America enters Freaty of Versail igned (1919) WWI ends WWI (1917 241 members • Acquire 1.28 acres for cemetery mission projects **L061** foreign and local Town of Aper 1861 - 1865sister churches Support variety of gnitsisse bne anoissim revival services Begin supporting local gniwollof niol 92 1872 69 join following revival services Hire sexton (caretaker), 1st staff member besides pastor 1863 SBC) created Convention Southern Begin providing financial support for missionary Rev. Matthew T. Yates, 1st Southern Baptist missionary to China First expansion to building to accommodate growing congregation Baptist 3rd Great Awakening (Revival) across US; ,000,000 come to 1820 Christ (1857-59) collecting for foreign missions 1847 Sunday School 1st mentioned in historical records Deacons begin Worship services held 1 weekend/month; share pastor with other local churches Fourth Sunday of October—Salem Meeting House congregation officially becomes a church 32 supporting Salem has 1840 • Jones, Castleberry, Merritt families each deed an acre of land for Salem Meeting House, situated on the east side of our current church campus

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begins; church purchases Baldwin organ; begin 2nd Sunday morning service

Salem Baptist Preschool

Become base church for migrant worker ministries

Woodhaven Fellowship, now Woodhaven Baptist Church

& Education comes on staff

Ist full-time Minister of Youth

Join 4 sister churches in starting

apid population growth due to

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NC begins to



Lave been a member of Salem for over 80 years. I started attending at 21/2. I remember being in the old wooden church building and the men sat on one side and the women on the other. We went to revival services led by visiting pastors. Time changes everything and you adjust." -Sarah Fryar

"I remember teaching the high school kids in the log cabin [1960s and 1970s]. I saw many budding (and broken) relationships between the kids, who

> are now the middle-aged adults at Salem! It was fun!" -Mary Lou Booth

1 remember when a member of the choir fell out of the loft. He was okay, though!"

-Bill Booth



my sister got married in December 1962, in the old Fellowship Hall that stood where Building C is now located, because that Fellowship Hall was being used for worship while the new Sanctuary [the current Chapel] was being built."

-Deborah Hardee

" lattended church with my grandparents Charles and Annie Louise Wilkinson as a child in the white clapboard Sanctuary... and have a particularly fond memory of the wedding of Thurman and Lucille Howell," -Sue Collins Prince

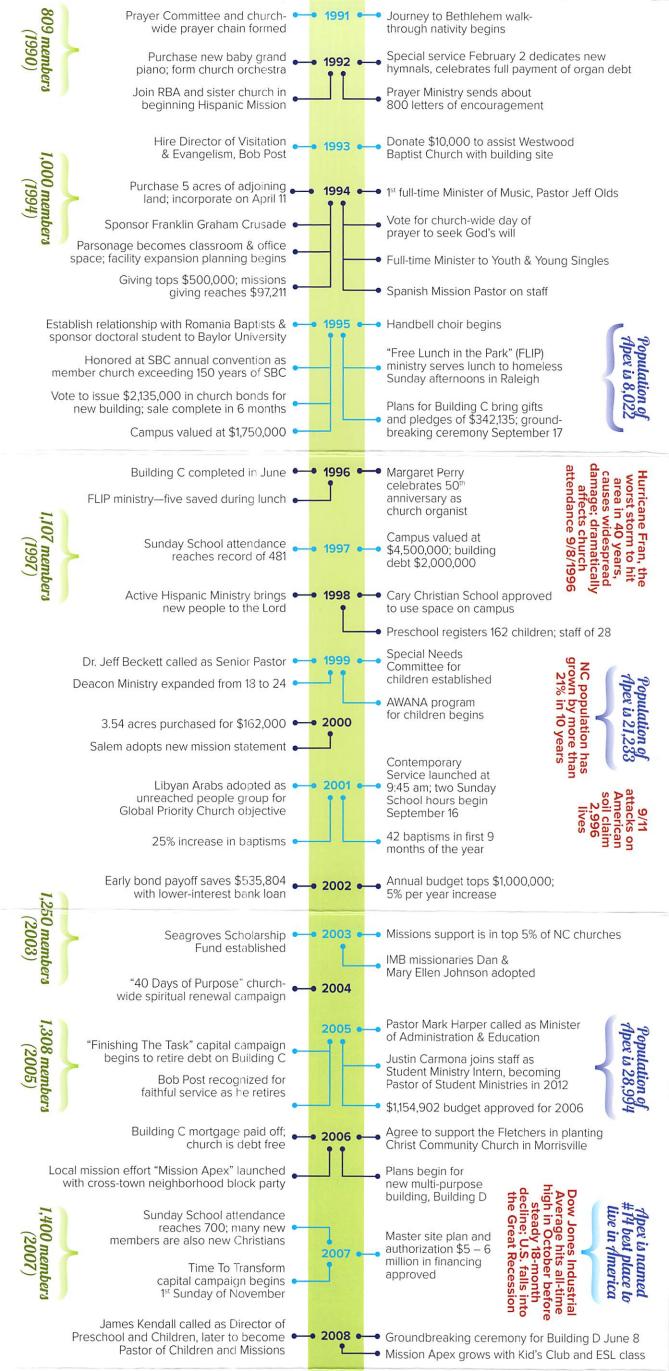


Lived in the Salem community from 1940, when my dad purchased the farmland that the Salem schools now occupy.... World War II followed soon after... Church revivals were held in the afternoon because we were asked to darken our homes at night in case there were air raids. Church activities were held in the daytime. We hung stars in our windows to represent how many family members were serving... Everyone, including children. helped out in many ways—searching for scrap iron to bring to the Apex school (the pile was as high as the school) and collecting foil from chewing gum wrappers and cigarette packs... Farmers were asked to grow cotton because of the great need for it. My dad planted a large field and school kids helped pick cotton after school without any complaining... Our parents were issued ration books—there were so many things we couldn't buy... The government built a cannery at the school to assist us. Our family, with our neighbors, would take a large trailer load of corn and shuck it... By everyone working together, we became closer as a community. I remember so well the day that the war ended... someone came to tell us the news... The church bell rang—for a very long time... After that day, the train that came through the Salem community and church played its whistle to the tune of 'O Happy Day When Jesus Washed My Sins Away for days." -Hilda Beal

- [1940s] The water fountain was a well with a dipper in it, located near the current church office. We were smart and put the toilets far away from the well. The sexton lived in the small white house with the red roof that still sits by the railroad tracks -Bill Booth
- "Once a year when we celebrated Harvest Day, everyone brought all kinds of food to share for the meal. You spent a month beforehand thinking about what you were going to make to bring!" -Margaret Perry
- 🖺 🕰 a long-time member of Salem, my most significant memory was on the road trip we took to Texas to hear Jeff Beckett preach when I was on the pastor search committee. It was raining hard and we pulled off the road close to the church so we could stop and pray. After praying, we opened our eyes—it had stopped raining, the sun was shining, and when we turned on the radio it was playing 'We Are Standing on Holy Ground' I thought, 'No need to go any further—this is the right choice." -James Austin
- On our family's first visit to Salem [in 2000], we were so impressed with the warm welcome and friendliness of everyone. That very day we knew we had found our church home!" -Sue Sennert



wedding of Haywood & Betty Austin Burnette December 13, 1953



Letter from the Pastor

Dear Church Family,

I hope you enjoy a little trip into the past. These moments, like our 175th Anniversary, give us perspective and help us appreciate the present.

A quick look at this timeline and memories makes several things clear: a lot can happen in 175 years, and it is impossible to remember all the highlights. I am so grateful to the 175 Team for their efforts!

It is also clear that God has been so gracious and generous toward Salem. He has protected us through multiple wars and depressions and storms and disaster. He has blessed us and used us in wonderful ways to help spread the fame of His Son, Jesus. He has used us to send missionaries around the globe, support missions with huge giving and going commitments and to make a real difference in countless lives here in the Triangle.

Salem is a blessing to so many people, whether they only experience us once a year on a cold winter's night walking through Journey to Bethlehem, or on a regular basis in worship, bible study, or ministry.

Proud to be at Salem and to be your pastor,

In Christ, Jeff Beckett



Chronology of Pastoral Leadership

Salem has prospered and will continue to grow through current and future programs of service for the Lord under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, through scores of dedicated Christians and the leadership of the following Pastors:

The Reverend Stephen Senter	1841 – 1842
The Reverend Jessie Howell	1843 – 1844
The Reverend P.W. Dowd	1845 – 1851
The Reverend J.C. Wilson	1852 – 1853
The Reverend P.W. Dowd	1854
The Reverend Johnson Olive	1855 – 1858
The Reverend Jessie Howell	1859 – 1860
The Reverend A.D. Blackwood	1861 – 1864
The Reverend T.W. Young	1865 – 1868
The Reverend J.C. Marcom	1869 – 1874
The Reverend J.M. Holleman	1875
The Reverend G.J. Dowell	1876 – 1883
The Reverend T.W. Young	1884 – 1886
The Reverend Duncan	1886
The Reverend J.M. Boothe	1887 – 1889
The Reverend W.S. Olive	1890 – 1893
The Reverend J.M. White	1894 – 1898
The Reverend D.C. Britt	1899
The Reverend C.V. Brooks	1900 – 1905
The Reverend R.S. Stephenson	1906 - 1915
The Reverend R.E. Atkins	1916 - 1935
The Reverend Lawyer Rainey	1935 – 1939
The Reverend W.B. Cone	1939 – 1942
The Reverend J. Gray Murray	1942 - 1953
The Reverend James G. Wootton, Jr.	1954 - 1955
The Reverend W. Lawrence Blanton	1955 – 1960
The Reverend Raleigh M. James	1960 - 1964
The Reverend Lewis McLean	1964 – 1965
The Reverend Grady P. McKeithan	1965 – 1968
The Reverend Robert J. Burns	1969 – 1972
The Reverend Henry A. Morgan	1972 – 1976
The Reverend C. Grady Long	1977 – 1991
The Reverend Jon F. Meek, Jr.	1992 – 1997
The Reverend Dr. Jeffrey A. Beckett	1999 –

